



CHEROKEE ROCKHOUND

*Tahlequah Rock & Mineral Society, Inc., PO Box 932, Tahlequah, OK 74465
Meet the third Tuesday each month at the Tahlequah Public Library*

Tahlequah Rock and Mineral Society is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation Mineralogical Society and an IRS 501 c 3 Non-profit organization. TRAMS mission is to promote the various earth sciences fields for adult and children through classes, activities, education, Rock Show and Swaps, etc.

Announcement: The December potluck and gift exchange meeting will be held December 15, 2009 7 pm at the Tahlequah Public Library. 2010 dues will be accepted at the meeting.

At the November 2009 meeting, an election was held and the results are reported, the office of President, Vice president, Secretary was filled by acclamation. The office of treasurer was voted and filled by Anita Potts; in another race, Joe Bunch filled Jerry Hudson position on the Board of Directors. In the Delegate office was filled by Ron Loyd.

Past President	Maxine Woods	918.207.7725
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News from the Prezzz.....Merry Christmas and have a rocking new year and what an exciting year, the year was filled with many new and exciting presentations, demonstrations and field trips. Thank you all for stepping up there was no way we could have accomplished what we have and I know sometime we feel that we are unappreciated but we have opened new doors for many folks who share the same interests. Our rock and swap show was another huge success, the results of many hours of planning and hard work by all. Welcome to the new members to our club as of last count we had 33 members, please if you have suggestions or recommendation please let one of the officers know, we encourage and

welcome your input. I thank the state rock and mineral clubs who showed great support and welcomed the opportunity to participate. We have stepped up, networked with the other clubs to support the interest of our hobby, and renewed our friendships. Thank you all, for your support and I look forward to another successful year and keep on rocking.....

Karen Bunch

Other feature Where to find your birthstone... index by state... due to the length I will provide three months per edition of the Cherokee Rockhound, for more information the materials are from the Northwest Treasure Hunter's Gem and Mineral Guide by Kathy J. Rygle and Stephen F. Pedersen

January birthstone: Garnet birthstone, Arizona: Tempe; New Mexico Dixon; Montana: Alder, Helena Nevada: Ely; North Carolina: Almond, Boone, Canton, Cherokee, Chimney Rock, Franklin

February birthstone: Amethyst birthstone, Arizona: Glendale; Arkansas: Mt. Ida, Murfreesboro; North Carolina: Almond, Boone, Cherokee, Chimney Rock, Franklin Amethyst scepters Arizona: Tempe

March birthstone: Aquamarine or Bloodstone birthstone, Aquamarine - North Carolina: Boone, Chimney Rock, Franklin, Hiddenite, Little Switzerland, Marion, Micaville, Spruce Pine. Bloodstone No listing.

September field trip Bald Hill and Cookson water district. The day was wonderfully warm we had about twenty participants some from NW Arkansas, Ada and Virgil Richards, regional director RMFMS. We met at Wal-mart and proceeded south to the bald hill area. All collected an assortment of branch coral and crinoids stems. From there, Dusty Daugherty led the group to the Cookson Area and literally mined blastoids from huge sandstone boulders and the mounds of shale deposits, thank you Dusty.

November Field Trip a small group headed south to the Ada area for Boley Agates, after a healthy drive and some minor misdirection's we all arrived at the site. The day was wonderful and eventually we had to take a layer of cloths off and we found outstanding Boley agate and petrified wood specimens.

Show Dates

January

1-10--QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: Show, "Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show"; Tyson Wells Enterprises Inc.; Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 100 W. Kuehn St.; 9-5 all days; free admission; contact Kym Scott, P.O. Box 60, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (928) 927-6364; e-mail: tysonwells@tds.net; Web site: <http://www.tysonwells.com>

1-31--LAUGHLIN, NEVADA: Show, "Clouds Jamboree"; Richard Cloud; Avi Resort and Casino - Outdoor RV Park, 10000 Aha Macav Pkwy.; 10-5 every day; contact Richard Cloud,

P.O. Box 284, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, (866) 558-7719; e-mail: cloudsjamboree@tds.net; Web site: www.cloudsjamboree.com

30-12--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Business to Business Gem Trade Show; Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc.; The Gem Mall, 4475 S. Country Club Rd.; daily 10-6, last day 10-3; contact Gem and Lapidary Wholesalers Inc., P.O. Box 98, Flora, MS 39071-0098, (601) 879-8832; e-mail: info@glwshows.com; Web site: <http://www.glwshows.com>

February

12-14--KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI: Show; Cabin Fever Productions; Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer; Fri. 4-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, seniors and students \$2, children 12 and under free; jewelry, gems, rocks, minerals, fossils, attendance prizes; contact Melanie Vick, 1801 Barbary Way, Swansea, IL 62226, (618) 830-8471; e-mail: cabinfeverprod@aol.com; Web site: www.cabinfeverproductions@yolasite.com

20-21--PLAINVIEW, TEXAS: 48th annual show; Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Society; Ollie Liner Center, south I-27; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, students \$1; dealers, demonstrators, grand prizes, silent auction, kids' wheel; contact Mildred Matlock, 701 Zephyr, Plainview, TX 79072, (806) 293-3476; e-mail: jmmatlock@suddenlink.net

March

17--OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA: Show, "Rings & Things Bead Tour"; Rings & Things; Biltmore Hotel, 401 S. Meridian Ave.; Wed. 2-6; free admission; gemstones, bead strands, wholesale prices, findings, stringing supplies; contact Dave Robertson, P.O. Box 450; Spokane, WA 99210, (800) 366-2156; e-mail: drobotson@rings-things.com; Web site: <http://www.rings-things.com>

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