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Have You Volunteered for the Annual Show Yet?

August Program

Show Program. Kris Galbraith will explain what needs to be done to make this the best show ever.

September – Rockhound movie

Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

My fellow rockhounds.

I hope you all had a great and safe 4th of July holiday. It is with great pleasure to announce that we are officially the ARLINGTON GEM AND MINERAL CLUB AGAIN! This was made a reality through the very hard work and many hours of time put in by Sue Lynes. Thank you, Sue, for your knowledge and help. Now we are still waiting on the 501(c)3 reinstatement by the IRS.

We have made the break-even point for our show. Unfortunately it is at the cost of having an excess of dealers. We usually have 20 to 25 but due to the dealers purchasing only half the usual number of tables, more dealers had to be added to cover our cost of the show. We will need a gate of 4000 plus to provide the customer base the vendors need to make the show a success for them. The impetuous is now on each and every member to invite at least 10 "friends" to boost our needed attendance.

We also need VOLUNTEERS to help run the show and promote the show. There are lists on the show bulletin board for you to volunteer. Now is the time for you to show your appreciation for all the club has offered you by volunteering some of your time in helping with this most important fund raiser of the year. This show pays our property taxes which have increased to \$7,000.00. WE NEED YOUR HELP...NOW!!!

I had the opportunity to attend the organizational meeting of the Thriving Artist Marketing Guild held at the AGMC facilities on Thursday night on 7-13-2006. This is a concept introduced by club member Colleen Fitzpatrick. The purpose of the guild is to help promote and market the work of area artists. Even though the meeting was heavily populated with AGMC members, the guild is open to artists of all visual arts. For further information please contact Colleen.

Just a Thought.

August Area Shows

by Grady Shults

12-13 - Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Gem & Min Soc. Call 225-687-3864.

19-20 - Bossier City, LA. SCFMS/ARK-LA-TEX Gem & Min Soc. Call 318-746-8735.

18-20 - Nashville, TN. AFMS/SFMS. Hosted by Middle Tennessee Gem & Min Soc. Call 615-509-4812.

26-27 - Jasper, TX. Pine Country Gem & Min Soc. Call 409-384-3974.

27-Sept. 4 - Apache Creek, NM., Agate NM. Hosted by Chaparral Rockhounds. Call 505-860-2455.

AGMC Hound's Tale Advertising Rates

Size	Dimensions	Members		Non-members	
		6 months	1 month	6 months	1 month
Full page	9.5" x 7.75"	\$120	\$25	\$240	\$50
Half page (v)	9.5" x 3.75"	\$72	\$15	\$144	\$30
Half page (h)	4.625" x 7.75"	\$72	\$15	\$144	\$30
Qtr page (v)	4.625" x 3.75"	\$48	\$10	\$96	\$20
Qtr page (h)	2.375" x 7.75"	\$48	\$10	\$96	\$20
Biz Card (v)	2" x 3.5"	\$30	\$6.25	\$60	\$12.50
Biz Card (h)	3.5" x 2"	\$30	\$6.25	\$60	\$12.50

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For any questions regarding appropriate content, please contact Rick Litsinger at: Rockdoctor76016@aol.com.

Nuggets of Gold: Lessons in Silver

by Sam Howeth, Silversmithing instructor

Small Silver Boxes

Small silver boxes were much in demand in past years for pills, snuff, stamps, matches, compacts, needles and thread, or for what ever you might want. And they are still useful for what ever you might want.

First things first: A wooden block shaped to the size you desire. Some suggested sizes (in inches).

	THK		WID		LEN		COR	T&B			CIRC
	A.		B.		C.		D.	E.			F.
1.	3/16	X	3/4	X	1	=	1/4 R	1	X	1 1/4	3.5
2.	1/4	X	1 3/8	X	1 5/8	=	1/4 R	1 5/8	X	1 7/8	6
3.	1/2	X	1 1/2	X	2	=	3/8 R	1 3/4	X	2 1/4	7
4.	11/16	X	2 3/8	X	3 1/4	=	3/8 R	2 5/8	X	3 1/2	11 1/4

Height Varies: 3/16 Asprin, 1/4 Capsule, 3/8 Vitamin.

Use a strip of 24 gauge sterling silver to wrap around the form of your choice of the width indicated under "A" forming a butt joint. Column "F" is the approximate length of strip silver to wrap around the form. Wrap another strip on top of the previous strip. Use medium solder to make a butt soldered joint on both strips. File seams and polish strips.

Cut top and bottom from 24 gauge. Decorate top & bottom as you wish. Pre-polish, stamp bottom "sterling", center smaller strip on the bottom and solder with easy solder. Center larger strip on the top and solder. Trim top and bottom to fit.

The top and bottom are 1/8 inch larger all around to allow room for shift during soldering. You may bind the strip to the plate to insure a uniform fit especially if a gap appears between the plate and the strip. After soldering, pickle and rinse.

Trim the 1/8 inch overlap to your liking. A little overlap will provide an edge to grip (both top and bottom) to take the halves apart.

Polish and enjoy.

Please note that the dimension "A" is a suggested thickness for the wooden block but not necessarily the size of the strip. In most cases (no pun intended) the strip on the top may be 1/4 inch for the larger size boxes; ie, numbers 2, 3, and 4.

August 2006

AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Regular Meeting 7:30 PM	Silversmithing 101A FULL 7-10 PM DCCCD	****Lab Open Wax Carving & Casting OPEN 7-9 PM	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM – Noon Cabochons OPEN 1-4 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Silversmithing 103 OPEN 7-10 PM		Silversmithing 101A FULL 7-10 PM DCCCD	****Lab Open Wax Carving & Casting OPEN 7-9 PM	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon **Chainmaking 10 AM-1 PM Juniors 9 AM-Noon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Glass Fusing & Enameling 1-4 PM	Silversmithing 103 OPEN 7-10 PM	Free Tuesday 7-9 PM for members	Silversmithing 101A FULL 7-10 PM DCCCD	****Lab Open Wax Carving & Casting OPEN 7-9 PM ***DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon Silversmithing Lab Open 8 AM – Noon Silver Buttons Demo 2-5 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Silversmithing 103 OPEN 7-10 PM		Silversmithing 101A FULL 7-10 PM DCCCD	****Lab Open Wax Carving & Casting OPEN 7-9 PM	Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM	Glass Fusing & Enameling 9 AM-Noon ****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon
27	28	29	30	31		
	Silversmithing 103 OPEN 7-10 PM	Board Meeting 7 PM	Silversmithing 101A FULL 7-10 PM DCCCD	****Lab Open Wax Carving & Casting OPEN 7-9 PM		

Club Mission:

The objectives of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club shall be to educate the public in the study of the earth sciences, lapidary arts, designer jewelry and all related fields.

Yearly Enrollment recommended donation:

Initial Adult Enrollment	\$35.00 (includes \$5.00 badge)
Adult Renewals	\$30.00 per calendar year
Junior Members	\$3.50 per calendar year

Activities take place at:
Arlington Gem and Mineral Club
1408 Gibbins Road, Arlington, TX 76011
Phone 817-277-2286

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Arlington, TX 76004

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Business Meeting on 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Board Meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

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