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Meetings—First Friday of Month

No meeting in July

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Purpose: To promote education and share our interest in the various earth sciences through the study of lapidary arts, mineralogy, and archaeology within the meaning of section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding sections of future United States Internal Revenue Code.

The October meeting will be held Fri., October 7, at the Victoria Art League located at 905 S. Bridge, Victoria, TX. Fellowship-6:30, Competition Judging-6:45, Business Mtg.-7pm.

## Precious Gems From the President

Hello VGMS Gems,

As we prepare for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual (2011) Victoria Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show, please allow me to express my sincerest appreciation to you (all club membership) for your continued dedication to the Victoria Gem and Mineral Society. I know there have been some personal challenges that have made perseverance of membership challenging.

Thank you for your precious time and thoughtfulness.

While expressing gratitude, I would be remiss in not noting the generous giving of club membership, individuals outside our club, and organizations that have helped and are helping us as we get closer to show time, especially with the donation of items for our silent auction. The Southwest Gem and Mineral Society (San Antonio), lead by club President, Bob Bowie, are highly appreciated for donating rocks and other materials. Sam Rodgers, field trip planner extraordinaire with the SWGMS, will be coming to Victoria this week to deliver some items he is donating for our auction. Nancy (Tolbert) Denison and Dick Tolbert have also donated a substantial number of rocks, minerals, fossils, and shells for folks to bid on.

The 2011 VGMS show is dedicated to and in honor of the memory of Chic Tolbert. Her love for the Victoria Gem and Mineral Society, especially its membership, never waned. She remained thoroughly impassioned about the people and activities of the VGMS, sharing many fond memories right up to the days just prior to her passing back in January of this year. Her fervent thoughtfulness is an endearing thing to think about as you see the items set out for bidding at the silent auction... many of them having been cradled in her talented hands as their origin, importance and usefulness was carefully considered.

Abundant thanks to Ann Pearce (Ann Pearce Jewelry Designs) for her generous commitment to again travel from San Antonio to present beading workshops during the show. Her talents and genuine enthusiasm command appreciation and respect. Let's all make a BIG noise about the workshop opportunity to everyone that walks through the Victoria Community Center doors!

Don't forget to extend a warm welcome and thanks to our vendors/exhibitors, without them the show wouldn't be the special event that it always is. Their knowledge and experience is an immeasurable asset to our show.

As I write this I can't help but look forward, with much anticipation, to another great show! I am confident that together we will formulate this one into another wonderful memory maker.

With gratitude and respect,

Dave Winston Snell

**Victoria Gem & Mineral Society  
Minutes of the September 2, 2011 Meeting  
Victoria Art League Building**

President, Dave Winston Snell, called the meeting to order at 7pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members, 1 jr. member, and 1 guest present (Elmo Hartman). Dave recognized the birthdays and anniversaries for September.

Secretary, Patty Shay, read the minutes of the August meeting.

**A motion to accept the minutes of the August 2011 minutes as read was made by Les Pagel; seconded by Lisa Stryk. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**- Ken distributed May and August reports.

General Fund- \$10,230.60

Show Acct.- \$13,098.98

Dave expressed gratitude from the club to the Allison's for hosting a second club workshop at their home.

A new banner has been ordered. A deposit of half the cost was paid upon ordering. Discussed placement of banners.

Dave reported that the San Antonio club will donate to our Silent Auction.

An Executive Board meeting will be held before the next meeting to finalize plans for the show.

Discussed costs of the show and the projected losses if vendor fees remain the same.

**A motion to drop the advertising fee charged to the vendors and charge a flat \$55 per table to the vendors in 2012 was made by Bunny Tordt; seconded by Howard Camp. Motion carried.**

After discussion, it was decided to leave the admission cost at \$4 for 2011.

**Job Duties-** Thursday, Oct. 13, show set-up will start at 8 am.

Show open- Friday 9 am-6pm; Saturday 10 am-6pm; Sunday 10 am-5pm

School tours will end by 3 pm Friday.

Carroll Edge will have security Thursday and Saturday night; Shay's will have Friday night.

Bunny will be in charge of the snack room- requested members bring cookies and fruit.

Club sales booth-tabled until next meeting

Ticket sales-Mary Allison & Pam Lemke

Info desk-Ken Lemke & Dave

Table cloths need to be brought to the October meeting to be washed by members. Need to be delivered to set-up by 10 am.

Transport supplies from storage-Harvey Pagel, Jay Allison, Shays, Ken

Sunday clean up- everyone who is available.

Touch Table-Jay

Wheel of Fortune-Howard

Silent Auction-Denise Mebane

The show will be dedicated to Chic Tolbert; her family will have items for the display case in her honor.

A nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for the Oct. meeting. Election will be in November. Installation in December.

**Competition-** Jewelry- Les Pagel (crystal and silver wire)

Cab- Les Pagel - abalone

Wire Wrapping- Les Pagel- crystal and silver wire.

Meeting adjourned. Members enjoyed refreshments and examined cabs brought by Elmo Hartman.

*respectfully submitted by Patty Shay, VGMS Secretary*

### Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board met at Chili's on Sept. 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Attending were: Dave Winston Snell, Ken Lemke, Howard Camp, Bob Clark, Patty Shay and Leola Camp. Show details were discussed. No motions made.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Patty Shay*

All members who are able, are asked to attend the Friday night meeting. We will go over show assignments and scheduling. Table cloths will need to be taken home and laundered, then returned on Thursday morning for set up. We are still looking for items for the silent auction. Hope to see you at the meeting!

### Important Dates in October

19th - Les Pagel, Anniversary

19th - Doris Nilsen, Anniversary

29th - Doris "Woppy" Gisler, Birthday

29th - Philip Shay, Birthday

### Upcoming Shows

#### October

1-2—STAFFORD, TEXAS: Wholesale and retail show; The Bead Market; Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, glass beads, seed beads, gemstones, pearls, lampwork, PMC, Swarovski Elements, crystals, jewelry, vintage beads and buttons, books, tools; contact Rebekah Wills, (903) 240-7198; e-mail: rebekah@thebeadmarket.net; Web site: www.thebeadmarket.net

8-9—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Wholesale and retail show; The Bead Market; Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Ln.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, lampwork, glass beads, vintage beads and buttons, bone beads, PMC, silver, findings, books, tools, jewelry, Swarovski Elements, crystals, pearls; contact Rebekah Wills, (903) 240-7198; e-mail: rebekah@thebeadmarket.net; Web site: www.thebeadmarket.net

8-9—FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Annual show; LMRA Stone Steppers; Lockheed Martin Recreation Association, 3400 Bryant Irvin Rd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6; free admission; rocks, gems, minerals, flinters, prospecting equipment, GPAA, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, children's activities; contact Steve Shearin, 860 Stafford Station Dr., Saginaw, TX 76131, (817) 733-5368; e-mail: steve.l.shearin@lmco.com

8-9—TEMPLE, TEXAS: Annual show; Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3; silent auctions, raffles, door prizes, grand prize, demonstrations, dealers, rough, slabs, cabs, faceted gems, equipment, finished jewelry; contact Chip Burnette, 2630 Polk St., Killeen, TX 76543, (254) 630-3573; e-mail: burnette@aceweb.com

21-23—AUSTIN, TEXAS: Annual show, "Gold"; Austin Gem & Mineral Society; Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors (60 and over) \$4, students (13-18) \$1, children (6-12) 50 cents; more than 30 dealers, jewelry, beads, gemstones, mineral specimens, crystals, fossils, spheres, lapidary equipment, exhibits, "Rock Food" table, touch table, fluorescent minerals, member collections, silent auction, demonstrations, faceting, cabbing, fossil cleaning, polymer clay, "Youth Education Day" Fri., Gem Mine, Wheel of Fortune, Jewelry Making, door prizes, grand prize; contact Susan Postlethwait, 6719 Burnet Ln., Austin, TX 78757, (512) 458-9546; e-mail: showchariman@austingemandmineral.org; Web site: www.gemcapers.com

## "Code of Ethics"

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

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