

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX

Chips and Chatter



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Features

No Special Features this month

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Workshop, Meeting, etc.

- Check out our website for a color version of the Chips and Chatter
- Open Shop: Each Monday - 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm, and each Saturday - 9:00 am – Noon
- Ladies & Gents night at the shop on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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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

Christmas Party, Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm
Garland Women's Activities Building
713 Austin, Garland, TX

Presentation

CHRISTMAS PARTY – No Presentations

Show & Tell

Bring a gift to exchange not to exceed \$15.

Club Officers for 2008

President: Don Shurtz, (972) 509-2821
1st VP: Mark Carter, (972) 680-9223
2nd VP: Donna Mallory
Treasurers: OPEN Position
Secretary: Nell Black
Editor: Anita Dresner, (972) 475-5828
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Minutes – November, 2007 General Meeting

Minutes as compiled by Secretary, Nell Black, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance given by all members present. October minutes were read by Secretary Nell Black. Motion to accept minutes as read made by Bob Parker, Anita Dresner 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Del Grady presented the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as written made and second, motion passed.

Sunshine Report

Hat was welcomed back to our meetings and reported that he is much better.

Charles and Nell Black's daughter is out of the hospital and back at home.

President's Report – Don Shurtz

The Executive Board Meeting was spent discussing shop issues and the delusion of POGMC interest in the joint workshop with the Dallas club.

1st Vice President's Report – Mark Carter

Mark was out of town therefore unable to attend.

2nd Vice President's Report – Brenda Dowell

No comment

Editor – Anita Dresner

Anita volunteered to continue as editor. She is in need of articles to publish in the *Chips and Chatter*.

Old Business

POGMC received the refund from the show.

Brenda Dowell read the offer made by the Dallas Gem and Mineral Club to buy the POGMC interest in the joint workshop. Donna Mallory motioned to approve the sale in principle of equipment and delusion of joint workshop, Beth 2nd motion. All paperwork will be verified and signed by the board. A vote to accept this motion was made with the following results:

Approved - 14, Opposed – 1, Abstention – 2

NEW BUSINESS

Don Shurtz asked if the POGMC would like to participate in the 2009 Science and Engineering Fair. Cost approximately \$150 to participate as a special awards donee. Ling Shurtz made motion to participate in the 2009 Science and Engineering Fair, Donnette 2nd, motion passed.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008

President:	Don Shurtz
1 st Vice President:	Mark Carter
2 nd Vice President:	Donna Mallory
Secretary:	Nell Black
Editor:	Anita Dresner
Treasurer:	OPEN (Brenda Dowell declined to accept the office of Treasurer)

Note: Del Grady has volunteered to continue as Treasurer through January 2008. We are in great need for this position to be filled by a POGMC member. If we don't have a volunteer, Don has suggested that perhaps the answer is to dissolve the club. We need for all the offices to be filled to operate as a club.

December meeting will be our Christmas party. We invite all to come and bring a dish from one of your favorite recipes. Also, each person should bring a gift not to exceed \$15.

Annual Vocabulary Quiz answers: 1 – c; 2 – e; 3 – i; 4 – a; 5 – h; 6 – d; 7 – b; 8 – j; 9 – f; 10 – g

Refreshment Duties

Anita Dresner, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ice & Drinks</u>	<u>Snacks</u>
<i>December</i>	<i>Everybody Brings</i>	<i>Christmas Potluck</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Need Volunteers</i>

Editor's Corner

Anita Dresner, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club



Well Trick or Treat has come and gone. That means the turkey will be leading St Nick in the door before long. It sure seems as though the year has rushed past us in a hurry, doesn't it? I love the Fall and all that comes with it. Gorgeous colors, quickened pace, the family get together, snow and hot chocolate, and fun, fun, fun! Then down time to recoup and prepare for the Spring time and all the field trips and gem shows. What ever you do, please remember to check out the colors of life and the gems that are within each of your families throughout the festive days ahead. Anita Dresner

President's Message

Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving and are well on your way to being prepared for Christmas. Our December meeting is our annual Christmas Dinner and Party. There are a number of differences about the December get together, and although you should have received a letter explaining about our December meeting, it is worth repeating. I would like to highlight a few things about our festive event:

1. The DINNER and PARTY start at 7:00 PM instead of the normal 7:30 PM.
2. There will be NO club business because it is PARTY TIME.
3. Dinner will be POT LUCK. Each family group should bring a dish (munchies, vegetables, or dessert) to share. The club will provide the meat dish.
4. There will be a gift exchange. Everyone should bring a **hobby related gift** of no more than \$15 value. Wanda Fitzgerald will be our hostess and she always has something special for the gift exchange. One year it involved a poem that had a lot of "lefts" and "rights" in it, and every time a left or a right was read, the gift you were holding was passed to the person on your left or right. Other times we have had gift "stealing" at your turn you had the option to pick a gift or to steal a previously picked gift (sometimes opened, sometimes unopened). One year it cost you a buck, donated to the AFMS Scholarship fund, to steal a gift. The bottom line, it was fun! If you are stuck for a gift idea, slabs or a nice rock would be appropriate. A trip to your local half price book store or the Rock Barrel could yield a nice book within the gift price limit.

So remember, 7:00 PM start, a dish to share, and a hobby related gift (max \$15.00) for the gift exchange.

See you at the PARTY!
Don

1st Vice President Message

Mark Carter, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

N/A

Show Chairman

Ling Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

N/A

2nd Vice President Message

Donna Mallory, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

N/A

Question of the Month – Annual Vocabulary Quiz??

Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks G&MC

If you have been reading your *Chips and Chatter* each month, this quiz should be a snap since the questions and answers are from the monthly Question of the Month articles. So take pen to paper and match the following:

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| 1. Aluminum Oxide | a. Aurum |
| 2. Calcium Carbonate | b. Oxbow Lake |
| 3. Copper Carbonate Hydroxide | c. Corundum |
| 4. Gold | d. Graphic Granite |
| 5. Micro-crystalline Silicon Dioxide formed as a series of concentric rings | e. Calcite |
| 6. Rock having a surface that resembles written characters | f. Houston Black |
| 7. The abandoned loop of water next to a stream or river | g. The Noble Gases (Helium, Neon, Argon, etc.) |
| 8. The state rock of Texas | h. Fortification Agate |
| 9. The state soil of Texas | i. Malachite |
| 10. Elements that do not form mineral compounds | j. Petrified Palmwood |

If you score 8 out of 10 correct, then you are up-to-date on your *Chips and Chatter* reading. The correct answers are published elsewhere in the issue.

Question of the Month for January: ?

Metroplex Gem and Mineral and Related Clubs

Texas School of Earth Science (Arlington G&M Club) meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at 1408 Gibbins, Arlington
Pleasant Oaks G&M Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Garland Women's Bldg., 713 Austin, Garland.
Lockheed-Martin Stone Steppers, 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM, 3400 Bryant-Irving Road, Fort Worth, TX
Dallas Paleontological Society meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at Dallas Museum of Natural History, Fair Park.
Dallas G&M Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Ridgewood Rec. Cntr, 6818 Fisher Rd, Dallas.
Dallas Bead Society meets the 3rd Thur. of each month at 7:30 at Walnut Hill Rec. Ctr., NW corner Walnut Hill & Midway, Dallas
Oak Cliff G&MS meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Renaissance Hospital, 2929 S. Hampton Rd., Dallas, TX, 75224
Fort Worth G&M Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at 3545 Bryan Avenue, Fort Worth, TX

December 2007

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 9:00am – Noon Open Shop	2
3 4:30–9:30 pm Open Shop	4	5	6 7:30 pm Pleasant Oaks Club Mtg	7	8 9:00am – Noon Open Shop	9
10 4:30–9:30 pm Open Shop	11	12	13 6:00 – 9:00 pm Ladies & Gents Night @ the Shop	14	15 9:00am – Noon Open Shop	16
17 4:30–9:30 pm Open Shop	18 7:00 pm Dallas Gem Club Mtg	19	20 6:00 – 9:00 pm Ladies & Gents Night @ the Shop	21	22 9:00am – Noon Open Shop	23
24 4:30–9:30 pm Open Shop	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
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Show Dates

October 19 – February 3 - Christmas at the Heard Museum, Photos with Father Christmas & Mother Nature, Artisan’s Market, Free holiday kids crafts & refreshments and Dinosaurs Alive! Preview at <http://www.heardmuseum.org/>

February 23, 10 am – 6 pm – 33rd Annual Clear Lake Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX, Adults \$5, Students \$1.

February 23, 9 am – 6 pm – MS Gem & Mineral Society 50th Anniversary; Trademart Bldg. State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS. Show theme: Gold with many gold exhibits.

February 24, 10 am – 5 pm – 33rd Annual Clear Lake Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX, Adults \$5, Students \$1.

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March 28 – 30, (Fri 10 am – 6 pm; Sat 9 am – 5 pm; Sun 10 am – 5 pm) – Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club, Inc.; Public Auction 7 pm Saturday; Raffle Drawing Sunday afternoon, need not be present to win. Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, Ada, OK Main Bldg #1 @ NE corner of State Hwy 99 (US 377) and Richardson Bypass (State Hwy 1 & 3) okieed42@classicnet.net.

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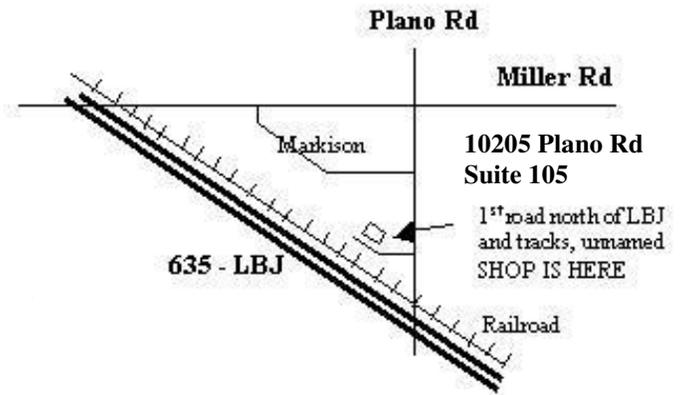
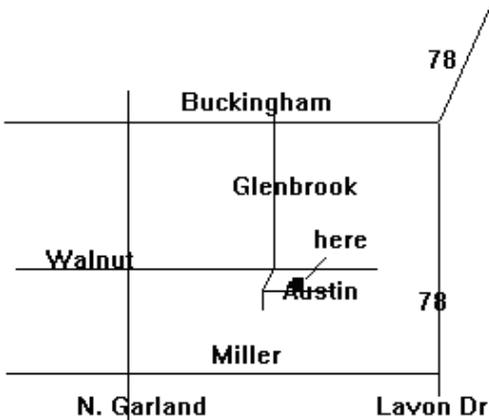
- 1st place SCFMS 2006 small bulletins
- 9th place AFMS 2006 small bulletins
- 3rd place SCMS 2005 small bulletins
- 3rd place, AFMS 2005 small bulletins
- 1st place SCFMS 2004 small bulletins
- HM AFMS 2004 small bulletins
- 2nd place SCFMS 2003 small bulletins

Next Meeting: December 6, 2007 at Garland Women's Activity Building, 7:00 PM

PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB OF DALLAS

Meeting Map

Joint Club Shop Map



MEETINGS

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

Member of

South Central Federation of Mineral Societies

MEMBERSHIP

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

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