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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,
Hope this message finds you all well and warm.
Seems like winter is here to stay, for a while at least. Just a note of sincere thanks to our speaker this month, Brennan Barrette. She gave us a great program with wonderful information on heart health. We had a great turn-out and great fellowship.

Thanks also goes to those who joined us on November 10th for our work day at the club. Together, we accomplished quite a bit. And thanks also goes out to those who take time and work on slabs, cabs, rough, and such for our auction. Not everyone can come on Saturdays to work, however, many of you work during your evenings at the club. That is also greatly appreciated. It doesn't matter where you volunteer, whether it's on Saturday work days, evenings cabbing or slabbing, or volunteering at the show. Whatever it is, we couldn't be a club without you.

Just a reminder that our next meeting is December 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m. This is our annual Christmas pitch-in dinner and gift exchange. The club will supply the main course, tableware and drinks. We ask that everyone bring a covered dish. If you wish to be included in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. The limit is \$10 for the gift. Anything to do with rocks is appreciated.

Again, thank you.
See you soon,

Deb Chagares :)

EIGGS Monthly Meeting Minutes

Nov. 1, 2018 ~ 6:30 pm

Mona Jones, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Blue
Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Jim Fritz
Peggy Fritz
Erna Jacob

Mona Jones
Estel Jones
Jim Lucas
Marty Lucas
John LaMont
Jim Merrill

Kyle Nash
Lisa Nash
Angie Shaffer
Hailee Shaffer
Dave Straw
Linda Straw

Gina Waddle

Guest:
Jacob Davis
Andrea Flack

BUSINESS :

Deb Chagares: Motion was proposed and read by Mona Jones, EIGGS Secretary to raise the club yearly dues and the shop fees. Monthly dues would be as follows: single member \$20 and family \$30. The shop fees would be \$4.00 per evening. Motion was voted on and passed by all in attendance, zero opposed the motion. The

increase was needed due to the increased cost of maintenance of the equipment and club.

If members pay their yearly dues in full before Dec 1, 2018; then they will get the year membership at the current rate of single \$15 and family \$20.

CLUB HOUSE PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE:

Jim Lucas: Provided a report on the wheel-chair ramp to the garage. Jim provided a handout with the possible costs of the ramp and is looking for ideas regarding the construction of the ramp.

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Reminder: The door to the garage has a padlock on it and board members have the key.

It's been suggested that someone who is knowledgeable about stones and their worth to go through the tumbled stones and value the stones for the silent auction at the show.

Work Day: November 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Work will be done on silent

OTHER BUSINESS :

The Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the work shop. Club will provide the meat, place settings and the beverages. Members can bring their favorite covered dish to share. If you want to participate in the gift exchange just bring a gift costing no more than \$10 for either males or females. No names need to be attached to your gift.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker heart specialist Brennan Barrett, NP-C with Reid Hospital Heart Center presented information to the club about women's heart health and related issues.

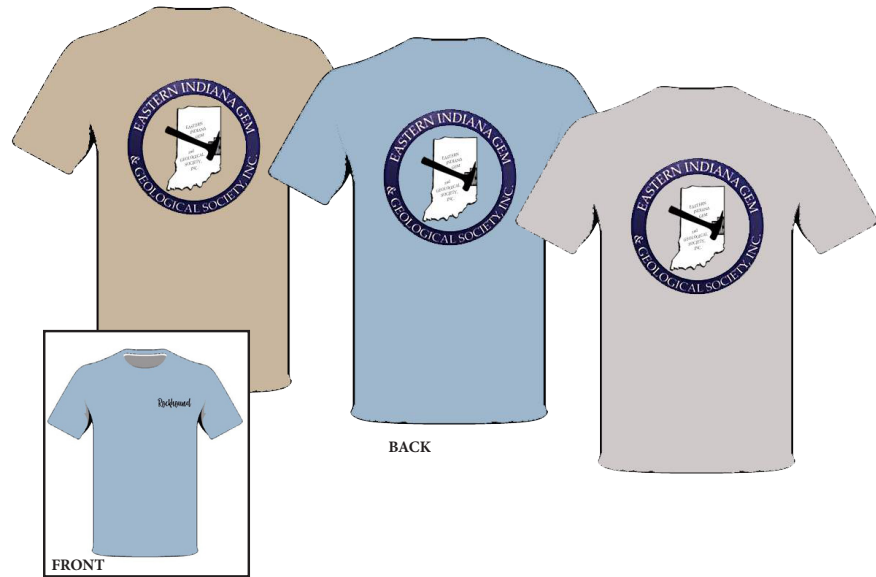


Brennan N. Barrett, NP-C

CLUB HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Get your club T-shirts now to wear at the March show! If you're interested in a t-shirt or two please let Angie Shaffer know. You can see the shirts on the club EIGG website as well as find more information about the shirts. You must pay for the shirts when you order. There is also a sign up sheet in the work room for t-shirts. We need at least 50 before we can place the order!

Colors are light blue, beige, and gray
S to 1X - \$10.00
2X and up - \$11.00



These shirts would be a great opportunity to promote our club in the community as well as nice to wear at the show. Once we have a commitment for 50 shirts, money will need to be collected so we can pay the printer and avoid taking the money from the club funds. It would be nice to have the order ready to send to the printers by mid-December. This will give some people opportunity to sign up for the shirts at the December meeting and Christmas party.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Report for the month of October
By Angie Shaffer

Credit:	\$1,509
Debit:	\$1,230

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

WORK DAY:

Dec. 15th, 10 am – 2 pm

Jan. 19th, 10 am – 2 pm

Please work on cabs.
When working on items
for the silent auction you
**DO NOT NEED TO PAY
SHOP FEES**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm by motion Marty Lucas and second by Erna Jacob
Meeting minutes written by Mona Jones, EGGG Secretary .

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ December 2018

1-2-PINECREST, FLORIDA: Show and sale; MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD; EVELYN GREER PARK, 8200 SW 124 Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$6, free for children under 12 with paid adult admission; exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral and fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry and artisan-crafted collectibles, children's activities include jewelry-making sessions, surprise grab-bags, gem prospecting, and geode splitting; contact Sandy Mielke, 2434 Swanson Avenue, Miami, FL 33133; Email: web-guy@mmlg-inc.org; Website: www.miamigemand-mineral.com

1-2-PATCHOGUE, NEW YORK: Annual show; Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Auditorium, 495 No. Ocean Ave (County Road 83); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, free admission for children under 12 with a paying adult; 20 vendors, geode cracking, and activities for children; contact Elaine Casani, 1522 Walnut Ave, BOHEMIA, NY 11716, (631) 567-3342; Email: lavenderlady@optonline.net; Website: suffolkgem.com

7-9-LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA: 22nd Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show; Mammoth Rock Shows; Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, entrance on Davis Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5 (good for 3 days),

children under 16 free; more than 40 dealers, collector minerals, fossils, rough rock specimens, gold and silver findings, tools and lapidary equipment, beads, jewelry creations, loose and mounted precious stones, on-site jewelry repairs, \$20 gift certificates given out every hour, Treasure Chest, grand door prize drawing Sunday, free parking; contact Richard Hightower, 78 Emerald Hill, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 369-7226; Email: staff@mammothrock.com; Website: www.mammothrock.com

8-9-FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE: Annual show; Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society; Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$1, children 11 and under free; more than 30 dealers, plus classes, speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, lapidary and faceting rough, slabs, fossils and mineral specimens; contact John Martin, 1212 Firefly Road, Hermitage, TN 37076, (615) 210-5385; Email: mbdjewelry@aol.com; Website: www.mtgms.org

8-9-FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE: Annual show; Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society; Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$1, children under 12 free; door prizes approximately every hour, grand prize at the conclusion of the show; contact Teresa Estes, 2329 Rader Ridge Road, Antioch, TN 37013; Website: mtgms.org

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next Meeting: December 6th; 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

2019 Richmond Gem & Mineral Show

Friday, March 1--10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, March 2--10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, March 3--11 a.m.-4 p.m.

2019 Membership Renewal

Payment due Dec. 1st, 2018

The renewal form is online at eiggs.weebly.com

or see Angie at the club.

WHAT IS MATTE STONE PROCESS?

Matte finished or frosted gemstones have become a popular design choice in jewelry. They compliment many of the newer design materials such as- ribbon, leather, chain, rusted auto parts- or whatever designers dream up. Matte finished beads work with many of the alternative metals and the variety of finishes now available- gun metal, copper, antiqued, etc. Matte finish offers a subtle accent or an understated elegance to designs and is a great choice when designing men's jewelry. The process to matte finish a bead is counter intuitive and actually requires more steps than the tra-

ditional polished stone. The stone bead is put through all the normal steps of a polished bead- cut, drilled polished- then is goes back into the tumbler with a fine grit powder, water and additional tiny stones and tumbled to the desired look. Each stone type requires a different amount of time in the tumbler depending on the material's hardness and characteristics. Harder materials can require up to 2 hours in the tumbler and occasionally it takes multiple tumblers with different various sized grit powder.

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