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Website: www.gulfportgems.org

A message from the President...

Dear Members,

We will not meet at the Hebert Wilson Community Center in May. Instead, we will be at the Joppa Shrine Center for the annual show.

Please do all that you can to assist with the show. Friday we will need help with set up and the vendors dinner. On Saturday and Sunday there are lots of things to do. We would appreciate whatever time you can give.

See you at the show. Let's make this one even better than last years.

Thanks,

Sue West, President



Happy Mother's Day

Board Meeting

Gulfport Library - Old Hwy. 49

May 14th

Room Time: 1pm to 3pm

ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME

If attending, contact Sue

"Celebrating 40 Years"
The Annual Harrison County Gem
& Jewelry Show

Notes from the editor...

This is a major milestone and we are working hard to make it one of the best years yet!

Please get the "Word Out"...

Tell and email your friends, family, and co-workers. Pass out postcards, flyers, "Golden Tickets", and post it on your Facebook page too!



Harrison County

PRESENTS

40th Annual Gem & Jewelry

May 18 & 19, 2019

Saturday

9 –5pm

Adults - \$5.00 / Kids age 10 & under - Free

*** Door Prizes Hourly ***

Sunday

9 –4pm



Joppa Shrine Temple

13280 Shriners Blvd. Biloxi, Ms.
North of I-10 / Woolmarket Exit # 41



Jewelry * Rocks * Gems * Beads * Fossils * Minerals



Bring Flyer for \$1.00 Off

Displays

Exhibits

Kids Corner

Stump
the
Expert!

Demonstrations

Gem & Mineral Society



Visit our Website: www.gulfportgems.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/gulfportgems

"The Golden Ticket"



Give the
Golden Ticket

May 16th - Setup Day
May 17th - Vendor Lunch
& vendor setup

You haven't volunteered yet?



You've got to be kitten me!

Volunteers Needed!

Show Chairman: Lynn Tate

l.tate4@gmail.com or call/text 228-342-2963

There is a place from every member. Please volunteer and contact the committee person below or our Show Chairman.

Hospitality Committee: Laura Tate (228) 342-2971

Vendor lunch served at I am on Friday and help is needed.

Additional volunteers are need to bring food too.

Admissions Committee: Lisa Fitch (228) 216-4684

One more needed on Saturday 1pm to 5pm

Door Prize Committee: Kathy Becnel (228) 342-0716

Hostess Committee: Diane Dewees (228) 313-1026 **Volunteers needed**

Sign Committee: Nicole Green (228) 344-8066

Contact Nicole - we need volunteers to help put out signs.

Signs are needed all along the interstate and down on Hwy. 90 especially by the I-110, Hwy 49 and Beauvoir.

Demonstration Committee: Reba Shotts (601) 508-6746

All members are encouraged to demo at any time. Volunteers needed

Kids' Corner: Barbara Saavedra (228) 806-0945 **Volunteers needed**

Advertising: Those who have postcards, please make sure to distribute them. Tell everybody you know about the show.

Security: Show Chair, Lynn Tate **We need volunteers.**

Our vendors will need breaks (for lunch and restroom). We need members to be visible and walk the show.

Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society

The minutes and pictures from April will be printed in the Junes' Gulfport Gems.

Volunteers are needed in various locations of the show. Please see previous page to contact the person in charge of that area.

Our new scholarships that were proposed have been tabled at the last meeting until further notice.

Please contact Workshop Chairman, Kathy Becnel to schedule a Program or Workshop. She needs volunteers for August.



Thought of the Day . . .



Tammy Cook

B. Fitch

Clemencia Howe

Butch Johnson

Buddy Shotts

Lorraine Smith

Connie Walker

Sue West



Happy Anniversary



Michael & Nicole Green

Butch & Tita Johnson

VOLUNTEER



Emeralds

Emerald — May

Birthstone

Wedding Anniversaries— 12th & 35th

FACTS

- Mineral: Beryl
- Chemistry: $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$
- Color: Vibrant green
- Refractive Index: 1.577 to 1.583
- Birefringence: 0.005 to 0.009
- Specific Gravity: 2.72
- Mohs Hardness: 7.5 to 8



Emerald is the green to greenish blue variety of beryl, a mineral species that also includes aquamarine as well as beryls in other colors.

Gem experts differ on the degree of green that makes one stone an emerald and another stone a less-expensive green beryl. Some people in the trade tend to give the name emerald to any green beryl colored by chromium. But to most gemologists, gemological laboratories, and colored stone dealers, it is more correct to call a stone green beryl when its color is "too light" for it to be classified as emerald. Even among that group, however, there's a difference of opinion about what's considered "too light."

History & Lore...

Emerald's lush green has soothed souls and excited imaginations since antiquity. Its name comes from the ancient Greek word for green, "smaragdus." Rome's Pliny the Elder described emerald in his *Natural History*, published in the first century AD: "...nothing greens greener" was his verdict. He described the use of emerald by early lapidaries, who "have no better method of restoring their eyes than by looking at the emerald, its soft, green color comforting and removing their weariness and lassitude." Even today, the color green is known to relieve stress and eye strain. There are other green gems, like tourmaline and Peridot, but emerald is the one that's always associated

with the lushest landscapes and the richest greens. Ireland is the Emerald Isle. Seattle, in the US state of Washington, is the Emerald City. Thailand's most sacred religious icon is called the Emerald Buddha, even though it's carved from green jadeite.

The first known emerald mines were in Egypt, dating from at least 330 BC into the 1700s. Cleopatra was known to have a passion for emerald, and used it in her royal adornments.

Emeralds from what is now Colombia were part of the plunder when sixteenth-century Spanish explorers invaded the New World. The Incas had already been using emeralds in their jewelry and religious ceremonies for 500 years. The Spanish, who treasured gold and silver far more than gems, traded emeralds for precious metals. Their trades opened the eyes of European and Asian royalty to emerald's majesty.

Emerald is the most famous member of the beryl family. Legends endowed the wearer with the ability to foresee the future when emerald was placed under the tongue, as well as to reveal truth and be protected against evil spells. Emerald was once also believed to cure diseases like cholera and malaria. Wearing an emerald was believed to reveal the truth or falseness of a lover's oath as well as make one an eloquent speaker.

Legend also states that emerald was one of the four precious stones given by God to King Solomon.

These four stones were said to have endowed the king with power over all creation. 2.97 billion years is the age of the oldest Emeralds from South Africa.



Gia.com, smithsonianeducation.org, igb.com, Wikipedia, gemsociety.org,

Emeralds

"Hooker Emerald"



The **75.47-carat** Hooker Emerald was worn by Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid II, the last sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Chip Clark, courtesy Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History.

Emerald Unguentarium



2,860-carat (20.18 oz.) emerald vase carved in 1641, is on display in the Imperial Treasury, Vienna, Austria.

There are many large emeralds that are valuable and famous. For a complete list visit www.gemsociety.org.

"The Imperial Emerald"



The emerald weighs in at **206 carats**. The Mogul Emerald, owned by the dynasty that built the Taj Mahal and now in the collection of the Museum of Islamic Art in Qatar, is bigger at 217 carats but not as transparent. Here's where the Imperial Emerald really stands out: it's remarkably clean for any emerald and for one of this size, staggeringly clear. It is also completely unenhanced. As you might expect for a gem of this magnitude, it has reports from every gemological lab that matters, including the book-form monograph from the Gemological Institute of America, a Gem Portrait by Gubelin, and a Jewel Folio by AGL. In short, this gem really belongs in a museum, although none will be able to afford it. In fact, it was probably cut from a crystal even better than the Patricia, the 632-carat crystal in the American Museum of Natu-

Guinness Emerald Crystal



The **1,759-carat (12.4 oz.)** "Guinness Emerald Crystal" was at one time the largest natural emerald crystal in the world, and is still preserved in its natural crystalline state, at the Banco Nacional de la Republica in Bogotá.

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 Northeast Georgia Mineral Society
(Cornelia, GA) (HOST)

Saturday, May 18, 2019
10:00 AM Eastern Time
Chunky Gal Mountain
Clay County, NC

TRIP: Chunky Gal Mountain -- people always wonder about that name. Legend has it that it was named for a young Native American woman who fell in love with a young man from another tribe. Some stories say she prevailed by defying the odds and crossing the mountain to be with her beloved, while other stories say she never saw him again. Hopefully it was the happy ending. It is certainly a happy place for rockhounds.

COLLECTING: Green smaragdite is abundant and can be found in small chunks to large boulders. It is a variety of the amphibole mineral actinolite and gets its emerald green color from a touch of chromium. Some of the smaragdite has tiny bits of pink to red corundum in it.

BRING: Rock hammer, chisel, short handled sledge, a UV light for verifying corundum, gloves, safety glasses, hiking boots, 5 gallon bucket, and paper for wrapping specimens. You should also bring sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, water, and snacks.

Very Important – Please read carefully: According to National Forest rules, "Materials must be removed using small hand tools without mechanical means or motorized equipment. Removing mineral materials with a pick, shovel, sluice box or similar large tools can cause significant impacts to resources is considered mechanical so therefore not allowed."

For more information about these rules, see the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/recreation/?cid=stelordb5420144.

TERRAIN: Wooded areas are steep and rocky and may be difficult for people with mobility issues. There may be poison ivy, snakes, ticks, mosquitoes, and other wildlife in the area. Parking may be limited, so carpooling is highly recommended.

FEE: None.

CHILDREN (MAYBE): The terrain may be difficult for small children and they may encounter dangerous wildlife. Parents are encouraged to consider their child's interest and abilities before attending this trip. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Attendees with unattended children will be asked to leave for the safety of the children and other participants.

PETS (NO): This location is not suitable for pets so pets are NOT allowed.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at this location. Closest facilities are in Hayesville, NC, about 16 miles to the west, and Franklin, NC, about 19 miles to the east. Cell coverage may be spotty or non-existent.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:
Intersection of Highway 64 and Buck Creek Road

CONTACT: Kim Cochran, 770-979-8331. Cell phone the day of trip, Charles Carter, 770-998-1127.

Smaragdite with corundum





MEETINGS WEEKLY



Meetings / Workshops

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

3rd Saturday of each month

9 am - 12 pm Workshop
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 or
<https://www.facebook.com/gulfportgems>

Workshops are offered free!

Next Meeting & Workshop

None in May

Visitors are always welcome

Please bring a guest. . .

0 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	May 18 & 19 SHOW	
Feb. 16	June 15	Sept 21
March 16	July 20	Oct 18
April 20	Aug 17	Nov 16
Dec 21 Christmas Party		

Nearby Gem Societies



Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

www.mgcgms.com

Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month



Mobile Rock and Gem Society

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

Visit site if you like Lampworking



Dixie Mineral Council

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

SANDING DISKS

One of my favorite flexshaft tools that saves a lot of time is the snap-on sanding disk. I mainly use the medium and fine grits but sometimes like the very fine ones sold for working with platinum.

Ordinarily, you'd think of placing the disk on the mandrel with the grit side facing away from your hand, but notice that you end up with your elbow up in the air. Instead, try flipping the disk so that the grit side is towards your hand. It's a much more comfortable position because the elbow is down near your side, and it lets me hold the work up close where I have a better view of what I'm sanding.

I use these snap-on disks so frequently that I keep multiple mandrels with different grits already mounted in the bur stand. Some mandrels have the grit facing out and some facing in.



EASIER PRONG SETTING

When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers.

The easiest way to create a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the easiest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a cutoff wheel. Then do a rough polish on the slot with a medium grit, knife-edge silicone wheel.



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William Holland School of Lapidary Arts 706-379-2126

Website @ www.lapidaryschool.org

Classes are April - Nov 2019
Federation Week June 9, 2019

WILDACRES RETREAT 828-756-4573

Website @ www.wildscres.org

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

Please check the website for changes.

William Holland June 9th, 2019 – June 14th, 2019

For more information go to www.sfmsworkshops.org we will be updating the website soon to include registration and payment but for now you can mail your registration form and \$50 Deposit to:

SFMS Workshops
c/o Warren Ratcliff, WH Registrar
420 S. Oak Ave
Bartow, FL 33830

(Make check payable to SFMS Workshops)

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Kristine@kmarella.com,
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- ♦ Beading
- ♦ Cabochons I
- ♦ Casting
- ♦ Chain – Loop n Loop
- ♦ Electro-Etching/Wood Inlay
- ♦ Metal Manipulation/ Cold Connection
- ♦ Opals II – Carving
- ♦ Silver 2 – Fused
- ♦ Silver I
- ♦ Silver-Wear I & II
- ♦ Wire II – Bracelets Only

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.

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



1st Annual Rockhound Roundup

The Rockhound Roundup page will be on the SFMS Website, postings to our Facebook page and more emails to our member clubs.

The dates are May 17-19, 2019, to coincide with our 2nd Executive meeting, to be held at the same dates and place. The Roundup location is the Suwannee River Music Park near Live Oak, Florida. (<http://musicliveshere.com>)

If you have any questions, please email me at: jheerx6@aol.com. I prefer a written means of communication so I can keep record of questions and answers. This is a new venture, and there will most certainly be a learning curve as we progress!

Thank you,

Jerri Heer, Secretary
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies
jheerx6@aol.com Phone: 419-344-9999

Information in newsletter on Pages 12 & 13.

AFMS 2020 Annual Convention

TBA 2020

**Meeting information TBA
on website
www.amfed.org**

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AFMS Endowment Fund 2019-2020

Cheryl Neary, Chair

First, I would like to thank all who have contributed to another successful drawing. This year the endowment fund was able to raise almost \$6,000.00. The majority of the sale was by Carolyn Weinberger, during the late Spring period of 2018, after the 2018 Convention held in Raleigh, North Carolina. For the record, although the sale was for the 2019 Endowment Fund, monies were reported in the 2018 calendar year – just in case anyone was wondering!

Thanks to Carolyn for all the time and effort she had contributed to the Endowment Fund, for as long as I can remember, and as you see, even while so sick – I will miss Carolyn. . . .

This year, Larry Huffman has so generously volunteered to fill the shoes of Carolyn.

Why contribute to the Endowment Fund? Simply, your donation of either an item donated to the fund or the purchase of tickets helps tremendously with this important fundraiser for the Federation. The interest from the monies generated is used for AFMS special projects, such as junior badges, judges training, digitizing of slide programs, just to name a few.

Tickets for the drawing are **\$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00**. You may purchase your tickets from your Federation's representative as follows:

Leslie & Dave Wayment

P.O. Box 780791

Sebastian, FL 32978

Email: aastainedglass@bellsouth.net

So far, I have received the first donation, while at this year's convention. Please remember to donate to such a worthy cause in our organization! Also, please remember these guide lines:

Each object should weigh no more than 5 pounds;
Each object or combined set of objects should have a minimum value of \$75.00.

If you are considering donating, either contact your Federation Representative or email me at: ciervo.neary@gmail.com

Thanks!

The item donated to date is as follows:

Northwest – #1 Amethyst Plate and holder

Donated by Doug True, President of AFMS (2018-2019)
Estimated value \$375.00



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Rockhound Roundup Application

May 17 -19, 2019

Suwannee River Music Park, Live Oak, FL

We hope this will be the first of many Rockhound Roundups sponsored by the SFMS. Each SFMS member who applies for and is accepted, will be allotted a 10' x 20' space in an open field designated for this event. Cost this year is a minimal \$25.00 per space, one space per Vendor, for one to all three days. No tents, tables or chairs are available, you MUST BRING YOUR OWN! This is intended to be an old-fashioned rock swap and sale - bring your pickup, drop the tailgate and have fun.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

SFMS Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ Plate#: _____

Will you have a tent? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in this two-page document.

Send Application and check made out to SFMS to:

SFMS Secretary
Jerri Heer
9016 122nd Av
Tampa, FL 33637-5321

_____ for office use only _____

Date form was received: _____ By: _____ Check # _____ Check \$ _____

Space assignment: Row: _____ Space: _____

SFMS First Annual Rockhound Roundup

Set-up Friday- Sunday, May 17-19, 2019 each day from 8 am – 10 am. Check in at the SFMS Welcome tent. All vendor vehicles must be in place by 10 am. Swap and sales start each day at 10 am, ending at 5 pm.

Venue Info:

1. Restrooms are available inside the Suwannee River Music Park at the Music Hall and Café.
2. ATM machine is available in the General Store.
3. Housing: Cabins, RV Space and campsites are available in the Park. Call Carol Walker at (386)365-0070 for reservations. If you don't reach her, leave a message, she will call you back. Please indicate that that you are with the Rockhound Roundup as they are tracking our participation. You may also reserve online at www.musicliveshere.com or by calling the main line (386)364-1683.
4. Hotels: In addition to accommodations onsite, there are several hotels nearby. Go to <https://www.musicliveshere.com/directions-maps/> for a list.
5. The General Store and Café has food available onsite and as take out. We are attempting to arrange one or more food trucks, but that is not finalized at this time. You are welcome to bring your own food and beverages. We may provide bottle water for sale at the SFMS Welcome Booth.

SFMS Responsibilities:

1. Provide a marked 10' x 20' space and vehicle access to the space.
2. Provide access to trash receptacles
3. Provide access to toilet facilities

Applicant/Vendor Responsibilities

1. Set-up within boundaries of provided space. Any changes to the designated space are only allowed at the discretion of the Roundup Committee.
2. Police assigned site for trash during and after event.
3. You are responsible for your own security. You may set-up and tear down each day.
4. Provide all equipment, tents, tables and chairs for your own set-up.

We ask that you please be understanding that as this will be our first time hosting this event. We will try to anticipate all reasonable needs. Our goal is to provide a smooth event, but there will likely be hiccups along the way. All of us are volunteers trying to make this an enjoyable event for all. We welcome your suggestions and ideas for improvement. You may email questions to Jheerx6@aol.com.

Shows and Events

The Georgia Mineral Society's 51st Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show

May 10, 11, 12, 2019 – Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy., SE, Marietta, GA 30060.

Show Hours: Friday: 10am-6pm Saturday: 10am-6pm Sunday: 12pm-5pm

EXCITING AUCTION Saturday at 1 p.m.!!! FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! SPECIAL / Door Prize for Students! Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!

Website – www.gamineral.org Email – mayshow@gamineral.org

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

The 46th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show

June 1st & 2nd, 2019 Time: 9am-5pm Tannehill Ironworks State Park

The show is FREE with paid admission to the park. So pack a lunch and

Take I-20/59 to Exit #100 or I-459 to Exit #1 and follow the signs.

For more information contact Cathy Kellogg at tannehillgemshow@gmail.com or

see our show pages on the web at <https://lapidaryclub.com>. The AMLS meets the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church, Cahaba Heights, AL. at 6:30 p.m.

Gaston Gem & Mineral Society

June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2019 Friday and Saturday: 9 – 6pm, Sunday: 9 – 4pm

Gaston VFW Absher-Flowers Post 9337, 3250 W Franklin Blvd, Gastonia, NC 28052

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Email info@aksshow.com with inquiries Phone: 504-265-8830 Visit website www.aksshow.com

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Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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Lisa Fitch	(228) 467-4684

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

jclinard173@att.net



Website

Kathy Becnel

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



<http://www.gulfportgems.org/>
kbecnel@gmail.com



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:

Laura Tate at wanderingmsrn@gmail.com



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.

Arvid Coole (601) 723-1412

Newsletter Editor

Lisa Fitch

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Membership Form

Contact Our Treasurer: Lynn Tate (228) 342-2963 **Email:** l.tate4@gmail.com



HARRISON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION			
APPLICANT INFORMATION			SINGLE \$20.00
18 YEARS OF AGE			
Name:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Anniversary: (Mo/Day)	Cell Phone:	
Current address:		Home Phone:	
City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
CO-APPLICANT / SPOUSE INFORMATION			FAMILY \$30.00
TWO ADULTS & ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE/AT SAME ADDRESS			
Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
JUNIOR INFORMATION			JUNIOR \$10.00
UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ★ SPONSORED BY AN ADULT			
Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
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Name:	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
★ EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ★			
Name:			
Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
INTEREST INFORMATION			
Hobby Interest:		Jewelry Interest:	
(Each applicant initial interests)			
<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	
APPLICATION FEES			
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	DUES: \$
Dues: <i>Circle One</i> NEW RENEWAL No Proration Deadline: 3rd Saturday of January			TOTAL: \$
SIGNATURES			
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:	
*Newsletter will be sent via email @ no charge		Modified 11/20/17 LF	

Our goal is to promote, educate and stimulate interest in the earth sciences and lapidary arts context.



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