

About Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society

Special activities...

Society members go on field trips to find rocks, minerals, fossils or to visit related industries. Field trips are scheduled on an occasional basis, depending on what locations are available. Most trips are same-day, but there may also be over-night trips. Each fall, the Society hosts the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Show. Members help by chairing or working on such activities as publicity, set-up, hospitality, take-down, and school tours. Members also participate by putting together educational displays or by working in the demonstration areas. Getting to know other members better is one of the benefits of working on the Show. An Auction is held in the Spring to raise money for the Society. The public is invited to this event. Members bring specimens, slabs, finished jewelry, lapidary equipment and rough or polished stones that will be of interest to others. Good pieces to add to a collection can often be obtained at the auction.

Fellowship is the main goal of the June picnic and also the December Dinner. Held in place of the regular meetings, these events are usually pot luck dinners, which encourages members to visit and get to know each other better.

To become a member...

Membership in any organization works best when it works two ways—when you put something into it and when you get something out of it. Before applying for membership, feel free to visit the monthly meetings to be sure your interests and the society's programs are compatible. If you decide to join, simply fill out the application for membership and bring it to a meeting or send the form and dues to the Membership Chairman.

Membership dues currently are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for a family for a year. If a family member is between 8 and 13 years old they can participate in the Pebble Pup Program. This is an additional cost of \$10.00 per year, per family. A Family membership is required to participate in the Pebble Pup Program. Dues are renewable by January 1st of each year.

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**Application for New Membership
Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society**

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Date: _____

Adult Name(s): _____

D.O.B.(s) _____ Anniversary: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Phone: Home (____) _____ Business: _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership: Individual \$15.00 Family
\$20.00 If family membership, please list names of other
family members with their D.O.B.(s):

Check Box if a family member is between 8 and 13 years old
and would like to participate in the Pebble Pup Program. Cost
is \$10.00 per Family.

What are your primary interests?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry as a business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting and polishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry making | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian artifacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fossils | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please return this completed form and fees (payable to
HG&MS) to the Membership Chairman:

Bill Friday: 2508 Excalibur Dr, Huntsville AL 35803

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail
instead of regular mail? Yes No

About the Society...

The Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (HG&MS) was
organized in 1958 by a small group of people who were interested
in the lapidary arts. The Society was officially incorporated in
Alabama in 1965 as a non-profit educational organization. In
1961 the organization consisted of 15 members. At present we
have around 150 members.

The goals of the organization are to create and stimulate interest in
the study of gems, minerals, fossils, geology, and the lapidary
arts. The organization sponsors field trips, presents workshops for
members, holds a yearly Show, puts in special displays and
provides speakers to schools and other organizations.

Regular Activities...

The Society's regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the
fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Senior
Center, located at 2200 Drake Avenue in Huntsville. Fellowship
time begins at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. the monthly program is
presented followed by a short business meeting. The program is
educational in nature, with members or special guests presenting
information on a wide variety of topics of interest.

Members are kept informed of local and national lapidary news
through the website: <http://www.huntsvillegms.org/> and a
monthly newsletter. These will publish lists of upcoming
meetings, shows and field trips so members may plan to attend.
The newsletter will also have information and articles related to
the hobby in general.

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