

THE STONE CHIPPER

THE 656TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **FEBRUARY 24TH, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



February program

Frank Roberts - Central Texas Pegmatites

HAPPY 61st BIRTHDAY AGMS

2011 Dues are now Due. Please print out the form in this issue and return to Treasurer Wing Evans with your payment.

THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.



The AGMS is a member in good standing of the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies and the American Federation of Mineral Societies. Its editors are also members of SCRIBE. The club address is 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, Texas 78757, and phone (512)458-9546. **The AGMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.** Visit our website at www.AustinGemAndMineral.org. Contact our webmaster for website updates at DiannH@austingemandmineral.org.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except October which is show set up day. The November meeting will be held on the THIRD Thursday. December is the Officers' Induction Banquet held on a date to be determined. Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Show committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. Society officers are listed on the second page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

DUES FOR 2011

Membership dues are:

\$15.00 annually for an adult \$20.00 annually for a couple \$4.00 annually for juniors

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Sunshine

Tommy Potts is in Heartland Health Care Center in Austin.

Paul Good is recovering at home from recent bypass surgery.

Please take a moment and send a card or make a phone call, they'll appreciate it.

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 Sunshine - Ron Guzman
 Workshop - Gef Fisher



A Special Thanks

The Austin Gem and Mineral Society would like to thank Jim and JoAnn Wiersema @ Horizon Environmental Services, for their continued support of the club by printing *The Stone Chipper* each month.

Presidential Message



Greetings, fellow AGMS members,

First - If you are not on the AGMS list, you should be, as much of the Society news appears here first. Contact Diann Hill for info to get your name on the list.

Second - Education classes. We are about to offer cabbing, beading and mineral study classes and are working on instructors for faceting and wire wrapping classes. If interested in any of these subjects, get your name on the sign-up sheets. You folks that already have your name on a list, please sign up again to show your continued interest. See Joyce Hrapsky, our Education Chair, for details.

Third - I need several people to fill some Chairs. That is, people who can spend a little time to keep AGMS functioning as a club. Simple stuff like making sure the building is kept up, people get signed up at each meeting, stuff like that. This is a great way to meet the other AGMS members and really become part of the group that makes AGMS what it should be. I really want new members to step forward here, as you new members are our future.

Fourth - Open shop time. Starting this month, the workshop, if not closed for maintenance, will be open every night there is a Board meeting or a Show Committee meeting, starting at 7:00PM and ending 15 minutes after the mentioned meetings are adjourned. This should give time for cleanup in the shop. This is unsupervised shop time, so you must have been previously checked out on shop use by our own Gef Fisher.

Fifth - I need ideas. I want to know what you want from AGMS and what you are willing to do to get it. I want to know better ways to operate the Society, hold meetings, do field trips, whatever! You have an idea, I want to hear it. Finally (for this month), Gef is wanting to get on the road and seek out new (or old forgotten) field trip sites. He wants to contact landowners in the petrified wood areas south and southeast of Travis County, as well as those in the granite country, and try to develop a relationship that will allow collecting in return for, ... well we don't know. Maybe money, maybe help with ranch work, maybe... ?? If anyone has any contacts in these areas, please contact Gef or I.

See you on the fourth Thursday,
Robert Morriss, President

STEPHEN E. CLABAUGH
A.G.M.S. Life Member

We sadly report the passing of Dr. Stephen E. Clabaugh on December 2, 2010, at the age of 92. Dr. Clabaugh joined the A.G.M.S. in 1950 and later was awarded a Life Membership. He was Professor Emeritus in Geological Sciences at U.T. Austin's Department of Geological Sciences. Clabaugh taught mineralogy and petrology, specializing in metamorphic and volcanic rocks, among other courses, and supervised 44 Ph.D. and Masters students during his active teaching years. During his teaching career at U.T., he received many awards for outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement and for dedication to the teaching profession.

He received his bachelor's (1940) and master's (1941) degrees at U.T. Austin and his Ph.D. from Harvard (1950). He began his teaching career at U.T. in 1950, and after retiring from teaching enjoyed his home on the Pedernales River near Spicewood. Frequent travels took Steve and his wife, Pat, to many parts of the world where he added to his collection of rocks and minerals.

Louis Lee

Editors note: For those of you who may not know, Dr. Clabaugh was Vice President of AGMS in 1951.

General Meeting, January 27, 2011
Minutes by Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary

At 7:00 PM Paul Bordovsky, the new Program Chairman, gave a preview of 2011 presenters and programs (subject to change):

Feb – Frank Roberts - Central Texas Pegmatites Mar – Kirk Root Gemologist
April – Open May – Jim and Gail Spann – Cut and Rough Collection Specimens
June – George Hansen (author of a new book) – Trilobites.

January Program: An African Mineral Safari 2005. Members Laura and David Dow and Charlotte and Robert Morriss were part of a group that experienced this African adventure. Laura provided entertaining commentary on their trip photos which included Namibians, remote mineral locations, mineral buys, the accommodations and wildlife. A display table with some of the Dows' prize finds was set up at the front of the meeting room.

Meeting: At 8:10 PM, President Robert Morriss opened the meeting by greeting the visitors.

Attendance: 50 members, 4 visitors and 1 junior.

Committee Reports:

Dues: Robert reminded that 2011 dues are due and payable to Wing Evans, Treasurer.

Name Tags: Robert also urged everyone to wear a name tag to meetings---let's get to know one another better.

Classes: Robert said these classes are "in the works"---not all have instructors yet:
Beading (Betsy Gager), Cabbing, Doublets (Robert Morriss), Faceting, Mineral Identification (Kathleen Howard), Silversmithing and Wire Wrapping.

Field Trips: Gef Fisher is willing to visit with landowners and try to convince them to allow field trips. If anyone has contacts, especially in the petrified wood areas of Texas, please give the information to Gef for follow-up.

Vacant Chairs: Robert Morriss said that we need chairpersons for Building, By-Laws, Historian, Hospitality and Membership. Serving in one of these positions is a good way for a new member to get to know a lot of other members.

2010 SCFMS Author and Editor Contest: Ron Carman offered congratulations to these members who received a SCFMS Certificate of Excellence for their entries:

Jackie Fisher - 3rd Place Article: The First American Gold Rush: The Forgotten Gold Rush
Alan Cherepon - 4th Place Advanced Article: A Brief History of Metals and Industrial Minerals
 Mining in Texas
Tom Bowers - Honorable Mention Features Article: AGMS Field Trip - Bordovsky Ranch,
 December 7, 2008

General Meeting, January 27, 2011
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'continued'

Jackie Fisher - 1st Place Features Poem: "Pond Memories"
Josie Middleton - 6th Place Adult Poetry: "The Field Trip: Black Agate, Montana"
Lily Cave - 1st Place Junior Poetry: "Rocks, Rocks, Rocks"
Frank Berezovytch - Honorable Mention Adult Article: All That is Clay is Not Just Mud

SCFMS Endowment Fund: Josie Middleton and Ron Carman explained that only the interest from the endowment fund is used to endow scholarships. Patron certificates are awarded for member contributions of \$100 and club contributions of \$100 plus \$1 per member. Linda Northcote (deceased) donated her minerals to the club and asked that we sell some to help the club and the American Federation. From Linda's estate, close to \$1,200 was donated, from which AGMS received eight honors.

Show Committee: Sue Postlethwait, Show Chair, reported that Brian Wetzig is now the Show Treasurer. Sue asked for someone to replace Robert Morriss who has stepped down from overseeing the Touch Table where he displayed rough material with related finished cabs. This show attraction is very active on Friday (school groups day), but settles down the other two days. Sue said she ordered the wrong show pin design last year. She brought a bag of pins made with the correct design---Randy Gage's design of a petrified wood stump with crystals coming out of it---and they are for sale for \$3.00.

Newsletter: Diann Hill was congratulated on doing a good job on her first edition of The Stone Chipper. Diann said she'd like to have more articles from members and plans to offer a quarterly prize for best article. Diann has set a 10th of the month deadline for newsletter submissions. Reminder: March is the last issue you'll receive if your dues are not paid. Diann said she is trying to figure out the best way to send out the newsletter, so you may get another "you've been subscribed to the Chipper List" e-mail in February---please don't reply.

Field Trip: Paul Bordovsky announced that he is leading a field trip to his father's ranch near Karnes City on Sunday, January 30th. A 50-acre field has recently been deep plowed and the rain is sure to have uncovered some of the shrinkwood and highly agatized palmwood to be found there.

Juniors: Jackie Fisher reminded the group that she sponsors kids for her internet class by paying their membership fees. Juniors can take her internet class and earn points to spend on donated items. Her contact address for class information is rockonkids2010@yahoo.com.

Library: Harriet Strieber thanked Diann Hill for her work as co-librarian as she left to be newsletter editor. Terry Barry is the new co-librarian. Harriet said a 3rd person is needed to handle the circulation---to open the library at meetings and be available during the time it is open. Andrea Miller, scheduled to have surgery, will be out 2-3 months. When you check out a book, please be sure to sign your name on the card and include your phone number and the check-out date. Harriet thanked Karen Travis who donated nine books to the library. Diann Hill announced that books from Linda Northcote's estate are on tables in the workshop and available for a small donation.

General Meeting, January 27, 2011
Minutes by Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary
'continued'

Announcements:

Deming Rock Show: Sue Postlethwait brought copies of the flyer for the Deming, NM, show, Rockhound Roundup 2011, to be held March 10-13. Although not an approved AGMS field trip, she wanted to share the information as her family and several other AGMS members plan to attend and participate in the field trips offered by the Deming club.

Texas Faceters' Guild: Diann Hill announced the Texas Faceters' Guild will meet March 26-27 at the Wildlife Ranch Hunting Lodge in Mason, TX. AGMS members Wing Evans, Diane Eames and Dalan Hargrave will be doing demonstrations. Free for 2009-2010 current Guild members; \$75 for non-members (but \$40 if you join as a new member at the seminar). After the seminar, a meeting will be held to determine if they will continue as a guild.

New Rock Shop: Sue Postlethwait distributed maps showing the location of a new rock shop between Dripping Springs and Johnson City, called (Another) Red Rose Rock Shop. Some members were familiar with the original store in Estes Park, Colorado.

Door Prizes from Namibia Winners: The junior - Aquamarine, Louis Lee - Aquamarine and Charles Covill - Brandberg Amethyst.

Show and Tell:

Ron Carman showed a sizeable crystal-filled piece he found at Miller Mountain (New Coleman's), Arkansas. Tony Pulliam brought his new mineral volume---it contains lots of nice pictures. Gene Healey showed black and black and white plume agate found on Teri Smith's January rock hunts in Alpine.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Please return the form below to Wing Evans Treasurer with your 2011 dues.

AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
Membership Application

Name: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____
Cell phone: _____
Junior Name: _____
Junior Name: _____
Junior Name: _____
Dues: _____ Single \$15.00, _____ Couple \$20.00, _____ Juniors \$4.00;
E-mail only newsletter: _____

February AGMS Board Meeting Minutes - Synopsis
Marilyn Gilbreath, Secretary

AGMS Board Meeting Minutes Synopsis

The AGMS Board (8 board members & 8 general members) met on February 1, 2011, to conduct club business. Below is a listing of the highlights of this meeting; a complete set of minutes is available upon request.

Minutes: The January minutes were approved with the correction of James Lopez's proposed motion to read exactly as printed on his handout.

Treasurer's Report: Wing Evans made a report of the bank account beginning and ending balances. He also reported that the paid members list has 50 line items (each line item could include multiple family members). Dues payments are lagging behind.

Old Business

Review Proposed Webmaster SOP: Diann Hill e-mailed the Webmaster SOP to all Board members and was present to answer questions. A motion passed that the Webmaster SOP be accepted as written with minor corrections.

New Business

Cabbing Contest: Sue Postlethwait appeared before the Board to ask if there was support for continuing the cabbing contest she began last year. A motion passed unanimously to continue support of the cabochon contest.

Letter of Appreciation Request: Gene Healy said he had spoken with Teri Smith of Alpine on a January rock hunt. As an assist to getting or keeping rock hunting locations around Alpine, a letter could be given to landowners from the Board saying how we benefited from the access and also expressing our appreciation for Teri Smith and her care of the land. A motion passed that the club will give a testimonial letter to Teri Smith of Alpine, TX. Gene will ask Teri for particulars and have Robert Morriss compose the letter.

Class Syllabus: Kathleen Howard presented a syllabus for a proposed gem and minerals short course to be taught in two consecutive 3-week segments, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday of each month. Hours will be 7:00 to 8:30 PM and the cost \$10 per person. A motion passed unanimously that we adopt and approve Kathleen Howard's proposal for a gem and minerals short course. Kathleen also brought a new syllabus for a cabbing class, but Joyce Hrapsky said her older approved version had more detail. The two will be compared and combined if needed.

Discussion and Possible Resolution of Board Member/Instructor Conflict: Discussion had begun when James Lopez entered the meeting and requested his \$15 membership fee be returned in cash. He received the \$15 cash and resigned his membership. The discussion was closed.

Tabled items: Scholarship Update, Library Fund Commitment with Credit Card Use, Discussion and Possible Action on Reimbursement for Instructors Policy.

Gems of the Hill Country and Texas Faceters' Guild Present

Texas Topaz Day

On the historic Mason Square at 126 Ft. McKavitt Mason, TX 76856

Join us on Saturday, March 26, in Mason, Texas to celebrate our state gem, and those that create them. From 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, on the historic Mason Square, meet the gem cutters and see Texas topaz at Gems of the Hill Country, on the north side of the square. See gem cutting demonstrations, and the famous diamond replica gems faceted by members of Texas Faceters' Guild. Music by John Arthur Martinez. Rockhounding for topaz and other minerals.

Sunday, March 27, from 9 am to 5 pm is the annual faceting seminar presented by Texas Faceters' Guild, at the Wildlife Ranch Lodge. This is a chance for gem faceters to learn from notable Texas gem cutters.

For more information, go to www.masontxcoc.com, www.texas-topaz.com or www.texasfacetersguild.org. For lodging, go to www.masontxcoc.com, or www.masontexaslodging.com

Texas Faceters' Guild Seminar

Sunday, March 27, 9am to 5pm

In conjunction with Texas Topaz Day, March 26
The Wildlife Ranch Lodge College @ Live oak, Mason, Texas

This year we focus on hands on learning with the best of the best. Bring your faceting machine, camera, and computer. Bring your faceting challenges.

- *Faceting for Competition by Wing Evans
- *Faceting for Jewelry by B. Diane Eames, GG
- *GemCad by Robert Strickland
- * Fantasy Cutting by Dalan Hargrave
- *Gem Photography by Brad Hodges

The cost is \$75.00 for non-members, \$40 for those that join Texas Faceters' Guild at the seminar, and free for current members, 9which means anybody that paid dues 2009 or later). Limited to 30 faceters. RSVP is mandatory. Checks payable to Texas Faceters' Guild. Send with your info. to Texas Faceters' Guild, c/o Hollis Thompson, 2713 Vinwood Cove, Round Rock, TX 78664. The seminar will be held at The Wildlife Ranch Lodge, a block off the Mason courthouse square. We have it for the entire weekend. It offers space for presentations, as well as on site lodging. Faceting machines can be left up for the entire weekend. There's a kitchen, outdoor area with fire pit and bbq pit, and a room for cards. There are 2 to 4 beds per room. The down side- a communal bath- the lodge is a re-purposed old folk's home. Photos will be posted on www.texasfacetersguild.org, and www.texas-topaz.com. Reserve space at the lodge at Gems of the Hill Country, 325-347-0475, or gemologist@texas-topaz.com. There are a couple of motels in town, and many B&B's. See www.masontxcoc.com, or www.masontexaslodging.com. For more information, contact B. Diane Eames, GG, 325-347-4316, gemologist@texas-topaz.com. More details soon on www.texasfacetersguild.org, or www.texas-topaz.com.

February Puzzle

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ARSENTSUMEBITE - (Lead Copper Arsenate Sulfate)

HILAIRITE (Hydrated Sodium Zirconium Silicate)

JASPER (variety of Quartz - Silicon Oxide)

LABRADORITE (Calcium Sodium Aluminum Silicate)

LEAD (Pb)

MANGANBABINGTONITE (Calcium Manganese Iron Silicate Hydroxide)

MARCASITE (Iron Sulfide)

MESOLITE (Hydrated Sodium Calcium Aluminum Silicate)

MELANITE (the black variety of Andradite Garnet)

MUSCOVITE (Potassium Aluminum Silicate Hydroxide Fluoride)

NICKEL (the element Nickel)

OLIVINE (Magnesium Iron Silicate)

ONYX (variety of Quartz - Silicon Oxide)

OPAL (Hydrated Silica)

PREHNITE (Calcium Aluminum Silicate Hydroxide)

PSILOMELANE (Manganese Oxide) - (missing last 'e' in the puzzle)

QUARTZ (Silicon Oxide)

SMITHSONITE (Zinc Carbonate)

SPINEL (Magnesium Aluminum Oxide)

SYNCHYSITE (Calcium Cerium Lanthanum Neodymium Yttrium Carbonate Fluoride)

TETRAHEDRITE (Copper Antimony Sulfide)

URANOCIRCITE (Hydrated Barium Uranyl Phosphate)

VALENTINITE (Antimony Oxide)

VOLBORTHITE (Copper Vanadate Hydroxide)

WARDITE (Hydrated Sodium Aluminum Phosphate Hydroxide)

WOLFRAMITE (Manganese Iron Tungstate)

Submitted by Diann Hill - Editor



Show Committee Meeting
December 16, 2010

Show Chair: Brian Wetzig Secretary: Dee Fly Treasurer: Frederick Falk

Attendees: Diann Hill Andrea Miller Robert Morriss Charlotte Morriss
Pauline Denson Susan Postlethwait Les Postlethwait Josie Middleton

The Show Committee meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Susan Postlethwait motioned to accept minutes, Frederick Falk seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer: Frederick Falk returned all of the treasurer's files as he is no longer able to continue in this position. Last payment for the 2010 show and first payment for the 2011 show was paid to the Palmer Event Center. Deposit for 2011 banners was paid. A discussion about Bob Folsom and Bob Greenway still having signature authority on the Show account but nothing was decided.

Dealer contract: As previously discussed Diann Hill completed updating the dealer contract, and letter and brought them in for review.

Other discussion:

Chair switches: Susan Postlethwait will be the new Show Chair and Brian will be the new Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn by Diann, Dee seconded, the motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGMS
61 YEARS YOUNG!!!!!!*



For Sale : This is your area, send in your sale items by the 10th of each month to be placed here for FREE!!!!



Show Committee Meeting
January 20, 2011

Show Chair: Susan Postlethwait Secretary: Dee Fly
Treasurer: Brian Wetzig

Attendees: Diann Hill Andrea Miller Robert Morriss Fran Ellis
Pauline Denson Les Postlethwait Josie Middleton Stretch Young
Ewing Evans Barbara Evans Mike Scott Mac Ellis

The Show Committee meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes were submitted with corrections.

Brian presented the treasurer's report. A discussion was held and the signature card will be updated.

Diann advised the contracts went out but the one to C & R Enterprises came back. She has tried to contact them. The Dealer evaluation form was discussed with some deletions and changes.

One of Linda Northcote's wishes was to have competition cases at the show. Josie had previously talked with Ron Carmen about this. Ideas for competition were discussed and more planning will be done in the upcoming months.

Need a committee to discuss the table toppers and the other items that will be needed to host the Federation show and then have them report back to the Show Committee.

A discussion was held on teacher kits. The first kit will be streak testing. 50 kits will be made with the first 35 going to teachers. The rest would be for home schooled teachers to sign out for use. In the future several different types of kits will be made up and any donations would be appreciated.

Susan went through all the committee members to be sure they were still heading up that committee.

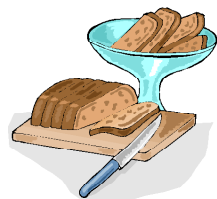
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Help is still needed for the following volunteer positions:

Building Hospitality By-Laws Historian Membership

Workers wanted - AGMS is looking for a few good volunteers. Whether you are new to the club or an old-timer don't be shy. Your club needs you. Please see President Robert Morriss and volunteer to take over one of the vacant chairs listed above. You'll be glad you did. Benefits include long-lasting friendships, hours of rock talk, great stories and free food. Remember your club is only as good as you make it. Volunteer today.



February Refreshments
It's our birthday !!!!

Refreshments are served after each meeting of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Society members take turns bringing their favorite snack to share with the rest of the club. Currently, our hospitality chair seat is vacant. Please bring a snack or finger food to the February meeting.



The Austin Gem and Mineral Society was organized in February 1950. This month our Society is 61 years young. Here is a list of our first slate of officers:

President: Dr. Eugene Ellis
Secretary: Louella Edgar

Vice President: L.T. Johnson
Treasurer: Herman Forsch, Jr.

Board of Directors:

Emil Spillmann, Robert McCollum, John Lonsdale, J.J. Brown and Judy Garcia.



As published in *The Stone Chipper* March 1973

via GEM TIME and other bulletins -

Dear Lord of all the rocks you made,
Throughout this world so wide and fair,
I think you made one big mistake,
You didn't make the Geode square!!!!!!

via THE PSEPHITE

A FITTING PENALTY

Some vacationers from back East were jolted by a mail delivery. A batch of litter the family had left on a corner of an Arizona rancher's property was shipped express, collect, by the understandably outraged rancher. The bill was for \$33, which made littering quite expensive. According to an article in a soil conservation magazine the uninvited campers left the scenic ranch spot strewn with newspapers, cans, bottles, paper plates and napkins, plastic spoons and forks, cardboard boxes, milk cartons, comic books. The rancher poked through the mass and found an envelope with the name and address of the unwanted guests. He wrote the campers and explained that they had left some "personal belongings" behind and advised that he would be happy to send them if they would pay the shipping charges. They accepted, and deservedly got hooked with a \$33 bill for littering. You might describe this as a long range fine and justice accomplished.

Local Show Announcements

Mar 5-6—BIG SPRING, TX: 42nd annual show; Big Spring Prospectors Club; Howard County Fair Barn; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; gems, minerals, jewelry, dealers, demonstrations, displays, spinning wheel, hourly prizes, jewelry repair, stone setting; contact Jerald Wilson, 707 Tulane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 263-4662, or Lola Lamb, (432) 263-3340

Mar 19-20—LIVE OAK (SAN ANTONIO), TX: 50th annual show, "Fiesta of Gems"; San Antonio Gem & Mineral Society; Live Oak Civic Center, 8108 Pat Booker Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$3, students \$2, children 50 cents; contact Robert Bowie, 1324 Kings Point Dr., Canyon Lake, TX 78133; e-mail: krbotx@gvvc.com; Web site: www.swgemandmineral.org

Apr 15-17—ALPINE, TX: Show, "Alpine Agate Festival"; Chihuahuan Desert Gem & Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center, Hwy. 90W and 13th St. N; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-5; free admission; South Central Federation convention; contact Mary Brogan, P.O. Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 386-2340; e-mail: marybrogan@rocketmail.com; Web site: www.cdgmcc.org

Apr 16-17—WACO, TX: Annual show; Waco Gem & Mineral Club; Texas State Technical College, Industrial Tech. Bldg., Crest Dr., off I-35, north of Waco; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$5 (both days); contact Karen Wood, 2315 Colcord, Waco, TX 76707, (254) 755-7274; e-mail: kwood@hot.rr.com; Web site: www.wacogemandmineral.org

For more shows outside Texas, visit: www.rockngem.com/showdates



Library News

Meet our new Librarians: Monika Hakkinen and Terry Barry have graciously agreed to step up and fill the librarian vacancy. Please make sure and welcome them in their new roles as Co-Librarians.



Moving ?

Please send change of address notices, or to report errors on the mailing list to: Wing Evans, Treasurer.

If not on the AGMSlist on YAHOO, or receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please send a note to the editors at StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org.

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Address Correction Requested

Austin Gem and Mineral Society's
Annual Gem and Mineral Show

GEM CAPERS 2011

Dates

Friday, October 21 (9am-5pm), 2011
Saturday, October 22 (10am-6pm) 2011
Sunday, October 23 (10am-5pm), 2011

Location

Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas

Admission

Adults: \$5;
Seniors: \$4;
Ages 13 – 18: \$1
Ages 12 & under: \$.50;



2015 will be our Federation Show make plans now to attend.