

*Midland Gem & Mineral Society***MGMS Newsletter**E-mail address: mgmstx@gmail.com

Affiliations: South Central & American Federations of Mineralogical Societies

Upcoming Events**GENERAL MEETING:**

Thursday, February 24 at 7:00 pm-Sibley Learning Center at 1307 East Wadley Avenue

**SCHARBAUER HOUSE/
NEW SHOP BUILDING**

WORK DAY: Saturday, February 26 at 9:00am- 12:00 noon at 602 South Main Street (see page 2)

BIG SPRING Prospectors

Club SHOW: Saturday & Sunday, March 5 & 6 (see page 2)

BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm-MGMS Shop at 801 North Fort Worth Street

IMPORTANT NOTICE:**NO Monday Night Open Shop until further notice.**

Due to removal & cleaning of all lapidary equipment, we are suspending Monday Night Open Shop at the 801 N. Fort Worth Street shop location.

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**2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES & SHOP FEES ARE DUE!
FINAL NOTICE!**

If you have already paid membership dues for 2011, the word "PAID" (or "Honorary Member") will appear in the box below on copies mailed out to members:



Members who receive their newsletter by e-mail will get an e-mail (or other notice) that they have paid their membership dues for 2011. If the word "PAID" (or "Honorary Member") does not appear in the box of your snail-mailed copy of the newsletter, or you do not receive an e-mail (or other notice) that you have paid your 2011 membership dues...

...THEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED...
...and this will be your last newsletter.

In order to renew your membership and continue receiving the benefits of being a member, **you must pay your membership dues at the upcoming Thursday night February 24 general meeting:**

- ADULT, age 18+ membership: \$25.00
- SPOUSE/Other Adult Family, age 18+: \$15.00
(This includes any relative living at same address)
- STUDENT, ages 12 – 17 membership: \$2.50
- Yearly Shop Use Fee: \$12.00

Can't attend the February 24 meeting? Then mail your membership dues & yearly shop use fees to:

Midland Gem & Mineral Society
P.O. Box 5043
Midland, Texas 79704

Got any questions about renewals, membership dues or yearly shop use fees? **Call David Richardson at (432) 362-1912**, or send an e-mail with "Dues & Fees" as the subject to: mgmstx@gmail.com
...OR... see David Richardson at the Sibley Learning Center for our February 24 general meeting.



MGMS members **Sam Stevens** (at left in photo) and Herman Jones used tumblers to show how tumbled stones are made at the Petroleum Museum's February 17 "Inventions!" Family Science Night.
Photos: Herman Jones

**February Program****The Tucson Gem & Mineral Shows**

40+ shows in 3 weeks !

Scheduled to present:

Brian & Adam Ball,

James & Jacqueline and Patricia Darby,
...and also...

Herman and Daniel Jones

Bring a friend who would like to see this program to the Thursday, February 24 general meeting.

Sunshine Corner

By Herman Jones 694-2142 or 520-7313

Harold Ervin died on Saturday, February 12 in Midland. A memorial service was held in Midland on Saturday, February 19 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Over the years, Harold has taught lapidary, faceting and wire wrap classes and gave faceting demonstrations at local area events. Please continue to remember his daughter, Debbie, and the rest of the family in this time of adjustment.

Rod Spiwak has been released from medical facilities and returned home on Friday, February 18. He is recovering and gaining strength. Telephone calls would be appreciated.

Howie Whiting's (Roswell, NM) youngest son, **Roy Whiting**, died Thursday, February 10 in San Angelo, Texas. A memorial service was held in Brownwood, Texas with burial at Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early, Texas on Monday, February 14. Please remember his loved ones in this time of adjustment.

Memorials and Honorariums:

You can make a monetary gift in any amount to our organization in honor or in memory of someone for a tax deduction. Please make certain that you designate which fund you want the money to go into: Building, Endowment, or General Fund. Call David Richardson 432-362-1912.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to new members: **Toni Dzubay** and **Keith Leoffler** ...
Welcome!

SCHARBAUER HOUSE/ NEW SHOP BUILDING WORK DAY:

Saturday, February 26
9:00am - 12 noon

602 South Main Street in Midland

Projects for this work day include: painting the shipping container, painting in the new shop, moving the saw & grinders, moving other items to the new shop, cleaning the bricks and putting in a new gate. If you are going to paint, please wear clothes to paint in. All MGMS members, family members and friends are welcome. We will furnish cold water and soft drinks. **HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?** Call David Richardson 432-362-1912, Thomas Bauer 432-335-8932 or Mark Burgess 432-683-1861.

MGMS Scholarship Deadline

A reminder that a child or grandchild of a person who is a member of MGMS, such member having been active for the year preceding the child's application, is included in the senior high school students who can apply for the Midland Gem & Mineral Society Scholarship Award. Applications will be available at MGMS meetings or call Craig or Mary Tellinghuisen at (432) 697-7668. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 25, 2011 to: Midland Gem & Mineral Society, P.O. Box 5043, Midland, Texas 79704

JOKE *Teacher:* "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?"
Louis: "Because George still had the axe in his hand."

Club Liaison News: Big Spring Show...

The Big Spring Prospectors Club has requested ten displays from our members to be placed in their show. Set up will take place there on Friday, March 4. If you can take a display, or have us take it & set it up for you, see Club Liaison **Herman Jones** at the Thursday, February 24 general meeting, or call Herman at 432-694-2142 or 432-520-7313, or send an e-mail with "Big Spring Show" as the subject to mgmstx@gmail.com.

BIG SPRING show: 1st weekend,

MARCH 5 & 6

*Big Spring Prospectors Club 42nd
Annual Show*

**Howard County Fair Barn,
Rodeo Grounds,
Big Spring, Texas**

Hours:

Sat. 9 – 5, Sun. 10 – 5.

FREE ADMISSION

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks goes to Michael Anderson, Cindy & Stephen DiTullio, and Bob Price for donating used computer ink and toner cartridges.

WANTED: USED INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

You help our organization save money each time you donate your used computer ink and toner cartridges. We accept the following brands: **Brother, Canon, Dell, Epson, HP, Kodak, Lexmark & Samsung**. Just bring the used cartridge to any meeting. Questions? Call Daniel Jones at 432-694-2142 or 432-520-7313.

South Central Federation Show
Chihuahuan Desert Gem and
Mineral Club's 22nd Annual

Big Bend Gem & Mineral Show

Alpine, Texas

Alpine Civic Center
Highway 90 W. & 13th St. N.

April 15 - 17

Fri. & Sat. 9 - 6, Sun. 11 - 5

FREE ADMISSION

Call Mary Brogan 432-386-2340
or e-mail her at

marybrogan@rocketmail.com

website: www.cdgmc.org

Rollin' Rock Club meets Sunday,
10:00 am at Alpine Civic Center in
the City Council chamber room.

FIELD TRIP: Wednesday, April
13 at Woodward Ranch, Highway
118, south of Alpine, about a mile
or so past a border patrol station.
Watch for ranch sign on right. Call
for info on rock hunting at the
ranch or a trip to Needle Peak (by
Big Bend National Park). Cost to
depend on number of people go-
ing. Call Trey or Jan Woodward at
432-364-2271 or e-mail them at
paradiseranch5@hotmail.com for
more info.

BADLANDS FOSSILS: Tour of
Museum and dig sites by paleon-
tologist Ken Barnes, located be-
tween Lajitas and Terlingua. Call
432-371-2445 to schedule a time.
This will be an easier trip.

HOST HOTEL: Ramada Limited
2800 Highway 90 West. Please
call 432-837-1100 for reservations.
Tell them you're with Gem and
Mineral Show - Price: \$80.54 plus
tax for 2 people, **INCLUDES:**
breakfast and on weekdays, dinner
and cash bar.

January and February Work Days Report

The **January 22** Scharbauer House
and New Shop Building Work Day
saw the following chores completed
by MGMS members: Finished in-
stalling splash boards, final coat on
them in big room, primer put on the
ones installed. Tested hot water
heater for leaks. Base boards were
cut and shaped for the grinders and
polishers.

Thanks goes to the following mem-
bers who worked on these projects:
Thomas Bauer, Chuck Brown,
Jim Darby, Herman Jones, Anna
Richardson and David Richardson.

The **February 5** Scharbauer House
and New Shop Building Work Day
saw the following chores completed
by MGMS members: Worked on
getting the polishers and grinders
ready to be installed in the new
shop, power cleaned the chassis for
the grinders and polishers, leveled
the legs on the new shop's work-
benches.

Thanks goes to the following mem-
bers who worked on these projects:
Thomas Bauer, Chuck Brown,
Mark Burgess, Jim Darby, Herman
Jones and David Richardson.

**JUST BECAUSE A WORK DAY
ISN'T ANNOUNCED DOESN'T
MEAN THERE AREN'T ANY
PEOPLE WORKING!!!** As you
will see in the photos at right, we
have members who have been put-
ting in many hours working to get
our new shop ready to open & use!!



Jim Darby (at left) and **Chuck Brown**
(at right in top photo) using the router
to prepare wood for new shop's work
benches. All photos by Herman Jones



Thomas Bauer and the new water
heater in our new shop building.



Chuck Brown enlarging the opening
for screws on work bench.

January 27 General Meeting

President Bauer called the meeting to order. Since there were no corrections or additions, the minutes of the January 13 Dinner Social stood approved as published in the newsletter. David Richardson gave the Treasurer's report. David said that if you want to donate money in memory or in honor of someone, and you want it to go into our organization's Endowment Fund, it is better to use the form provided by the Permian Basin Area Foundation. Guests were Emily Burgess, Toni Dzubay, Anaiz Galindo, Cindy Hall, Eddie Hall, Nathan Knowles, Keith Leoffler, Keith McLelland and Adam Smith. New members recognized were Gina Brooks, Jay Fulfer and Sydney Bauer. Building Committee Chairman, Bill Halepeska, reported that he had contacted the electrician and the plumber about having the city inspectors come out to our new shop building and hopefully get closer to our final inspection. Bill said that the MGMS members who are continuously working over at the new shop building have been putting in some long hours and are doing a great job. Bill also mentioned that we should be looking at moving rocks over next to the new shop from his and other MGMS member's homes who have been holding them for us. Herman Jones gave the Sunshine Chairman report. Club Liaison, Herman Jones, reported that the next show that we would take displays to would be the Big Spring Prospectors Club show, held on March 5 & 6. Herman also said that we will have a booth with displays at the Scottish/Irish Celtic Fair in Midland on March 12 & 13. President Bauer announced some new organization chairs for 2011: Webmaster – Katrina Cornell, Show Chairman – Tom Wurster, Field Trips – Anna Richardson, Class Chair – Jacqueline Darby, and Refreshment Coordinator – Jennifer Bauer. President Bauer asked what we would want to paint the pieces of plywood that the grinders will set on in the new shop. It was agreed upon to paint them a color that will not show up all the grime. Daniel Jones said that since the South Central Federation Show in Alpine, Texas would be held in April, he would have information about it in the February newsletter. The members present thanked Jennifer Bauer, Anna Richardson and Lyn Yater for bringing refreshments. After the refreshment break, President Bauer passed around sign-up sheets for members to volunteer to bring refreshments to our monthly 4th Thursday general meetings. For show & tell, Tom Wurster had a ring that belonged to his father that a machinist had made in World War 2. President Bauer then presented Tom Wurster with an engraved rock core in appreciation of him holding the office of



president of MGMS in 2010.

President Bauer then turned the floor over to Vice President Wurster. Tom thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers after his wife, Kathy, had passed away. He then introduced Elaine



Magruder, who, along with Nathan Knowles, presented the program on the new I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center. (*Editor's Note:* You can "visit" the preserve online at www.I20WildlifePreserve.org and see some of the flora and fauna that live there and get more information about this project). Winners of the door prizes were Toni Dzubay, Jean Fulton, Mark Burgess, Herman Jones, Ava Li Rhodes, Katrina Cornell, Lyn Yater, Nathan Knowles, Sam Stevens, Keith Leoffler and Gina Brooks. Vice President Wurster announced that the February program would be on the Tucson, Arizona Gem and Mineral Shows. The meeting was then adjourned.

February 8 Board Meeting

President Bauer called the meeting to order. Vice President Wurster, and board members Harrington and Mayo were absent. Since there were no corrections or additions, the minutes of the January 4 meeting stood approved as published in the newsletter. Treasurer David Richardson read the financial report. Motion was made by Bill Halepeska and seconded by Michael Anderson to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Building Committee Chairman, Bill Halepeska, reported that we have tentative approval from the plumbing, electrical and mechanical city inspectors on our new shop building. There are only a few things that need to be worked on concerning the electrical, but once those are changed, the new shop building should be ready for the final overall inspection. David Richardson said that all of the new boards for the grinders, polishers and saws have been made and given two coats of paint. They are now in the process of taking all of these machines out from the old shop building and getting them cleaned up in preparation to move and install them in the new shop building. Bill Halepeska said that one thing that should be done is to move all the rocks from his and other MGMS member's homes who have been holding them for us over next to the new shop. David Richardson said that we will need to have a Scharbauer House/New Shop work day on Saturday, February 26. → *Continued* → →

