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November Program

Rick Kupke - Will tell his experiences as a prisoner in the Embassy in Iran.

December - *Doug Wallace* - Mining gold in quartz



Rockhound Club News of the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club
 1408 Gibbins Road, Arlington, Texas 76011

November Program: Rick Kupke

by Sue Dale Miller, Program Director

Arlington Gem and Mineral Club, 1408 Gibbins Rd. Arlington, Texas is proud to announce the speaker for our November 7, 2006 will be Fredrick "Rick" Kupke. He will be telling us about 444 days of his life. Rick spent his 32nd and 33rd birthdays as a hostage of the militants who supported Ayatolla Khomeini in Iran.

The following will tell you a little about Rick Kupke.

Fredrick "Rick" Kupke was born on January 10, 1947 in Rensselaer, Indiana. Rick graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1965, and studied Political Science and History from 1965 to 1966 and 1971 to 1974 at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is also a member of the Kiowa Indian tribe of Oklahoma.

He joined the U. S. Air Force in 1967 and worked in Turkey, Japan, and Italy for the National Security Agency in electronic intelligence gathering. Rick then joined the U. S. Department of State in 1975, as a Communications Specialist and was assigned to Bangkok, Thailand. He was later transferred to the Sinai Field Mission, which was located between Egypt and Israel in early 1979.

In August of 1979, Rick was assigned to the U. S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran. On November 4, 1979, militants who supported Ayatollah Khomeini took hostage 52 Americans. Rick was the last American to surrender as he carried rifles and shotguns to the roof of the Embassy. He spent 444 days as a hostage in Tehran under unusually difficult circumstances.

After his release from captivity, Rick was promoted to Consul and studied the Thai and Spanish languages at the Foreign

Service Institute as well as Southeast Asian Affairs and Latin American Affairs. Rick then had assignments to Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Mexico. He had special assignment to Sri Lanka and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he reorganized the immigration program for Cubans who were confined to our base there.

Rick was given the Award for Valor, the highest award that a living member of the Foreign Service can receive from Secretary of State Alexander Haig as well as numerous meritorious awards from the U. S. Department of State including the W. Averell Harriman Award and the Superior Honor Award. Rick has received Presidential Citations from both President Carter and President Reagan. In addition, both the governors of Indiana and Oklahoma presented Rick with citations and special awards upon his return home from Iran.

In August, Rick appeared on the nationally syndicated radio talk show of Jerry Doyle regarding Iran and terrorism. Rick wrote the lead article in the August addition of American Legion Magazine, and also appeared on a four-hour series on the Discovery Channel regarding the Iran Hostage Crisis. Rick is one of the characters in Mark Bowden's (author of "Blackhawk Down") latest bestseller, "Guest of the Ayatollah," which is scheduled to be made into a movie in 2007. To learn more about Rick visit his website at: www.rickkupke.com.

Rick married his high school sweetheart, Linda L. Kupke, on December 10, 2005, and moved to Arlington, Texas. He is currently enjoying the Silversmith class at the Arlington Gem and Mineral Club.

Just a Thought from Your President

by Rick Litsinger, President AGMC

If you missed the October meeting, you missed a great auction. We had two hours of spirited bidding on fudge, rocks, brownies, slabs, plants, equipment, jewelry and much more. When we stopped bidding at 10:15 PM, there was still a lot of material left. So we may have another auction in the spring. Fun and great deals were had by all. The monetary results will be presented in the November treasurer's report.

As you know Mike and Mumtaz Knuth have been our host and hostess for many years but due to recent health problems Mike has decided to retire from the position and let someone else take the reigns. We now have a new hostess, Rene Crouch, who has volunteered for the club meetings. Please welcome Rene and support her efforts by volunteering to bring food to the meeting. There is a sign-up sheet by the coffee pots. We need three members to volunteer to bring food the monthly meeting. Your cooperation is needed if you want to have food with your fellowship at each meeting. Also,

please thank Mike and Mumtaz when you see them for their hard work as host and hostess.

Speaking of volunteering, I am a little concerned about the lack of club member's volunteering to help out. Most members have filled out a How to Volunteer sheet and that information has been entered onto a file card system and has been implemented a couple of times. I use it as a last resort because I prefer voluntary action from club members.

I have put out the HELP WANTED sign for volunteers to fill several positions. I need a Christmas party chairperson, membership chairperson, building supervisor and a show chairperson of which I hope to have this position filled by the November meeting. We also have a few positions open on the executive board as well for next year. If you would like to serve I suggest you check with Sam Howeth who is in charge of the nomination committee. We do need a vol-

unteer for the Treasurer's position NOW so that person can be trained to take over next year. So if you have accounting or a business background and would like to serve your club please see Sam. The Arlington Gem And Mineral Club provides its members with some of the best equipment, facilities, and training in the lapidary arts in the country. So now is the time to step up and volunteer. The club needs your help.

Now on a lighter note. Next month's program will be a little different. Rick Kupke, former hostage during the Iran crises in 1979/1980, will give us an insight into what it was like being a hostage.

"Today, many will take the action necessary to make a difference. Why not you?"

—Steve Maraboli

VOLUNTEER! There are many ways you can help. Just ask me.

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Size	Dimensions	Members		Non-members	
		6 months	1 month	6 months	1 month
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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
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For any questions regarding appropriate content, please contact Rick Litsinger at: Rockdoctor76016@aol.com.

Keck Auction

by Sue Dale Miller, Program Director

Saturday, November 4, 2006. View at 9 AM and auction starts at 10 AM.

Equipment: 18" Highland Park Saw, 14" Highland Park Saw + 5 blades, 4" Highland park saw, 12" Raytech saw + 2 blades, 10" Diamond Pacific saw + 6 blades, 4" & 6" combo saw, 4 different tumblers (I saw these, some are BIG), 2 - sphere machines: marble to 10" size, 5 - 24" blades, double arbor with wheels, 4 wheel cab mach. + 2 diamond + 2 exp. drums, 24" flat lap + 2 drums, 12" flat lap + 4 drums, do all machine, Cress Electric Kiln, Ultra Sonic machine, grit- from grind to polish.

Rocks: Green moss agate, black plume abate, African blue lace agate, thunder eggs, teardrop brazilian, yellow cat agate, blue forest petrified wood, banded agate, rainbow, silversheen, snowflake & mahogany obsidian, graveyard point, granite, palm wood, terretella, baby & whiteskin Brazilian, Biggs jasper, tigers eye, malachite, big chunks of the following; petrified wood, Mexican lace agate, leopard skin jasper, forest fire jasper, variegated jasper.

Terry Keck
633 N. W. Lorna
Burluson, TX 76028

South on W I35 to Alsbury Exit;
West to Lorna; south on Lorna to 633



Mt. Ida Trip

by Tony Graham

Hello Fellow Rockies,

This past weekend my wife Pat and I (Tony) Graham, two of your newest members, participated in the Crystal Trip to Mt. Ida. We missed you all, and had a ball. The weather turned out fantastic. The crystals were there. Unfortunately the ones I was looking for are still there. We found some neat stuff, met some great people and as usual had an outstanding field trip.

Our trip leader, Dale did an outstanding job of directing us and finding sites to hunt in when our original destination turned out to be not quite what was expected. For our first field trip with the club, it was an outstanding one. I got off the ship on Wednesday in New Orleans, drove home, arriving Thursday afternoon, packed up the car and pulled out Friday morning, getting to Mt. Ida around five o'clock, and with this schedule we still had fun.

Look forward to the next one. The following are some pictures I took on the trip,.

November Area Shows

Grady Shults

3 - 5 - Round Rock, TX.
Central Texas Paleo Society
Call 512-288-6582

4 - 5 - Midland, TX.
Midland Gem & Mineral Society
Call 432-687-6467

10 - 11 - Leesville, LA.
DeRidder Gem & Mineral Society
Call 337-585-3693

18 - 19 - Mesquite, TX.
Dallas Gem & Mineral Society
Call 972-278-4845

17 - 19 - West Palm Beach, FL.
E. FMS Gem & Mineral Societies
of Palm Beach
Call 561-647-0809



November Class Schedule

by Pat Vaughan

Cab Class OPEN

1st Saturday, November 4, 1-4 PM
Instructor: Royce Cochran

Chainmaking* OPEN

2nd Saturday from 10 AM-1 PM
Instructor: Mary Owren

Faceting* OPEN

Wednesdays 7-9 PM
Instructor: Frank Krystinik/Mike Knuth

Glass Fusing & Enameling* OPEN

2nd Sundays from 1-4 PM
4th Saturdays from 9 AM-1 PM
Instructor: Becky Downey

Silversmithing

Instructors: Sam Howeth/Rick Litsinger

Silversmithing Lab Open
3rd Saturdays from 8 AM - Noon

Level 102 OPEN
Wednesday, 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 103

Level 202 OPEN
Fridays 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 201

Level 103 OPEN
Mondays 7-10 PM
Open to those that have completed 102

Wire Jigging** OPEN

2nd Saturday, November 11, 1-3 PM
Instructor: Mary Owren

* These classes are open to novice as well as experienced members.

**Learn how to properly jig wire like a pro. Copper wire and jig provided, students can bring sterling dead soft 18 gauge or 20 gauge if they want to.

If you have any suggestions for classes or would like to teach a class pertaining to our hobby please contact Pat Vaughan 1st VP in charge of classes.

Always check class board for sign-up sheets.

OPEN classes currently have space available. Check with the instructor.

Note: All classes are \$3.00 per class hour.

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AGMC Classes and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>		<p>Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM</p> <p>Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open</p>	<p>Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon</p> <p>Juniors 9 AM-Noon</p> <p>Cab Class OPEN 1-4 PM</p>
5	<p>Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>Regular Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM</p> <p>Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open</p>	<p>Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon</p> <p>**Chainmaking OPEN 10 AM-1 PM</p> <p>Wire Jigging** OPEN 1-3 PM</p>
12	<p>Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>		<p>Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM</p> <p>Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open</p> <p>***DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>Silversmithing Lab Open 8 AM – Noon</p> <p>****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon</p>
19	<p>Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>Free Tuesday 7-9 PM for members</p>	<p>Faceting OPEN 7-9 PM</p> <p>Silversmithing 102 FULL 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open</p>	<p>Silversmithing 202 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>****Lab Open 9 AM-Noon</p> <p>Glass Fusing & Enameling 9 AM-1 PM</p>
26	<p>Silversmithing 201 OPEN 7-10 PM</p>	<p>Board Meeting 7 PM</p>		<p>****Lab Open</p>		

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

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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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