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NEXT MEETING:
TIME:
LOCATION:

Oct 19, 2020
7:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE September CLGMS GENERAL MEETING

We did not have an in person general meeting.

The virtual meeting was held about 11 members and officers were attending. We hope more members will attend this month Virtual meeting.

MINUTES OF THE October CLGMS BOARD MEETING

Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting at Panera Bread 10/05/2020.

Christina Rankin named new Club Secretary – thank you to Christina for accepting the Club Secretary position.

Big thank you to Trina Willoughby for her service as Club Secretary for the last couple years.

In 2020 we will not be collecting money for dues. If you already paid for this year, it will go to 2021 Club dues.

Many ideas were discussed about our Gem and mineral show. The Gem Show will be from 2/20-2/21/2021. Houston will not have their show this year citing COVID-19 issues, so more vendors and more people might come to our show. Sandy will call Pasadena Convention Center to find out if we can still have our show at this location. If COVID-19 is still here we will need to find out what precautions we need to follow during the show and Sandy will find out about this when she calls. We cannot guarantee that the vendors will break even on their tables so we will need to let them know when the sign up. Since they do not have the Concession's Stand open to fed people. We might have a Members Only Room with food to feed our staff working the show. Volunteers will be needed once again to load and unload items from the storage area to set-up and tear-down before and after the show.

It was suggested that a raffle be held for those who volunteer to get more involvement.

Please click the ZOOM link below to join our October virtual general meeting.

Email reminders will be sent out also as the date is approaching.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5290961584?pwd=cjFIM1Q0T2JKTHNmNURsMG9lbHF0Zz09>

Bank manager finds 9.07-carat diamond in Arkansas state park

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bank-manager-finds-9-07-203836700.html>

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A bank manager discovered a 9.07-carat diamond at a state park in southwestern Arkansas after thinking the precious gem was a piece of glass.

Kevin Kinard of Maumelle found the second-largest diamond in the 48-year history of Crater of Diamonds State Park on Labor Day, according to a news release from Arkansas State Parks.

Kinard said he and his friends hauled sifting equipment to the state park in Murfreesboro. Kinard noted that he's been visiting Crater of Diamonds regularly since he was a kid but had never stumbled upon a diamond until Sept. 7.

"I only wet sifted for about ten minutes before I started walking up and down the plowed rows," he said. "Anything that looked like a crystal, I picked it up and put it in my bag."

While searching in the southeast portion of the 37.5-acre (15 hectare) diamond search area, Kinard scooped up a marble-sized crystal that had a rounded, dimpled shape.

"It kind of looked interesting and shiny, so I put it in my bag and kept searching," Kinard said. "I just thought it might've been glass."

Several hours later, Kinard said he and his comrades stopped by the park's Diamond Discovery Center, where park workers identify visitor findings and register diamonds.

"I almost didn't have them check my finds, because I didn't think I had found anything," Kinard said. "My friend had hers checked, though, so I went ahead and had them check mine, too."

Upon having his finds assessed, an employee informed Kinard he had discovered a diamond.

"I honestly teared up when they told me," Kinard said. "I was in complete shock!"

Assistant Superintendent Dru Edmonds noted that conditions were ideal for Kinard to spot the gem.

"Park staff plowed the search area on August 20, just a few days before Tropical Storm Laura dropped more than two inches of rain in the park," he said. "The sun was out when

Mr. Kinard visited, and he walked just the right path to notice the sunlight reflecting off his diamond.”

As of Wednesday, 246 diamonds have been registered at Crater of Diamonds State Park this year, weighing a total of 59.25 carats. On average, people find one or two diamonds there daily.





Upcoming Programs:

No program is scheduled for September as we do not have the general meeting due to COVID-19 situation.

Upcoming Shows:

Most of the shows listed below are cancelled due to COVID19 – Please contact individual show website to find out.

SCFMS and MEMBER CLUB GEM SHOWS							
OCT 10, SCFMS Convention Meeting via ZOOM	Oct 9-11, Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Macomb Community College Expo, (313) 255-7774 www.michmin.org/show	Oct 9-11, Big Sur Jade Festival Los Padres National Forest, 69325 Highway 1, Big Sur, CA 93920 https://bigsurjadefestival.com/	Oct 10-11, Tri-City Gem and Mineral Society, Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, Temple, TX 76501. dfarthic@gmail.com CANCELLED				
OCT 23-25, Austin, TX, Austin G&MS, Palmer Events Center, www.agms-tx.org	Oct 24-25, Akron Mineral Society Show, Emidio & Sons Banquet Center, 48 E Bath Rd, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, www.gemboree.org/	Oct 31-01, OK Mineral and Gem Society Show, State Fair Park, 608 Kiamichi Place, Oklahoma City, 73107, http://omgs-minerals.org/	NOV 6-8, Humble, TX, Houston G&MS, Humble Civic Center, hgms.org CANCELLED				
NOV 7-8, Amarillo, TX, Golden Spread G&MS, Amarillo Civic Center, www.amarillotreasure.com/							
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Meeting 3rd Monday of the Month 7:30 P.M. Clear Lake Park Building 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas				
				
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Next Annual Show February 20-21, 2021 Pasadena Convention Center			 American Federation of Mineral Societies	 South Central Federation of Mineral Societies
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