

GRITTY GREETINGS



Waco Gem and Mineral Club

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Next meeting, April 1st, (no foolin')

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Upcoming Events

Fiesta of Gems

4/1-4/2

San Antonio, TX

Alpine Gem & Mineral Show

4/14-4/16

Abilene, TX

Texas Mineral and Fossil Show

4/21-4/23

Conroe, TX

Waco Gem & Mineral Show

5/6-5/7

Waco, TX

President Roy Cooper **called the meeting to order** at 10:17 am.

He welcomed the visitors, then announced the \$0.25 scholarship donation made by those who were not wearing their name tag.

Karl moved and Brad seconded that the **Minutes from previous meeting** be accepted as posted in the Gritty Greetings. Motion passed.

The **Treasurers Report** was given by Roy Cooper.

Committee Reports

A. Program Committee - no meeting in May due to the Show.

June is annual Shop Safety

July is Pot Luck Lunch and Ice Cream Social

B. Field Trip Committee - after April meeting, maybe go Turritella hunting between Moody and Fort Gates on Hwy 107

C. Show Committee

- Need to label and price Silent Auction Materials: possibly Bob and Pam to bag and label.

- Grand Prizes: Scott has Arizona Petrified Wood he could cut in half and polish both.

- We could print "Brochures" to put in hotel Activities racks and Convention Center Kiosk.

- Advertising committee - We could try PSA announcements on TV Current Events

Postcards with map on back and Dates on front could be used as "Brochures."

Send email to all vendors: if they have social media they could post about our Show.

- Possibly give Free WGM T-shirts to first X people to enter show. Shirts getting old and haven't been selling.

- We need people to sign up for show times to man registration tables, etc., so those people could have a time to walk around the show floor.

Old Business

Dorothy, Scott and Roy are now on the bank account as signers. We still need Dorothy put on CD.

New Business

A. Carolyn Young Rock Sale - Saturday, March 11 from 10 am to 3 pm.

B. According to bylaws, a lifetime member is approved by the board of directors and becomes a permanent member of the club, with future dues being paid by the club. The board has decided to award Jackie Dodson a lifetime membership in honor of her many years of service to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

The Program following the meeting was the second half of the video, "Gemstones of America."

Gritty Greetings: Waco Gem and Mineral Club Newsletter

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>



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.

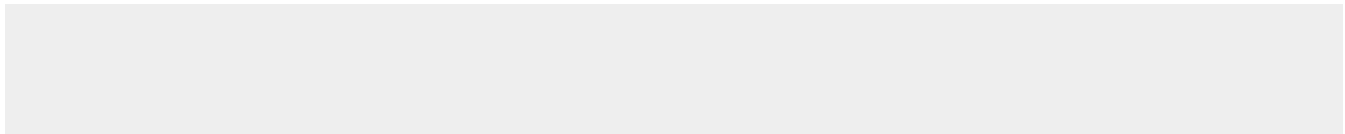
Diamond gemstones come in several colors, including brown, yellow, red, pink, blue, and green. They range in intensity from faint to vivid. Generally speaking, the more saturated the color, the higher the value.

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.

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

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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.

