

GRITTY GREETINGS



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Next meeting, April 29th, 10 AM!

**This will be the final planning meeting for the Show,
the following weekend.**

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Upcoming Events

Waco Gem & Mineral Show

5/6-5/7

Waco Convention Center

Dallas Spring Gem and Jewelry Show

5/12-5/14

Grapevine Convention Center

Texas Mineral and Fossil Dallas/Plano Show

5/19-5/21

Plano Event Center

Ft. Worth Gem and Mineral Club Show

5/27-5/28

Will Rogers Coliseum

Roy **called the meeting to order** at 10:15 am.

The visitors were welcomed.

We who were not wearing name badges were reminded to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Approve the Minutes Stephanie moved, and Bob seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Dorothy gave the **Treasurers Report**.

Committee Reports:

Program Committee: There will be one last club meeting (on April 29) just BEFORE the Show. This will be the last minute preparations and plans prior to the show.

Field Trip Committee: Immediately following today's meeting we will caravan to a road cut outside Mother Neff State Park to look for Turritella fossils. There will not be a presentation after today's meeting to give us an earlier start for the field trip.

Show Committee:

1. Roy is in the process of getting advertising cards printed.

Maybe put on car windshield in parking lots?

As he and others attend other shows, maybe they can hand out the cards for our Show.

Roy is hoping to make design changes to the cards to make ours unique for this year.

2. Club Meeting: Saturday, April 29

- to pick up signs to distribute
- to pack Vendor Gift Bags
- to make name tags
- to sort and pack T-Shirts, etc.
- maybe make Vendor Certificates (bid on item, but report to Vendor to pick it up)
- Harry to look into ordering Texas DOT posters "Texas Rocks & Fossils"
- wifi is free at the Waco Convention Center
- Waco Convention Center needs to be contacted to contact ATM's to make sure there is money

3. We need volunteers to commit to a time period to work at the show

Old Business: none

New Business: We request prayers for Shirley Kite as she enters a Nursing Home. There will probably be a dispersal sale later for her rocks and minerals.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:35.

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. 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 Dorothy if you aren't sure whether you've paid your Dues!

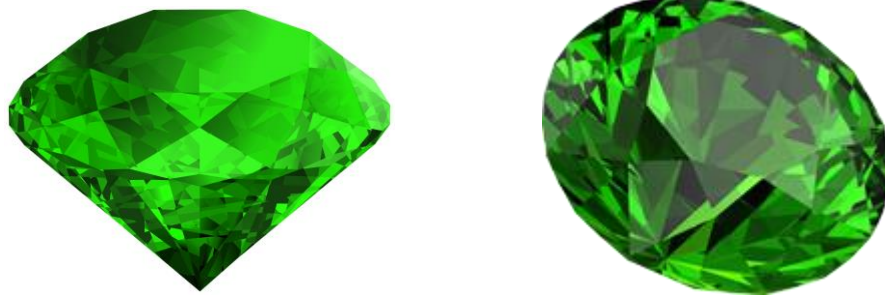
Shop Fees:

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>



May birthstone: Emerald

Emerald's name is derived from the Greek word *smaragdus*, meaning "green gem."

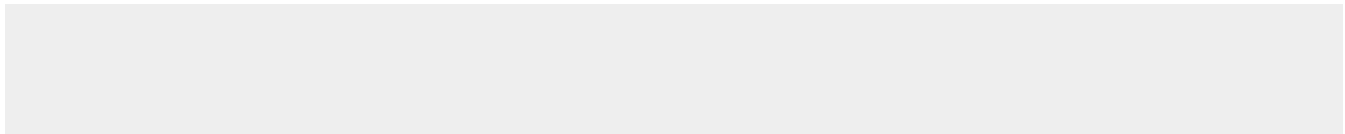
Like aquamarine, emerald is a variety of beryl, a mineral that grows with six sides and up to a foot in length. Emerald color can range from light green (though there is some argument whether these very light beryls are truly emeralds) to a deep, rich green. Emeralds are also like aquamarine in that 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

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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.

