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**April
Edition
2018**

"Rockzette" Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

President's Report

Hi All, I'm sorry, there will not be any hardcopies of the April newsletter available at the club rooms as the former community service arrangement (which we have long enjoyed and appreciated) has lapsed with the recent change of government. We will seek reinstatement of this service if possible.

The 2018 Gemboree at Willunga, SA., was good, but I had found the prices for mineral specimens have risen a lot. *Cheers, Ian.*

Diary Dates / Notices

2018 Club Shows

Fri 4th May – Sun 6th May 2018 Palmer Rockarama 'Crystal and Craft Fair, including SA Metal Detecting Championships on Sun 6th all at Collier Park, Palmer, SA. See Details at:

<https://murraylandsgemandmineralclub.com>

Happy Birthday

Members celebrating April birthdays:

- 6th – David Romano.
- 10th – Pat Zoyke.
- 17th – Trevor Jessop.
- 21st – Ian Everard.
- 24th – Steve Wood.
- 27th – Candice Bowey and Ron Lewis.
- 29th – Gerri Cook.



Just in time...they look like they are setting up for happy hour!

General Interest



Come on...how long does it take?



You know, I'm a poor, starved, camp site entertainer. How about a little treat?



Finally, I gotcha hooked!
How did you know, I love a little minced finger food for tea?

(Ian, homeward bound after attending Victoria's 2018 Gemkana and Canberra's 2018 Outdoor Rock Swap. See Ian's quartz purchases starting on page 5.)

Club Activities / Fees

Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month except January.

Committee meetings start at 7 pm.

General meetings - arrive at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start.

Library

Librarian - Augie Gray

There is a 2-month limit on borrowed items.

When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf.

When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.

Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing

Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm.

All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).

Wednesday Silversmithing

Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm.

All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Thursday Cabbing

Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm.

All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

Friday Silversmithing

Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon.

All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).

Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees:

A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies – to be paid to the session supervisor.

In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in *Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006.*

It is necessary that *Health and Safety* regulations are adhered to always.

Everyone using the workshop must ensure:

- that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage.
- that all work stations are left in a clean and tidy state;
- that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin;
- and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried.

NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.

Club Subscriptions:

\$25.00 Family	\$20.00 Family Pensioner
\$15.00 Single	\$12.50 Single Pensioner
\$10.00 Joining Fee	

The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss or damage to property at any club activity, including, but not limited to, meetings, field trips, all crafts and club shows. An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.

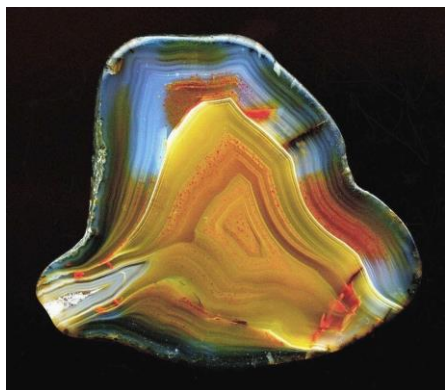
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**Augie's April 2018
Agate Selection
Germany (Part 2).**

This month's selection is from Saalhausen, and you can see the amazing differences in colour and pattern.



Saalhausen 1.



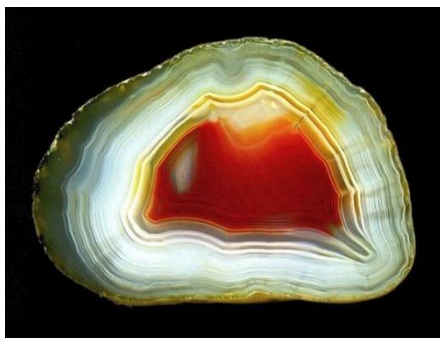
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Saalhausen 3.



Saalhausen 4.



Saalhausen 5.



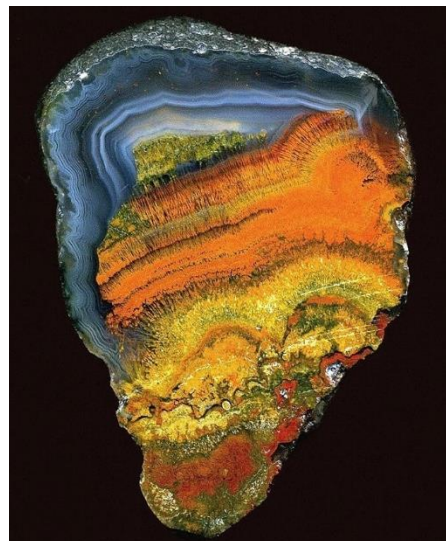
Saalhausen 6.



Saalhausen 7.



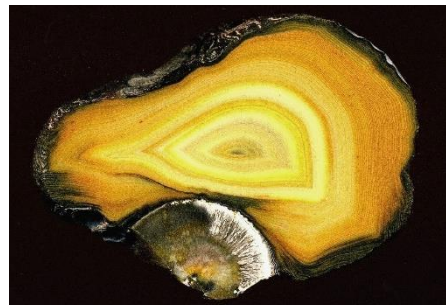
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Saalhausen 9.



Saalhausen 10.



Saalhausen 11.



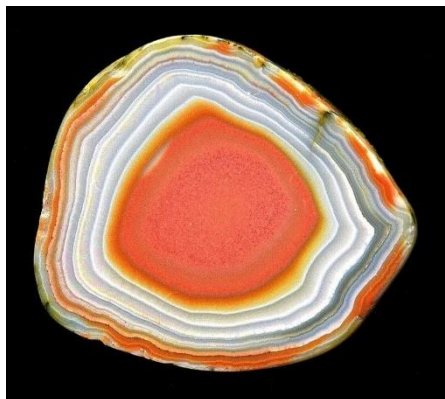
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Saalhausen 13.

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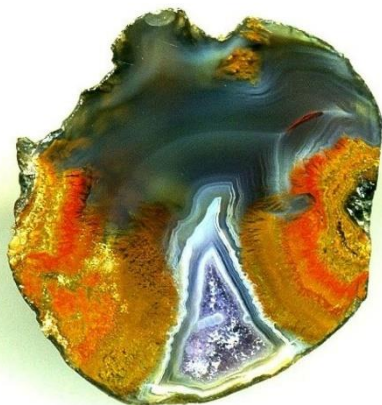
Augie's April 2018 Agate Selection
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Saalhausen 14.



Saalhausen 15.



Saalhausen 16.

More spectacular agates from German localities will be showcased in next month's newsletter.

Augie's April 2018 Mineral Selections.



Amethyst - Valenciana Mine, Amatitlan, Guerrero, Mexico.



Andradite Garnet - Kladovka, Cheliabinsk Oblast, Urals Region, Russian Federation.



Calcite - Wenshan mine, Dulong ore field, Wenshan County, Yunnan Province, China.



Azurite on Malachite - Khangong open pit, Sepon Mine, Vilabouly District, Savannakhet Province, Laos.



Autunite - Nanjingqiao U deposit, Pingjiang Co., Yueyang Prefecture, Hunan Province, China.

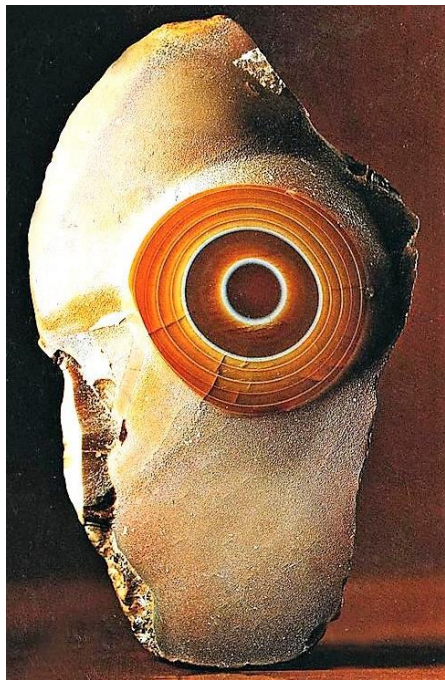


Chrysoberyl Sixling Cyclic Twin - Ratnapura, Sri Lanka.



Gypsum Selenite - Mt. Gunson, South Australia.

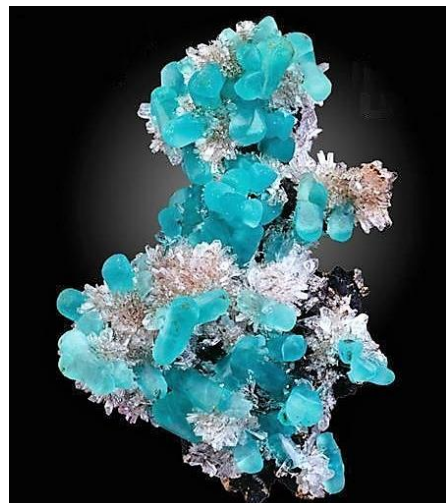
Augie's April 2018 Mineral Selection
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Eye Agate.



Malachite – Katanga.



Smithsonite & Hemimorphite – Mexico.



Fluorite - Minerva No.1 Mine, Cave-in-Rock, Hardin County, Illinois.



Orange Quartz.



Vanadinite - Hamburg Mine, Arizona.



Mimetite - Congreso-Leon Mine, San Pedro Corralitos, Chihuahua, Mexico.



Rhodochrosite - N'Chwaning Mines, Kuruman, Kalahari manganese field, Northern Cape Province, South Africa.



Watermelon Tourmaline – Brazil.

Contributed by Ian Everard...

Ian's Purchases over March 2018, at the Melbourne, Gemkhana. VIC., and the Canberra Rock Swap, EPIC, Canberra, ACT.



2329 Fluorite on Quartz, Nasik Quarry, Maharashtra State, INDIA.



2330 Quartz, Santa Eulalia, MEXICO.



2332 (A) Epidote on Quartz, Mary K District, Mt Isa, AUSTRALIA.



2332 (B) Epidote on Quartz, Mary K District, Mt Isa, AUSTRALIA.



2334 Quartz var. Amethyst and Calcite, La Sirena Mine, Guanajuato, MEXICO.

Ian's March Purchases *Continued*...



2337 Quartz and Limonite, COLUMBIA.



2340 Quartz with Calcite, Krushev dol Mine (450 Metres), Madan Ore Field, Madan, Rhodope Mountains, Smolyan Oblast Province, BULGARIA.



2338 Quartz var. Smoky, Gambo Utse Mountains, Lhesa, TIBET.



2336 Quartz with Petrol Inclusions, Wadh Khuzdar, Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.



2341 Quartz & Calcite, Krushev dol Mine, Maden, BULGARIA.

Ian's March Purchases *Continued...*



2364 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2365 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2370 (B) Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2366 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2367 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2368 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2370 (A) Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2369 Quartz Sceptre, Hallelujah Junction, Petersen Mount NEVADA, USA.



2339 Quartz after Calcite, Buttha Buthe Mountains, LESOTHO.

Contributed by Ian Everard...

Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections...



0035 Quartz var Smoky with Rutile inclusions, BRAZIL



0155 Albite on Quartz with Hematite inclusions, Minas Gerais, BRAZIL



2323 Quartz, Minas Gerais, BRAZIL.

Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections. Continued...



0040B Quartz var Herkimer Diamond, New York, USA.



0715 Calcite on Quartz, San Juan de Rays Mine, Guanajuato, MEXICO.



0484 Fluorite, Calcite, Arsenopyrite on Quartz, Yao Gang Xian, CHINA.



0736 Quartz var Amethyst, La Sirena Mine, Guanajuato, MEXICO.



0151 Quartz and Calcite, Guerrero, MEXICO.



0738 Calcite and Chalcopyrite on Quartz, Pachapaqui, PERU.

Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections. *Continued...*



0824 Quartz after Danburite, Charcas San Luis Potosi, MEXICO.



0987 Quartz after Calcite, Crystal Cave, Ouray, Colorado, USA.



0921 Quartz, Aurora Mine, Charcas, MEXICO.



1348 Quartz with Chlorite inclusions, Goddessa Mine, Joaquim Felicio, BRAZIL.



1367 Quartz, Calcite, and Malachite, MEXICO.



1763 Quartz with Chlorite inclusions, BRAZIL.

Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections
Continued...



0192 Quartz, Naica Chihuahua, MEXICO.



0418 Quartz, Fluorite, and Pyrite, San Antonio Mine, Chihuahua, MEXICO.



0061 Quartz and Calcite, Santa Eulalia, MEXICO.



0595 Apatite on Quartz, Aracuai Minas Gerais, BRAZIL.



0285 Quartz (Pink Tulip), BRAZIL.



0284 Quartz (Pink), BRAZIL.



0677 Quartz, MEXICO



0628 Quartz, Ojijila Mine, MEXICO.



0629 Quartz, Ojijila Mine, MEXICO.



0978 Calcite and Quartz, Niaca Chihuahua, MEXICO



0977 Calcite on Quartz, Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, MEXICO

Ian's April Quartz Collection Selections

Continued...



0833 Quartz, Santa Eulalia, MEXICO.



0926A Quartz, Herkimer Co, New York, USA.



0926B Quartz, Herkimer Co, New York, USA.



1725 Calcite on Quartz, Chihuahua, MEXICO.



1122 Quartz with Rutile inclusions, Bahia, BRAZIL.



2042 Quartz, Minas Gerais, BRAZIL.

Contributed by Ian...

Photos taken at the Melbourne Gemkhana 2018



Mike and Coralie Fisher's stall in the hall at Melbourne Gemkhana.



Agates from Madagascar.



General view of tailgaters at Melbourne Gemkhana 2018.
(Ian's tailgating stall on the left)



Amethyst 'Olympic Torch' on Peter Beckwith's stall in the hall at the Melbourne Gemkhana 2018.

52 Breathtaking Caves from Around the World - Three More in More Detail

34. Lascaux Cave, France.

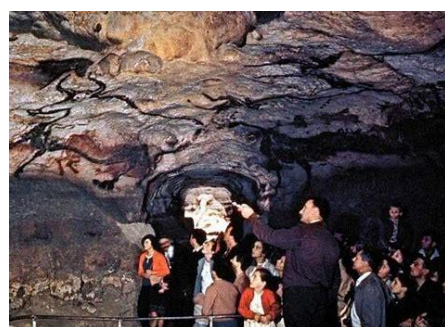
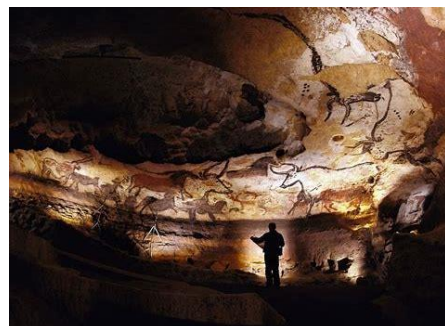
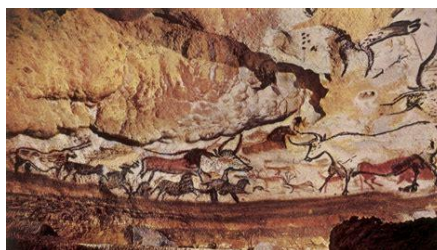
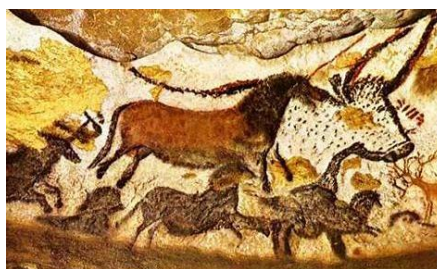
Details from Wikipedia:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lascaux>

Watch Video:

[Lascaux's Prehistoric Cave Paintings - Click Here...](#)

Lascaux Cave (French: *Grotte de Lascaux*) is the setting of a complex of caves near the village of Montignac, in the department of Dordogne in southwestern France. Over 600 parietal wall paintings cover the interior walls and ceilings of the cave. The paintings represent primarily large animals, typical local and contemporary fauna that correspond with the fossil record of the Upper Paleolithic time. The drawings are the combined effort of many generations, and with continued debate, the paintings are estimated around 17,000 years BP. Lascaux was inducted into the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list in 1979, as element of the *Prehistoric Sites and Decorated Caves of the Vézère Valley*.



The cave network follows the course of a subterranean section of the Jenolan River. It has more than 40 kilometres of multi-level passages and over 300 entrances.



The caves are a tourist destination, with eleven illuminated show caves open to paying visitors.

The caves and conservation reserve are one of the eight protected areas that was inscribed in 2000 to form part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Greater Blue Mountains Area. The Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve is the most westerly of the eight protected areas within the World Heritage Site. The reserve forms part of the Great Dividing Range and was listed on the Register of the National Estate in 1978.

In 2004, the caves and reserve were listed on the New South Wales State Heritage Register with the following inscription:

Jenolan Caves Reserve is of state significance for its historical, aesthetic, research and rarity values. The caves and karst landscapes developed as important scientific and tourist destinations throughout the late 19th and 20th centuries, and the Reserve is highly significant as the first public reserve set aside in NSW for the protection of a natural resource – in this case, the Jenolan Caves.

— *Statement of significance, New South Wales State Heritage Register, 2004.*



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35. Jenolan Caves, Australia.

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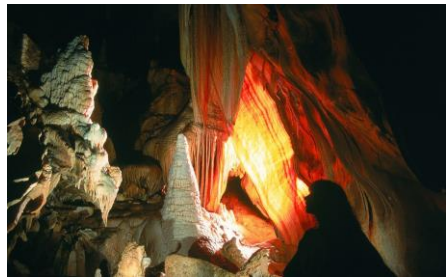
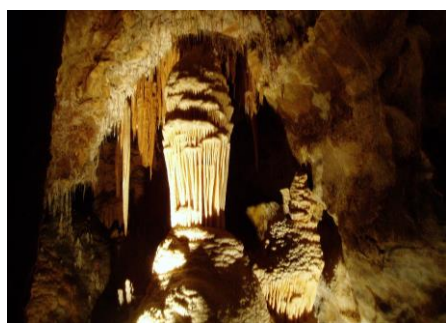
The **Jenolan Caves** (Tharawal: *Binoomea, Bindo, Binda*) are limestone caves located within the Jenolan Karst Conservation Reserve in the Central Tablelands region, west of the Blue Mountains, in New South Wales, in eastern Australia. The caves and 3,083-hectare (7,620-acre) reserve are situated approximately 175 kilometres (109 mi) west of Sydney, 20 kilometres (12 mi) east of Oberon and 30 kilometres (19 mi) west of Katoomba.

The caves are the most visited of several similar groups in the limestone caves of the country, and the most ancient discovered open caves in the world. They include numerous Silurian marine fossils and the calcite formations, sometimes pure white, are noted for their beauty.



35. Jenolan Caves, Australia.

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36. Azokh Cave, Azerbaijan.

Details from Wikipedia:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Azokh_Cave

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[Ancient "Azikh Cave" - Click here...](#)

The **Azokh Cave** is a six-cave complex known as a habitation site of prehistoric humans. It lies near to the village of Azokh in Nagorno-Karabakh (de facto Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, de jure Azerbaijan).

The cave was discovered by the "Palaeolithic Archaeological Expedition" of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences under the leadership of Mammadali Huseynov in 1960 and is the site of one of the most ancient locations of proto-human presence in Eurasia. A Neanderthal-like jaw bone found in 1968 is assumed to be over 300,000 years old and thus one of the oldest proto-human remains found in central Asia. Its discovery gave rise to the term *Azykh Man*. Archaeologists have suggested that the finds from the lowest layers are of a pre-Acheulean culture (730,000 to 1,800,000 years ago), that resembles the Olduvai culture named after Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge in many respects.



Cave Entrance.



The poor quality of the 1960s excavation, in which no taphonomic data was collected, led to uncertainties over the chronological sequence of the layers. Excavations resumed in the mid-1990s. In 2002 an international research team headed by Tanya King discovered undisturbed entrances to the cave as well as fauna and stone tools. Fossil assemblages recovered from the excavations between 2002 and 2009 found Pleistocene-era remains of bears accumulated as a result of hibernation, but no evidence for simultaneous occupation of the cave by bears and hominins. Other faunal remains, mainly herbivores, had been brought to the cave by hominins, but butchering had taken place somewhere else, not at the rear of the cave where the remains were found. When cave sediments reached close to the cave roof, the cave ceased to be used by hominins. Finally, during the Holocene, the upper sediments were eroded by water, opening up the cave to renewed human use.

The cave is now considered to have housed some of the earliest groups of proto-humans in Eurasia. Using uranium isotopes as a speleothem dating method, the minimum date for the formation of the cave, and thus the earliest hominid deposits, have been dated to 1.19 ± 0.08 million years.



Another cave was discovered near Azokh Cave.

Contributed by Mike Mabbitt...

Sculptures of Native American scenes made out of paper by Allen and Patty Eckman

Website: <http://eckmanfineart.com/>

Learn Cast Paper Sculpture
Watch the video:

[Learn Cast Paper Sculpture - Click here...](#)



These stunningly detailed sculptures may only be made from paper – but they are being snapped up by art fans for tens of thousands of pounds.



The intricate creations depict Native American scenes and took up to 11 months to make using a specially formulated paper.



"Husband and wife team Allen and Patty Eckman put paper pulp into clay moulds and pressurise it to remove the water.



The hard, lightweight pieces are then removed and the couple painstakingly add detailed finishings with a wide range of tools.



They have been making the creations since 1987 at their home studio, in South Dakota, America, and have racked up a whopping £3 million selling the works of art.



The pieces depict traditional scenes from Native American history of Cherokees hunting and dancing.



The most expensive piece is called Prairie Edge Powwow which sold for £47,000.



Allen said: "We create Indians partly because my great, great grandmother was a Cherokee and my family on both sides admire the native Americans..."



"...I work on the men and animals and Patty does the women and children" explains Allen

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Sculptures of Native American scenes made out of paper by Allen and Patty Eckman

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"I enjoy most doing the detail. The paper really lends itself to unlimited detail. I'm really interested in the Indians' material, physical and spiritual culture and that whole period of our nation's history I find fascinating. From the western expansion, through the Civil War and beyond is of great interest to me."



Allen explained their technique: "It should not be confused with papier mâché. The two mediums are completely different. I call what we do cast paper sculpture".



... "Some of them we create are lifesize and some we scale down to 1/6 lifesize". "These sculptures are posed as standing nude figures and limited detailed animals with no ears, tails or hair".



"We transform them by sculpting on top of them - creating detail with soft and hard paper we make in various thicknesses and textures.

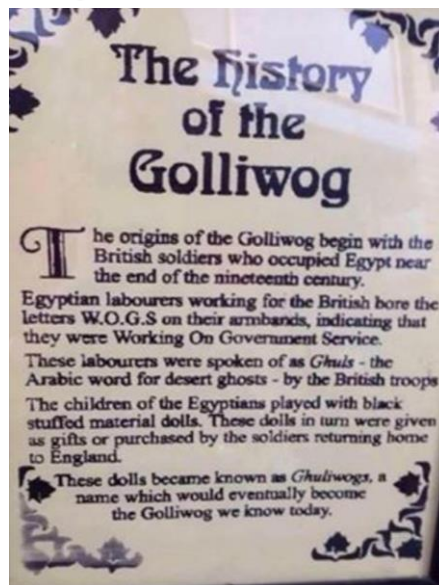


"We have really enjoyed the development of our fine art techniques over the years and have created a process that is worth sharing. There are many artists and sculptors who we believe will enjoy this medium as much as we have."

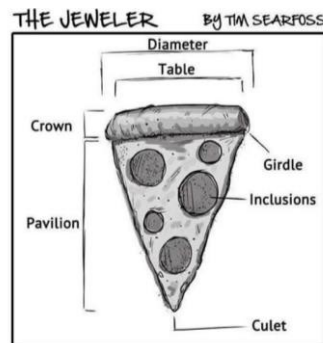


Contributed by Doug Walker...

Ever wondered how the Golliwog doll came to be? The story below will surprise you and it dispels the "racist" connotations that have been put on the Golliwog Doll.



Contributed by Wendy Purdie...



The jeweller's guide to pizza.

Contributed by Mike Mabbitt...

Short and Sweet

During labor, the pain is so great that a woman... can almost imagine what a man feels like when he has a cold.

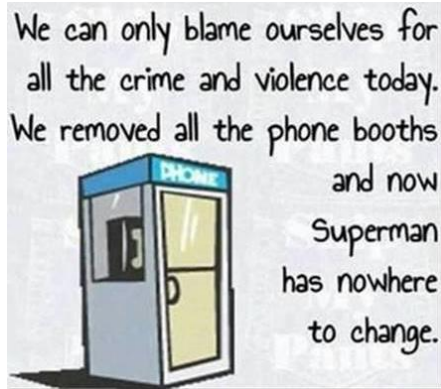


Be happy.

You never know how much time you have left.



You never appreciate what you have till it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.



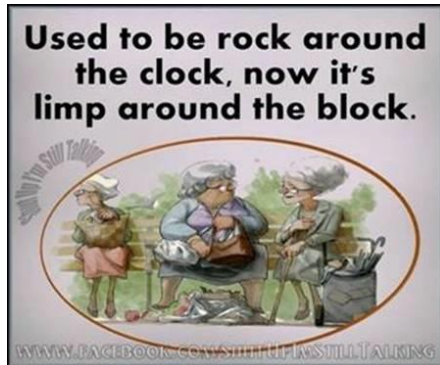
We can only blame ourselves for all the crime and violence today. We removed all the phone booths and now Superman has nowhere to change.



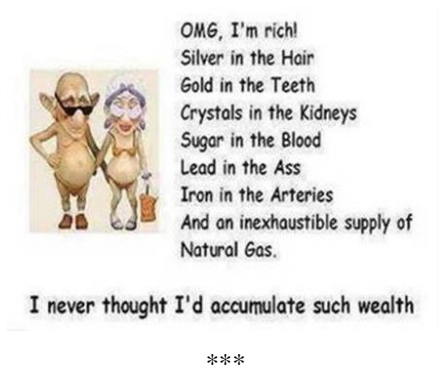
A tomato family is walking down the road, baby tomato falls behind, daddy tomato goes back smacks him on the head and says "Ketchup!"



Hey ladies, remember when we were prim, proper and well-behaved? Me neither!



Used to be rock around the clock, now it's limp around the block.



OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the Hair
Gold in the Teeth
Crystals in the Kidneys
Sugar in the Blood
Lead in the Ass
Iron in the Arteries
And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.

I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Book Titles

- 'How to Write Big Books' by Warren Peace.
- 'The Lion Attack' by Claude Yarmoff.
- 'The Art of Archery' by Beau N. Arrow.
- 'Songs for Children' by Barbara Blacksheep.
- 'Irish Heart Surgery' by Angie O'Plasty.
- 'Desert Crossing' by I. Rhoda Camel.
- 'School Truancy' by Marcus Absent.
- 'I was a Cloakroom Attendant' by Mahatma Coate
- 'I Lost My Balance' by Eileen Dover and Phil Down.
- 'Mystery in the Barnyard' by Hu Flung Dung.
- 'Positive Reinforcement' by Wade Ago.
- 'Shhh!' by Danielle Soloud.
- 'The Philippine Post Office' by Imelda Letter.
- 'Things to Do at a Party' by Bob Frapples.
- 'Stop Arguing' by Xavier Breath.

Contributed by Mike Mabbitt...

Men's Help Line

"Hello, you have reached the Men's Help Line, my name is Bob. How can I help you?"

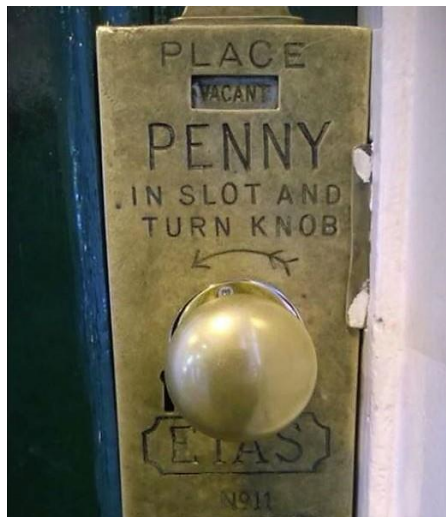
"Hi Bob, I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. You know, just the usual signs, the phone rings and when I answer, the caller hangs up. Plus, she goes out with the girls a lot. I usually try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I always fall asleep."

"Anyway, last night about midnight, I woke up and she was not home. So, I hid in the garage, behind my boat and waited for her. When she came home, she got out of someone's car, buttoning her blouse. Then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on."

"It was at that moment, while crouching behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket."

"Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?"

Extract from Facebook...



Remember when 'spending a penny' meant you really had to spend a penny!
 Back in the 50s and 60s almost all public lavatories required a penny in the slot, so you could open the door to do your business. The penny would no doubt have gone towards the upkeep and cleaning costs. Some lavs had an attendant who would hand you a small towel while keeping everything clean and tidy (e.g. the toilet block at Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide, S.A.).
 Back in those days toilets were called lavatories. Charging to use a public toilet these days would be seen as discriminatory by many.

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Inner Peace

- If you can start the day without caffeine...
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains...
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles...
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it...
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time...
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment...
- If you can conquer tension without medical help...
- If you can relax without alcohol...
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

Then You Are Probably the Family Dog!



Contributed by Doug Walker...

It is called trivia, nevertheless, it's still interesting to some.

- Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite number of times!
- Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450 F.
- The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.
- The banana cannot reproduce itself. But, it can be propagated by the hand of man.
- Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
- The University of Alaska spans four-time zones.
- The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
- In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.
- Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- A comet's tail always points away from the sun.
- The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.
- Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.
- The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

- If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.
- When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.
- In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.
- Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.
- Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.
- The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth Each year.
- The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.
- Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.
- Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.
- Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.
- Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.
- For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.
- The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Tuesday's Workshop in Action
 20th February 2018



(L to R) Ian, Rodrick, Mary, Russel, Doug, Augie, and Ken.



(L to R) Mary, Ken, Augie, Rodrick, Ben, Russel, and Ian.

Augie's Proof: Proofreading is more effective after publication.

Q: What is the similarity between a rubix cube and a dick?

A: The more you play with them the harder they get!

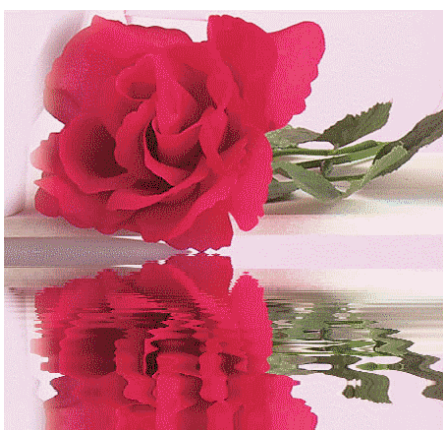
Contributed by: Irene Kramer...

From One Friend to Another



Written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

Rooney has passed away but used to be on CBS's 60 Minutes TV show.



I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper.

The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned.... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.



To all of you....

Make sure you read all the way down to the last sentence.

It's National Friendship Week... Show your friends how much you care.

Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND, even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you.

If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of friends.

Happy Friendship Week to You!



You Are My Friend and I Am Honored!

Now send this to every friend you have!

This was sent to me by a friend.



Members' Noticeboard

'No additional Club Notices'

Members out and about – Ian, Janet, and Mel attended the Canberra Rock Swap at EPIC 2018



Petra & Janet waiting for others to arrive for happy hour & tea meal.



Happy hour (view North).



Ian, Janet, and Petra...still waiting for the others.



Happy hour (view West). Where's Greg, Michael, and Coralie?



Greg Vort-Ronald browsing over Ian's stall.



Greg Vort-Ronald continues browsing over Ian's stall.



Garry and Jane Farnham's family stall.



Janet monitoring the south end of Ian's stall.

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