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A message from the President...

Dear Members,

This year is very quickly coming to a close. We are having a pot luck thanksgiving dinner at the next meeting. Come and enjoy the fun. We will have the workshop and then dinner.

Also, we are going on a field trip. November 6 or November 13 if the 6th has bad weather. Lisa will give you all the details. This is something that we have been talking about. Come make it a reality.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and on the field trip.

Sincerely,

Sue West, President



Notes from the editor...

Field Trip!

Location: Bogue Chitto River, near Tylertown, Mississippi

Date: November 6th - Wednesday

Time: 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Members will meet at the Mississippi Welcome Center (I-10, Exit 2)

Contact: Sharon Greer will create a list of supplies.

Any questions call 228-452-3733 / 228-324-2725

Email: 3catsgreer@bellsouth.net

Wear comfortable clothes, bring water and pack a lunch. If it rains we will reschedule.



Nominating Committee

Slate of 2020 Officers:

President - Sue West

Vice President - Leslie Jancovich. & Cindy Braden

Secretary - Nicole green

Treasurer - Lynn Tate

Director - Monica White

If you are interested in running for an office please contact one of us. It is always a privilege to serve.

Sue West (228) 831-2294

Reba Shotts (601) 508-6746

Lisa Fitch (228) 216-4684



Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society October 19, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sue West at 1:20 p.m.

Members in attendance: 23

MEETING

Minutes: The minutes of September 21, 2019 meeting: Tres Lennep noted that the program was not included in the minutes. It should have stated: Tres Lennep showed us how to make a silver ring band. Aurora King moved to accept the minutes after correction. Julie Boudreaux seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed. The club recognizes a new member, Allan Elliott. Welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Not available.

Facebook: Report Given by Lynn Tate in Laura Tate's absence

Apologies for not getting it updated sooner. Continue to like and share.

Field Trip: Report by President Sue West After much discussion, the club proposed going to Bogue Chitto River, near Tylertown, Mississippi on November 6, with November 13 as an alternate date. Members will meet at the Mississippi Welcome Center (I-10, Exit 2) at 8:00 a.m. Sharon Greer will create a list of supplies and submit to Lisa Fitch for distribution. Cindy Braden moved to accept. Sharon Greer seconded. None opposed. The motion passed.

Workshops: At the November meeting, Sue West will be teaching the Darling Ring, Kathy Becnel will be teaching the Chain Maille Christmas Tree and Leslie Jancovich will be teaching an Ornament. Shirley will submit a tutorial for an earring cuff, as a request for a future workshop. Nicole Green will be displaying Jewelry Findings to see if there is an interest for a workshop in 2020.

Show: Joan Jones of Eagle's Nest informed Lynn Tate that they will not be returning to our Annual Gem & Mineral Show. (May 16-17) That leaves us with 2 places to fill.

Sunshine: No report available in the absence of Clemencia Howe.

Website: No report available.

Newsletter: Report Given by Lisa Fitch Lisa asks for early submission of programs in order to add to the newsletter.

Equipment: Report Given by Cindy Braden

No new information.

COMMUNICATIONS

We've been invited to a field trip, hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana. Check your email for details. If you didn't receive one, contact one of the board members.

Show & Tell: Tres Lennep presented a lidded box. It was an excellent example of formed copper.

Program: Tres Lennep gave an informative demonstration on the general use of a Foredom flex shaft.

Old Business

No one volunteered for nominating committee. The board became the nominating committee.

The current slate for officers: Sue West, president; Leslie Jancovich and Cindy Braden, Vice President; Nicole Green, Secretary, Lynn Tate, Treasurer; Monica White as 1st year director. We will take nominations from the floor at the November meeting.

Buddy announced the date of the Rockhound Round-up; March 7-9, 2020.

New Business

Volunteers for data entry requested.

Split the pot: Barbara Saavedra.

Door prizes: Reba Shotts, Monica White, Aurora King, Nicole Green, Lisa Fitch, Buddy Shotts, Sharon Greer, Tres Lennep, Barbara Saavedra, Rosalind and Lynn Tate.

Adjournment: 2:09 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made to adjourn by Lisa Fitch and seconded by Julie Boudreaux. None opposed.

Happy



Thanksgiving

Board Meeting

Gulfport Library - Old Hwy. 49
Orange Grove Library

No Board Meeting

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairman:
kgbecnel@gmail.com

October 19th

Kathy Becnel
228-342-0716

Star Ornament/Pendant

By Leslie Jancovich

* * Kits Available * *



Darling Ring

By Sue West

* * Kits Available \$6.00 * *



Materials

1 – 8mm round bead
6 – 6mm round beads
4mm round beads
24 – 4mm faceted beads
Seed beads (Any size works, and will change the look of the finished product)
28 gauge wire

Tools:

Beading Mat
Wire Cutters
Needle Nose or Bent Nose Pliers

Supplies:

5 to 7 inches 12 ga. 1/2 round sterling dead soft
2 - 6 inches 14 ga. 1/2 round gold filled dead soft
7 inches 18 ga. square dead soft

If you have a ring mandrel, bring it. Please let me know if you want one so that I will know how many to make. You can call 228-860-0448 or text.

Tools:

Mat
Wire Cutters
Ring mandrel (if you have one)
Chain Nose & Flat Nose Pliers

Cabbing Workshops

If you are interested in cabbing we have instructors available to teach you. Time may be limited if other members are waiting 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

* * NOTICE * *

Kathy Becnel will be out of town for November and will not be teaching this month.

Upcoming 2019 Workshops

November	Star Pendant	Leslie J.
	Darling Ring	Sue W.

December	No Workshop / Christmas Party	
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2020 Workshops

January	Sweetheart Necklace	Lisa F.
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SEE OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES

Happy Birthdays

Julie Boudreaux
Cindy Braden
Mike Honoree
Patricia Lewis
Julia Reightler
Laura Tate
Reba Shotts
John Wright



Happy
Anniversary

Kathy Beenzel
Bonnie Owens-Watkins

Thought of the Day . . .

Kindness is the language
that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see

By Mark Twain

Program

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

By Program Chairman, VP Buddy Shotts

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November Speaker is Buddy Shotts
Gem ID

Thin French Apple Tart

Submitted by Nicole Green
from Pillsbury Kitchens

Prep: 15 min Total Time: 45 min Servings: 8



Ingredients:

1 Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crust, softened as directed on box Save \$
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 lb. Golden Delicious apples, peeled, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Instructions:

- 1) Heat oven to 425°F. Remove pie crust from pouch; unroll on lightly floured surface. Roll into 12-inch round; place in 12-inch pizza pan.
- 2) In small bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon cinnamon-sugar over crust. Arrange apple slices spoke-like on crust, working from outside edge to center. Sprinkle apple slices with remaining cinnamon-sugar.
- 3) Bake 30 minutes or until apples are tender and crust is lightly browned.
- 4) In small microwavable bowl, mix honey and vanilla. Microwave uncovered on High 40 seconds. Brush honey mixture over tart. Serve warm.





MEETINGS W E E L I N G S



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
12:30pm - 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

October 16th

Visitors are always welcome

Please bring a guest. . .

2 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

2019 MEETING DATES

Nov 16 Thanksgiving Lunch

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>

October Workshops

Cindy Braden taught Dreamcatcher



Above: Our new member, Allan Elliott across from Nicole Green and Cindy Braden.

Middle: Nicole Green.

Far Right: Shirley Robinson and Barbara Saavedra learn from Cindy how to make a dreamcatcher.

October Workshops

Lisa Fitch taught the Christmas Earrings & Christmas Poinsettia Bracelet



Above: Kathy Stevens-Lennep & Reba Shotts decided to put a green seed bead between each crystal to make their Christmas trees larger. So cute! See pictures to left.

Top Right: Laura Tate made a bunch of them from the last time I taught this workshop in 2018.

Reba, Lynn Tate, & myself worked on bracelets of our own. No picture yet. Lol

Right: Aurora King made the Crystal Christmas earrings and they are gorgeous!



October Workshops

Tres Lennep taught Soldering

October Program

By Tres Lennep

He demonstrated the general use of a Foredom flex shaft.



October Show & Tell

By Tres Lennep

Tres Lennep presented a lidded box. It was an excellent example of formed copper.



Resident Cabber Ed King at it again.



Welcome back Carmen! We were glad to see you again with Sharon Greer to her right and Gladys Dedeaux across from her.



Members helping in the kitchen helping to set out the food. Thank You very much for your time.



We celebrated our 40th Anniversary from
Oct. 1979 to Oct. 2019



Citrine



FACTS

- ♦ Mineral: Quartz
- ♦ Chemical composition: SiO_2
- ♦ Color: Yellow to orange to orangy red
- ♦ Refractive index: 1.544 to 1.553
- ♦ Specific gravity: 2.66 (+0.03/-0.02)
- ♦ Mohs hardness: 7

A trace of iron in citrine structure makes it responsible for its color. It is the most popular yellow stone purchased. Natural Citrine is so rare most on the open market is heated treated Amethyst. It's tawny color was confused with Topaz before modern gemology. In the contemporary market, citrine's most popular shade is an earthy, deep, brownish or reddish orange.

Brazil is the largest producer of Citrine. Other sources are Argentina, Madagascar, Zaire, Namibia, Spain, and Russia.

Most heat treated Citrine takes on a deep orange or slightly reddish tint. In general, the deeper colored stones are the most valuable, including those with reddish tints. Lightly colored yellow Citrine can occur naturally but is rare; the intense yellow form is usually irradiated and given the trade name of "Lemon Quartz".

Citrine is a very affordable gemstone, and all its color ranges are not expensive. It is most often confused with orange-yellow Topaz, which is very similar in color and body. Topaz is the more valuable gemstone, and dealers often sell Citrine labeled as Topaz. Several false trade names for Citrine are "Madeira Topaz", "Gold Topaz", and "Bahia Topaz". However, some fine and rare Citrine gemstones have a pure yellow color that is rarely duplicated by golden Topaz.

Citrine can be found in large crystals, and flawless gems of all sizes have been cut. A natural mixture of purple Amethyst and golden Citrine has been coined with name "Ametrine".

Treatment & Enhancements:

Virtually all gem Citrine is not naturally colored, but rather colored from heat treatment of Amethyst. Heating Amethyst at about 750 degrees Fahrenheit will produce a mild yellow color, and heating to about 1700 degrees produces deep orange to reddish colors. Most heat treated Citrine has a reddish tint. The intense yellow shades often known as Lemon Quartz are usually formed by irradiation of Quartz. Synthetic Citrine gems are also produced using the hydrothermal method, and these are usually in intensely vivid colors.

Varieties:

- ♦ **Golden Citrine** - Citrine with a golden yellow color.
- ♦ **Lemon Quartz** - Lemon Quartz is a light to dark yellow Citrine, distinguished from most Citrine by lacking orange, brown, or reddish tints. More often though it is clear Quartz that is irradiated to produce an intensely colored yellow gemstone. Lemon Quartz has recently experienced a popularity increase in the gemstone market.
- ♦ **Madeira Citrine** - Brownish-red to orange-red Citrine.
- ♦ **Palmeria Citrine** - Citrine with a bright orange color.
- ♦ **Yellow Citrine** - Citrine with a lemon yellow color. May also be called "Lemon Citrine" or "Lemon Quartz".



Sources: gia.edu, Wikipedia, Palagems.com, topienz.com, exploringlifemysteries.com, thejewerblog.wordpress.com, topaz-rings.com, minerals.net, valentinmagro.com, nationaljeweler.com, gemselect.com, royalcollections.es

Topaz



FACTS

- Mineral: Topaz
 - ♦ Refractive index: 1.619 to 1.627
 - ♦ Specific gravity: 3.53
 - ♦ Color: Yellow, orange, brown, pink to red to purple red, blue, light green and colorless
- Chemistry: $\text{Al}_2(\text{F,OH})_2\text{SiO}_4$
Birefringence: 0.008 to 0.010
Mohs Hardness: 8

Contained within the chemical makeup of this silicate gemstone are aluminum and fluorine. A vast number of minerals are also recognized as being “aluminum minerals” like topaz, these include: ruby, beryl, emerald and jadeite.

The element chromium causes natural pink, red, and violet-to-purple colors in topaz. At the atomic level, imperfections in topaz crystal structure can cause yellow, brown, and blue color. A common topaz color being brown is mistakenly called “smoky quartz.”

Topaz is allochromatic, which means that its color is caused by impurity elements or defects in its crystal structure rather than by an element of its basic chemical composition. It is also pleochroic, meaning that the gem can show different colors in different crystal directions.

The color varieties are identified simply by hue name: Blue topaz, pink topaz, and so forth—but there are also a couple of special trade names. Imperial topaz: a medium reddish orange to orange-red is the gems most expensive colors.

Sherry topaz (a.k.a. Precious Topaz): named after the sherry wine—is a yellowish brown or brownish yellow to orange. Stones in this color range are often called precious topaz to help distinguish them from the similarly colored but less expensive citrine and smoky quartz.

History: The name topaz comes from Topazios, the old Greek name for a small island in the Red Sea, now called Zabargad. Before modern mineralogy Peridot was confused with topaz. They never found topaz on the island but it was a source for Peridot. Scholars trace the origin back to Sanskrit (an ancient language of India) and the word topas or topaz, meaning “fire.”

Ancient Greeks believed that topaz gave them strength. During the Renaissance in Europe (the period from the 1300s to the 1600s) people thought that topaz could dispel anger and break magic spells. Many people in India for centuries believed that topaz worn above the heart assures long life, beauty, and intelligence.

The name for “Imperial Topaz” originated in the nineteenth-century Russia. At the time, the leading source was the Ural Mountains. The pink gemstone mined there was named to honor the Russian czar. Ownership of the gem was restricted to the royal family. In 1768 the royal court in Portugal celebrates the discovery of the imperial topaz.

Enhancements: Several varieties are typically enhanced. Most common is the combination irradiation/heat treatment that produces blue topaz. For this treatment, colorless topaz is irradiated, turning it brown. The stone is then heat treated, which turns it blue. While the brown color is generally unstable, fading with prolonged exposure to sunlight, the blue color is generally stable under normal wearing conditions.

There are three main flavors. The first, a “sky” blue, is produced by gamma rays (cobalt 60). Deeper “Swiss (a.k.a. ‘windex’)” and “London” blues are produced by high-energy electrons (cyclotron) or nuclear radiation. In the latter case, the stones must be allowed to cool down to safe levels of radioactivity before being sold which takes months up to two years.

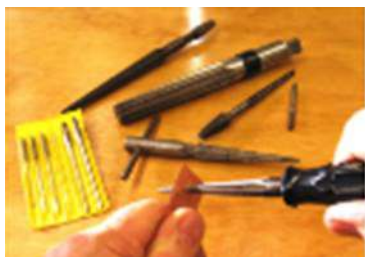
Another treatment seen on occasion with topaz is bulk diffusion, where stones are heated for long periods surrounded by cobalt. This drives the cobalt into a thin layer at the surface, turning it green to blue. The layer is extremely thin. Finally, some topaz is coated with metallic oxides, similar to the coatings on camera lenses. This produces various colors and rainbow-like reflections, but the coatings are easily scratched. The material has been marketed under the name “rainbow” topaz.

Bench Tips from Brad . . .

INVENTORY RECORD

In an ideal world each of us has a complete pictorial record of all pieces of jewelry in our inventory. We use the pics for marketing, and we use the record for insurance. We use it to remember which items have been sent out on consignment, or we use it to mark which items we're taking to a show. And eventually, we note in the record the pieces that have sold.

Unfortunately, we don't always have time to take good pictures of each piece for a detailed inventory. In situations like this I've been able to make a quick group shot with the help of a smart phone, a camera, a scanner, or a color copier. The quality is more than sufficient to accurately identify the pieces.



TAPERED REAMERS

A tool you don't see often these days is a tapered reamer. They're particularly useful for making an irregular hole round or for enlarging a hole to an exact diameter. For example, the small set in the yellow pouch is for holes in the range of 0.3mm to 2.5mm. They are great for sizing a tube to fit a hinge pin. Other times when I'm drilling a hole for riveting sheet metal and can't find the exact size drill, I simply drill the holes with a slightly smaller bit and enlarge them with a reamer until the wire just fits.

For larger hole sizes in sheet metal up to 14 ga, I really like the reamer with the black handle. It makes quick work of sizing holes from about 3mm to 12mm. You can find them in well-equipped hardware stores.

You may never use the large diameter reamers, but when sawing out some rings from 4mm thick sheet, I found they worked well for rounding and sizing the hole.



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A.L.A.A.



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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.

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A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members. For more information, Visit <http://amlands.org>

Shirley Leeson, President

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

706-379-2126

Website @ www.lapidaryschool.org

Classes are April - Nov 2019

AFMS 2019 Annual Convention

October 16th - 18th, 2020

Knoxville, Tn.

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 Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Club (Pendleton, SC) (HOST)

Saturday, November 23, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Johnson Creek Farm
Due West, SC
75 Person Limit
Fee Site

TRIP: The Johnson Creek Farm is a relatively new site that is not far from Diamond Hill Mine.

COLLECTING: There are different areas in which to dig. There is one area that has epidote. Another pit has smoky quartz and amethyst, and there is an area that contains beryl. You can dig in the pit where the veins are exposed or go through the tailing piles left from the excavator.

FEES AND REGISTRATION: Fee is \$25.00 per person with an option to camp out at the facility on Friday night with an additional fee of \$25.00. The gate will be open and check in for camping will be at 3:00. Registration and payment must be made through PayPal using Jason Ashley's PayPal email account: jasona@wctel.net or call him at 864-378-1908 to send a check.

BRING: Bring your usual digging tools and buckets. The terrain is pretty even and flat, but some of the sites require a little walking to get from one to the other. Jason will shuttle people out to the sites in his truck. The pits are usually pretty dry unless there has been a heavy rain. You should probably wear rubber boots or sturdy shoes to climb down in the pits. The site is an open field with no trees so a hat might be useful!

REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be members of clubs affiliated with DMC and must show their club membership card during check in. [Acceptable proof of membership also includes club name tag, membership dues payment receipt, or current newsletter with valid address label -- DMC Coordinator] No children under 6 years of age and no dogs or pets.

TERRAIN AND ACCESSIBILITY: Parking is along Crawford Road adjacent to the property. The terrain is pretty even and flat, but some of the sites require a little walking to get from one to the other. Jason will provide a shuttle service to the different digging areas.

CHILDREN (Yes): Children 6 years and older are allowed, but there is a \$25.00 fee. Children must be supervised by an adult.

PETS (No): No pets allowed.

FACILITIES: There will be a Porta Potty there by 5:00 Friday evening and all day Saturday. There is also running water. Bring your own food and drinks as there are none on site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The nearest lodging would be in Greenwood, SC. The Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn and Suites, Fairfield Inn and Suites and Red Roof Inn. Anderson, SC is nearby.

DIRECTIONS: The dig site is located at 439 Crawford Rd, Due West, SC. You will see a table set up outside in front of the gate by the road.

Jason Ashley will have a list of names of who have paid. Everyone must be a member of a club associated with DMC for insurance reasons. Everyone must check in and sign a waiver before entering the property.

CONTACTS: Jason Ashley 864-378-1908 or Donna Mayeur president of PDGMS 864-723-9042 home and 864-772-9074 cell phone on the day of the dig.

IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program.

Shows and Events

30th Annual Magnolia State Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

November 8, 9, & 10th 2019

Jackson County Fairground
Community Center
Pascagoula, MS



Friday and Saturday 10am - 6pm / Sunday 10am - 5pm

Daily Admission \$3 / 3 Day pass \$5

Children 12 & under free with adult



Mobile Rock and Gem Society Annual Show

November 22nd, 23rd, & 24th

Hours: Fri: 1 - 6pm, Sat: 9 - 6pm, Sun: 10 - 5pm

Abba Shrine Center -7701 Hitt Road, Mobile, AL 36695

Adults \$4.00 Kids 12 & Under – Free with an Adult

\$1 off Coupon available

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS VISIT - amfed.org

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

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Field Trips

Sharon Greer

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.

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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.



<http://www.gulfportgems.org/>
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Laura Tate

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Library

Sue West



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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Lisa Fitch

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Membership Form

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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:	
★ 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

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