

GRITTY GREETINGS



Waco Gem and Mineral Club

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There will be no MAY club meeting because of the annual show on the first weekend.

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Note from President: Thought I would send out a reminder in the Gritty Greetings that we will not have a meeting in May, as our show falls on the first Saturday. We decided to skip it and meet again in June. Hope to see everyone at the show. Anyone who can help with setup Thursday afternoon should come to the former Bealls store about 4PM. Anyone able to help vendors move in on Friday, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who help make this a Great Show Roy

Gritty Greetings: Waco Gem and Mineral Club Newsletter

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61st Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show

The 61st Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show will be held on May 1 and 2, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact **2021 Show chair Alison Redding** or email: wacogemandmineralclub@gmail.com. Visit our website for more information and to download your application. www.wacogemandmineral.org

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Minutes

April 3, 2021 Minutes for the WGM Club Meeting
10:07 am Meeting called to order
Minutes from last meeting approved as posted in "Gritty Greetings"

Treasurer's Report.
Unfinished business:

No May meeting - show only.

Will wait until June to appoint a new secretary.

New Business

Bruce Walrath donated tumblers to the Club.

Harry discussed website - how to access information for Mall Map and Show Location

Show Business:

Mall hours: 10 am to 8 pm Fri and Sat. 12 pm - 6 pm Sunday

Set up: 9 am to 9 pm Friday (Vendors' access through outside doors)

Vendors can stay until 8 pm on Saturday if they would like to.

Sunday Show Hours: 12 pm to 6 pm (but can stay until 8 pm if they would like to)

The Club has keys from 1 pm Thursday until 12 pm Monday.

No wifi available.

No private (for the show) security (only normal Mall security will be on duty)

Alison will be at the Mall 9 am - 9 pm daily.

No speaker system (via Mall). Jim Redding will supply one.

Club is responsible for cleaning.

Restrooms (within the show location) for vendors ONLY.

Need broom, dust pan, toilet tissue, paper towels

Tables/chairs rented and will deliver Thursday @ 1 pm

Reddings have box trailer - need supplies (from the clubhouse) loaded into it for the show.

Vendors and club members park in area behind Beall's. RV's welcome.

Bring your own water/snacks. Food available at Mall, but not provided (within/by) the Club.

No children's activities during the show.

Auction every hour or so.

Please bring dollies if possible.

Need help on Thursday to set up show stuff so we can help vendors on Friday.

Advertising:

Roy had bumper stickers made with new show dates/location.

75 signs need to be put out one week before the show.

Anyone with social media knowledge, please advertise show.

Jackie will handle cash boxes.

Alison has display cases for anyone interested in doing a display.

Roy suggests making cases available for \$150 to vendors at show. Alison will get her \$30 returned. One case will be reserved for the clubhouse.

Scott suggests having a sign-up sheet for helpers.

Scott is waiting for vendor list (so he can) make a map.

Meeting adjourned by Roy 10:50 pm.

Harry Senn, Secretary pro te

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 - See more at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/>

Brad's Bench Tips

BEZEL PROBLEMS

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is to set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.



[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems





[Aspect Ratio - The Magic Number for Making Perfect Jump Rings](#)

The secret to making jump rings, chains and chain mail is to understand the Aspect Ratio. This simple but vital little number can make all the difference. But many people are intimidated by it. But don't be, Dave Wilson of Celtic Dreams famous for his intricate chain mail shows you the impact it makes on your chains and how to work it out simply and easily. Together with tips on making the perfect jump rings. Knowledge is power !

<https://pepetools.com/blogs/news/aspect-ratio-the-magic-number-for-making-perfect-jump-rings-and-chains>

Via Karl Faulk

Notes

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.

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>

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.

