

# Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX

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### Purpose

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

### Monthly Meeting

POGM meet the First Thursday each month at 7:30 pm at the Garland Women's Activities Building, 713 Austin, Garland, TX, (Northeast corner of Austin & Glenbrook).

### Club Officers for 2011

President: Del Grady  
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**Chips and Chatter Deadline:**  
**The 3rd Thursday of each month**

## *From the Secretary: February 2012 Minutes*

POGM Secretary: Lee Elms

Secretary was not present for March meeting and therefore no minutes to report. Secretary related to me she would not be present for the April nor May meeting.

### *Gemstone of the State of Alaska*

Chips and Chatter Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

There are large deposits of this gemstone. An entire mountain of jade is located on the Seward Peninsula. At one time native Eskimos, along with other articles, traded jade.



Jade of the lavender color is more rare and commands a higher value than the other colors; shades of green, yellow, white, red and black. "Jade" refers to three minerals - Jadeite, Nephrite, and Chloromenlanite. Some of the finest jade found has been smooth, stream rolled about boulders.

In 1968 the Alaska Legislature adopted Jade their State Gem. The greatest quantity of jade can be found near the Kobuk River and Jade Mountain, and some near the Dall and Shungnak rivers. This famous, interior jade locality has an extensive history and artifacts made of Kobuk River nephrite have been found at archaeological sites along the Bering and Pacific coasts of Alaska and farther.

REF: [http://www.statesymbolsusa.org/Alaska/gemstone\\_jade.html](http://www.statesymbolsusa.org/Alaska/gemstone_jade.html)  
<http://www.shgresources.com/ak/symbols/gemstone/>

### *April Birthstone: Diamond*

Chips and Chatter Editor, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club



Diamond - ancient Greek adamas (αδάμας) meaning "invincible".

Diamonds come in various colors. The most common of colors range from yellow to brown. Diamonds are the hardest natural material; its hardness on Mohs scale of mineral hardness is 10 (hardest). Their hardness has been known since antiquity.



To keep your diamonds looking their very best, they need care. Cleaning them at least once a month will remove the natural elements they come in contact with, such as body oils, make up, and even grease that is in the air. Give them a warm bath using dish washing liquid, rinse in warm water, pat dry.

Think about this. Travis Metcalfe, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, believes the galaxy's largest diamond is the core of the white dwarf star BPM 37093. Observations indicate that the core is a diamond crystal 4000 km in diameter.

Ref: <http://www.costellos.com.au/diamonds/index2.html>  
<http://thebrazilianconnection.com/diamondinfopage.html> Britannica  
<http://www.answers.com/topic/diamond>  
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*Some people try to turn back their odometers.*

*Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way.* Author unknown

*I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.* Author unknown

## The Tasty Corner

Editor POGM Club

### Jicama Citrus Salad

Nita Dresner, of Scyene, Texas (long since disappeared from map)

#### Ingredients:

1 head	Butter or Boston Lettuce	2 Tbsp	Rice Wine Vinegar
1 Tbsp	Honey	5 Tbsp	EVOO (Extra Virgin Olive Oil)
2 Tbsp	Fresh Cilantro, chopped	2	Oranges (peeled, cleaned of white membrane & sectioned)
2	Limes (peeled & sectioned)	1 med	Jicama, peeled & julienne (approx. 1 C)
1 med	Red Onion (finely sliced)		Salt & Pepper to taste

#### Directions:

1. Remove the core and leaves of the lettuce, washing clean and thoroughly drying.
2. Evenly divide the leaves onto four salad plates.
3. In a mixing bowl, add the vinegar, honey, salt & pepper and cilantro. Slowly whisk in Filippo Berio® Olive Oil.
4. Add orange and lime segments, jicama and red onion and toss until completely coated.
5. Make a mound from this mixture, over the mix greens.
6. Spoon additional vinaigrette over the lettuce leaves.

## 2012 Show Dates

### April 2012

14 LITTLE ROCK, AR: Central Arkansas Gem Mineral & Geology Society Annual swap meet; Burns Park; Elder Johnson Pavilion; Sat 9-5; FREE; contact Mike Austen, (501) 868-4553; email: [steelpony@aol.com](mailto:steelpony@aol.com)

14-15 ABILENE, TX: Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society Show; Abilene Civic Center; N 6<sup>th</sup> & Pine Street; Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$3, children (6-12) \$1.50, under 6 free w/adult; gems, jewels, slabs, rough, lapidary tools and supplies, demonstrations, fluorescent display, silent auction, Wheel of Fortune, sand art, hourly door prizes, grand prize drawing; contact Linda Hollowell, (325) 721-4477; Website: [www.txol.net/rockclub](http://www.txol.net/rockclub)

14-15 SILOAM SPRINGS, AR: Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show; Siloam Springs Community Bldg; 100 N Mt Olive Street; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$4, students and children \$2; dealers, rough, finished and faceted stones, fossils, jewelry, educational exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, children's area; contact DeLane Cox, 8152 Spanker Ridge Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 254-0894; email: [delanec3@earthlink.net](mailto:delanec3@earthlink.net); Website: [www.nwarockhounds.org](http://www.nwarockhounds.org)

20-22 ALPINE, TX: "Alpine Agate Festival" Annual Show; Chihuahuah Desert Gem & Mineral Club; Alpine Civic Center; Hwy 90 West; Fri & Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; FREE; agates from the Big Bend, dealers, demonstrations, grand prize, silent auction, door prizes, Kids' Corner, special exhibits, Kids' Day Fri.; contact Mary Brogan, PO Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432) 386-2340; email: [marybrogan@rocketmail.com](mailto:marybrogan@rocketmail.com)

28-29 LUBBOCK, TX: LGMS Annual Show; Lubbock Civic Center; 1501 Mac Davis Lane; Sat & Sun 10-5; adults \$4, seniors \$3, students (6-12) \$2, children (under 6) and Scouts in uniform free; contact Archie Scott, 2709 Belvedere Road, Levelland, TX 79336, (806) 894-1584; email: [sarchie32@yahoo.com](mailto:sarchie32@yahoo.com); Website: [www.lubbockgemandmineral.org](http://www.lubbockgemandmineral.org)

### May 2012

18-20 SPRINGDALE, AR: Gem Faire Inc Wholesale & Retail; Holiday Inn Convention Center NW Arkansas; 1500 S 48<sup>th</sup> Street; Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$7, children (11 and under) free; jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, rocks, minerals, nearly 100 exhibitors from all over the world; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; email: [info@gemfaire.com](mailto:info@gemfaire.com); Website: [www.gemfaire.com](http://www.gemfaire.com)

26-27 FORT WORTH, TX: Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Show; Will Rogers Memorial Center; 3401 W Lancaster; Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, military in uniform and children (under 16) free; more than 25 dealers, exhibits, kids' games, hourly door prizes, grand prize, silent auction; contact Steve Hilliard, PO Box 418, Decatur, TX 76234, (817) 925-5760; email: [fwgmc@embarqmail.com](mailto:fwgmc@embarqmail.com); Website: [fortworthgemandmineralclub.org](http://fortworthgemandmineralclub.org)

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### Area Clubs

Arlington G&M Club, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX  
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club, Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin, Garland, meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. of each month at 7:30 pm  
Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm  
Dallas Gem & Mineral Society, 10205 Plano Rd, off of Plano Rd, Dallas, TX, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. of each month at 7 pm  
Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc., South Hampton Community Hospital, 2929 S. Hampton Rd, Dls, TX, 4<sup>th</sup> Tue. each month at 7 pm  
Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft Worth, TX, meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm  
Dallas Paleontological Society, EMGI (Bldg. H, Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Lane, 75244), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. ea. month at 7:30 pm

## **PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB**

First Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM  
Garland Women's Activities Building  
713 Austin, Garland, TX  
(Northeast corner of Austin & Glenbrook)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Single Adult: \$16.50,  
Junior: \$5.00; Family: \$27.50  
(Plus badge fee for new members)

### Program Presentation

**It is always a great time at our POGM meeting.  
Please come join in the fun and learning about  
our hobby.**

### **Member of**

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

### **Affiliated with**

American Federation of Mineral Societies