

THE SHAWNEE SLATE

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SHAWNEE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

**NEXT MEETING
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The Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club is a non-profit organization. The purpose is to promote the study and appreciation of rocks, gems, minerals and fossils. We teach any and all relevant techniques and the AFMS CODE of ETHICS. We have a club library that is listed in the club directory. These books can be checked out on club nights by prior arrangement. Kept for a month and returned or pay an overdue at rate agreed on by the club.

It is new and interactive! Check it out every month.

**Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club
Web Site**

<http://www.sgams.net>

Club Information

Meetings

Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, held at the First United Bank conference room. 5:30 for juniors and 6:30 for the regular membership meetings. The First United Bank is located at 912 E. Independence Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The Shawnee Gem & mineral Club is one of the clubs that make up the **OKLAHOMA STATE COUNCIL of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES.**

It is a member of **THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES** and **THE AMERICAN FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Single membership.....\$15.00

Family membership.....\$20.00

Junior membership.....\$6.00

Newsletter only.....\$9.00

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EXCHANGE BULLETINS WELCOME

For exchange newsletters contact the club via mailing address listed above.

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2013

January Birthdays

Loretta Finley	10 Jan
Charlotte Rogers	5 Jan
Johanna Kaser	7 Jan
Barbara Sheldon	24 Jan
Darla Wood	11 Jan
Patty Faw	25 Jan
LaJuana Valentine	12 Jan
Elizabeth Briant	26 Jan
Elva Jean Knox	6 Jan
Cody Presley	17 Jan

January Anniversaries

Kenny & Barbara Sheldon	24 Jan
Mark & Amanda Knox	6 Jan
Caolyn & Stanley Johnson	20 Jan

Our Sick Members

Please let the editor know if you or someone we know is sick.

Special Intentions

For those who are ill and ones we don't know about. For friends and family we have lost. Those who have gone on to Rock Hound Heaven. (Our prayers are with you).

Condolences

January Refreshments

Drinks	Other
Tony Knox	Mandie Briant

Save canceled stamps

(bring to the membership meeting)

Some people have ask me what this is for. Found a person in the RMFMS Susan Athens and ask her. She said (What I do is collect them for the Federation. We will find someone that will need them for medical help. For Example time on the kidney dialysis machine.) So; if you bring them, I will mail them to her and maybe they will help some unfortunate person in some way.

Up Coming Shows and Events

Jan 1-31—QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Desert Gardens RV Park; Desert Gardens RV Park; 1055 Kuehn St.; Mon. 9-dusk, Sun. 9-dusk; free admission; crystals, minerals, rough, polished, jewelry, lapidary equipment; contact Sharon (manager), 1055 Kuehn St., Quartzsite, AZ 85346-2818, (928) 927-6361; e-mail: info@desertgardensrvpark.net; Web site: www.desertgardensrvpark.net

Jan 25-27—TYLER, TEXAS: Annual show; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center; 420 Rose Park Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students \$1, Scouts in uniform free; grand prize drawings, hourly door prizes, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, showcases, 11 dealers, gemstones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, geodes, lapidary demonstrations; contact Keith Harmon, 8316 Oxford Dr., Tyler, TX 75703, (903) 581-4068; e-mail: keithharmon19@yahoo.com

Jan 25 Feb-17—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Elliot Glasser; Executive Inn; 333 S. Drachman St.; Daily 9-5; free admission; more than 130 showrooms, buy, sell, trade; contact Elliot Glasser, 6060 E. Thomas Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 620-3999; e-mail: EGlasser@cox.net; Web site: USGRC@USGRC.BIZ

Jan 31 Feb-17—TUCSON, ARIZONA: Wholesale and retail show; Eons Expos LLLP; large tent; 22nd St. at Interstate 10; Daily 9-6; free admission; 180 dealers, minerals, fossils, articulated dinosaurs, meteorites, petrified wood, amber, gems, jewelry; contact Christine Perner, (516) 818-1228; e-mail: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Web site: www.22ndStreetShow.com

Here are current listings for all over the country. When you are on vacation, you might just be near a really great show. Check it out. <http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

Are You Interested??

cty31470@yahoo.com
Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village, Arkansas, would like to do a rock swap with your club or a member of your club. We trade mineral/fossil specimens, min of 10#, in medium flat rate USPS box- app \$12.
Are you interested???

There are no minutes from the December meeting since it was the annual Christmas party. The party was a gala event, plenty of yummy food and entertainment by our president Shanda and her violin. The adults sang along to Christmas carols and the children danced.

We were lead in Prayer by Robin Elliot prior to enjoying the big lay out of food. I think everyone made two or three passes on the table before it was decided to start on the gift exchange.

I believe everyone who attended took part in the gift exchange which made it a very interesting and fun filled part of the party. I personally enjoyed it a lot and think every one would agree with me.

For the January Meeting: All members need to pay their club dues for 2013. Also I have the T-shirts that we ordered a few months back. I feel they turned out very nice this time. I have not talked to the club officers about the price that the club will charge for them, that will be announced at the meeting. Dianna will bring the club caps also in case you missed getting yours when they were there before. See you the 8th. Llewellyn

How Well Do You Know Your Christmas Carols?

1. Bleached Yule -----
2. Castaneous-colored Seed Vesicated in a Conflagration -----
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors.
4. Righteous Darkness -----
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs - Weather Cloudless -----
6. Loyal Followers Advance -----
7. Far Off in a Feeder -----
8. Array the Corridor -----
9. Bantam Male Percussionist -----
10. Monarchial Triad -----
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness -----
12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers -----
13. Red Man En Route to Borough -----
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence -----
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle -----
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion Proboscis -----
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant ----- ?
18. Delight for this Planet -----
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings ----
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals ----- Answers on page 04

Back Yard Bonanza

By Hayward Hensley October 2011 *Journal America*

The discovery of the only real mine from which diamonds are found in the entire Western Hemisphere was made by John W. Huddleston. Uncle John, as he was known in Pike County, Arkansas, was an avid pros-pector. He had tried panning for gold, and continually searched for copper, which he believed the greenish hued soil around his home should contain. Yet, wealth in any metallic form had eluded him.

Finally, the first day of August, 1906, turned out to be bonanza day for Uncle John. In recalling for a friend that eventful day, his faded blue eyes glowed again with a light like that reflection of the sparkling stones he had found. Just after crops were laid by, he was resting in the shade of a pine sapling at the edge of his cotton field. He began idly running his fingers about in the greenish dust and turned up what to him was a new kind of crys-tal. He struck the crystal against a piece of flint nearby and sparks flew.

—I believed it was a diamond as soon as I saw it, Mr. Huddleston said, and I said to that crystal shore you’re a real diamond.

Mr. Huddleston took the crystal home and showed it to his wife. They washed it, finding that when the light fell on it there was a myriad of colors streaming forth. Mrs. Huddleston took the stone, drew it sharply across a window pain. A deep mark remained. The nature of the crystal seemed evident to the couple.

That afternoon while riding about the neighborhood on his mule, Mr. Huddleston saw another crystal shin-ing in the sun. He dropped down, picked up the second diamond to be found in Arkansas.

When Huddleston showed his crystal to a man in his small home town, the man, who himself wore a dia-mond in his tie pin, pronounced the stones to be the best grade of Arkansas diamonds.

—If he only hadn’t called em Arkansas diamonds, I would have felt better, Mr. Huddleston commented. Both gems were sent to a jeweler in Little Rock, the state capital, and from there to New York City before final confirmation of the rich discovery. By 1933 around 25,000 diamonds were known to have been removed from this mine.

The diamond bearing ground is of a peculiar color of blue green and gray on which little will grow. Farm crops do poorly. For many years, the mine supplied the American market for industrial diamonds, but finally this became uneconomical and at present the property is a tourist attraction where people can, for a small fee, spend a day searching for diamonds on their own. Anything they find they keep.

One large stone found by a tourist from Texas in 1957 is called the Eisenhower diamond, weighing 3.11 carats. The Star of Arkansas, found in 1956, weighed 8.24 carats. In the Crater of Diamonds Museum near the mine is a collection of about 60 rough diamonds. Stones found by tourists can be appraised at the museum.

The theory of the formation of the diamond bearing rock in Arkansas is not that of the usual violent vol-canic eruption, but that the earth cracked and a molten stream of lava poured out over these seventy acres. The depth of the depots have not yet been explored. The South African mines were worked for many years before the fact that the formation extended below the surface were known. The depots, both in South Africa and Ar-kansas are true mines in every sense. They are volcanic pipes filled from the depths with a mass of rock in which the world’s hardest substance has been created by a whim of Nature.

—A diamond is forever’ may sound like a jeweler’s slogan, but it’s not far from the truth. Long after the band of a wedding ring – and the finger that wore it – have turned to dust, the diamond itself will be as hard and as brilliant as ever.

Via Internet: This article was published in the October 2011 *Journal America*, written by Hayward Hensley (Mr. Hensley is a highly regarded geologist and contributes articles on his adventures)

Taken from: 10 November 2011 *The Mountain Gem*

Three Stages of Life

Teen age: Have time + Energy but No Money
 Working age: Have Money + Energy but No Time
 Old age: Have Time + Moneybut No Energy

Answers to Carol Quiz

1. White Xmas
2. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
3. All I want for Xmas is my 2 front teeth
4. Holy Night
5. It came upon a Midnight Clear
5. Oh Come all Ye Faithful
7. Away in a manger
8. Deck the Halls
9. Little Drummer Boy
10. We Three Kings
11. Silent Night
12. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
13. Santa Claus is coming to Town
14. Let it Snow
15. Go Tell it on the Mountain
16. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
17. What child is this
18. Joy to the World
19. Hark the Herald Angels Sing
20. The 12 Days of Christmas

*Remember
To Pay
Your Club
Membership
Dues
This Month!!!*

Know Your Rocks

LEAVERITE: Also known as Dropite, Junkite and Crudite, This type of rock should be discarded immediately. It constitute 90% of most rocks. This includes Sourgrape Agate and Mutilated Quartz.

SACK ROCK: This is material that is stuffed into a sack but falls from the top as the bearer struggles back to the car. If taken home, it will be tossed into a corner and forgotten.

WONDER ROCK: You always wonder why you brought it home and where you found it.

BRAGGIN' ROCK: Also called Pocket or Eating Rock. This material is licked, rubbed, spit upon and fondled until it assumes a near polish and is frequently passed around for admiration.

@#%x+ ROCK: A large, heavy, possibly angular rock, that falls on your foot as soon as you have removed your hiking boots.

From – The RockCollector 5/08

A GOOD YEAR

A brand new year is given us,
It could be likened to a stone.
It can be polished and enhanced,
Or it can be left alone.
We can sit and watch it pass,
And wish we had our youth,
Or we can use the years we have
In search of love and truth.
This year can be a better year,
We can shine it to a glow.
No year is bad, no year is good,
Just people make it so.
Let's plan this year to be our best
By sharing love with others,
For peace will never thrive on earth
Until we live as brothers.

Source: Chiasto-HI-Lites via Calgary Lapidary Journal, 12/2008

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WHY IS THERE SILVERWARE?

The REAL reason for Silverware use in the past is for HEALTH and Sanitation reasons. Just like the 49ers put Silver dollars in their water barrels, and Europeans for hundreds of years used silver water jars (if they could afford it) or put Silverware or silver coins in their water if they had them, and of course, used "Silverware" in the first place, is because it was noticed that molds and bacteria's didn't build upon Silverware like it would on other materials.

A natural property of ionic silver is to KILL bacteria. Viruses hate the presence of Silver as well. It is a little known fact, that if you take a Petri dish and culture just about any nasty thing you can think of (mold, algae, bacteria, or virus) and add ionic silver, the contents of your Petri dish will DIE. The doctor who wrote the book "The Body Electric" had great success speeding up the healing of burns and wounds, and healing wounds that "wouldn't heal" by applying silver mesh and a small battery current (knocking off silver ions onto the affected area).

In my household, we make our own Silver (in its colloidal form) and use it to knock out cold and flu's before they take hold. US farmers use Ionic Silver generators in large scale to treat the feed water and keep their livestock much healthier, and ward off infections and disease. For more information on the use of colloidal silver as related to health, there is a website called Silver Gen that has a lot of information:
http://www.silvergen.com/colloidal_silver_history.htm.

Here is a quote from that site: "Colloidal silver has been used for healing for centuries. The Greeks and Romans kept liquids in silver jars. During the plagues in Europe, many royal families escaped disease because they ate off silver plates and used silver utensils. It was used by the American pioneers to keep water and milk from spoiling or becoming contaminated."

It is used by NASA to purify water in the space shuttle. Russia also uses it in their space shuttle. It is used by some airlines to purify water on flights. Thin silver foil is still used in India and China to wrap portions of food in. Silver is used in most of the burn centers in the U.S. and has been used to prevent blindness in newborn infants eyes for many years.