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The Many Minerals at the Hogg Mine

Mark King will take us through the long mineral list discovered so far at the Hogg Mine in LaGrange GA.

Chris Painter and crew have found over 40 different minerals over the years, and Mark will take us through that list, including many that he has found himself and brought home to metamorphose into very nice jewelry.

You can contact Chris Painter directly at:
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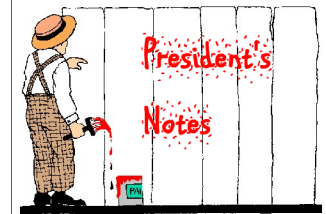
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President's Notes By Bill Friday

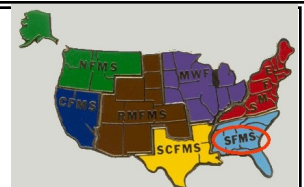
It is an awesome opportunity to take on the leadership of such a large, energetic, and talented group of folks such as this Gem & Mineral Society. The history is long and storied, with many Presidents before me whose shoes I'll try to fill. The last several years have seen some very important steps taken to expand the access for younger (under age 60) members beyond monthly meetings and field trips. With the evening sessions made available for lapidary, jewelry, metal smithing, and Pebble Pups, the average age of membership has plummeted. With this has come deeper involvement of these members in running the Auction, Picnic, Fall Show, and very importantly roles as Board Members. The Senior Center has been very supportive of us, allowing some members to have keys to open and close at night. We moved the Fall Show from the more-and-more restrictive and expensive Civic Center to the friendly and affordable environment of the JayCees Building. This move greatly improved the support of the visiting and shopping public, but it also improved involvement of more members, and profitability for the vendors. The Spring Auction also moved to the JayCees, allowing Saturday venues and longer hours for the sale to run. The lab equipment was completely replaced by all new equipment. The Jewelry and Metal Smithing groups were formed to facilitate lapidary enthusiasts to make beautiful jewelry from their stony creations. Obtaining membership in the Dixie Mineral Council has opened field trip opportunities never before available, to some amazing sites searching for amazing rocky treasures.



So where do we go from here, to kick off the 50th year of these Newsletters? Any new offerings for programs and activities will require a new level of involvement of our younger members. The grey-haired among us are looking to cut back, and the only way for that to happen is for energetic and imaginative replacements to step in, or we risk losing some of the items in the above list. A couple of more evenings, possibly Saturday morning sessions, new outreach programs within the schools and libraries, a museum of high quality specimens of the myriad of minerals with which this world is blessed, possibly a new home for some or all of our programs, and any other ideas brought forward by the ones who are being invited to take on leadership roles. So each of you will be receiving a letter of enticement. Please don't just toss it aside. Seriously consider sharing your talents and ideas with the rest of us. You will be very glad you did, and the entire HGMS will be far stronger for your contributions.

Thanks for your faith in me in electing me President. My pledge is to live up to the storied legacy of past Presidents, and maybe move the bar a bit higher for the next lucky one.

Have you ever wondered about the logos on the last page of the newsletter?
How would you like to learn a LOT more about them?



The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, of which the HGMS is one of over 80 member clubs, periodically sends out a newsletter with information about annual meetings and other matters. If you are interested in their activities, you can access the newsletter at their website, amfed.org/sfms/whats-new.html. The Dixie Mineral Council is a sub-group of the SFMS. Similarly, the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, of which the SFMS is one of seven regional federations, also publishes a regular newsletter. You can access their information at www.afms.org.

The purpose of these organizations is pretty much the same as our own local HGMS: *"To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship"* - except that they are the coordinators between Rockhounds all over the country.

The HGMS has been invited to host the 2019 Annual Meeting of the AFMS—a very serious undertaking but one which we can do if we properly prepare and ramp up our involved membership level. It would help make us a stronger partner in our umbrella Societies. The Board is currently considering if we should accept the invitation, and if so how we would meet all the requirements. Please think about this opportunity and pass along your thoughts to the Board Members.

Minutes of the 23 January 2018 HGMS Meeting

President Mark Habercom could not attend, so Bill Friday opened the meeting and moved into the business of elections and budget approval.

Election results

President: Bill Friday
Vice President: Michael Cape
Secretary: Bob and Ruth Kemper
Treasurer: Clara Goode
Federation Liaison: Mark Habercom
Board Members at Large: Gene Powers, Steve Young, Mike Soroczak
Ex Officio: Brian Burgess

Budget: The budget was approved as printed in the previous newsletter.

Membership: Bill told the meeting we had 320 members as of 31 December 2017.

One new member, Karen Van Bebber, joined the society tonight.

Auction: Shelley Curran briefed the club on the upcoming auction, April 28th from 9AM to about 3:30PM in the Jaycee building. The items for sale, as well as the time spent to arrange, run, and close out the auction, are all donations. Tax receipts are available for everyone who donates. The fundraising from the auction is an important source of income for the society. We need to let more people know about the auction this year. Let other clubs know about it through the newsletter. Try to get publicity through the arts council, through the radio and TV stations. Donations can be dropped off in the lapidary or jewelry labs Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or all day on Wednesdays.

Street signs for the Fall Show: Tony Smith reminded us to bring back any street signs for the annual show. Even signs from a few years back can be updated and used again.

Pebble Pups: Four field trips are scheduled in the next few months. Shelley Curran and Kathy Bowman are planning a cold connection metalsmithing class for the Pups in March.

Bill is sponsoring a plan to split the age group for the pebble pups. Currently there's a single age group of 8 to 15 years old. The proposed change is two age groups 8 to 13 years old and 13 to 18 years old. This lets the older members move straight from pebble pups to regular HGMS membership.

Metalsmithing/Silver: Kathy Bowman let us know that a cabochon mounting class is scheduled for February 1st. Anyone participating should use a round or teardrop shape cabochon to work with. The class will be working with copper but you can bring your own silver if you prefer.

Myra Soroczak let us know that a Links 1 class will be held in March, and a Links 2 class in the fall.

Leslie Malakowsky, who leads the Rocket City Jewelers, informed us that the project for the 7 Feb jewelry class will be a heart shaped pendant with beads. The class size will be kept small so call and sign up before the 2 Feb deadline.

Lab Report: Bill Friday reported that someone is misusing the sanding and polishing wheels and wearing them out. It looks to be someone pressing too hard and spending too much time on each stage of the wheel.

Bill let us know that Mary Gooch is offering to sell a 10 inch saw to the lapidary lab for a very reasonable price. Other equipment which is being added to the lab includes a drill press and a high speed dry sander.

Hospitality: Caryl Nixon told us about the HGMS picnic. This year's picnic will be June 16th in the big pavilion on Monte Sano. The earlier weekends were already booked by another group. If we want to reserve it for earlier in the month next year we can have it for \$185. The board will have to approve the cost.

Board meeting;

Usually the board meets ahead of the regular monthly meeting but with extra business needing to be handled right now the next board meeting will be in about two weeks.

Presentation: Mike and Myra Soroczak gave a presentation on Illinois Fluorite and a geological history of the Cave-In-Rock area on the Illinois/Kentucky border.

Windup:

Following the presentation the meeting broke up at 8:30 for discussion and snacks.

Submitted by Bob & Ruth Kemper, Secretary team

April Auction - Shelley Curran

April will be here before we know it, so we need to start collecting quality donations. This is the big fundraiser for upgrading the lab and jewelry activities. With the heavy use the lab has enjoyed over the past two years, things wear out, or break, or just need to be replaced. There are several



new pieces of equipment that each of the activities needs to acquire to make them even more responsive to the needs of the members. But to make it happen, we need for members to bring in items from their collections or creations. We will again be in the JayCees Building, with a professional auctioneer, refreshments, and plenty of space and time. You may bring them to meetings to evening sessions. Contact Shelley if you need for items to be picked up [256-426-4596] or email [Shelley Curran](mailto:Shelley.Curran)

Wildacres and William Holland Workshops Scholarship Drawing.

Each year the HGMS offers two scholarship assistances of \$150 each to winners of the drawing made from among members who submit their names for consideration. An additional first and second alternate will be selected in case either of the primary winners learns they are unable to attend.

The drawing will be held at the March 22nd HGMS regular meeting. You do not have to be present to win. Please reply with your request to enter the drawing to Bill Friday bill.Friday@earthlink.net

You may choose either School. Winners must apply directly to SFMS for the school of choice using the registration link

<http://sfmsworkshops.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2018-Registration-Form.pdf>

and receive confirmation of acceptance, and then must request the scholarship check from the Treasurer Clara Goode. The opportunity isn't transferable by the winner, but rather will be passed to the alternates in order. If a winner finds they can't attend, please let Bill Friday know as soon as practical to give the alternate sufficient time to apply before classes are filled

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) reserves certain weekends when special rates are made available.

A complete listing of all offerings will be placed soon at <http://sfmsworkshops.com>—Check often.

The William Holland website is <http://www.lapidaryschool.org/>. The preliminary class listings are web links so you can read about the content and instructors.

SFMS Class dates for William Holland - Jun 10-16,

[Bead Weaving](#), [Cabochons I](#), [Chasing & Repousse](#), [Electro-Etching](#), [Gemstone Faceting](#), [Immersion](#), [Enameling and Cold Connection](#), [Intarsia](#), [Intro to Inlay/Silver 1](#), [Junior Rockhounds](#), [Wirecraft I](#), [Silver 2 – Rings](#), [Rings](#), [Rings](#), [Silver I](#), [Wire II](#), [Silver-Wear](#)



The Wildacres website is <http://www.wildacres.org/>

SFMS Wildacres Class dates and offerings - Aug 20-26

[Casting](#), [Chain Maille](#), [Introduction to Gem ID](#), [Metal Clay – Tangible Moments](#), [Silver I](#), and [Wire](#)

And Sep 17-23

[Chain Maille](#), [Cold Connection](#), [Electro-Etching](#), [Enameling](#), [Intro to Inlay](#), [Seed Bead Weaving](#),



Rocket City Jewelers (RCJ) News

Leslie Malakowsky <lmalakowsky@gmail.com>

On February 7th, we made a heart pendant using copper wire and a rose quartz bead dangle. Some folks also made matching earrings. This class was intended to provide more practice making wire jewelry including a gemstone focal bead. No make up class is planned, but there will be more opportunities!



Now taking sign-ups for our first-ever chainmaille classes which will be on back-to-back Wednesdays. Introduction to Chainmaille is on February 28th. We will meet in the Merrimac Room, watch a short DVD, then experiment with a beginner level weave. If you've always been curious about chainmaille, this is your chance to check it out! The second class is a Byzantine Weave Bracelet on March 1st. We will be back in the Paint Room on the 1st. Please note that the class size limit for the Byzantine bracelet is 8. Text me at (256) 755-0479 to reserve your space now!

Lead Instructor/	Group Leader Leslie Malakowsky
Instructors	Myra Soroczak & Openings
Kit Manager	Sherrie Bonin (Wire Supplier - Shelley Curran)
Treasurer	Clara Goode
Facebook	Opening
Librarian	Opening
Security	Joe Bonin

Upcoming schedule:

February 28th – Introduction to Chainmaille
March 1st – Byzantine Weave Bracelet
March 14th – Open jewelry
March 21st – Wire Links make-up class TENTATIVE
March 28th – Movie night in the Merrimac room
April 4th – Wire Wrapped Bails

RCJ is open to every member of the HGMS. If you love making jewelry, please consider joining us. We meet every Wednesday from 6-9p.m. in the Paint Room (next door to the Lapidary Shop) at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center - 2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville. Use the back parking lot and entrance off of Ivy Ave. All skill levels are welcome!

Metal Smithing/Silver Group by Kathy Bowman



Upcoming Project Class: Thursday, March 1, Washer Bracelet

You must be certified to enroll in this class since it does involve soldering. This project is an opportunity to use some of the etched metal you have if you have taken one of the etching classes. You can also texture metal with stamps and hammers to use for this center element of this bracelet.



The sign up sheet for this class will be available at the February HGMS meeting and during the Thursday classes. You also may sign up by sending email to HGMS@wilddivystudio.com.

As always, 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 any special tools so you can work on it during our work session nights. **Please let us know in advance if the project you want to work requires special tools or equipment we bring from home so we can be sure to have them available.**

Certification Classes: We plan to continue to do certifications on a one to three person basis during our regular Thursday night work nights instead of having one large class a few times a year. If you are interested in scheduling Metalsmithing Certification this month please send your name and contact information (name, email address, and phone number) to HGMS@wilddivystudio.com. We will contact you and set up a Thursday for you to come. I have 2 people signed up for Certification in February. If there are any requests I will plan on a March Certification. There will be no certifications in April due to the Auctions.

Volunteer Positions *

Class Instructors:

Kathy Bowman

Toolbox Sign-outs

Shelley Curran

Inventory Manager

Chris Kalange

Store Manager

Opening

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

**Madison County Senior Center Cafeteria
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville AL**

Brian Burgess 256-746-0641,

bburgess771@gmail.com



The February 22nd meeting will discuss The World of Quartz

Quartz is the second most common mineral found on the earth. It crystalizes out from lava as it cools.

After it is freed by erosion, it is transformed into many metamorphic minerals—agates, jaspers, and lots of others you may have encountered or heard of. Lots of examples to see and touch.

See you there on February 22nd at 6:00 pm.

For the March 22nd meeting we will have Kathy Bowman and Shelley Curran Metal/Smithing instructors instructing the Pups on cold connection smithing. The Pups will make an etched copper fish piece using brads and such for their learning experience. Kathy and Shelley will have kits made up for the Pups and we will move to the paint room for this class.

We will also discuss field trips scheduled so far for the year

The Steven Minkin field trip is May—lizard footprints in the rocks

Cane Creek Canyon, Jim Lacefield - June 23 (tentative for now) — agates and petrified wood

Hogg Mine, LaGrange GA—crystals of all sorts—July 7th, 14th, or 28th (to be determined)

Twenty Mile Creek, Booneville MS, shark teeth

Cedar Creek fossils, near Red Bay AL—date yet to be settled

Devil's Racetrack in Huntsville—day trip to be set as it is convenient—geology hike and fossils

How about a tour of a local rock quarry?

We are looking to divide the Pups into older and younger age groups—8 thru 12 and 13 to 18. This will fill the current gap of youngsters who are too old or too young. Programs will be tailored for the age levels. We will need some more adult helpers. And we need a name for this new group. Stone Mutts has been suggested.

If you haven't gotten your T-shirt yet, here is the link to the printer

<http://greenpeapress.com/pebble-pups/pebble-pup-tees>, link remains open till Feb 21.

Give them your size, and style. You may request a particular color which they will try to provide.

New members are always welcome.

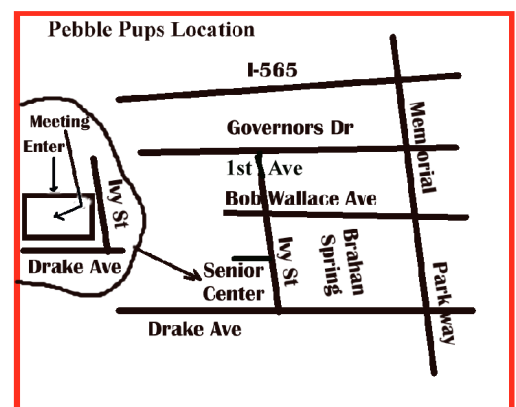
If anyone has any questions, please contact Brian or Bill Friday



Paint Rock Valley Agate



Quartz
Spar



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>

MOBILE FLEXSHAFT STAND

A handy mobile stand for your flexshaft can be made easily and quickly from the base of an old swivel office chair. You can find these chairs being thrown out at office buildings and schools. I just asked the custodian in my building to set one aside for me.

To separate the chair from the wheeled base, simply remove the spring clip from the center bottom. I use a small screwdriver or a pair of pliers.

To make the stand, you'll need two pieces of threaded galvanized steel pipe and a pipe fitting from a hardware store. The first length of pipe is 3/4 inch diameter to fit the hole in most chair bases. The second piece is a length of less expensive 1/2 inch pipe.

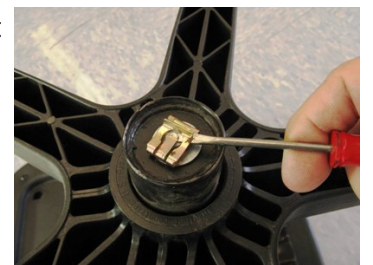
The total length of the two pipes should be five feet. I used a two foot length of 3/4 pipe and a three foot length of 1/2 pipe. They are joined together by a pipe fitting called a 3/4 to 1/2 reducing coupler.

LOCAL METALS SOURCE

Local companies that use sheet metal typically have barrels of scrap copper, brass and aluminum sheet that they save for recycling. The shop owner/manager will usually let you go through it to select the shapes and thicknesses you want. Prices vary but will generally be close to the wholesale per-pound scrap value. For me at this time, that's \$3 per pound for copper.

I've found it's much cheaper to buy metal this way than ordering from a catalog. There are no shipping charges, and you'll be supporting a local small business in your community.

Remember to bring your work gloves if you try this. Also useful is a thickness gauge. When I asked if they had any 14 gauge, they didn't know. Turns out they measure the thickness of copper by its weight per square foot.





Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Georgia Gem & Mineral Society (Macon, GA) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society

Clarkesville, GA, Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:00 AM Eastern (9 am Central)

TRIP: This site is located in a band of kyanite bearing material. The material has been moved around so the kyanite is not in situ. Small blades are easy to find, but digging and some perseverance is required to find the larger specimens. This site is a fun and productive site for all ages.

FEE: \$10 per person

COLLECTING: Kyanite blades and cobbles, small mica books, and graphite specimens (rare). The kyanite ranges from gray to pale blue and may contain graphite. Some of the blades can be polished and, because of the graphite, they have a curious shimmer when they are polished.

BRING: Small blades can be found weathering out onto the surface. Bigger blades and cobbles are found by digging 8" to 24" deep. You will need scratching tools and baggies for surface collecting, and a shovel and pick for digging. **All holes must be refilled.** This site can be muddy at times, so a change of clothes would be good too.

FACILITIES: There are no bathroom facilities at the site, but there is a McDonald's Restaurant in Clarksville and also restrooms at a public park a few miles from where we will be collecting.

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

PETS: Because this is a working farm, pets are not allowed.

SAFETY: There are electrified fences on the farm so **do not** touch any fences. Field trip leads will open and close gates. This is a working farm and there may be animals present – **do not** approach any of the animals. **Do not** enter pastures where animals are present.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: We will be meeting at 10:00 am Eastern time Ingles Market (the only Ingles in Clarkesville), 199 East Louise Street (US Old/Historical 441) Clarkesville, GA 30523 **GPS Coordinates: 34.603124, -83.517801**, 250 miles from Huntsville AL

- 1) **From Atlanta**, take I-985 North towards Gainesville
- 2) I-985 will transition to GA 365/US 23
- 3) Continue on GA 365/US 23 to GA 197
- 4) Take GA197 north to Clarkesville (about 3.5 miles), bear left at the intersection with Louise Dr
- 5) Ingles is immediately on the right, behind the Shell gas station

We will meet in the parking lot close to the highway

CONTACT: Jay Batcha: cell: 478-957-5002, home: 478-784-1965



February Birthdays

1 Ryan Flippo	12 Kay Jones
1 Maggie Holliday	13 Stuart North
1 Darrell Murphy	17 Dennis Adomatis
2 Julie Eve	17 Eli Gilchrist
2 Michael Cape	17 Dave Kalange
4 Taylor Gulliver	17 Don Cooper
4 Dawn Holliday	17 Mary Lauren Thompson
5 Alli Curran	18 Wayne Falkenberg
6 Doran Adams	19 Debbie Deering
6 Mike Goode	19 Ethan Hunneycutt
6 Savanna Emerson	21 Zachery Moore
7 Antonio Bedard	23 Mark Robinson
7 Lester Bartel	25 John Cook
10 Tony Smith	25 Jeanne Hayes
11 Karin Bath	27 Rose Smith
12 Angie Gilchrist	

Anniversaries

2 Dorothea Chism
12 Don & Marie Aldridge
12 Kay Jones
18 Karen & Gary Thompson
19 Steven & Christine Tate
20 Ben Hunneycutt & Brandy Hyatt



March Birthdays

5 Allison Kowalczyk	20 Charlotte Gilchrist
5 Jacob Roberts	20 Dennis Peterson
8 Virgil Fischer	21 Leigh Ann Hurst
9 Hannah Mayes	21 Teresa Roberts
9 Julie McCullough	22 Susan Hessler
13 Karen van Bebber	22 Gene Powers
14 Sarah Herman	22 Harry Wiley
15 Patty Jo Adomatis	24 Preston Hurst
15 Victoria Bedard	24 Carson Knight
15 Carol Roden	27 Kelly Gulliver
15 Johnece Smith	29 Mark Bishop
16 June Kalange	29 Linda McKinney
18 Michael O'Dell	29 Mario Bedard
18 Ola Ann Lee	30 Chelie Britt
19 Ben Carroll	30 Robyn McCoy
20 Robert Broussard	30 Dennis Peterson

Anniversaries

7 Barbara Deckelman	24 Margaret & Jerry Olson
14 Ben & Monika Carroll	28 Leigh Ann & Preston Hurst
18 Robert & Gayle Joyce	31 Wendell & Mary Lou Allen
22 Wayne & Rhonda Hall	



February 2018 - 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: Bill Friday, Joe Bonin, & Michael Cape

Monday	7:30am-9:00am	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	9:00am- Noon	Silver Jewelry - Ron West, Instructor - Seniors & HGMS 60+
	Noon-4:30pm	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
Tuesday	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+
	3:00pm-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary, certified HGMS 60+
	6:00pm-9:00pm	Open Lapidary & Open Jewelry - certified HGMS 18+
Wednesday	7:30am-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary - certified HGMS 60+
	6:00pm-9:00pm	Lapidary & Jewelry Classes - certified HGMS 18+
Thursday	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+
	3:00pm-4:30 pm	Open Lab: Lapidary -certified HGMS 60+
	5:30pm-9:00pm	Metal Smithing & Jewelry Classes— certified HGMS 18+
Friday	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, 3015 Monterey Dr., SW, Decatur AL 35603 Attn Mark Habercom

**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



2018 CALENDAR

- 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
- 28 Apr '18 - Annual Rock Auction, on Saturday, 9:00am
Jaycees Bldg, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville AL
- 22 May '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 16 Jun '18 - Annual HGMS Picnic, Huntsville
Monte Sano State Park, Large Pavilion in the Picnic Area
- 24 Jul '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 28 Aug '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 25 Sep '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm
- 12-14 Oct '18 Annual Fall Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show
Jaycees Bldg, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville AL
- 23 Oct '18 - Regular HG&MS Meeting, Madison County Senior Center,
2200 Drake Ave, Huntsville, AL 6:30pm

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