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## A message from the President...

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know that many of you are busy with travel and vacations but remember to keep Gem and Mineral in mind. We need people to volunteer to teach classes and to do programs. Each of you has something that you can share with the group. Think about it and volunteer.

Hope to see each of you at the next meeting.

*Sue West, President*



### **Board Meeting**

Gulfport Library - Old Hwy. 49

**Next Meeting will be in October**

## Notes from the editor...

### Review of the Standard Operating Procedures

Although we worked on these for months with a lot of input from the members it has come to our attention that the scholarship procedures that Kathy Becnel, Buddy Shotts, and myself along with the majority vote of the members no longer covers everything. William Holland is now \$425.00 but offers more classes and Wild Acres is now \$395.00 and you can only attend Federation Week.

Apparently, if you attend the Federation Week at Wild Acres your tuition is covered along with \$100.00 to help cover travel expenses. But if you do not attend the Federation Week at William Holland your entire tuition isn't covered.

*It will not affect the winners for 2019 due to our current SOP's.* Hopefully, it will help the recipients for 2020 if we vote to change them in time.

We realize that some of the classes on Federation Week may not be your interest, maybe you have already taken those classes, or the week(s) reserved may not coincide with your schedule.

Please keep in mind that the Southeast Federation of Mineralogy Society who reserves these weeks also pays for them. We lost a second week at William Holland due to low member participation. It is highly recommended that you try to go on Federation Week.

Although the Board of Directors has never refused anybody a non-Federation Week (see **Scholarship Eligibility #K**, you must have their approval to attend a non-Federation Week.

**The section below we will be reviewing:**

### *Scholarships*

*Scholarship will generally be to the William Holland Lapidary School or Wild Acres. However, it may be used for another school*





*teaching other lapidary classes per board approval. Class must be in earth sciences, lapidary, jewelry, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, or other related fields. Total monetary value of this scholarship will not exceed \$500 (\$400 for tuition and board and \$100 to cover misc. expenses).*

I've seen multiple copies of the SOP's and if your copy isn't dated December 11, 2017 and say Official Document of HCGMS with the logo in top right-hand corner – you do not have the correct copy. For that reason, I've attached a copy of the S.O.P.'s with this newsletter.

## Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society June 15, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Sue West at 1:21 p.m.  
Members in attendance: 23

### MEETING

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 16, 2019 meeting: Aurora King moved to accept and Cindy Braden seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Field Trip:** Cindy Braden filed a report on a recent rock hunt trip she and Nicole Green had recently made. She recommended a place on the Bogue Chitta River right on Stallings Bridge Road just southwest of Tylertown, Mississippi. The club will explore the idea of planning a field trip there in the fall.

**Facebook Page:** Lynn Tate reported on the page in Laura Tate's absence. She stated that there has been more traffic and encouraged the club to keep checking, liking and sharing. In addition, the club now has a Twitter account: @gulfportgems, and an Instagram account: gulfportgems.

**Website:** Sue West reported in Kathy Becnel's absence. She stated that Kathy intends to finish her tenure as webmaster, which will end at the close of 2019. At that time, Leslie J will assume the duties of webmaster, with Nicole Green serving as her backup.

**Sunshine:** Clemencia was unable to be at the meeting. Sue said she would ask Clemencia to send a card to Carmen, who is in the hospital. Sue encouraged all members to contact Clemencia whenever they become aware of a member in need of a little sunshine. Contact

information is in the newsletter. The club received a thank you card from Cindy Braden. The daughter of the Satchfields, who were lifetime members, sent the club a card stating that they had both passed away.

**Newsletter:** Lisa Fitch asked the members to please submit articles, recipes, anything.

**Workshops:** July classes will be offered by Aurora King and Lisa Fitch. Cindy Braden is offering Dream Catchers. August classes will be offered by Julie Boudreaux and Kathy Becnel. Check newsletter for more information.

**Cabbing school:** Buddy Shotts requested templates for marking cabs. A motion was made that Buddy would buy them with a budget of \$25. Karen Williams moved to accept and Lisa Fitch seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. The club also approved allowing Buddy to replace a gasket on equipment.

**Treasurer's report:** Due to a conflict in numbers, the treasurer's report will be postponed until July.

**Show:** 705 tickets were sold, not including children, free tickets, members, Shriners and Tom Bergeron. There was a 4% increase in visitors over last year. The rain appeared to have a negative effect on Sunday afternoon crowds. Between 2017 and 2018, there was a 19.89% increase in vendor sales. Between 2018 and 2019, vendor sales increased by another 14%. Kids' Corner had a 23% decrease over 2018. Promotions on Facebook, whether by our club or vendor posts, were identified by show attendees as how they became aware of the show.

**Scholarships:** William Holland Lapidary School's tuition is \$425; \$395 during Federation week. Scholarships are \$400 for tuition and \$100 for miscellaneous expenses. There was much discussion on resolving this conflict. Buddy made a motion that we table a vote until the next club meeting. Lisa Fitch seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**Split the Pot:** Won by Dianne Dewees

**Door Prizes:** Won by Charley Cavanaugh, Sharon Greer, Jessie Sisk & Nicole Green

**Adjournment:** Shirley Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Fitch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned: 2:16 p.m.

# Happy Birthday



**Kathy Becnel**  
**Ed King**  
**Maria Ramos**  
**Brenda Reilly**  
**Jessie Sisk**  
**Virginia Young**



## *Thought of the Day . . .*

The first to apologize is the bravest.

The first to forgive is the strongest.

The first to forget is the happiness.

Unknown



*Karen Johnston*

*Edd & Virginia Young*

## **Potato Salad**

By Leslie Jancovich

Makes 4-6 servings

4 cups boiled cubed potatoes, chilled  
1/3 - 1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/3 - 1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 - 3/4 cup mayonnaise  
2 chopped eggs  
1/2 tsp each dried oregano, thyme & basil  
Creole seasoning, salt & black pepper to taste.  
(All ingredients above to taste...)

Stir mayonnaise, onion, celery & potatoes together.  
Add herbs & spices to taste. Stir eggs in last. Garnish  
with egg slices & paprika, if desired; put on just before  
serving, if possible.

## **Cabbing Workshops**

*If you are interested in cabbing we have  
instructors available to teach you. Time  
may be limited if other members are wait-  
ing to use the machines.*

- ♦ \$3.00 per Day for equipment usage
- ♦ Must be a member (waiver on file)
- ♦ Guest not allowed to use equipment

**Contact Equipment Chairman**

*Cindy Braden - 706-266-0221*

## **Program**

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

By Program Chairman, VP Buddy Shotts

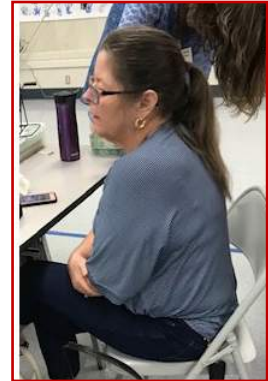
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*Contact Program Chairman*

*Vice President Buddy Shotts*



## June's Workshops and Program



Laura Tate taught Angle Weave Ring with a CZ snap set. Lynn, Lisa and Kathy took the workshop. Lynn used an Emerald, Lisa used a Sapphire and Kathy used a Tanzanite. They turned out beautiful.



President Sue West taught the Bicycle Earrings and had several students.  
Pictured Right: Leslie J., Cindy B., and Kathy S.



Vice President Buddy Shotts demonstrated Alexandrite and how with different lights it looked green or red. Reba Shotts is the model.



Left: Our resident Cabber, Ed King  
Left Below: Tres S. & VP Buddy Shotts  
Below: Shirley Robinson with the help of Nicole Green made this bracelet.



# WORKSHOPS

**Workshop Chairman:**  
kgbecnel@gmail.com

**July 20, 2019**

**Kathy Becnel**  
228-342-0716

## *Beaded Watch & Earrings*

By Lisa Fitch

**\*\* Watch Faces Available \$5.00 \* \***  
**This is not a kit only the watch itself.**

### Supplies:

Watch face

14 - 16" of Beadalon Wire 19 or 49  
(49 is the most Flexible)

4 - 8mm Round Swarovski Crystals

18 - 6mm Bicone Swarovski Crystals

24 - 4mm Bicone Swarovski Crystals

4 - 6mm Silver Spacer Beads

2 - Split Rings (Sterling Silver)

4 Crimp Beads

4 Crimp Covers (Optional for finish look)

1 Clasp of your choice

Optional: \*\*Small Chain of 1 - 1 1/2 " to  
make watch adjustable. You can add a  
4mm bead to end of chain, if so I usually  
put a crimp cover over wrapped wire.

### Tools:

Scissors

Crimping Tool

Mat

Tape Measure



### NOTE:

You do not have to have Swarovski crystals or do this  
exact design. Any pretty pearls or beads will work. De-  
pending on band length you will need enough beads to  
fill up to 8 inches of wire on each side. Variable bead  
sizes if possible.

### Earrings:

If Time Permits we will make earrings to match

### Supplies:

2 Ear Wires

2 - 2" Head Pins

Beads to match Watch

Round Nose Pliers

Flush Cutters

Chain Optional (if you want dangles)

**Workshop Limited to 6**

## *Crochet Wire Necklace*

By Aurora King



### Supplies:

1 spool of gauge 24, 26, or 28 On-A-Wire bead wire  
(depends on the size head you will use)

Crochet hook (d 3-3.125 mm )

Head caps

Clasps of choice

Jump rings

### Tools:

Wire cutters

Flat and round nose pliers

Ruler

Mat

## *Dream Catcher*

By Cindy Braden

**\*\* Kits Available \$5.00 \* \***



STOCK PHOTO FROM INTERNET  
No Picture Available from Cindy

### Upcoming 2019 Workshops

**August - Chainmaille - Kathy B.**  
**Earrings - Julie Boudreaux**

**Sept. - ?**

**SEE OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES**



# MEETINGS WEELING 2



## Meetings / Workshops

Herbert Wilson Recreational Center  
3625 Hancock Avenue  
Gulfport, Ms. 39501

### 3rd Saturday of each month

9 am - 12 pm Workshop  
12 pm - 12:30pm Program  
12 pm - 1 pm Lunch  
1 pm - 2 pm Meeting

**Directions:** Coming from Pass Road or Highway 90 turn on Courthouse Road. Turn next to Hancock Bank on 33rd Street until you reach Hancock Street. Look to your left and you will see the Herbert Wilson Recreational Center. We are on the left side of building thru the gates.

### Come for fun . . . Stay to play!

Visit our Website and Facebook page:

[www.gulfportgems.org](http://www.gulfportgems.org) or  
<https://www.facebook.com/gulfportgems>

**Workshops are offered free!**

## **Next Meeting & Workshop**

*June 20th*

Visitors are always welcome

**Please bring a guest. . .**

**3 Workshops this Month**

## Membership Dues

Single \$20.00 - 18 years old  
Family \$30.00 - 2 adults and all minors under 18 yrs. old at the same address  
Junior \$10.00 - Sponsored by an adult

*Application on website & newsletter*

*Dues deadline - 3rd Saturday of January*

*See Lynn Tate, Treasurer*



Name Tags - \$7.00

Shirts - available and cost is based on sizes

*Please see Ellen Kirsten 413-668-6934*

## 2019 MEETING DATES

Jan 19	<b>May 18 &amp; 19 SHOW</b>	
Feb. 16	June 15	Sept 21
March 16	July 20	Oct 18
April 20	Aug 17	Nov 16
<b>Dec 21 Christmas Party</b>		

## Nearby Gem Societies



Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

[www.mgcgms.com](http://www.mgcgms.com)

Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month



Mobile Rock and Gem Society

[www.mobilerockandgem.com](http://www.mobilerockandgem.com)

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month



Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana

Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

Contact: Levette @ 504-214-3205

## Other Interests:

International Society of Glass Blowers

Website: [www.isgb.org](http://www.isgb.org)

Visit site if you like Lampworking



**Dixie Mineral Council**

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/index.html>



# Bits, Tips and Tricks

## HOW TO MAKE SUNSHINE SPARKLE EARRINGS

Approximate finished length: 2 inches

**Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings: (Swarovski # 5328 color)**

**You can choose any color or make it multi colors**

6 - 3mm Light Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Bead  
12 - 4mm Light Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Bead  
8 - 5mm Light Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Bead  
8 - 6mm Light Topaz Swarovski Crystal Bicone Bead  
34 - 24 Gauge 2-inch Head Pin  
1 - Base Metal French Ear Wire with 1.5mm Ball End  
3 inches - Base Metal 1.9mm Rollo Chain

**Tools needed to complete the earrings:**

Round nose pliers  
Chain nose pliers  
Wire cutters

**Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:**

Wire Wrapping  
Attaching an Ear Wire

**Instructions to complete “Sunshine Sparkle” earrings:**

### Step 1

Using wire cutters, cut the chain into a 25-link length (1.5 inches). *Make sure you have 25 links!*

### Step 2

Open the loop on one ear wire and attach it to one end link of the chain. Close the loop.

### Step 3

Place one 6mm bicone bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap this unit to the 3rd chain link.

### Step 4

Place one 6mm bicone bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap this unit to the opposite side of the same chain link used in the previous step.

### Step 5

In the same manner as in Steps 3 – 4, continue using head pins to wire wrap these beads to the specified chain links:

5th link: 1 – 6mm bicone bead, 1 – 6mm bicone bead  
7th link: 1 – 5mm bicone bead, 1 – 5mm bicone bead  
9th link: 1 – 5mm bicone bead, 1 – 5mm bicone bead  
11th link: 1 – 4mm bicone bead, 1 – 4mm bicone bead  
13th link (right side): 1 – 4mm bicone bead  
15th link (left side): 1 – 4mm bicone bead  
17th link (right side): 1 – 4mm bicone bead  
19th link (left side): 1 – 4mm bicone bead  
21st link (right side): 1 – 3mm bicone bead  
23rd link (left side): 1 – 3mm bicone bead  
25th link (last link): 1 – 3mm bicone bead

### Step 6

Repeat Steps 2 – 5 for the second earring



# FIELD TRIPS



## Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve  
DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee  
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An Official Field Trip of the Western South Carolina Gem and Mineral Society  
Greenville, SC  
Friday, July 19, 2019  
9 AM to 6 PM Eastern Time  
Diamond Hill Quartz Mine  
Abbeville, SC  
**Fee Site**

**TRIP:** The mine is on a dirt road that should not be a problem for any vehicles. Our club has been coming to the mine for over 30 years.

**COLLECTING:** The main mineral is quartz crystals in the form of amethyst, smoky, skeletal, clear, and milky. More rare minerals include beryl and cacoxenite.

**BRING:** Your choice of hammers, digging tools, screens, and gloves. Bring sunscreen, picnic lunch, snacks, and plenty to drink.

**TERRAIN:** Disturbed earth with some pits. Use reasonable precautions.

**FEE:** \$15 group rate if you state that you are with the Dixie Mineral Council group. \$10 for those 65 or over or between 13 to 17 years of age. \$5 for 12 years and under.

**CHILDREN:** Allowed with adult supervision.

**PETS:** Allowed on leashes

**FACILITIES:** Porta-potties and picnic tables. No running water other than the creek.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Check the website at [diamondhillmine.com](http://diamondhillmine.com)

### DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

Address: 50-99 Diamond Mine Rd., Abbeville, SC  
34°16'13.5"N 82°34'28.8"W

From Interstate 85 travel south on SC 28 through Anderson, SC and follow it to SC 284. Turn right on SC 284. Drive to Diamond Mine Road. Turn onto Diamond Mine Road and look for a very dug up area with a lot of cars.

**CONTACT:** Tim Barton at (828) 577-4505 or Bill Wetzel at [wwetz14@gmail.com](mailto:wwetz14@gmail.com) or (864) 404-0025.

**IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs within the SFMS that have provided their members with field trip liability insurance.



# Rubies

## FACTS

**Mineral:** Corundum

**Chemical composition:**  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

**Color:** Red

**Refractive index:** 1.762 to 1.770

**Birefringence:** 0.008 to 0.010

**Specific gravity:** 4.00 (+/- 0.05)

**Mohs Hardness:** 9

### Anniversaries for 15th & 40th

In its purest form, the mineral corundum is colorless. Trace elements that become part of the mineral's crystal structure cause variations in its color. Chromium is the trace element that causes ruby's red, which ranges from an orangey red to a purplish red.

The strength of ruby's red depends on how much chromium is present—the more chromium, the stronger the red color. Chromium can also cause fluorescence, which adds to the intensity of the red color.

The name ruby comes from the Latin word *ruber*, which means "red." The glowing red of ruby suggested an inextinguishable flame burning in the stone, even shining through clothing and able to boil water. In the ancient language of Sanskrit, ruby is called *ratnaraj*, or "king of precious stones."

Ruby has been called the most precious of the 12 stones created by God.

The Ruby represents love, passion, courage and emotion. For centuries this gem has been considered the king of all gems. It was believed that wearing a fine red Ruby bestowed good fortune on its owner. Rubies have been the prized possession of emperors and kings throughout the ages. To this day the Ruby is the most valued gemstone.

The color of a Ruby is the most important feature of the gemstone. Rubies are available in a range of red hues from purplish and bluish red to orange-red. The brightest and most valuable color of Ruby is often "a Burmese Ruby" – an indication that it is a rich, passionate, hot, full red color with a slight blue hue. This color is often referred to as "pigeon blood" red, a Ruby color only associated with the Mogok Valley mines in Myanmar. The color Pigeon Blood Ruby red, is

not associated with the color of a pigeon's blood but rather the color of a white pigeon's eye. Ruby is the most valuable variety of the corundum mineral species, which also includes sapphire. Rubies can command the highest per-carat price of any colored stone. This makes ruby one of the most important gems in the colored stone market.

## 125West Ruby



The 125West Ruby is currently the largest ruby in the world.

This unique specimen is one of the world's largest known rough ruby gemstones and weighs 8.2lbs or 18,696 carats.

The ruby is semi-translucent to opaque and contains rutile, which may create a six-ray star if cut 'en cabochon' (i.e. polished but not faceted).

The crystal displays a strong red fluorescence when exposed to long-wave ultraviolet light. It measures 122.4mm x 112.3mm x 133.9mm.

## Bench Tips from Brad . . .

### RING SIZE VARIATIONS

The numerical sizes marked on ring gauges and ring mandrels are often not the same across different manufacturers. If you're using a ring gauge to measure a customer, be sure to compare the markings on the gauge with the markings on the mandrel you use to make the ring. They may not be the same.

Also, you may have to adjust a little for the width of the ring shank. If you're making a wide shank ring, the ring generally has to be a little bit larger in diameter than the ring gauge size in order to get a comfortable fit.



### NEW MELTING DISH

A new melting dish or crucible must be given a protective coating of borax before its first use. Borax extends the life of the ceramic material. Once done, it generally does not have to be repeated.

The procedure is straightforward. Heat the new melting dish to red with a large torch. You'll need plenty of heat. I use an acetylene/air Prest-O-Lite torch with a large #5 nozzle.

When the dish is hot, sprinkle in a half teaspoon of borax, let it melt, and spread it with a carbon rod over all of the interior surface of the dish. Add more borax if needed.

Sometimes you will have to hold the dish at an angle to coat the sides up to the rim. And don't forget to coat the pouring spout itself.



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### WILDACRES RETREAT

**828-756-4573**

Website @[www.wildscres.org](http://www.wildscres.org)

When scheduling keep in mind, workshops are subjected to change without notice.

**Please check the website for changes.**

### Wildacres 2019 Federation Weeks

#### August 19-25 2019 sfmsworkshops.com

- ♦ Cold Connections Morning Sherrod
- ♦ Beginning Casting Bill Harr
- ♦ Wire Wrap Rowan Rose Morgan
- ♦ Special Projects Jeff Sheer
- ♦ Cabochons Buddy Shotts
- ♦ Beg. Chain/Fusing Roy Deere
- ♦ Layered Colored Pencil Mary Karg
- Jewelry on metal

#### September 16-22 2019 sfmsworkshops.com

- ♦ Silver 1 Pattie Appleby
- ♦ Gem ID Teresa Polly
- ♦ Adv. Casting Bill Harr
- ♦ Stone Inlay Chuck Bruce
- ♦ Beg. Chain/Fusing Roy Deere
- ♦ Metal Clay Judi Talley
- ♦ Cold Connections Morning Sherrod
- ♦ Electro-etch wood inlay Micah Kirby

We look forward to seeing you at Wildacres this coming year for our lapidary workshops.



### A.F.M.S. Newsletter

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### AFMS 2019 Annual Convention

Held in Cedar Rapids, IA

**Meeting TBA 2020**

### William Holland School of Lapidary Arts 706-379-2126

Website @[www.lapidaryschool.org](http://www.lapidaryschool.org)

*Classes are April - Nov 2019*

### A.L.A.A.



Have you joined the **American Lands Access Association** (ALAA)? Help is needed. Please volunteer!

The organization was founded to promote and ensure the right of the amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

Individual dues are \$25 per year; clubs \$50 per year.

A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members.

For more information,

Visit <http://amlands.org>

Shirley Leeson, President



# Shows and Events

## **Macon County Gemboree (The Original Franklin Gem Show)**

**July 26th - 28th** Franklin, NC **Thru — Sat 9am to 7pm Sun 10am to 4pm**

Robert C. Carpenter Community Building 1288 Georgia Rd./US 441, Franklin, North Carolina

Sponsored by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin

Linda Harbuck (828) 524-3161 [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com) / [www.VisitfranklinNC.com](http://www.VisitfranklinNC.com) Visit website for more information at: [www.fgmm.org](http://www.fgmm.org)

## **Parkway Fire & Rescue's 34th Annual Grassy Creek Gem Show**

136 Majestic View, Spruce Pine, NC **July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 5th Open 10AM – 6PM Daily**

Contact: Donna Collis Email: [collisdonna@Yahoo.web](mailto:collisdonna@Yahoo.web) (828) 765-5519

Parking & Admission are Free \* Food Available \* Raising Money for New Equipment

## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual North Georgia Bead, Gem, Fossil, Mineral & Jewelry Show**

**August 10th-12th, 2018**

**Fri. 2-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5 / Adults \$4 - 3 days Pass / Children free under 17**

[Dalton Gem & Mineral Society](http://www.facebook.com/pg/daltongemandmineraljewelryshow)

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/daltongemandmineraljewelryshow>

We will have vendors from all across the USA who will have some of the finest gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, pearls and fossils! Custom work and repairs will also be available. We will have door prizes daily as well as a grand door prize! Come check us out! **Door Prizes, Concession, & Free Parking Available**

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS VISIT - [amfed.org](http://amfed.org)**

## [AKS GEM SHOW](#) Presents [New Orleans Bead & Jewelry Show](#)

**Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Blvd., Kenner, La. 70065**

**Admission Fee \$5.00** Hours: Fri & Sat 10am-6pm / Sun 10am-4pm

Email [info@aksshow.com](mailto:info@aksshow.com) with inquiries Phone: 504-265-8830 Visit website [www.aksshow.com](http://www.aksshow.com)

**GET A COUPON FOR \$1.00 OFF Admission**

**2019 Dates: January 25th - 27th Winter Show / April 5th - 7th Spring Show  
July 12th - 14th Summer Show / September 6th - 8th Fall Show / November 1st - 3rd Xmas Show**

**Save \$1.00 off  
admission to any AKS  
Gem Show**

Offer Expires: no expiration.

This coupon is good for entrance to any AKS Gem Show! ***Be sure to check your inbox for additional savings from our exhibitors.***

[Check our list of shows now...](#)



# Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society Information



## Officers 2019

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John Clinard (3 yr.)	(601) 766-3786

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## Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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## Field Trips

John Clinard

We are now members of the Dixie Mineral Council. You can attend any DMC Field Trips. It will be posted in each newsletter. Because of insurance requirements the general public are NOT invited to any field trips.

**601-766-3786**

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## Website

Kathy Becnel

Take the time and visit our website for the latest information and workshops. Submit articles and pictures to our webmaster.



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## Facebook

Laura Tate

Please visit our Facebook page to view all the latest news and information on our club and workshops. To post club information contact:

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## Library

Arvid Coole



The club has some interesting material available for viewing. Please contact Arvid to check out material from our Library. Be sure to return the material in a timely matter in order to share with other members.

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## Newsletter Editor

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# Membership Form

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<b>HARRISON COUNTY GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>			
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			<b>SINGLE \$20.00</b>
Name:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Anniversary: (Mo/Day)	Cell Phone:	
Current address:		Home Phone:	
City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
<b>CO-APPLICANT / SPOUSE INFORMATION</b>			<b>FAMILY \$30.00</b>
<b>TWO ADULTS &amp; ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE/AT SAME ADDRESS</b>			
Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
<b>JUNIOR INFORMATION</b>			<b>JUNIOR \$10.00</b>
<b>UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ★ SPONSORED BY AN ADULT</b>			
Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
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Name:	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
<b>★ EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ★</b>			
Name:			
Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
<b>INTEREST INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Hobby Interest:</b>		<b>Jewelry Interest:</b>	
<b>(Each applicant initial interests)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fossils <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals <input type="checkbox"/> Lapidary ( <input type="checkbox"/> Cabbing, <input type="checkbox"/> Faceting, Etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips (Creeks, Gravel pits, Mines, Etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Interests _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Beading <input type="checkbox"/> Kumihimo <input type="checkbox"/> Pearl Knotting <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wire Wrapping <input type="checkbox"/> Chainmaille <input type="checkbox"/> Silversmithing	
<b>APPLICATION FEES</b>			
Applications can be mail to: Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society P. O. Box 10136, Gulfport, Ms. 39505			
Single \$20.00	Family \$30.00	Junior(s) \$10.00 Each	<b>DUES: \$</b>
<b>Dues:</b> <i>Circle One</i> <b>NEW RENEWAL</b> <b>No Proration</b> <b>Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January</b>			<b>TOTAL: \$</b>
<b>SIGNATURES</b>			
How did you hear about our society? _____			
I authorize HCGMS to use my picture or likeness for society promotions? YES or NO			
I authorize HCGMS to include my information in society listings for members only? YES or NO			
Signature of applicant:		Date:	
Signature of co-applicant/spouse (only if for a family membership):		Date:	
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*Our goal is to promote, educate and stimulate interest in the earth sciences and lapidary arts context.*





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