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	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> April 15, 2013  <b>TIME:</b> 7:30 PM  <b>LOCATION:</b> CLEAR LAKE PARK BUILDING          5001 NASA PARKWAY          SEABROOK, TEXAS</p>
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**The PROGRAM FOR APRIL...**

The program for the April monthly meeting of the Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society will be a swap meet.

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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2013 MEETING  
OF THE CLEAR LAKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

The meeting was opened by the Vice President, Sara Chelette, at 7:30pm with the “call to order” followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the US. First time visitors and new members were then recognized and welcomed. No changes to the minutes for the February meeting were offered and the minutes were accepted as published in Stoney Statements.

The customary order of business was then changed in order to provide for the program this evening. Ed Tindell, education committee chairman presented a review of the Chelyabinsk meteor strike with videos of the track, the explosion, and damage to buildings in the town. Ed then gave a summary of the field trip to Coal Creek on March 16. The trip was a great success with substantial finds of serpentine, fossils, etc. Several members showed specimens which they had collected. He then introduced the speaker, Franklin Roberts, who provided an excellent presentation of his many years of professional geologic studies of pegmatite deposits in central Texas. Mr. Roberts also discussed his findings of a variety of rare earths in these deposits, and the instruments and methods used to locate and classify rare earth minerals. He uses scintillation detectors to locate the general areas in which the radioactive deposits are located, then a Geiger counter to pinpoint the exact outcrop of the deposit. The pegmatite deposits also contain gemstones, such as tourmaline and beryl. Mr. Robert’s presentation was very well received and he kindly took questions from the audience to follow-up individuals’ special interests.

Following a refreshment break the other committee chairmen and the Treasure made their reports. Shannon Oliver, Club Librarian, acknowledged the gift of a box of geology books from Connie Bovier. Mr. Oliver observed that some of the Club’s library books are now out of print and could be quite valuable to those studying the history of geology research in Texas and the gulf coast. He suggested that those books which potentially have value for researchers might get more use if they were donated to local university geology departments. The Club will take his recommendation under advisement and discuss at a future meeting. The Club also received a box of fossil specimens collected mostly in Wyoming and along the coast of England and which will be used by the club to expand the sample rock and fossil collections to be delivered to local schools.

It was observed that 2014 would be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club’s formation.

Door prizes were then drawn and the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Duggar, Secretary Pro Tem

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

A group of members and board members met on Monday, April 1, to discuss this year's Annual Show and plan for the 2014 Show. Another Show Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park Building. Any and all members are welcome to attend. Participating in the Annual Show is a great way to get involved in the club.

We have some vacant positions in the club and we need someone to volunteer to fill these vacancies. They are Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Web Master. The responsibilities of the secretary are to take the monthly meeting minutes and also to attend any board meetings and prepare those minutes as well. The newsletter editor publishes the monthly newsletter and the Web Master maintains our web site. If you have expertise in these areas and are willing to volunteer your time, please let me know.

I hope many of you will be participating in this month's program, a Club Swap Meet. You should have received an email from Ed Tindell, Program Chairperson, and the details are also printed in this newsletter.

The club sometimes receives donations of rocks, fossils, lapidary equipment, etc. We want to thank Anne and Glenn Krum who donated a large box of fish, belemnite and trilobite fossils for the club's educational programs. The fish fossils are from western Wyoming, belemnites from the English Jurassic coast, and trilobites from the Wheeler shale near Delta, Utah.

Be looking for our upcoming membership directory. Mike Flannigan, Membership Chairperson, will be emailing it to you.

As always, please let me know your comments or suggestions regarding the club.

Annabel Brownfield  
President, CLGMS

**April Program – Club Swap Meet**

We will have a short business meeting and then the swap meet will take up the remainder of the evening.

**Rules:**

The swap meet will primarily be held indoors in the meeting room. There is A/C, restrooms and refreshments will be served.

- 1) You may also work out of your trunk in the parking lot if you don't want to haul stuff inside.
- 2) For those that want to come inside we will set up all the available tables (about 15-20) and you can have ½ table top to start, more depending on participation.
- 3) There is no charge to participate in the swap – it is completely free.
- 4) If you want to be a swapper please let me know by replying to this email so I can get a head count and plan accordingly.
- 5) If you want to be a swapper please also let me know (if you can) what you plan on bringing to the swap; I will start posting a list so everyone will know (free advertising!)
- 6) If you just want to be a shopper please let me know what you will be looking for; I will start posting a list so everyone will know (free advertising!)
- 7) If you would like to place items on consignment please contact me and I'll make arrangements with you to have them at the swap if possible.
  
- 8) The CLGMS owns some **\*nice\*** specimens and I will be conducting a silent auction for them during the swap.
- 9) What is a swap meet?
  - a. A swap meet is like a rock and gem show only it's completely free and the nature of the transaction is set by the swappers involved.
  - b. You can sell your items for cash and keep all the proceeds for yourself.
  - c. You can trade your items for other things with other swappers.
  - d. You can auction your items.
  - e. You can give your stuff away if you want!
  - f. You can donate a portion of your proceeds to whatever cause(s) or charities you so desire.
  - g. How you conduct a swap is entirely up to you! We don't care!
- 10) How to prepare for a swap meet.
  - a. Go thru your collection and sort everything out from Best to Worst and bring what you don't want to keep anymore.
  - b. Sometimes people bring everything – they want out of the hobby!
  - c. Sometimes you have 10 of something and can't live without 3 of them so you bring the other 7.
  - d. Sometimes you want to start collecting something else so you bring all 10!
  - e. The swap meet is primarily for anything related to the rock hounding hobby – specimens, lapidary equipment and supplies, tools, books, jewelry.
  - f. You can also bring other items if you think there is an interest in them. (I know someone who is looking for an HO train set – hint, hint!)
- 11) How to make a "swap".
  - a. Always think "Better and New".
  - b. Better – you are looking for better specimens of things you already have. If you find a better one you can swap out your old one to someone who doesn't have one that good yet.
  - c. New – you are looking for specimens of new things you don't yet have. If you find something new swap something you already have more than one of for it.
  - d. Have fun!

## New Rockhunt Website & Updates for Walker Ranch hunts

First, I'd like to announce my new website, [www.terismithrockhunts.com](http://www.terismithrockhunts.com). It's got information about the ranches and about my rockhunts, about the rocks you can find here, and a gallery of photos. And a calendar showing the dates for all scheduled rockhunts. The only thing unfinished is that the links on the sidebar of the homepage do not work yet. So you'll still need to email me at [agatehunter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agatehunter@sbcglobal.net).

Walker Ranch rockhunt news:

We have 16 signed up for all 3 days, deposit received from 7 people so far. We just need 4 more for the trip to be a go!

And there are 4 signed up for just one day, deposit received for all 4.

Hunt will be for **4 days**: Friday 4/19. Sat., 4/20, Sun. 4/21, and Mon. 4/22. For the \$150, you can hunt any 3 out of the 4 days. This gives you a "day off" to go to the gem show without missing out on the rockhunting.

East Needle Peak hunts will be Wednesday, 4/17 and Thursday, 4/18. Cost is \$40 per person. Let me know in advance if you're interested in going. The group will meet at the Antelope Lodge at 7 a.m. each day.

Ritchie Ranch hunts will be Monday 4/15, Tuesday, 4/16, and Tuesday 4/23. Cost is \$5 per person, plus \$1/lb for good rocks. Again, let me know in advance if you're interested in going. The group will meet at the Antelope Lodge at 9 a.m. each day.

The reason I need to know in advance for the hunts is twofold: If no one is interested, I'll cancel the hunt, and if I don't know you're coming, I won't wait for you if you're a bit late.

Remember that Rollin' Rock Club membership is required for all these hunts. Or you can be a member of an SCFMS club that considers my rockhunts "Official" hunts for their club.

Regards,

Teri

**CLUB WORKSHOPS**

We will conduct a Beading Workshop on Saturday, June 1, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. held at the Clear Lake Park Building. Members attend for only \$10 with a \$20 fee for non-members. All supplies will be provided.

A future workshop will be held on Saturday, September 14, on such topics as cabochons, rock/mineral identification, gold panning, lost wax casting or club equipment and its use.

<b>.SCFMS and MEMBER CLUB GEM SHOWS</b>			
March 16-17 Live Oak, TX (San Antonio) Southwest Gem & Mineral Society, San Antonio Event Center	April 13-14 Abilene, TX Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Abilene Civic Center	April 19-21 Alpine, TX Chihuahua Gem & Mineral Society, Alpine Civic Center	April 20-21 Waco, TX Waco Gem & Mineral Society Extraco Events Center
April 27-28 Lubbock, TX Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center	May 25-26 Fort Worth, TX Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Society, Will Rogers Memorial Center	August 10-11 Baton Rouge, LA Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center	August 17-18 Bossier City, LA SCFMS Convention & Show Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center
August 24-25 Jasper, TX Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, Events Center	September 14-15 Arlington, TX Arlington Gem & Mineral Society, 1010 Event Center	November 8-10 Humble, TX Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Humble Civic Center	March 8-9, 2014 Pasadena, TX Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society, Pasadena Convention Center

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 March 15-16, 2014  
 Pasadena Convention Center

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