

EL PASO MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY, Inc.
P.O. Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931
FOUNDED – 1947

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Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 2216 East Yandell (The Bridge Club), El Paso TX. Board Meetings will usually be held a half hour prior to the general meeting. The meeting in July is our yearly picnic – the date to be announced.

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The Voice

The Voice is the official bulletin of the Society and is published monthly. All articles must be in the editor's possession by the Thursday following the monthly meeting. Any articles received after that will not be published until the following month. Please note Charlie Christensen's e-mail address: charlieenos@msn.com. Please e-mail articles to be published. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Permission is granted to reprint material from other sources provided that credit is properly cited. Ads are accepted from members for publication at no charge for the sale or exchange of items pertaining to the hobby.

WEBSITE: Our club now has a website, www.epmgs.org. Any information you would like to see on this website contact Laura Spencer at trukestrel@hotmail.com.

The El Paso Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The purpose of this Society shall be to increase and disseminate knowledge about minerals and other geologic materials; to encourage mineral study, collecting and fashioning as a hobby; to conduct meeting, lectures, displays, field trips, and to sponsor shows for the general edification of the public.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be 25 September 2008 at 6:00 PM. This is ROCK AUCTION NIGHT!!! Everyone either bring some rockhound related items to auction off or bring lots of money. We usually have a lot of neat stuff to buy. Members with the last name starting L thru Z are asked to bring the goodies.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The School Board Meeting information will be posted under School Information and Class Enrollment. If you are interested in attending School Board Meetings please go to that section of the Newsletter for times, etc.

ADDRESS CHANGES

NOTE: Anyone who has a change in mailing address or phone number please send e-mail to Lydia Mueller at hjmgran@sbcglobal.net and Charlie Christensen at charlieenos@msn.com. If you do not have e-mail capabilities please send notification addressed to EPM&GS Membership, PO Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi Rock Hounds, well it's good to see one thing in our favor so that we can get back out there to our Field Trips and that's the gas prices are starting to go down. Now the only thing that we have to worry about is Old Mother Nature and hope it stops raining. It has already caused the cancellation of one Field Trip and our Picnic, but lets hope that will be it for now. At this months' meeting, we will be having our Rock auction, so don't forget to bring those rocks that will make us millions!!!

We will be having a Board meeting on Wednesday, 24 Sep 08 @ 5:30 PM in Las Cruces at the Village Inn, corner of Telshor and Lohman (right off I25). All Board members and show coordinators are asked to attend.

Mike



Our condolences go out to Matt Durning and his family at the passing of his mother on 23 August 2008 from pneumonia.



BIRTHDAYS AND

ANNIVERSARIES

For those of you who are celebrating one or both of these occasions in the month of September Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary.

BIRTHSTONE FOR SEPTEMBER – LAPIS

Never fear – Sapphire is still the most commonly known Birthstone for September. Lapis is the alternate.

Lazurite is a popular but generally expensive mineral. Well-formed, deep blue crystals are rare and valuable. It is more commonly found massive and combined with other minerals into a rock called lapis lazuli.

Lapis lazuli or lapis for short is mostly lazurite but commonly contains [pyrite](#) and [calcite](#) and some other minerals. The name means "blue rock" and is always a brilliant blue with violet or greenish tints. The rich blue color is due to the sulfur that is inherent in the structure of lazurite. Small crystals of pyrite are always present in lapis and their brassy yellow color is both attractive and diagnostic in distinguishing lapis from its also blue cousin - [sodalite](#) rock, which lacks pyrite. The calcite produces white streaks in the lapis and too much calcite will lower the value of the stone.

Lapis lazuli has been mined for centuries from a locality still in use today in the remote mountain valley called Kokcha, Afghanistan. First mined 6000 years ago, the rock was transported to Egypt and present day Iraq and later to Europe where it was used in jewelry and for ornamental stone. Europeans even ground down the rock into an expensive powdered pigment for paints called "ultramarine". Today ultramarine is manufactured artificially. Although now not the only source of lapis, the source in Afghanistan still produces the finest quality material.

Lazurite is a member of the [feldspathoid group](#) of minerals. Minerals whose chemistries are close to that of the alkali [feldspars](#) but are poor in silica (SiO₂) content, are called feldspathoids. As a result or more correctly as a function of the fact, they are found in silica poor rocks containing other silica poor minerals and no [quartz](#). If quartz were present when the melt was crystallizing, it would react with any feldspathoids and form a feldspar. Localities that have feldspathoids are few.

The name lazurite is often confused with the bright blue phosphate mineral [lazulite](#). However the two minerals can not be confused with each other

identification wise because of lazulite's typical vitreous luster and good crystal habit. The carbonate mineral [azurite](#) has a very similar color to lazurite but is associated with the green carbonate mineral [malachite](#) and reacts to acids.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- **Color** is brilliant blue with violet or greenish tints.
- **Luster** is dull to greasy.
- **Transparency:** Crystals are translucent to opaque.
- **Crystal System:** Isometric; bar 4 3/m
- **Crystal Habits:** Dodecahedral crystals have been found, usually massive as a rock (lapis lazuli) forming mineral.
- **Cleavage** is poor, in six directions, but rarely seen.
- **Fracture** is uneven
- **Hardness** is 5 - 5.5
- **Specific Gravity** is 2.3 - 2.4 (somewhat below average)
- **Streak** is bright blue.
- **Other Characteristics:** Index of refraction is 1.5.
- **Associated Minerals** [calcite](#), some [pyroxenes](#) and most diagnostic [pyrite](#).
- **Notable Occurrences** include Kokcha River valley, Afghanistan; Ovalle, Cordillera, Chile; near Lake Baikal, Russia; Mt. Vesuvius, Italy; Cascade Canyon, San Bernardino Mountains and Ontario Peak, California and in the Sawatch Mountains, Colorado, USA.
- **Best Field Indicators** are the violet-blue color, pyrite association (unlike sodalite), locality and specific gravity.

Source:
mineral.galleries.com/minerals/silicate/lazurite/lazurite.htm

(Aug 23-Sep 23)



Mercury

(Sep 24 – Oct 23)



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HINTS, TIPS, AND STUFF

EDITORS NOTES: The source of these tips, hints, and stuff are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not been tried by this editor.

New Credit Card Scam

[Snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) says this is true. See this site -<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/creditcard.asp>.

This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & Master Card Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from 'VISA', and I was called on Thursday from 'Master Card'. The scam works like this: Caller: 'This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?' When you say 'No', the caller continues with, 'Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?' You say 'yes'. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800 -VISA) and ask for Security.' You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. **The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other**

questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. **What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card.** Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson of Master Card' with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening. [Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.](#)

On a Lighter Note – here are some fun things to think about.

Frogs aren't what they used to be.....Thank Goodness

“Devil Frog”

About 65 million years ago, in Madagascar, lived a very nasty frog. He was about 16” and weighted around 10 lbs. He is the biggest frog ever to have existed, if one was bigger it hasn't been found yet. The biggest frogs today live in West Africa, they are up to 12.5” long and 7.2 lbs. In South America are frogs nicknamed “Pac-man” because of their huge mouths. They may also be closely related to the devil

frog even though they lived far from each other. The frog had an armor like part and maybe even horns. His mouth was huge and had very powerful jaws. His name is Beelzebufo (say bee-el-zeh-boof-oh). The scientists think he was very mean. He possibly ate newborn dinosaurs, lizards, mammals, and even smaller frogs. With Beelzebufo in Madagascar and its modern day relatives in South America, proves again that the land is always changing and moving. This is also a sign that there could have been land bridges that linked Madagascar to Antarctica (which was much warmer back then), and then to South America. With land bridges animals moved from one place to another. That would explain why devil frog has relatives in South America. Frogs have been around for millions of years, but their basic body style has really not changed. They have just gotten smaller – yeah!!! By Rhonda Taylor

Source: Rockytier May 2008

See website below for more info:

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Stories/Animals/Nature/Beelzebufo>

Just a little “funny” to lighten your day:

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew all about it. If any mischief occurred in their town, the two boys were probably involved. The boys mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, “Do you know where God is, son?” The boys mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with the mouth hanging open.

So the Preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, “Where is God?” Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, “Where is God?”

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, “What Happened?” The younger brother, gasping for breath replied, “We are in BIG trouble this time. GOD is missing and they think we did it!”

Source: Rockytier May 2008

FIREAGATE SOURCES:

For those of you interested in Fire Agate but don't get a chance to go hunting for it yourselves – here are a couple of good sources.

<http://www.deercreekgems.com/servlet/StoreFront>
and
<http://fireagatejunkie.com/>

I have personally seen FireagateJunkie's stuff. The owner is James Tadlock and sells at the Demining Show and various other places. His stuff ranges anywhere from good to awesome.

DON'T FORGET OUR LAPIDARY CONTEST

Submissions may be turned into the Contest Committee members November 17-20th at the Society school located at the Memorial Park Senior Center 9am-12am. Submissions may also be brought to the November 20th 6:30pm regular society meeting.

If you need more info please contact Matt Durning or check your copy of the June 2008 issue of The Voice, or go online to epngs.org to view a copy of the June 2008 newsletter.

DON'T FORGET – AREA CODE CHANGES FOR NEW MEXICO

As of 5 October 2008 parts of New Mexico are changing their area code from 505 to 575. Please see the map on the last page which shows the area affected. If you know people living in the affected areas you must change your records to reflect the new area code – otherwise you won't be able to contact them. Don't forget to update your cell phones, too.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No General Meeting Minutes this month.



FIELD TRIPS

Note from Your Field Trip Coordinator: Any and all Clubs and their members are cordially invited to join us on any of our Field Trips. If you need more

information call Matt at (575)382-4301 or (915)491-3244 or e-mail madtex@q.com.

The Pick & Shovel Field Trip Report July – August 2008

Well it's been a while since seeing everyone in the field or the meetings. As I write this on the Labor Day weekend some of you are coming back from Agate 2008 and or the Silver City rock show. This week alone was my most favorite rock hounding event, one that was planned for some time. Like it's said, life laughs at you after you make your plans. So it did for me.

Our July picnic was rained out as in torrential down pour. Gas hit \$4.00 a gallon and we decided to combine the Agate 2008, Club camping trip and the Silver City Show to save us all gas and money. My wife Linda and I planned our move to Las Cruces, NM, as much as our contractor allowed, to attend the soirée. I had my tent trailer, ATV and all my camping items loaded up ready to go. Then I received a call that my mother had passed away in Florida. As a note, I had planned to leave for Apache Creek Friday afternoon but had just a couple of things to do so I decided to leave and caravan with others Saturday morning. Had I left the day earlier, no telling what hardship that might have played on my family if they could not have found me for a couple of days. I asked myself, just another coincidence?

I'll tell you this, I am so ready to get out and explore. The cooling months are approaching and I am reasonably numb about the gas prices. So let's do it some more. On September 13, 2008 we will go to Oro Grande for "Peacock Ore" and Garnets. There we can also explore the abandoned gold, turquoise and iron mines. Pyrite is also abundantly found in the area. Active gold hunters still work claims out there so if you have a metal detector you might find more than a chicken nugget out there. We will meet at 8:30 at the first gas station on the left as you approach Oro Grande. There are only two in that town and if you are sitting by yourself at 8:30 try the other. I don't know the actual name for peacock ore but it sort of looks like a drop of oil in water but metallic and very colorful. Just a note, if you want to rock hound an area but don't want to go alone give me call and we can gather a few and explore with you. If you do go it alone, remember to tell some one where you're going.

If you wonder if you're a rock hound nut, when you move try making a decision on what rocks to take and what to leave behind. Then when you return the next day to gather the ones you left behind then abandon all hope of a normal life. Remember my petrified wood knife handle project? Tera Cotta tile is

apparently harder than petrified wood, back to the wood shed. Till we meet again.

Don't forget about the rock auction Thursday 9/25 at ***6:00pm***

And, don't forget about the Club lapidary – jewelry contest.

My new number 575-382-4301, my cell is the same 915-491-3244

madtex@q.com

FIELD TRIP REPORT FROM YOUR EDITOR

Matt has asked that I write a little something about the Agate 2008 get together. I wasn't there for the whole time, but Jim was. The turn out was good – they had approximately 56 to 70 people show up during the time frame involved. There were people from Colorado, Nebraska, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and we think Arkansas and California. Jim seems to think there was even

someone from Illinois or somewhere in that area.

Quite a few people found some very nice Luna Gold, Luna Blue, and red agates. A couple of people found some awesome pieces. One gentleman from Oklahoma found a piece of Luna Gold that weighted about 200 plus pounds. Another couple from Texas found a very nice piece, weight unknown, that they took to car wash to clean off. All in all it was a successful trip for all who attended. Jim set up sales of his cabs and my jewelry at the Rodeo and again at the Reserve Rock & Gem Show (2nd Annual). He made a few sales which helped to offset the cost of gas, etc. It is definitely a trip that is well worth going on. They have a lot of fun, food, tall tales, and find quite a bit of good, workable material.



SCHOOL INFORMATION AND CLASS ENROLLMENT

Call 915-562-4268 for information and to enroll in Lapidary and Jewelry-craft classes. The Instructors are volunteers from the school committee of the Society and are not paid in any way by the Society or the students. If you want to enroll in one of the classes, all you have to do is sign up at the Memorial Park Senior Center which is located at 1800 Byron Street, El Paso TX. It is important that you register early because a minimum of three students is needed for a “Go” with a maximum of six students per class. Sign up well in advance as there are usually waiting lists. Each Class has a \$20 fee plus a Lab Fee and any other material costs. The \$20 fee payment is to be made on the first day of the class to the Senior Center, and the Lab Fee will be paid to your instructor. All other material purchases should be paid for at the time of purchase or delivery.

Active Member Instructors:

Tony De La Cruz
Redgie Medlock
Peggy Fontaine

Dorris Brown
Sid Sheppard
Liz Kosturakis

Pete Beltran
Art Moreno
Norm Ballou

John Stromberg
Ken Raab
Ron Anderson

Robert Bates
Greg Berglund

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The meetings are all held at noon in the conference room at the Memorial Park Senior Citizens Center. Anybody who wishes to sit in on any of the meetings is welcome. We recommend that you call Norma at the Center first to make sure that the meeting date has not changed. Her number is 562-4268.

Sep 22 (Mon)

Oct 21 (Tues)

Nov 17 (Mon)

Dec 16 (Tues)

Class Schedule: (Classes run from 9 AM to 12 Noon unless otherwise noted)

Monday & Wednesday Lapidary 09-08-2008 thru 10-15-2008
10-27-2008 thru 12-10-2008

Monday & Wednesday Silversmith Advanced 09-08-2008 thru 10-15-2008

	Beginning	10-27-2008 thru 12-10-2008
Tuesday & Thursday	Casting & Faceting Classes	09-09-2008 thru 10-16-2008 10-28-2008 thru 12-11-2008
Monday thru Friday (see note below)	(NEW) ADVANCED WORKSHOP 12:30 – 3:00 PM	All the time
Friday	Beading	Held from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Fee \$3.00. Bring your own materials.

NOTE: ADVANCED WORKSHOP IS FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS. THERE WILL BE NO MATERIAL SALES DURING THIS WORKSHOP. YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS.

Wire Wrapping is scheduled when there are enough students interested in attending – we must have 3 or more interested and signed up. The shop at the Memorial Senior Center is open for anyone's use on Friday's from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The shop fee for every session is \$3.00 to be paid to the instructor in charge of the Workshop.

SHOW DATES

SEPTEMBER 2008:

10-14--DENVER, COLORADO: Fall show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Holiday Inn - Denver Central, 4849 Bannock St., at the intersection of I-25 and I-70; free admission; 200 wholesale and retail dealers from all over the world, free shuttle bus to shows at the Merchandise Mart; Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Regina Aumente, Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com

19-21--ENID, OKLAHOMA: Show; Enid Gem & Mineral Society; Garfield County Fair Grounds, Hoover Bldg.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; contact Billy E. Wood, (580) 234-5344

20-21--FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS: Show, "2008 Fall Festival of Gems and Minerals"; Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club; EMGI Bldg., Brookhaven College, 3939 Valley View Ln.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$1, children 6 and under free; hourly door prizes, Grand Prize Sun., kids' mine, Scouting activities; contact Don Shurtz, (972) 509-2821; e-mail: don.shurtz@gmail.com; Web site: www.pogmc.org

26-28--HUMBLE, TEXAS: 55th annual show, "SCFMS/AFMS Show"; Houston Gem & Mineral Society; Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy., 5 mi. east of Bush International Airport, 1 mi. east of Hwy. 59; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children under 12 free; NASA moon rock and personnel, The Fiendish Dr. Phil and his fighting dinosaurs, dealers, displays, free fossil and mineral identification; contact Terrell Wm. "Terry" Proctor, 630 Uvalde Rd., Houston, TX 77015, (713) 453-8338; e-mail: auraman@swbell.net; Web site: www.hgms.org

27-28--LLANO, TEXAS: Show, "Golden-Gem Rendezvous & Knap-In"; Llano Chamber of Commerce, Badu Park, Legion Dr.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5, free admission; 4th annual State of Texas Gold Panning Championship, gem show, metal detecting competition, flint knapping; contact Tony Griffith, 700 Bessemer, Llano, TX 78643, (325) 247-5354; e-mail: info@llanochamber.org; Web site: llanochamber.org

27-28--SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA: 43rd annual show; Siouxland Gem & Mineral Society; South Sioux City Senior Center, 1501 W. 29th St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$1.50, students 12 and older 50 cents, children under 12 free; exhibits, three dealers, door prizes, spin the wheel, silent auction, fossil displays, Siouxland Dino Hunters exhibit and educational program, videos; contact Bob Hopp, (712) 258-3645

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30-5--IDABEL, OKLAHOMA: Annual show and sale; McCurtain Gem & Mineral Club; County Fairgrounds, 9th St. NW, off Hwy. 70; Tue. 9-5, Wed. 9-5, Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; appointments for group appointments, call (580) 286-3616; contact Doris Perkins, 405 SE Ave. G, Idabel, OK 74745, (580) 286-3133; e-mail: rperkins8236@sbcglobal.net

OCTOBER 2008:

4-5--JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS: 36th annual show; Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society; Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; grand prize drawing, door prizes, demonstrations, kids' dig, exhibits, more than 100 tables of minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, lapidary materials; contact Pat Kissire, 4900 Sparks Rd., Little Rock, AR 72210, (501) 821-2346; e-mail: pkissire@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.centralarrockhound.org

4-5--OMAHA, NEBRASKA: 53rd annual show; Nebraska Gem & Mineral Club; Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students and seniors \$2, children under 12 free with paying adult; silent auction, dealers from six states, stone polishing and arrowhead knapping demonstrations, children's fossil and gem dig; contact Tim Kautsch, 8487 Frederick St., Omaha, NE 68124, (402) 397-9606; e-mail: customgemsohama@hotmail.com; Web site: www.nerockgem.org

9-11--MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: World Championship Quartz Crystals Digging Contest; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd.; Thu. 9-3, Fri. 9-3, Sat. 9-3; free admission; keep all you find, meet other miners, maybe even win a prize; contact Maureen Walther, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AK 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mountidachamber.com; Web site: www.mountidachamber.com

10-12--LIVE OAK (SAN ANTONIO), TEXAS: Show, "Bead Renaissance Show"; J&J Promotions LLC; Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact J&J Promotions LLC, P.O. Box 420, Williamsburg, NM 87942, (575) 894-1293; e-mail: info@beadshow.com; Web site: www.beadshow.com

10-12--MOUNT IDA, ARKANSAS: Show, "Quartz, Quiltz and Craftz Festival"; Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; children's dig; contact Maureen Walther, Mount Ida Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Ida, AR 71957, (870) 867-2723; e-mail: director@mountidachamber.com; Web site: www.mountidachamber.com

11-12--PAYSON, ARIZONA: Annual show; Payson Rimstones Rock Club; Tonto Apache Res. Recreation Center, BIA 101/Hwy. 87N, south end of town, behind Sonic; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; admission \$3, children under 12 free; dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, rough material, lapidary equipment, jewelry findings, silent auctions, Spinning Wheel, Education Corner, fluorescent light display; contact Barry Jones, (928) 476-3513; e-mail: froggie1048@msn.com

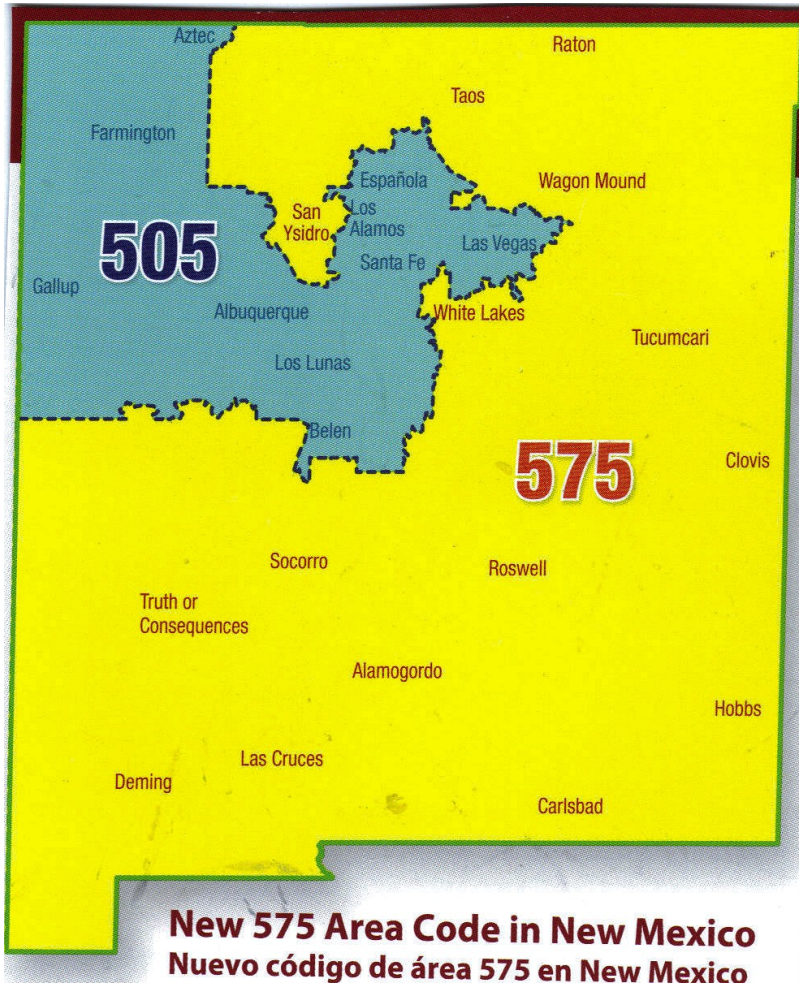
11-12--SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA: 34th annual show, "Rock Rustlers Dream"; Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club; Elks Lodge, 1 Elks Ln., on Wilcox Ave., 1 block east of Buffalo Soldier Trail; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; free admission; live demonstrations, educational displays, gems, jewelry, fossils, equipment, lapidary supplies; contact Ingrid Baillie, P.O. Box 1596, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636, (520) 459-3718; e-mail: ibaillie@cox.net

11-12--TEMPLE, TEXAS: 39th show; Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society; Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Les Connally, (254) 939-7015; e-mail: loconn@aol.com

17-19--VICTORIA, TEXAS: Show; Victoria Gem & Mineral Society; Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$2, children under 12 free; silent auction, wheel of fortune, working display, jewelry, rocks, minerals, fossils; contact Ken Lemke, (361) 575-5350; e-mail: klemke@vctx.org

18-19--SEDONA, ARIZONA: 7th annual show; Sedona Gem & Mineral Club; Sedona Red Rock High School, Hwy. 89A and Upper Red Rock Loop Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; 35 dealers, exhibits, demonstrators, Arizona State University meteorite display, rock identification, raffles, Kids' Korner (rock painting, games, free specimens); contact Linda Yee, 320 Canyon Dr., Sedona, AZ 86336, (928) 203-9476; e-mail: LindaFYee@hotmail.com; Web site: www.sedonagemandmineral.org

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