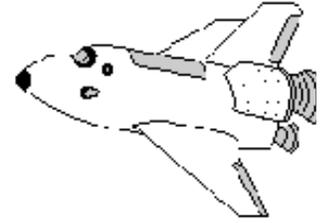
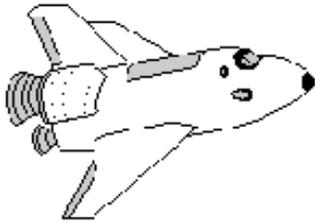


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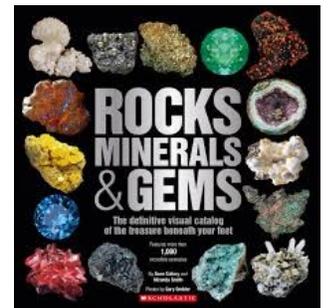
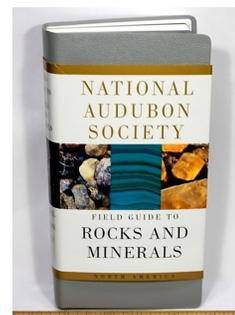
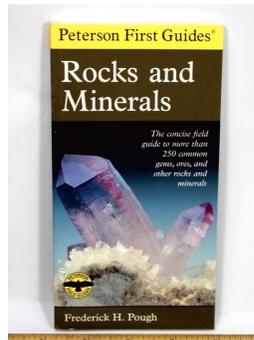
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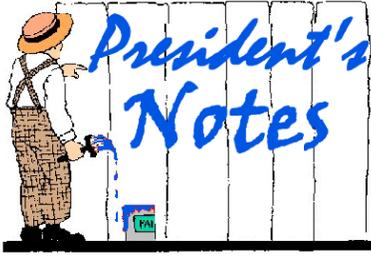
Myra Soroczak will bring and discuss books on mineralogy, geology, specific minerals, rocks & minerals in general, and how to pick the best ones for your interests. She will have many books to give away to interested members. She will leave plenty of time for extensive discussion about the upcoming Fall Show



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Sept 2017 President's Message

It was good to see my "co-president," Mike Harrison, back. He has been re-assigned to Florida, just in time for Hurricane Irma. We hope all went well despite the weather.

There was a good turnout for the flume gem bagging session. Thanks to all who came. It was an enjoyable event in perfect weather.

The Gem Show is looming in the near distance, and as always, volunteers are needed for all the various activities. Please sign up wherever you can help. It makes it difficult for chairmen to assign time slots if they don't have a list of names who can help.

I have it on good authority—other members of the Southeast Federation—that the Huntsville show is one of the premier shows in the Southeast, from the viewpoint of both attendees and vendors. Let's keep up the good work!

Again, please use all the media and social media you can to get the word out about the show. Although we have had good attendance in the last couple of years, there are still many who haven't heard of the show, or don't know when it is being held. Tell them! Put out yard signs and fliers on all the bulletin boards you know of that will permit them.

I'll see you at the September 26th meeting, and hopefully we'll see you helping any or all of the set-up (Oct 12) and show days, Oct 13-15.

H.G.M.S. Annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show is Coming Up this October!

The Club is presenting its 2017, our 50th Annual, Show this October on the 13th, 14th, and 15th at the Jaycees Community Building again, at 2180 Airport Rd. S.W. in Huntsville, where we've had it the last few years. There will be about 18 Dealers offering a wide variety of minerals, crystals, jewelry, lapidary and rock-hunting supplies and more for sale. We'll also have Displays of gems, minerals, and jewelry, Demonstrations of lapidary and related arts, and a Mining Flume for all to enjoy. For the kids, we'll have a Gem Dig and activities based on our Pebble Pups Program. There will also be hourly Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes to try for.

The Show hours will be as follow: Friday & Saturday - 10am to 6pm, Sunday - 12 noon to 5pm. Donations of \$3.00 are requested at the door, with children under 5 free, and there will be weekend passes available for \$5.00. A Snack Bar will be available during the Show, and there will still be plenty of FREE parking for everyone. We had a great turnout last year, and we're looking forward to another big Show this year. So spread the word to all your friends, and come join us for a fun weekend this Fall!

Please return any Show Yard Signs. These need to be updated to read 2017, and some of the wire frames need to be re-welded. Thanks. Tony Smith tsmith@erc-incorporated.com 256-603-3095 Lowell Zoller Lzol@comcast.net (256) 534-8803 & Joe Bonin sixjsonef@yahoo.com 256-859-9711

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR SHOW IN OCTOBER

We're working hard getting ready for our Show Oct. 13 to 15, but still need a lot more Volunteers for it. Please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheets at the Sept. meeting if you can help, or contact a Chairman. If you don't know until Show week that you can help, please come anyway - we do take walk-in help, because we always need help somewhere. Just check the area you're interested in to see if they need help right then, or come see me to find out where the need is greatest. This is a major fundraiser to support the Club's activities and it's a great way to learn more about gems and minerals and get to know other members.

Wed., Oct. 5, there will be a Loading Session at the Storage Unit on Winchester Rd., and Unloading at the Jaycees Building. There will be another Crew needed for Sunday evening after the Show to load up and take everything back. The floor of the Jaycees building will be marked off to show where the vendors and all the activities will be located.

Thursday is Set-Up Day, starting at 7:30, and takes lots of people to help unload and set up each Activity Area/Activity. Displays will be set up that day, Chaired by Kathy Bowman.

There will be a Set-Up Dinner at 6 for all the hard-working Volunteers and Dealers, coordinated by Caryl Nixon. Caryl will coordinate potluck contributions from members. caryl.nixon@outlook.com 256-426-5061

On Friday through Sunday we still need help with Tickets, Chaired by Ben Carroll; Info Booth, Chaired by Mike Harrison; Demonstrations, Chaired by Shelley Curran; Mining Flume, Chaired by Mark Habercom; Gem Dig, Chaired by Joe Bonin; and Children's Programs, which I still don't have a Chairman for, and would love to have someone step up to take charge of, or Co-Chair with another person.

Take-Down will start on Sun at 5:00, which takes a lot more help until everything is packed and moved out.

If you're interested in helping in any way, please sign up on the sheets at the Sept. meeting, noting the times or days you prefer, so the Chairmen can call to schedule you and give you more info. Or you can contact the Chairman of the Area you're interested in, or me, to relay your name to them. Shifts during the Show are usually for 2 hours, but any help is appreciated.

There is plenty of free parking at the Jaycees Building. The overhead loading door is at the East end of the building, and it will be open on Set-Up Day, so if you come then and have a lot of stuff to bring in, try to park near there, and we'll try to have dollies and helpers to help you get them in - just ask someone for help. Please remember to dress comfortably and bring any food or drinks you'll need with you, especially Wed. and Thurs., because there won't be any available then. There will be a Snack Bar open during the Show. There will be a First Aid Kit at the Info Booth if you need it, but please try to take care of yourselves, so we all make it through the Show safely.

Please wear your Club Name Badges at the Show if you have them. It lets our guests know who the members are, to ask questions of when they need to, and helps us all get to know each other better. There will be "Host" and "Exhibitor" ribbons, too, if you'd like to wear one or both, at the Info Booth.

Again, please sign up to help if you can, and help all you can. There are only a few weeks left before the Show, so time's getting short to get everything done, but if all the members pitch in where they can, we can do it. My phone number and e-mail address are in the back of the Newsletter and on the Website.

- **Joe Bonin (Show Volunteer Coordinator)** 256-859-9711, sixjonef@yahoo.com

Minutes of the August 22, 2017 HGMS Meeting

Mike Harrison opened the meeting at 6:30pm. He returned to Huntsville from St Louis for a few weeks. He will attend the HGMS show before going on to Kennedy in Florida.

Minutes from July 2017 were accepted.

Membership News: Bill announced that we have some new members!

Jewelry: 31 August - certification class
7 Sept - Wire frame class
Work days after that!
Wire wrapping is still on Wednesday's.

Mira started the class project on Links, Leslie finished the class on 6 September, and the fee is \$3.00 for materials.

Lab/Equipment: Bill announced that we are getting some good crowds in the Labs. The schedule is on the lab door. Note: Please don't use the sanders as "grinders"!

Pebble Pups: Announcements from Brian Burgess: The pups are starting to take off and grow!!!

Meet on 4th Thursdays (Brian and Bill) to show rough rock steps to finish the cabs.

We had a successful field trip to 20 mile creek. Our September trip is to The Steven Minkin Trace Fossil Site near Jasper AL. See Brian for details!

Brian volunteered to give a talk at the Gurley Public Library for the Home school group. There will be about 8 – 25 pups there ages 6 – 16 years.

October Show: We need volunteers for the October Show! This is our 50th show, and we need lots of volunteers for the show this year. To help with the show see Joe Bonin, our show volunteer chairman.

We are having a bagging party at 0900 on 9 September at the Hampton Cove Self Storage.

Other News!

Many thanks to Deb and Leslie for updating the HGMS website!

We welcomed one visitor, Karen Van Bebber. Meeting adjourned just shy of 7pm. Mark said it would be short tonight.

We enjoyed refreshments!

Report submitted by Leabeth Durham, Recording Secretary.

HGMS Jewelry Crafts by Leslie Malakowsky

Hello City Jewelers! The clasp class has been rescheduled to Wed Sep 20th. The wire and stone bead bracelet class has been rescheduled to Wed Nov 1st. There is still plenty of room in these classes! To reserve your space, please contact Leslie. At 256-755-0479



Metal Smithing/Silver Group by Kathy Bowman

Upcoming Project Class:

The next project class will be October 5, 2017. By popular request Shelley Curran will be teaching the *Etching with Ferric Chloride* class. The signup sheet for this class will be available at the **September** HGMS meetings and on Thursday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 pm or send email to HGMS@wilddivystudio.com to sign up. We will be etching mainly copper but will also include bronze sheet. Students will not be making a finished piece of jewelry in the class but will leave with several pieces of metal to use in future projects. Kit cost is TBD.



On nights that we do not have an official project class scheduled anyone who is certified is invited to join us to work on your projects. Instructors are available for "one on one" instruction and help on individual projects

on work session nights. Anyone who missed a particular project we have had in the past and would like to work on that project. Please notify Shelly or me and we will provide you with the kit and instructions so you can work on it during our work session nights.

Rocket City Jewelry and Metal Smithing/Silver Group News will be distributed by email to active members

Volunteer Positions *

Class Instructors:

Kathy Bowman

Shelley Curran

Toolbox Sign-outs

Chris Kalange

Inventory Manager

Beth Durham

Store Manager

Opening

Kit Manager

Shelley Curran

Webpage & Social Media Management Deb Neis & Linda Haynes

*Note: We are all volunteers so the schedule is subject to change.

Pebble Pups -

Thursday Aug 24, 6:00 to 7:00pm

Madison County Senior Center Cafeteria



Please RSVP to Brian, 256-746-0641,
bburgess771@gmail.com

If anyone has any questions, please contact Brian or Bill

Slabs, Cabs, & Crystals

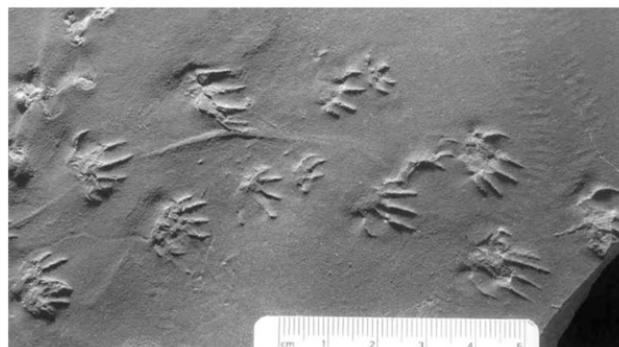
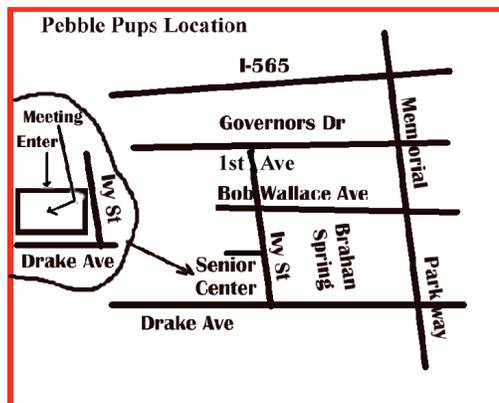
We will examine a selection of rocks and minerals which have been prepared for making jewelry. There will be an open discussion about what we do with the rocks we find.



Report on the Steven Minkin Tracksite near Jasper AL September 9th

The Steven C. Minkin Paleozoic Footprint Site in [Walker County](#) is the most prolific source of vertebrate trackways of its age in the world. The fossil trackways are preserved in shale that formed from mud on a tropical freshwater tidal flat about 315 million years ago. We had a good turnout, both of the Pebble Pup families and other members of the HGMS. There were several other families from all over the area. Prescott Atkinson of the Alabama Paleontology Society was our gracious host. It didn't take long to learn which types of rocks to split to find fossils. Only a few tracks were found, but there were ferns, calamites stems, and lycopod bark in fair abundance. Mr. Brian found a slab with over thirty tiny tracks from two different lizards sprinkled across the surface. An excellent guide to the site with photos is found at http://www.alabamapaleo.org/Alabama_Paleontological_Society_files/Minkin%20Guide%20-%20optimized%20Apr%206%202012.pdf

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Brad's Bench Tips

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon www.BradSmithJewelry.com

Announcing Brad's latest jewelry techniques book for those who like Southwest-style stamped jewelry. Both Kindle and paperback editions are on Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2fvf58T>

See all Brad's jewelry books at Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith



JUST A DROP

Hobby shops and model airplane stores carry small plastic dispenser bottles that are handy for putting a drop of flux, oil, or glue just where you want it. They have a length of small metal tubing coming out the top that lets you squeeze out very small drops.

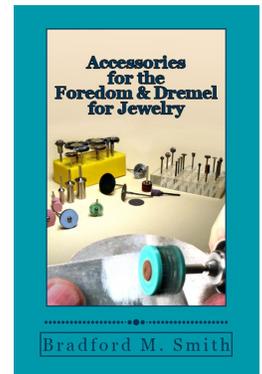
I use one with a short length of tubing for oil when I'm sawing or when drilling harder metals like steel. Another bottle I found in a plastics store has a longer length of metal tubing on it. Plastics people use them for dispensing fast drying glues to join pieces of acrylic. The long metal tube lets you reach into tight places. Either of these is handy for flux at the soldering station.



New Book on Foredom Tool Bits

Confused by all the tool bits available for your flexible shaft or hand-held motor tool? "Accessories for the Foredom and Dremel" explains what each is good for, which ones save the most time, and the tool bits that best improve the quality of your work. Also included are bench tips for getting good results and cautions for safe use.

The book is available on Amazon at amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV/



FOREDOM MAINTENANCE

If you have a Foredom flexshaft, it makes sense to check it over every so often to be sure it's running properly. But how to do that? You've probably lost the little booklet that came with the unit. Well, being the good company it is, Foredom has put together an extensive set of videos on how to do almost anything.

The series covers set-up, lubrication, replacing a sheath, motor maintenance, and handpiece maintenance. Few if any special tools are needed. You can watch the videos at:

www.foredom.net/flexibleshaftmachinemaintenance.aspx

particularly under "Foredom Basics" or the "Foredom Shafting..." categories. Any repair parts needed are available on the Foredom site or from most jewelry supply catalogs.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society (Knoxville, TN) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, Huntsville AL

Patty Quarry, Summerville, GA **No Fees**
Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:00 AM Eastern (9 am Central)

Due to storm damage from hurricane Irma, the trip originally scheduled for Saturday, September 30 had to be cancelled and replaced with this trip on Sunday, October 1

COLLECTING: Lace agate/chert, silicified oolitic chert, some jaspers.

BRING: Rock hammer, scratching tools, buckets, and paper for wrapping specimens. You will also need gloves, protective eyewear, hat, sunscreen, and sturdy boots with ankle support.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the quarry, but the site is not far from town. The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society members will have free water and snacks available for everyone

CHILDREN: This field trip is suitable for children but they must be supervised at all times.

PETS: No pets are allowed

SAFETY: This is an active quarry. **STAY AWAY** from all heavy equipment, quarry machinery and any areas declared off limits. Any violation of this requirement could jeopardize future access to this site.

WAIVER: All participants must sign a waiver before entering the collecting site

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

GPS Coordinates: 34°28'18.7"N 85°18'58.3"W (34.472073, -85.316207)

CONTACT: Daniel Miller: 423-273-0487

From Chattanooga

- 1) Take I-75 south from Chattanooga, TN South towards Atlanta, GA to Ringgold, GA
- 3) Take the first Ringgold, GA exit (exit 348) and turn right on GA-151 and go 25 miles to US-27
- 4) Turn left onto US-27 and go 5 miles to Summerville, GA
- 5) The road will split in Summerville, GA, stay left on US-27 South, you will cross a concrete bridge on the south side of Summerville. The meeting place is on the right about 1.5 miles after crossing the bridge. Look for a building on the right with large piles of rock in front of it

From Huntsville- 95 Miles

Take US 72 to Scottsboro. Turn right on AL 35 and cross the Tennessee River.

Immediately across the bridge turn left on AL 40 toward Hene-gar, Hammondville, and Valley Head.

Follow AL117 through Valley Head to Mentone on top of Look-out Mountain. Hwy117 becomes

GA Hwy 48 at the state line. Continue through Menlo GA and on to Summerville on GA 48. In downtown Summerville, turn right on GA 27. Go 2.4 miles and look for the buildings on the right with the rock piles in front.





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An Official Field Trip of the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. (Marietta, GA) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, Huntsville AL

Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Eastern
Polk County, GA

TRIP: This is a favorite collecting trip of CCGMS. New areas are bulldozed each time and jasper is plentiful and easy to find.

COLLECTING: We will collect beautiful jasper pieces that make excellent cabochons. The pieces are multi-colored in reds, yellows, whites, and blacks with both banding and mottled arrangements.

BRING: Rock hammer, small pick or shovel for light digging, a garden rake, work gloves and a bucket to put finds in. Please fill any holes you make as this is a working cattle ranch and we are grateful to the owner for letting us collect on his land. New areas have been bulldozed so that the jasper is quite easy to find. You might want to bring a spray bottle of water to clean finds. Bring your lunch and water to drink. The hosting club will have bottled water and snacks available

CHILDREN: Yes, this is a great trip for children of all ages with parental supervision.

PETS: No. This is a working cattle ranch, no dogs are allowed

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the site.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

We will meet at 10:00am EST at the Ingles Market parking lot (1100 Nathan Dean Bypass, Rockmart, GA 30153) next to McDonald's on US Highway 278 (GA-6 Bypass) on the north side of Rockmart, GA. This location is set back about 50 feet along the south-side of the divided highway called the "Nathan Dean Bypass." This is not shown on Google Maps or Google Earth or Streetview.

DIRECTIONS for Out-of-State Travelers: If you drive into Georgia going south on I-75, then you should take GA-113 West at Cartersville (exit #28). Follow Main Street/West Street through Cartersville and 20 more miles on GA-113 to Rockmart, GA. At the stoplight turn right (East) on US 278 (Nathan Dean Parkway) and go ¼ mile to view the Ingles Parking lot on your left (south side of road) next to McDonalds. If you are coming into Georgia going East on I-20 take exit 11 north on US-27 (Bremen By-Pass) for 25 miles to the Cedartown By-Pass (US 278), where you will exit by-pass following US-278 East for 12 miles to Rockmart, GA. The Ingles Parking lot is on your right, just past McDonalds as you enter Rockmart. This is 140 miles from Huntsville by way of Fort Payne and south from Rome GA on GA Hwy 101.

CONTACT: CCGMS Field Trip Team Leaders: Dion Stewart and Ray Borders

Questions: contact Toby or Dion Stewart at

ccgms.fieldtrips@gmail.com, 678-417-1786

or Ray Borders at rayborders@charter.net, 770-312-5205.

Cell numbers for the day of the trip: 770-312-5202 or 678-315-8006



September Birthdays

1 Jennifer Pinkley	15 Phuong Le
1 Andy Bedard	15 Karen Thompson
1 Gayle Joyce	16 Charlie Willhoite
1 Wayne Hastings	16 Eric Emerson
2 Michael Bedard	16 Michael Ray
3 Lola Flippo	16 Yamile Nuckels
3 Gerdy Wyatt	18 Samantha Lindberg
4 Pat Allen	18 James Steele
5 Elke Ardal	19 Becky Fikes
6 Ivey Cook	19 Mitzi Cartee
7 Aubrey Eve	19 Susan Horway
7 Mike Harrison	20 Erica Emerson
8 David Lehner	21 Laura Carroll
9 Sophia Herman	22 Bonnie Tanner
10 Marie Aldridge	23 Renee' Gunnink
12 Rodney Lane	24 Donia Zavala
13 Mark Falkenberg	29 Dan Greene
14 Larry Augsburger	29 Linda Lindberg
14 J. P. McCullough	30 Jonathan Lear
14 Sheila Tesh	30 Miria Finckenor

Anniversaries

1 Frank & Shelley Curran
6 Delora Ward
6 Roger Broussard & Jessica Babcock
11 Kelly & David Gulliver
18 Rebecca Purcell
29 Mike & Theresa Chivers
30 Michael & Sharon Bedard
Bruce & Allison Kowalczyk

October Birthdays

2 Brian Hastings	13 Ben Hunneycutt
2 Michael McCoy	14 Trey Worthy
2 Lara Staggs	16 Rhonda Hall
3 Lola Flippo	18 James Lowery
3 Matt Bedard	20 Sam Tuminello
3 Theresa Chivers	21 Jeannie Green
5 Justin Springer	22 Wendy Poff
5 King Le	23 Jordan Steelman
7 Mark King	27 Jake Walters
10 Bonnie Treadway	30 David Nixon
11 Diana Nelms	30 Madison Phillips
	31 Colton Gulliver

Anniversaries

4 Walter & Lawana Cowart
9 Howard & Dolores Kuettner
9 Bill & Joyce Walters
21 Art & Yvonne McGuire
21 Trey Worthy
24 Leslie Malakowsky
29 Daniel & Susan Hessler

September 2017 - Senior Center Lapidary Lab Schedule

Lapidary, Silver Jewelry and Wood Carving—

To use lapidary equipment, you must be certified unless a licensed instructor is present
 - currently: B. Friday, Chris Kalange, & Joe Bonin

Monday	7:30am-9:00am	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	9:00am- Noon	Silver Jewelry - Ron West, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
Tuesday	Noon-4:30pm	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	7:30am-9:00am	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	9:00am—Noon	Silver Jewelry - Ron West, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
	Noon -3:00 pm	Silver Jewelry- Terry Clarke, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
Wednesday	3:00pm-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	6:00pm-9:00pm	Open Lapidary & Open Jewelry - certified HGMS 18+
	7:30am-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary - certified HGMS 60+
Thursday	6:00pm-9:00pm	Lapidary & Jewelry Classes - certified HGMS 18+
	7:30am-9:00am	Open Lab: Lapidary - certified HGMS 60+
	9:00am-11:30am	Silver Jewelry- Ron West, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
	Noon-3:00pm	Wood Carving - Copeland, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
Friday	3:00pm-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary -certified HGMS 60+
	5:30pm-9:00pm	Metal Smithing & Jewelry Classes— certified HGMS 18+
	7:30am-12:00am	Open Lab: Lapidary - certified Seniors & HGMS 60+

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PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY: The Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit educational organization for people interested in mineralogy, geology, paleontology, and related lapidary arts. Its primary purpose is the education of the members and the general public in these areas. This purpose is accomplished through programs, shows, lectures to school children and organizations, and exchange of rocks, minerals and artifacts.

DUES: Annual dues are \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per family, and are due on January 1st of each year

Membership Applications may be found at our webpage www.Huntsvillegms.org, at meetings, or the lab

MEETING PLACE: Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL at 6:30pm.

DATE: Fourth Tuesday of each month except for April Auction, June picnic, Christmas Dinner and major holidays.

Federation Liaison: Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, 2705 Jarvis St SW, Decatur AL 35603, Attn: Charlie Willhoite

The Society is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies ,
the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the Dixie Mineral Council

Federation Newsletters:

SFMS: www.amfed.org/sfms/lodestar_newsletter.html

AFMS: www.amfed.org/news/default.htm

DMC: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm



2017-18 CALENDAR

- 26 Sep '17 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 13-15 Oct '17 - Fall HGMS Gem Jewelry & Mineral Show -
Jaycees Bldg, 2180 Airport Rd
- 24 Oct '17 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 28 Nov '17 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 5 Dec '17 - Christmas Dinner - Details to be announced later

- 23 Jan '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 27 Feb '18 Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 27 Mar '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 21 Apr '18 - Annual Rock Auction—date tentative, to be announced later
Jaycees Bldg, 2180 Airport Rd

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