GRITTY GREETINGS

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.2024 Upcoming events

Ft. Worth Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead and Jewelry Show, Will Rogers Memorial Center, May 25-27.

Arlington Gem and Mineral Show, Grapevine Civic Center, June 15-16.

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June Birthstones

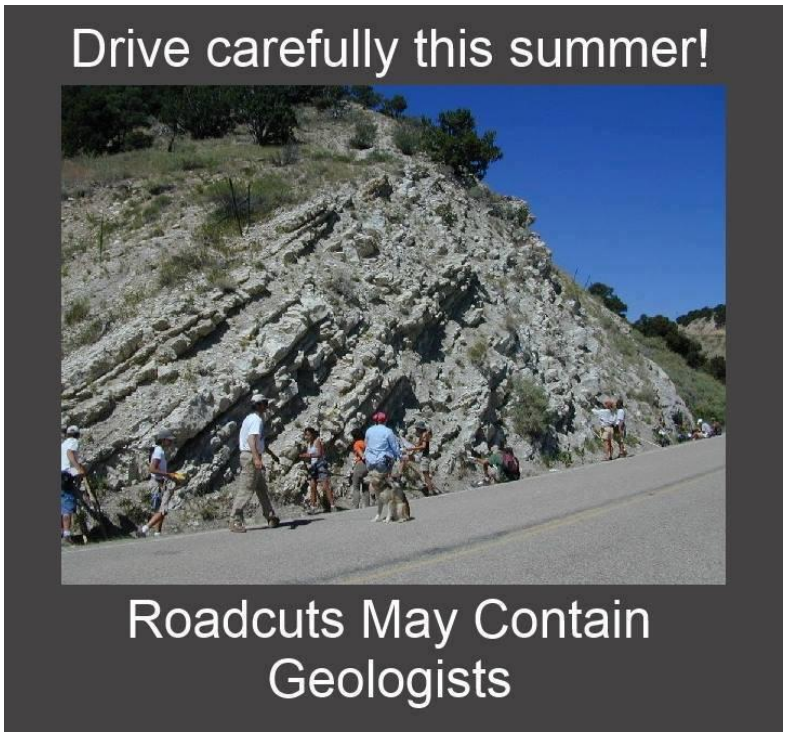
Pearl, Alexandrite, Moonstone

Pearls are the only gemstones made by living creatures. Mollusks produce pearls by depositing layers of calcium carbonate around microscopic irritants that get lodged in their shells, usually not a grain of sand, as commonly believed.

A relatively modern gemstone, alexandrite was discovered in Russian emerald mines located in the Ural Mountains. Legends claim that it was discovered in 1834 on the same day that future Russian Czar Alexander II came of age, hence the name honoring him.

June's third birthstone, moonstone, was named by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's shimmery appearance shifted with the phases of the moon.

- See more at: http://www.americangemsociety.



64th Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show Photos

By Harry Senn

The 64th Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show took place in the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, Waco, Texas, May 4-5, 2024.

View of the front of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum as seen from Waco Drive.

The Show filled the entire lower section of the building with vendors from Texas, Arizona and Utah. While the public looked over tables of treasures, loops of images ran on the television monitors showing places where Bob Boyd went and the goodies he found there. My idea, on the second day of the Show, was to take photos of each of the vendors at their tables and to create a powerpoint loop that could be shown on the monitors next year. So, when a short window of opportunity opened, I made a counterclockwise sweep through the Show floor to capture the vendors at their tables. What follows are the photos:

Cooper's Cabs and Slabs

This is our Waco Gem and Mineral Club President, Roy Cooper, and his wife Nelda. (Note from the author: when I had this very short window of time to take photos of the vendors, Roy was not in his booth and Nelda was helping with tickets at the Admissions Table. This photo was taken in our Clubhouse during our 2023 Christmas Party.) At our Show, however, Roy's "Cooper's Cabs and Slabs" was the first booth.

Scott's Rocks, Charlotte and Scott Halvorson.

Scott is our WGM Club

Vice President

Pepper's Gems, Pepper and Sam (Buck) Rodgers

Tex's Rock Shop, Julie Dellaughter

Everything Southwest, Tommy and Paula Cannon

Mark Randall had a lot of florescent minerals

Gail Bowie Jewelry, Sue Burkhardt

The Twisted Woodlands, Johnathon Goltz

Eddie's Rocks and Relics, Eddie Harmon

Beedful Things, Stephanie Robert is one of our WGM Club members.

Silver Star Jewelry , Raj Guanci

Gallery 11 Crystals & Jewelry, Kara and Chris Ballard

Keep It Glassy, LLC, Rene Martin

The Ruins Jewelry, John West and John Langston
WGM Club members

Rockin' Minerals, John Zuniga and family

Crystal Barista Adrienne McElwain and Ron Garza

Rochound Art, Rhonda Scheef

Xingi Creation Xingi Feng

Rhonda's Rocks and Relics **, Rhonda Crumley**

Quartz and Vine, Inc, Nikki is part of our WGM Family.

Admissions Table, John Hillman and Nelda Cooper , WGM Club members

Kathy Aydt directed the Silent Auction AND did all the announcing for two days. She was the "voice" of the Show and announced each of the segments of the Silent auction, and then she announced the winners of the door prize drawings. This photo was taken in our Clubhouse Workshop

***Consessions**, Shen*

Debbie, from the Lee Lockwood Office made the purchases of the food and supplies for each of the two days of the Show. Shen, then, prepared and sold the orders.

I personally want to thank the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum for hosting our Show. The facility was beautiful inside and the displays were filled with history. Debbie was a tremendous help in getting us started with setup on Friday. She was even there on her own time Saturday just to check on us. I appreciate all her attention and hard work.

Not enough thanks can go to Nick who was the unsung hero in the background. He helped us with the early morning start-up each day with unlocking the appropriate doors, turning on the lights, starting the show-floor monitors and anything else we needed during the day. Then he was also the last to leave, turning out the lights, and locking the doors each night.

And much thanks goes to the custodial staff who worked quietly and continually to keep the facility looking beautiful. The only reason our Show looked good is because they made us look good. Thank you.

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 dollar in the pig. The money from the pig goes toward our Scholarship program, and we really do appreciate every dollar or more. However, if you need a name tag 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 John Hillman 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.