

The Leaverite News



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October Meeting Notes

There were 21 members and 1 guest present at the October meeting.

Members present voted to have a display table at the November 14 Henderson Syrup Festival and to sell tickets for a Garrett GTA-550 detector as a fund raiser. Members are welcome and encouraged to bring their displays of items they have found while metal detecting.

Members will be needed on the afternoon of Friday 13th to help set up the club's awning. Meeting time will be determined at the November business meeting.

Members are also needed to man the display table during the day of the festival. We would like to have as many members as possible volunteer to pitch in and take a turn manning the table so that everyone will have an opportunity see the other exhibits at the festival.

Scheduled Syrup Festival Attractions

Here are some of the attractions that will be featured at this year's Syrup Festival;

RIBBON CANE SYRUP MAKING

Depot Museum Syrup Team
Continuous demonstrations 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p. m.

ENTERTAINMENT

09:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Pure Country
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Pure Country
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Jacksonville Jammers
12:00 p.m. - 01:00 p.m. - Jacksonville Jammers
01:00 p.m. - 02:00 p.m. - Dulcimers
02:00 p.m. - 03:00 p.m. - Church Hill Bluegrass
03:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m. - Church Hill Bluegrass

ANTIQUA TRACTOR AND ENGINE DISPLAY
CAROUSEL RIDES - \$1.00 per person
SAW MILL DEMONSTRATION - on the hour



ENTERTAINMENT

Stage #1 - in Heritage Square

09:40 - 09:55 a.m. - Opening Ceremony
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Lori Tyson & Back Row Majority
10:50 - 11:25 a.m. - Coleman Brothers & the Lone Star Boys
11:30 - 12:15 p.m. - Pickin' Grass
12:20 - 01:05 p.m. - Blake Brothers
01:10 - 01:45 p.m. - Lori Tyson & the Back Row Majority
01:50 - 02:35 p.m. - Coleman Brothers & the Lone Star Boys
02:40 - 03:25 p.m. - Pickin' Grass
03:30 - 04:15 p.m. - Blake Brothers
04:20 - 05:00 p.m. - Shana Strange

Stage #2 - Located Between Citizens Bank & Western Auto

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Rhythm Rockers
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Red Romper's Square Dancers
12:45 - 01:30 p.m. - Down Home Cloggers
01:45 - 02:15 p.m. - The Reflections Square Dancers
03:00 - 03:45 p.m. - Senior Circle Line Dancers

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Ticket Drawing Winners

Keith Ballow, Carl Norris, Lloyd Smith, Dana Logston, and Lester Langston

Sign-in Sheet Winners

Alden Utzman, A. D. Clark, Bob Campbell, Lloyd Smith, Bob Bradberry, Darrell Crosby, Dana Logston, Bobby Haney, Margaret Logston, and Suzanne Reed

Name Tag Drawing Winner

Dorris St. Clair

Bucket Drawing

Bob Bradberry

Dates to Remember

November 14, Henderson Syrup Festival

November 26, Thanksgiving

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

November Meeting Snack Volunteers

Richard Greene, Carl Norris, Tom Moss and David Chapman

Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1St	Michael Moore	1920 British One Shilling Coin
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	1897 Miniature Nickel
	3rd	Dana Logston	1919 Wheat Penny
Jewelry	1St	Bob Bradberry	1990 Class Ring (Palestine)
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	10K Diamond & Aquamarine
	3rd	Michael Moore	Silver and Crystal Ring
Artifacts	1St	Dana Logston	69 Caliber Musket Ball
	2nd	Carl Norris	Indian Clay Pot
	3rd	Bob Bradberry	Square Nail
Tokens	1St	Dana Logston	Louisiana Tax Token
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Car Wash Token
	3rd	Michael Moore	Shepherd's Car Wash Token
Judges	1St	Keith Ballow	1995 Class Ring (Henderson)
Choice	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Silver Spinner Ring
	3rd	Dana Logston	Women's Tonic Bottle

Treasure Hunting; Arkansas Style

Royce Walker of Lockesburg is the local private contractor who is presently conducting this year's trenching operation at the Arkansas Crater of Diamonds State Park. Around noon on Tuesday, as Walker was stepping across the search area towards his high track bulldozer he looked down and saw something shiny in the dirt. He reached down and picked up the stone, a 2.93-carat, dark honey brown diamond. About the size of a pinto bean, the diamond has a broken edge indicating it is a broken segment of a larger diamond.

Park Interpreter Margi Jenks said that Walker's diamond is the 820th diamond found so far this year at the Crater of Diamonds. This is the largest diamond found at the park since the 5.75-carat white Arabian Knight diamond was found on April 28 by Mike Burns of Arab, Alabama.

The Crater of Diamonds State Park is the world's only diamond producing site open to the public. Diamonds come in all colors of the rainbow. The three most common colors found at the park are white, brown and yellow, in that order.

An average of two diamonds a day are unearthed by park visitors at the Crater of Diamonds. During 2008 a total of 946 diamonds were found at the park. In total, over 75,000 diamonds have been unearthed at Arkansas's diamond site since the first diamonds found in 1906 by John Huddleston, the farmer who at that time owned the land.

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Well....this year is almost gone. Time seems to go by faster as I get older. Don't know if that is a good thing or a bad thing. But the days are getting shorter and the weather is cooler. Perfect time of the year to do a little treasure hunting, or a lot, depending on how much time you have on your hands or can take.



Debbie Crosby

The "Holidays" are upon us once again. This is the time of year people are supposed to take to be with family and friends. Lots of activities all around us. As I think of Thanksgiving, I remember all the excitement as a child. Things are certainly different now. I look back



and realize those times in my life are one of my "Treasures" and I thank the Lord for that. I remember all the different pictures we made in school. Turkeys, pilgrim hats, corn and such. We were taught all about the first Thanksgiving and how we should appreciate our heritage. Which brings me to this month's recipe. I thought it

might be nice to have a little history lesson on this month's main ingredient... corn.

Corn was one of the Native American's "three sister" crops. The three sister crops are maize, beans, and squash. Maize is the "Corn" of course. These three crops were the main stays of the American Native Indian. The Indians believed the kernels of maize were delivered by the crow, or other types of blackbirds.

Because of this gift from the birds, the birds would not be harmed even if they tried to destroy the corn fields. The Indians also made baskets from cornhusks, wool and basswood cord twine. They wore moccasins made from woven corn husks. They considered it as their "Treasure" for food, clothes, and other items of need.

As you eat corn at that wonderful Thanksgiving meal, maybe you can explain its importance to a few of those "Treasured" little ones that mean so much to us.

Corn Casserole

- 1 12-16 oz. bag frozen sweet corn
- 1 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped Jalapeno peppers
- 2 TBLS butter
- 1/2 chopped red Bell pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Set out cream cheese for 30 minutes to soften at room temp. In a skillet melt butter and add Bell pepper. Cook until Bell peppers is tender. Add the corn and cook for 5 minutes. Add the cream cheese and Jalapenos. Mix well. Pour into a casserole dish and cover with Cheddar cheese. Bake for about 15 minutes or until golden brown at 300 degrees. Enjoy

Heritage Syrup Festival

Henderson, Texas

2nd Saturday of November

November 14, 2009

[Schedule of Events](#)

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Arkansas Diamond (from page 2)

The largest diamond ever discovered in the United States was unearthed here in 1924 during an early mining operation. This white diamond with a pink cast weighed 40.23 carats. Other large notable finds from the Crater include the Star of Murfreesboro (34.25 carats) and the Star of Arkansas (15.33 carats).

The park staff provides free identification and certification of diamonds. Park interpretive programs and exhibits explain the site's geology and history and offer tips on recognizing diamonds in the rough.

Other semi-precious gems and minerals found at the Crater of Diamonds include amethyst, garnet, peridot, jasper, agate, calcite, barite, and quartz.

Crater of Diamonds State Park is located two miles southeast of Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Finds of the Month Contest

