

GRITTY GREETINGS



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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. Currently, some spaces are available for vendors as there have been some cancellations.

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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It is important for everyone to attend our April 3rd club meeting. We desperately need volunteers to help pull off this upcoming show. The more volunteers we have, the smaller workload is on each one.

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The 62nd Annual Waco Gem and Mineral Show is scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2022 at the Waco Convention Center.

Minutes

March 6, 2021

Roy started the meeting at 10:10 am.

There were no Visitors.

Treasurer's Report - Jackie.

We're ok for a month, but we need a gem show.

High electric bill, severe cold last month, but the building was taken care of.

Will look into a PPP Grant.

Minutes from 2/6/2021

Alison: Motion to accept; Karl Second; approved

Show Report - Alison

City of Waco placed many restrictions on the setup at the Convention Center

We are looking for an alternate place.

No old business.

New Business:

Beth resigned as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned: 10:41 am.

Harry Senn, Secretary pro tem

April birthstone: Diamond

You probably already know of the diamond's toughness. In fact, it's the hardest gemstone and is made of just one element: carbon.

Its structure makes it 58 times harder than anything in nature. A diamond can only be cut with another diamond. While it's become nearly synonymous with wedding engagements, it's also the perfect gemstone for individuals who want something that's just as appropriate for everyday wear as it is for special occasions.

Diamond gemstones come in several colors, including brown, yellow, red, pink, blue, and green. They range in intensity from faint to vivid. Generally speaking, the more saturated the color, the higher the value.

In fact, diamonds sparkling with intense color are rare and may be priced higher than a colorless diamond of equal size. Because fancy-color diamonds are very desirable, color is sometimes introduced in a laboratory. These are correctly called "color-treated" diamonds.

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The **diamond's unique physical properties** give it the best possible luster of any gemstone when cut and polished well. So, if you're in the market for "sparkle," the diamond is the gemstone for you.



Courtesy American Gem Society - See more at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/>

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Fort Worth Gem and Mineral Show, Will Rogers Center, May 29-30, 2021

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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.

