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Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club History

By Bob Parker with assistance from Jerry Parker
From the February 2002 Chips and Chatter

In February 1964, Jerrye and I met with seven other gem and mineral enthusiasts at the Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center at 8701 Greenmound, just north of Bruton Road in East Dallas. Four of them had met in January to talk about the possibility of forming a Gem and Mineral Club and had invited others of us to their February Meeting. By March 3rd, with seventeen present, we voted to become a club.

Sometime in 1965, we became nervy enough to put on a Club Show. I was Chairman, and it was very small as we were all learning, and Dub and Martha Holden won first place with their miniatures. The show was held at the Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center.

At first, we were a specimen-collecting bunch, but as the years went by, lapidary and jewelry making came to the front as well. The Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center was our meeting place for two or three years, but the City of Dallas' policy of seizing any Club's show money and equipment if they moved out prompted us to look for new quarters.

We moved to the Colonial Baptist Church on Scyene Road where we met for several years. We had a separate room and plenty of room for equipment. Buz and Julia Lovett of The Lapidary Workshop on Greenville Avenue helped us get a great deal of additional equipment. The Church eventually made a commitment with a Korean congregation, and we had to move.

From there, we moved to the Umphress Methodist Church in Pleasant, which gave us a meeting room and a separate equipment room. After a year or so, we received a short notice to move, so we found a

place in a Commercial Building on Ferguson Road, near I-30. After about a year, we found a private school on Centennial near Spring Valley and Abrams Road. Here we had plenty of room and probably were there for about 2 - 3 years.

Then we found the Women's Activities Building in Garland and found a shop location not too far away. Our shop schedules grew fast there, and after a few years we found our present shop location, combining with the Dallas Gem and Mineral Society which enabled us to come closer to breaking even on operation {note: in 2007, due to infrequent use of the shop equipment by POGMC members, the club's interest in the shop was sold to the Dallas Gem and Mineral Society}. The Women's Activities Building location has been, and we hope will continue to be, our best ever meeting spot. All these years we had annual shows at: (1) the Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center, (2) the Armory in Pleasant Grove, (3) the Holiday Inn near Centerville and LBJ, (4) a motel in Irving on 183, (5) the Villa Inn across from Big Town (recently torn down), and (6) the Richardson Civic Center {note: since this article was published, we have also held our show at the Ellison Miles Geotechnology Institute at Brookhaven College for several years, but have discontinued holding a show after the 2008 show}.

POGMC HISTORY UPDATED
Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

The club's last meeting at the Garland Women's Activities Building (GWAB) was the December 2021 Christmas Party. At the time, we did not know it would be our last meeting at the GWAB. We had been trying to contact the GWAB to renew our

Our January 2022 Meeting was scheduled for Spring Creek BBQ to discuss the meeting hall situation. Unfortunately, about half the club visited the Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson, while the other half visited the one in Garland. Obviously, nothing was decided at the January meeting. For the February 2022 meeting, the Dallas Gem and Mineral Society (DGMS) allowed us to use their learning room in their shop on Plano Road. It was a kind gesture by DGMS, but the weather did not cooperate. We canceled the meeting due to a winter storm and icy roads. For our March 2022 meeting, we began meeting at the Bradfield Recreation Center, located near downtown Garland. The Bradfield

Recreation Center was a suitable location, but our contract stipulated a 90-minute meeting. We always seemed rushed to finish our meetings. In November 2023, the Bradfield Recreation Center informed us that they could not renew our 2024 contract due to a change in City policy. Our last meeting at the Bradfield Recreation Center was in December 2023.

Our January 2024 meeting was held at the Golden Corral Buffet in Garland. At that meeting, we announced that we were looking at two locations as our new home. Our decision was made, and our February 2024 meeting was held at our current location, the Knights of Columbus Council 6402 Hall, located at 3722 Cavalier Drive in Garland. We also changed our meeting date to the first Monday of each month. The Knights of Columbus Hall is a nice location with excellent facilities. We are now in the second year of meeting there and hope to continue meeting there for a long time.

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Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club

Directions: Fill in the words from the MEETING LOCATIONS and SHOW LOCATIONS into the Word-Fall. Spaces are marked as filled in squares. MEETING LOCATIONS will be left to right, SHOW LOCATIONS will be right to left.

MEETING LOCATIONS	SHOW LOCATIONS
PLEASANT OAKS RECREATION CENTER	RICHARDSON CIVIC CENTER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL	PLEASANT OAKS RECREATION CENTER
UMPHRESS METHODIST CHURCH	THE ARMORY IN PLEASANT GROVE
COLONIAL BAPTIST CHURCH	HOLIDAY INN NEAR CENTERVILLE
GARLAND WOMENS ACTIVITIES BUILDING	VILLA INN
BRADFIELD RECREATION CENTER	A MOTEL IN IRVING
	COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON FERGUSON
	PRIVATE SCHOOL ON CENTENNIAL
	BROOKHAVEN COLLEGE

WORD-FALL FILL IN

1 Across: The first letter of the alphabet

1 Down: The last letter of the alphabet

2 Across: The second letter of the alphabet

2 Down: The first letter of the word "Kite"

3 Across: The third letter of the alphabet

3 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

4 Across: The fourth letter of the alphabet

4 Down: The first letter of the word "Kite"

5 Across: The fifth letter of the alphabet

5 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

6 Across: The sixth letter of the alphabet

6 Down: The first letter of the word "Kite"

7 Across: The seventh letter of the alphabet

7 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

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9 Across: The ninth letter of the alphabet

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11 Across: The eleventh letter of the alphabet

11 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

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12 Down: The first letter of the word "Kite"

13 Across: The thirteenth letter of the alphabet

13 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

14 Across: The fourteenth letter of the alphabet

14 Down: The first letter of the word "Kite"

15 Across: The fifteenth letter of the alphabet

15 Down: The last letter of the word "Kite"

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FEDERATION NEWS

From the Desk of the [AFMS] President
J.C. Moore, from the June 2025 AFMS Newsletter

It does not seem possible, but I am on the downward side of my term as President. By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have been to three of the seven Regional Conventions - Eastern, Midwest, and California. The next couple of months will be void of traveling to conventions until the month of September, when the Northwest, Southeast, and Rocky Mountain Federations hold their conventions on consecutive weekends. I'm afraid that a new vehicle may be required by the time my term is finished.



As we continue to attend conventions, the attention to having an active kids' area really stands out. In today's busy world, there are so many strings pulling on everyone that time management is important. The fact that clubs are putting more emphasis on attracting kids to be involved in our hobby is very encouraging. I have witnessed in years past where clubs had discouraged youngsters from being involved in the club. Without these youngsters, the future of our hobby is not good. The Future Rockhound program leaders have shown a passion for our hobby and are instilling the same in the youngsters just getting started in our hobby. It is my desire to see an active youth program in all our clubs.

I hope everyone has a great summer and will be able to share their rockhounding experiences with their clubs.

Until September, JC Moore
AFMS President, 2024-25

Shows and Activities – Upcoming Show and Activity Dates

Check the show contact to verify the show status

AUGUST

August 9-10, Baton Rouge Gem and Mineral Society, Lamar Dixon Expo Cntr, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/batonrougegemandmineral/>

August 16-17, Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center, <https://larockclub.com/>

OCTOBER

October TBA, Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana, John A Alario Event Center, <https://www.gmsofla.org/>

October 17-19, Austin G&MS show and SCFMF Convention (October 18). The show is held at the Palmer Event Center in downtown Austin. The Convention Breakfast and General Meeting will take place at their clubhouse, located at 6719 Burnet Lane. The awards banquet will be held at Nature's Treasures, located at 11055 N. IH-35 Frontage Rd. Both are north of downtown Austin.

Ref: Local Shows, https://www.scfms.net/local_shows.htm

VISIT AN AREA CLUB

[Arlington Gem & Mineral Club](#), meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 1408 Gibbins, Arlington, TX

[CERA Gem, Mineral, & Glass Club](#), meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, CERA 3300 Bryant Irvin Rd. Fort Worth

[Dallas Bead Society](#), meets 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at The Point at CC Young, 4847 W. Lawther Dr., Dallas, TX

[Dallas Gem & Mineral Society](#) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, American Legion, 10205 Plano Rd, Dallas (next to their shop)

[Fort Worth Gem & Mineral Club](#), meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, 3545 Bryan Avenue, Ft. Worth

[Oak Cliff Gem & Min Soc.](#), meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3839 W. Keist Blvd, Dallas,

[Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club](#), meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Knights of Columbus Hall, 3722 Cavalier Dr., Garland

[Wild West Bead Society](#), meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, Wild Beads, 1124 S. Bowen Road, Arlington, TX

JULY MEETING

SPRING CREEK BBQ

RICHARDSON

7:00 PM

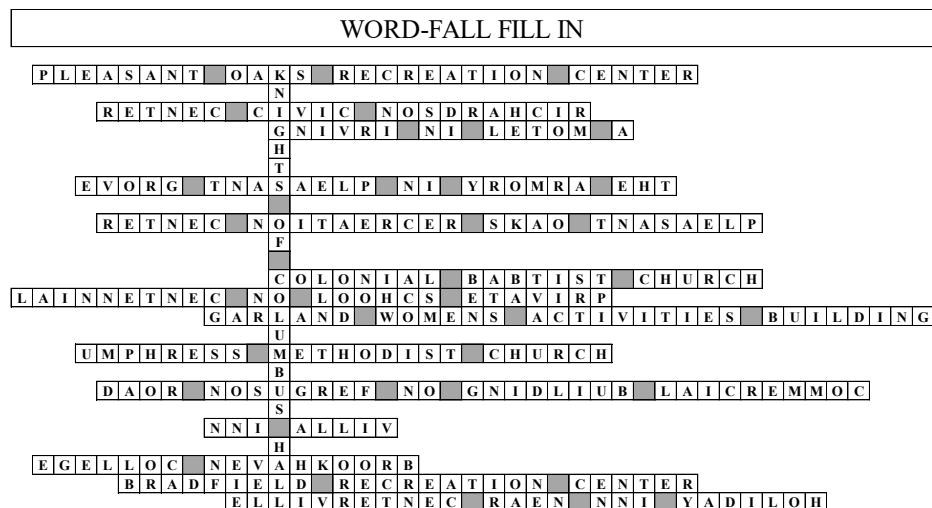
FOOD, FUN, TALK, DOOR PRIZE

BE THERE!

From southbound US75, Exit at Belt Line Drive. Take the U-Turn lane. The second building on the right

From northbound US 75, Exit at Beltline Drive and proceed through the light. The second building on the right

Word-Fall Puzzle Solution:



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Minutes of the June 2, 2025 Meeting

Written by Don Shurtz, POGMC EDITOR: I took the minutes for the June 2 meeting, but unfortunately, I am unable to locate the source documents. The following are my recollections of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:30 PM by President Joe Vulk. Joe led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Our By-Laws define a Quorum as those members present at a regularly scheduled meeting; therefore, we had a Quorum. There were no visitors. Amy Vulk was unable to attend the meeting. There were no Minutes from the May meeting, as it was our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration; no business was conducted at the meeting. We did, however, vote to approve the April Meeting Minutes as published in the May Chips and Chatter. There was no Old Business. Under New Business, we voted to hold our July meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson. We then took a short break for snacks and to prepare for the Presentation. With a group effort, we connected the laptop to the projector and viewed a video. Finally, we held the Raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

President's Message

Joe Vulk, POGMC President

On Father's Day, June 15th, my family again treated me to the gem and mineral show reported by Don in his email of June 12th. Brenda, Amy, Eden, and our little friend went, and we all enjoyed the show. It was sponsored by the Arlington G&MC and held at the Grapevine Convention Center. This venue is nice but comparatively small - the size is much smaller than the Dallas DGMS show held in the Mesquite Convention Center. Two smallish rooms were dedicated to lapidary and the juniors. In the lapidary room, they were actively creating cabs and faceted gemstones. In the juniors' room, Eden and I participated in the spin-the-wheel game and, for a

nominal price, won two pouches each with a nice assortment of rocks and jewelry.

In the entrance hallway, they had three display cases filled with nice pieces for the raffle, for which we purchased inexpensive tickets. The grand prize was a beautiful amethyst cathedral over a foot high. Although we didn't win anything this time, it was still enjoyable to participate. Numerous display cases nicely showcased the various facets of the club and highlighted the classes they offered.

In the main hall, there was a good mix of vendors and AGMC club exhibits. One that I found interesting was a display by the club featuring fossils found in the Arlington area. These were primarily ammonite shells. Many of these were sawn in half, revealing a nice, brownish coloring inside. I also learned from the fluorescent display that the specimens react to the black lights differently, both in terms of longwave and shortwave. I missed Warner and Julie's booth, but Amy and Eden said they were there. Amy bought me two geodes which were split in half in front of us by crushing with a (motorcycle?) chain welded to a levering device. They both had white drusy quartz inside. Brenda and Eden bought some rings. We all had some nice things to take home.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our 4th of July get-together at Spring Creek Barbecue.

Joe Vulk

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at SPRING CREEK BBQ in RICHARDSON, TX. We will meet at 7:00 PM and enter the serving lines shortly after. There will be a door prize.

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PLEASANT OAKS GEM and MINERAL CLUB of DALLAS



Meetings

First Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be June 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3722 Cavalier Drive, Garland, TX

Membership

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

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, particularly 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. Pleasant Oaks Gem and Mineral Club of Dallas is a not-for-profit organization

CHIPS AND CHATTER

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club
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To

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 7, 2025, starting at 7:00. We will meet at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson. Be prepared for some GOOD FOOD.

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