



A monthly publication of the Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society

VOLUME 40	FEBRUARY 2013	NUMBER 1
-----------	---------------	----------

<p>NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2013 TIME: 7:30 PM LOCATION: CLEAR LAKE PARK BUILDING 5001 NASA ROAD ONE SEABROOK, TEXAS</p>

The PROGRAM FOR February...

The program for February will be the upcoming Gem Show. It's that time of year again and we will be reviewing the needs of the various booths and stations to be manned by club members.

Show and Tell Members are asked to bring a sample of their latest find or special specimen to share with the club.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE	Stoney Statements Spotlight	Fm Program Chair
January Minutes 2	 <p>Stoney Statements Salutes some of the hard working members of the CLGMS. A Past Member and Scouts at the 2008 Show.</p>	<p>Florescent samples needed for scout booth: Donation of florescent samples are requested for use at the scout booth during the February show. If you have any samples to donate, please bring them to the next club meeting and Trina will collect them. Donated samples can be returned or added to the scout booth items to be used year after year. Please note that samples will be handled and possibly dropped.</p>
President's message 3		
Workshops 4		
Field Trips 4		
Upcoming Programs 4		

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2013 MEETING
OF THE CLEAR LAKE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

The meeting was opened by the president of CLGMS at 7:30pm with the "call to order" followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the US. The Officers and Board of Directors of the club, elected at the December meeting were then announced. The Board of Directors voted at the Board and Officers' Planning meeting, held on January 14, 2013, to award an Honorary Membership to Al Pennington. This award is in recognition to Al's long service to the club managing the website, editing and publishing Stony Statements, our monthly newsletter, and his many years managing our annual show. The members then gave three cheers for Al!

First time visitors were then recognized and welcomed.

The first order of business was a report by the President concerning the decisions reached at the previous week planning meeting. Our monthly meeting format has been changed to allow additional time for educational activities and speakers. Club business or issues raised by the members should be referred to the directors or officers for discussion and recommendations for presentation to the entire membership. A list of Officers and Directors, together with phone and email contact information was then distributed.

Committee Reports:

- Library – Shannon Oliver, the new chairperson, reported that he had received the library collection and was now working on a list of books and materials to disseminate to the membership.
- Education – Ed Tindell demonstrated techniques for taking professional quality photos of rock and mineral specimens. He then described several potential locations for field trips this spring and summer. Ed will communicate via email opportunities to accompany other clubs on field trips, and also to disseminate information on planned trips by our club.
- Audit – Bill Robinette reported that he had completed the audit of the Treasurer's books for the CY2012 and determined that all agreed with the financial statements.
- Publicity – Bobbie Lefabvre described her plans for making the club more visible to the general public in 2013.
- Equipment – Jim Wines announced that some repairs to our lapidary equipment are underway in preparation for use of the equipment for conducting demonstrations at the coming annual show. He indicated that a complete review and inventory of equipment and maintenance needs will be undertaken after the show.
- Membership – Mike Flannigan announced that annual dues are now due and that he would be updating the membership directory shortly.
- Annual Show – Al Pennington and Jim Wines reported on the status of dealer contracts and final arrangements for the show. Jim indicated that there could be space for one or two more dealers and he will contact those who have made inquiries. Again this year we will have the swap area. There still is a need for additional volunteers to help with setup and takedown of the show, manning the admission booth, and staffing of the information desk during the show.
- Refreshments – David Tjiok asked members to help themselves to refreshments during the break.
- Workshops – The club has scheduled the following workshops:
 - Saturday, March 16, Wire Wrap Class with Charlie Timme
 - Saturday, June 1, (Open to suggestions, such as beading, cabochons, use of club equipment, rock/mineral identification, etc.)
 - Saturday, Sept. 14 (Open to suggestions)
- Treasurer's Report – Loyce presented the report which was accepted by the members.

Presentations:

Bobbie Lefabvre spoke on Septarian nodules and showed a number of specimens from her collection.

Charlie Timme spoke about the Rock Club at Benson Grove and presented a number of specimens from his time with that club. He has a number of pieces of petrified wood, including the State Rock of Texas, red petrified palm. Jim Wines brought in some amethyst slabs and chunks. He also showed a purple lapidite stone slab and illustrated how moisture on the slabs brings out the color.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Duggar
Secretary Pro Tem

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of you who have not heard, we lost one of valuable members on January 28, Al Pennington. Al will be hard to replace. He was such an integral part of this club. He has been Show Chairperson for many years and he has also been the Editor of the club's monthly newsletter, The Stoney Statements. Needless to say, we are in dire need of someone to step up and take on these duties. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

As members, this is your club. Please let me know if you have any comments, concerns, like or dislikes.

The Annual Show will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center on February 23 and 24. We are still signing up volunteers and hopefully, many members will be able to attend. The show is a great family activity. We have 29 vendors participating this year. They are:

Amber Way Jewelry	Gem Designs
A-Outlet	Gems & Jewelry By Angela
Betty's All Wrapped	J & J Collectables
Bitterroot Rocks & Minerals	Lone Star Meteorites
Brazil Treasures	Love of Land Images
BuBas Gems	M Designs
Carved Opal & Obsidian	Monarch Mineral & Fossil
ChaparralGems	Natural Selection Enterprize
CJP GEMS	San Juan Gems
Colby Outback Rock and Gems	Shu's Rocks & Minerals
Earthworks	Stone Crystals
Fantastic Stones & Accessories	The Rare Earth Trading Co
Fender Natural Resources	Turquoise Magpie's Magpie Gemstones
Galveston Bay Mining Co	WireMashers
Xquizit Minerals	

Annabel Brownfield
President, CLGMS

CLUB WORKSHOPS

The club will sponsor a wire-wrap workshop on Saturday, March 16, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. held at the Clear Lake Park Building. The fee is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. RSVP Annabel Brownfield, annabel55@comcast.net or 281-486-1866. RSVP soon as space is limited.

Future workshops will be held on Saturday, June 1, and Saturday, September 14, on such topics as beading, cabochons, rock/mineral identification or club equipment and its use.

Field Trips (2013) by Ed Tindell

Think about Field trips for year 2013



Thanks,
Ed Tindell 2012 CLGMS Field Trip Coordinator
a.k.a. "The Official Cat Herder"

Details pending, but there will be a field trip on 3/16 (rain date 3/30) to the Coal Creek serpentine quarry near Llano, TX, for serpentine, chromite, asbestos, peridot, arrow heads and lots of other cool rocks!

Upcoming Programs

Program Chair Ed Tindell reports the March monthly meeting program will be related to the Coal Creek quarry. The April monthly meeting will be a Swap Meet. Get your items ready for sale.

.SCFMS and MEMBER CLUB GEM SHOWS			
February 23-24, 2013 Pasadena, TX Clear Lake G&MS Pasadena Convention Ctr.	March 02-03, 2013 Big Spring, TX Big Spring Prospectors Club Howard Co. Fair Barn	March 02-03, 2013 Robstown, TX Gulf coast G&MS Regional Fairgrounds	March 16-17, 2013 Live Oak, TX (San Antonio) Southwest G&MS Live Oak Civic Ctr. 8101 Pat Booker RD

STONE STATEMENTS
 Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc
 PO BOX 891533
 Houston, Texas 77289

(Postage)

Meeting 3rd Monday of the Month – 7:30 P.M.
 Clear Lake Park Building
 5001 NASA Road One, Seabrook, Texas



Member of:

Next Annual Show
 February Feb 23-24, 2013
 Pasadena Convention Center

CLGMS is on the Web:
<http://www.clgms.org>



Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, Inc			
MEMBER: American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and South Central Federation of Mineral Societies			
PURPOSE: To promote education and popular interest in the various earth sciences; in particular in those hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the earth sciences of minerals, fossils and their associated fields			
2013 OFFICERS:	President	Annabel Brownfield Sara	281-486-1866
	Vice President	Chelette	281-286-1195
	Secretary	Ben Duggar (Pro Tem)	281-316-6710
	Treasurer	Trina Willoughby	281-218-0976
	Program Director	Ed Tindell	281-415-7184
	Board of Directors:	Ed Tindell	Jim Wines
	Newsletter Editor	Bobbie Lefabvre	Shannon Oliver
		(Vacant)	
Annual Show 2013.....	Jim Wines	Library.....	Shannon Oliver
Const & bylaws.....	Sara Chelette	Membership.....	Mike Flannigan
Community Benefits.....	Nancy Duggar	Publisher.....	Mike Flannigan
Historian.....	David Tjiok	Refreshments.....	David Tjiok
Publicity.....	Bobbie Lefabvre	Education/Field Trips.....	Ed Tindell
Membership Dues Jan. to Dec. 2013: Adult \$10:00, \$5.00 per additional adult at same address, Junior \$5.00, \$2.50 per member with adult at same address, Family Dues \$20.00 (4+) at same address. Send Dues to CLGMS, PO BOX 891533, Houston, TX, 77289			
Permission to use material originating in this newsletter is freely given providing credit is given author and Stoney Statements except if the article requires authorization (©RA). Permission may be obtained by E-mailing Editor.			