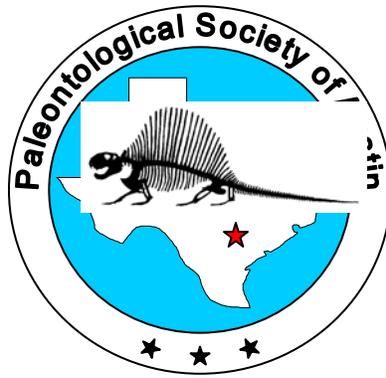


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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

We have a great deal going on during the last half of this month. The 22nd is now the day for our trip to the Houston Museum of Natural History to see "Lucy". We'll even have a chance at a little self promotion as a club. We will discuss that at the meeting. And, our trip to East Texas for some beautiful wood is now on the 29th. If you're going, but not going to be at the meeting, please contact me. Ron Decote wants a head count. I think both trips will be well worth it.

The days are getting longer, the weather is great and Austin has a wealth of creeks and road cuts. I hope all of you have been able to get out and do a little collecting.

Also – If any of you have not been to the Bob Bullock Museum for the IMAX movie *Sea Monsters*, please go. You won't learn any great paleontological truths, but you also won't forget it. The technology is truly amazing. I've seen it twice and have plans to see it again. Take your kids, too. See you at the meeting.

--Ed

Field Trip Report – February 8, 2008

We had a good turn out for the tour of the UT Vertebrate Lab. Gary and Cathy Rylander, Melvin Noble, Mike Smith, Kathleen Howard, Bill Hill, Melody Barnett, Frank and Hoan Crane, Jamie Young, Linda McCall and her daughter Katie, Doris Hill, Suzanne and Gordon Galligher and their kids Ryan, Riley and Avery.

Dr Pam Owen out did herself with this tour. A good portion of the tour dealt with the on-going work on the *Dinosuchus* specimen. After seeing all the labor involved in welding support structures, pouring plastic to act as temporary cradles – the removal of matrix rock almost seemed like the easy part of the process. We look forward to viewing the finished product.

The rest of the tour left me feeling like the proverbial kid in a candy store. Seeing all of those shelves stacked high with fascinating specimens and having the opportunity to get up close and reach out and touch history was and always will be exciting to me. Having Pam there to answer all of our questions was a real treat. She wasn't simply informative, she bent over backward going through drawers trying to identify things that we had brought. It's obvious that she, like us, really loves her subject. Thanks again.

We finished out the day at a Walnut Formation site known to all of us, 360 and Bee Caves Rd. We found several kinds of echinoids, lots of gastropods, oysters and bivalves. I believe all the new members had a good time. It was a beautiful day and lots of fun.

I hope to see a lot of you on our two field trips on the 22nd and on the 29th. Ron Decote has said that his could be the last time we have access to the Jasper sites.

Ed

Meeting Minutes

No meeting notes available for February.

Next Meeting – March 18th

"Understanding Bahamian Paleoclimate with the Help of Serpulids and Foraminifera in Stalagmites"

By Lauren Greene

Lauren grew up in Katy, Tx. and graduated from The University of Texas with a geology degree in 2007. She studied with Dr. Sprinkle and Lou Zachos and especially enjoys studying echinoderms, brachiopods, and crinoids. She actually discovered the fossilized remains of serpulid worms and foraminifera in a stalagmite from the Bahamas.

7:00 PM

Austin Gem and Mineral Society, 6719 Burnet lane, Austin, TX

Next Field Trip

Jasper, Texas for Fossil Wood

Saturday March 29

Ron Ducote of the Pineland Gem and Mineral Society has agreed to take us collecting again this year. We usually meet at the Stump Restaurant on Hwy 255, but exact location and time pending.

If you are interested in going it is important that you contact Linda McCall so she has an accurate head count: Indmccall02@yahoo.com or call (512) 422-2322.

Extra Filed Trip for March

Saturday March 22

A special "second" field trip this month will be to see
LUCY'S LEGACY; THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF ETHIOPIA.

The date will be Saturday, March 22nd. We will meet at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at 9 am. by the large globe outside the entrance.

Go to www.hmns.org for info on how to find the museum. The address is 1 Herman Circle Dr., Houston, TX; phone (713)639-4629.

Admission to the museum		Admission to the Lucy exhibit	
Adults	\$9.00	Adults	\$20.00
Seniors (62+)	\$7.00	Seniors child	\$12.00
Child (3-11)	\$7.00	Group (20+)	\$10.00
Group (20+)	\$4.50		

Discussion at this month's regular meeting will determine how many are going.

Fossil Fest Show Committee meeting: February 13, 2008

The first Fossil Fest show committee meeting of the year went well, with Ed Elliott, John Hinte, Miriam Hall, Ron Root, Jamie Young, Suzanne Galligher, David Lindberg and myself attending. There was a lot to do! We covered show dates (this year we will have a 2 day show, set up will be on Friday, Nov 7, 2008 and the show will be Saturday and Sunday November 8 and 9, 2008. Dealer dinner will be on Saturday night (November 8). Booth prices were amended to reflect the 2 instead of 3 day show and entrance prices were boosted to cover the difference. Booths will be \$100.00 for a small and \$200.00 for a large, admission will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for "students" (anyone signing in on our student sheet with a teacher and a school), under 6 are still free. We will still target the schools to send the students with their parents on the weekend, and this year we will have both rooms so we can augment our displays and educational content. We are developing a post card mailing list from last years door prize tickets to help drive in repeat traffic.

It's a good start to a great show! We look forward to everyone helping out in some capacity as the year goes on!

Linda McCall

The purpose of the **Paleontological Society of Austin** is the scientific education of the public, the study and preservation of fossils and the fossils record and assistance to individual, groups and institutions interested in various aspects of paleontology.

Meetings of the **Paleontological Society of Austin** are held the third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Austin Gem and Mineral Society building, 6719 Burnet lane, Austin, TX. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Annual Dues: \$15/individual, \$20/family and \$10/associate (non-voting, receiving newsletter)

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