

## THE AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

**THE HOBBY OF THE ROCKHOUND** has many different aspects. Basically we are collectors of minerals and fossils and craftsmen in many types of lapidary arts. Knowledge, skill, and areas of interest are the rockhound's choice. Some of us are purists, who insist on doing all of our collecting and work in specialized fields; others go for variety and buy or trade for much of our collections. Some of us also enjoy showing our collections; competing with others or just showing for the pleasure it gives others or ourselves. Perhaps we can help you determine or expand your interest in rocks and the earth sciences.

**PURPOSE:** To promote popular interest, education and enjoyment in the earth sciences, including minerals, gemstones, lapidary art, metalcraft, fossils and jewelry.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- (1) To assist and encourage members and others in the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and lapidary arts.
- (2) To conduct field trips, meetings and lectures.
- (3) To provide educational exhibits and displays.
- (4) To hold an annual public show.
- (5) To support worthwhile projects associated with the earth sciences sponsored by local or national organizations.

**MEMBERSHIP** is open to all persons interested in the earth sciences who agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the society.

**MEETINGS**, including an educational program, are held at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December when special meetings are held. Meeting place is at 6719 Burnet Lane (one block east of Burnet Road, north of Koenig Lane and south of Justin Lane).

**SPECIAL MEETINGS:** The following meetings are held at a special date and place published in the newsletter prior to the meeting. (1) Show set-up and supper in November, and (2) Christmas party in December

**FIELD TRIPS** are conducted several times during the year to various parts of the state, usually in the spring and fall. Every effort is made to assist the new rockhound.

**CLASSES** in lapidary skills are offered at announced times in the newsletter. Short informational talks are often presented before the regular meetings. These talks are especially directed toward junior members but all members are welcome to attend.

**ANNUAL SHOW:** The Society sponsors a public show of minerals, gemstones, fossils, lapidary work and equipment, and other items of interest to the Society. Non-competitive exhibits are welcome, and many dealers of the above mentioned items are on hand.

**THE STONE CHIPPER** is the monthly newsletter of the Society. It informs members of meetings and other rockhound activities at local, regional and national levels. It is sent to all members in good standing. Emailing of the Stone Chipper is free. \$10.00 a yr to receive via U.S. Postal mail, a limited number of printed copies are available at general meetings free of charge.

**AGMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND** provides scholarships each year to selected students in geological studies at the University of Texas.

**DUES** include membership in the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies, Inc. and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**Single Membership** dues are **\$15.00** per year, **Couples** (two adults) dues are **\$ 20.00** per year and **Junior** (under 18 as of January 1) dues are **\$ 4.00** per year. The local portion of the Single and Couple's dues are prorated after July 1st. Single membership dues are then \$ 9.00 and Couple's dues are then \$ 12.00 for the remaining portion of the year, this is applicable only for new membership.

Please make checks payable to the **AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.** and mail with membership application to the address below, or hand to a club officer at a meeting.

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