

GRITTY GREETINGS



Waco Gem and Mineral Club

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Upcoming Shows

April 30 – May 1, Waco, TX, Waco GMS, Waco Convention Center, website
www.WacoGemandMineral.org

May 28–29 Fort Worth, TX, Fort Worth G&MS, Will Rogers Memorial Center,
<http://www.fortworthgemandmineralclub.org>

June 18-19, Arlington Gem and Mineral Show, Grapevine Convention Center, Grapevine, TX

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Waco Gem and Mineral Club Meeting Minutes 2022.03.05

Call to order 10:15 am by President Roy Cooper

Karl, **Motion** to accept Minutes as published. Bob **second. Approved** by unanimous consent.

Thank you to John Langston for adding shows to Gritty Greetings.

Jackie's Treasurers Report

- \$20K in checking
- We will wait until after 2022 Show deposit to move funds to high-percent accounts.
- We have list for Job Description for new Treasurer
- Latest Financial Flash Drive has been exchanged for previous.
- Members are reminded to pay dues for 2022 prior to August 31.
- Vendors have all paid for Show except for one IOU who will pay at the Show
- Confidential business discussed

Program Committee, Bob.

- Petrified wood today; Fire extinguisher training next month.

Field trip committee: Brownwood Next Friday (April 9, 2022)

Alpine Show: April 15, 16, 17, 2022

Show Committee:

- Jackie will work Check-in
- Grand prize; Tickets; Sales - Dorothy and Shirley (Sunday)
- Bob in charge of Grand Prize process
- Silent Auction: Pam, Karl, Harry
- 3-page Invoice payment process:
 - - we keep the item and (1) Copy
 - - They keep (2) copies and go see Jackie
 - - They make payment, leave (1) copy with Jackie and return with (2nd) copy "Paid"
 - - They then pick up their item
- Vendor move-in and set-up Friday, 9 am to 8 pm
- - WGM Club Members set up on Friday

- **Food Truck in Parking Lot** (Mexican Food); Restaurants next to Convention Center
 - - Delivery ok, but **YOU MUST GO OUTSIDE FOR THE PICK-UP**
- Farmer's Market on Saturday until 1 pm (possible source of food)
- Ted's wife to do announcing/hand out door prizes
- Move out: Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm.
- Roy to print statement about fine, food , etc.
- (John Langston) We're taking Vendor applications [but NO Money] for next year
- Square Readers: Jackie has one; (2) in WGM Desk drawer

New Business

- Jewelry Maker demo needed for Upward Bound, 20, 21 June, at BRIC (Baylor Resources...)
- - Bob will follow up
- Central Texas Cactus and Succulent Society needs new meeting place, @ \$25 per night.
- - Meets 1st Tuesday night of each month, 6-6:30 pm.
- - Bob moves to allow use of WGM Clubhouse; Karl, second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 11:20

Bob gave a **petrifying presentation!**

Notes

1. May 7th program will be a safety demonstration on fire extinguishers. (Required by the Federation.)
- 2 The editor requests news items from any member to be included in the Gritty Greetings.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th day of the month. Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged.

Name Tags:

It is great that we feed the pig at our meetings because we don't have or have lost or forgotten our nametags to drop a quartering the pig. The money from the pig goes toward our Scholarship program, and we really do appreciate every 2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits or more. However, if you need a nametag you can purchase them at the businesses below!

Waco Gem & Mineral Club nametags are available at **Print Mart**, 202 Deb (behind AutoNation Chevrolet). Cost with a pin back is \$8.00 (with tax \$8.66), and with a magnet back is \$11.00 (\$11.91). or at Award Specialties at 431 Lake Air Dr.

Club Dues:

Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Club dues are \$12.00 for an individual membership or \$20.00 for a family membership. Please check with Jackie if you aren't sure whether you've paid your Dues!

Shop Fees:

Lapidary Workshop fee is \$2.00 per hour. Slab Saw fee is an additional \$2.00 per hour. Class fees are always dependent upon class and instructor.

The Waco Gem and Mineral Club is a member of the South-Central Federation of Mineral Societies; and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month (except July and September) at 10:00 a.m. at the Waco Gem and Mineral Club Clubhouse, 187 South McLennan Drive in Elm Mott, Texas. The lapidary workshop is in the clubhouse.

Our website is www.wacogemandmineral.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WacoGemAndMineralClub>

The ROCKHOUND'S TEN COMMANDMENT'S

1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pinching, squeezing, or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently. Sometimes thou can be wrong.
6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thou neighbor's head when on a fieldtrip, lest thou art willing to spend the rest of the day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so that thou can enjoy many more fieldtrips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped upon thy toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about, or denounce, the club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself.

Submitted by Keep on Rocking, Sandra Sullivan, Editor of the Rockhound Roundup, Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, Via MGMS Rocky Echoes Vol.42 #5 2/02 pg.15, Via SCRIBE, Sept, 2016.

Hock a Rock?

Chip Burnette

(with apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

I think that I shall never hock
Something as beautiful as a rock.

A rock patterned and lovely just rough,
Or cabbed for jewelry – not too tough.

A gem faceted to sparkle divine,
Deep red beauty, glowing like wine.

A mineral specimen fascinating to see,
What could be better? Beats me!

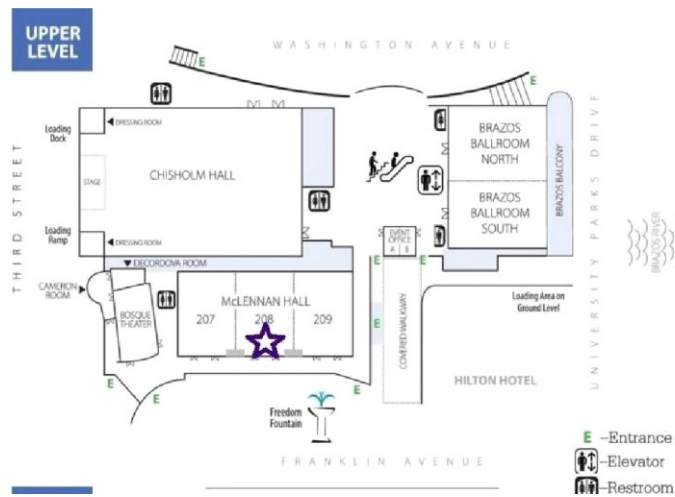
Verse may be written just to mock,
But only God can create a rock.

So pawn some trinkets, silver or gold,
But rocks are too precious, I'm told.

From the Rock Prattle, April 2015

62nd Annual
Waco Gem and
Mineral Club Show 2022

Waco Convention Center
April 30th and May 1st
Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-5



May birthstone: Emerald

Emerald's name is derived from the Greek word **smaragdus**, meaning “green gem.” Like aquamarine, emerald is a variety of beryl, a mineral that grows with six sides and up to a foot in length. Emerald color can range from light green (though there is some argument whether these very light beryls are truly emeralds) to a deep, rich green. Emeralds are also like aquamarine in that the way the color presents itself in jewelry depends on a good cut by a skilled gemologist. The deeper or more green an emerald is, the more valuable it is. The rarest emerald gemstones will appear to be an intense green-blue color. Emerald gems are found all over the world, including Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia. The availability of high-quality emerald is limited; consequently, treatments to improve clarity are performed regularly.

Courtesy American Gem Society



Club Purpose

- to bring about a close association of those persons interested in earth science and lapidary arts
- to increase and disseminate knowledge about rocks, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts and other geological materials
- to encourage lapidary art and the collection and exhibition of rocks, minerals, fossils and artifacts
- to conduct field trips, meetings, lectures, displays and an annual show for the edification of the public
- to cooperate with educational and scientific institutions and other groups in increasing knowledge and popular interest.

