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The Red Stick Rockhound News

The Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society

Baton Rouge, LA.



Another Successful Rockin At The Swamp

What a day it was!! This is the third year that the BRGMS has participated in Rockin at the Swamp.

We got to Blue Bonnet Swamp early Saturday morning and it wasn't long before the place was overcome with not only kids but the parents/grandparents/clubs. There were volunteers bringing in children from places like Project Hope and other organizations around Baton Rouge, that would normally never have an opportunity to see all that was displayed. Everywhere you looked there were smiles and excited chatter. People looking at rocks, demonstrations, dinosaur bones, vendors tables, door prizes, fools gold. People walking and running up and down the trails. It was exciting seeing everyone having such a good time.

It is an awesome project that the people at Blue Bonnet Swamp have taken over and it's been great for our club to be involved.

If you missed it...there is always next year. Mark your calendars! 🌐

by Cheryl Duplechain

OUR PURPOSE

The Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society is organized for charitable and educational purposes to promote interest in the various earth sciences, in particular those hobbies dealing in the art of cutting and polishing gemstones, the science of gems, minerals and metal crafts, as well as their related fields.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Earning my Nerd Badge!

Who would have thought, today one would need to be able to read HTML codes and understand computer language to have any success promoting things. That has become the norm in today's world. Our club recently started our very own website. It made it necessary for someone, in the club, to learn such things. I have taken on that challenge. I must admit, at first, I was overwhelmed. I had no idea of the concept of the encrypted language that is used. What does `<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">` mean? Yes, that is what I was seeing. A bunch of gibberish! But after some help from my son and the web designer (Kevin Hood), I am finally getting there. So, take a look at our site and be patient as we move forward with technology of today. Next month is a very busy month for us! We start off on the 6th with a trip to Destrehan to view a fluorescent mineral collection and on the weekend of the 20th & 21st a double event is scheduled. Lots of help will be needed but the rewards are great. It is always fun to spend the day with club members promoting gem & minerals. For those that were unable to help at the Swamp event, here is another chance to be involved. We certainly would enjoy hanging out with you! See you at the monthly meeting on March 26th.
Ray

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Lucas Gawarecki.....10th
- Emile Poche.....10th
- Tony Rouchon.....11th
- Larry Wilson.....15th
- Christina Hathaway...16th
- W.B. Myrick.....24th
- Brian Mooney.....25th
- Diana Martin.....27th

Birthstone: Aquamarine

The birthstone of those people born in the month of March is aqua -marine. Aquamarine gemstones are available in greenish blue or blue green shade. If you translate the word 'aquamarine', it literally means sea water. Some say that it can bring the holder good luck and it's up to you March babies to prove it. So what are you waiting for? You'd better get an aquamarine



MEETING MINUTES
FOR FEBRUARY by Cheryl for Norma Travis

Meeting was called to order by Ray Duplechain. Minutes from January 2013 meeting was read by Cheryl Duplechain for Norma Travis. Minutes were accepted by Claire Coco and 2nd by Mary Dier.

Glenn gave the finance report. Showing a balance of \$11,060.02.

Our guest Chris & Robert Hathaway were welcomed to our meeting. Along with new member Bridget Forbes.

Katherine spoke about her new position as Chairman of the Federation Endowment Fund.

There were four articles submitted for the Newsletter Editors contest.

There was no report from Publicity or Education. Ray read a report from the Show Committee. There were 19 vendor contracts sent out and 5 vendors have returned their signed contracts.

A signup sheet was passed around to sign up for the club booth at Rockin at the Swamp and one was passed around by Ken Edds for the Hospitality Committee, to bring cookies to meetings. Ken will be putting together welcome packets for visitors and new members.

Glenna spoke about Petrified Forest in Mississippi's 50th Anniversary on April 1st.

Warren Travis has made tentative arrangements for William Holland School.

Ester Stampley will be speaking at a local school on March 5th.

New Business: Order new Brochures. Mr. Joe made a motion to accept and was 2nd by Claire Coco. Meeting was adjourned.



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CLUB NEWS

Next Meeting: March 26, 2013
Marriott Hotel @ 7:00 pm

Catherine Rouchon is selling raffle tickets for the AFMS Endowment Raffle Committee. There are many prizes, including lapidary equipment. See Catherine for your tickets.

Calvin Wiggs will present: **Geology History and Features of Louisiana.** Identification of the Major Geologic features in the context of the Geologic History from 240 million years to the present....sounds interesting!!

Field Trip to Jasper for Petrified Wood is still in the scheduling stages.

On a much sadder note, Mrs. Charlotte Harmon wife of Keith Harmon passed away this month. Keith and Charlotte are long time vendors and friends of The Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society. Keep Keith and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Junior Members Club will be starting up at the March meeting. We want to thank Robin Coulter for volunteering to work with our junior members.

On April 6th we will visit Mr. Joe Daley in Destrehan to view his Florescent Mineral Collection. Arrangement to be discussed at monthly meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION CONVENTION NEWS

ANNUAL SHOW

The ARK-LA-TEX Gem and Mineral Society, Bossier City, LA, will host the SCFC Show in 2013, to be held on August 17-18, 2013. So, mark your calendar and plan to be there for that show. We can get an idea as to what we will need to do when we sponsor the SCFC in 2014.

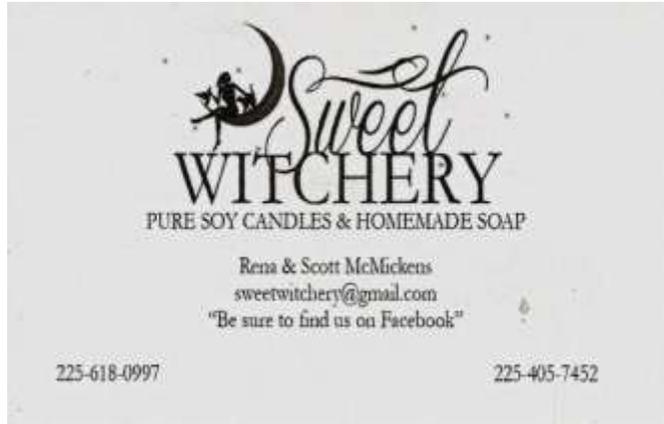
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**APACHE
TEARS** by George
Campbell

Just outside of the town of Superior, which is about 80 miles from Phoenix, in Pinal County, Arizona, is a cliff, which has as its name Apache Leap. As the story goes, the local Apache Indians were being pursued by another warlike tribe. They were chased to the edge of the cliff and, rather than be captured, they rode their horse's right over the edge and fell to their deaths. Their wives and families cried and cried and their tears were turned into those obsidian nodules we now call Apache Tears.

From Rocks & Fossils
Newsgroup



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Let's Remember
Our Troops and
Their families
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Welcome new Members

Bridget Forbes
Robert & Christina Hathaway



Our spotlight this month is Cherie Schofield. Cherie joined the BRGMS in 2010. Her interest in rocks began as a child where she discovered fossils. When she was 7 years old she and her family moved to Louisiana where she thought that there was only dirt, not realizing that the rocks were just underneath all that LA. dirt & mud. It wasn't until she began studying Geology and Volcanoes did she realize La. actually had rocks! Cherie enjoys searching for rocks and enjoys their beauty and history. The historical aspect of the rocks interest her; wondering how a particular rock made its way to where it was and how it got there. Although she appreciates "gems" she is just as happy looking in the local rock piles or driveways. She has an appreciation for the local rocks and how they look when tumbled or cut and polished. Her husband is not as interested in the whole "rock thing", but, supports her and finds ways to entertain himself when she finds a rock pile. Even though she doesn't have a "favorite" rock or mineral, she is known to carry, ship, pocket or fill whatever she can find with rocks to get them home. She likes to enjoy her spoils and then give to others to enjoy. A trip to Michigan is in her future and she is looking forward to finding a Petoskey stone. Can't wait to see it... Cherie is a very active member of our club and volunteers her time for local club activities. She is very involved with helping to make sure the annual gem show is successful. At the first BRGMS meeting she went to she felt like she found likeminded people that would not think her strange for sitting in rock piles or getting excited about rocks, because, more than likely any one of you would be right beside her in that rock pile. Cherie appreciates the passion from the club members and enjoys getting to know each of you. If you don't know Cherie, introduce yourself and make a new friend.



Norma Travis presented Mr. Herb and Mrs. Rita Taft with a Honorary membership plaque from the BRGMS. They are both in their 90s and was much appreciative.