

Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society

Special activities...

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, group scheduling, and take-down. 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 donate specimens, slabs, rough or polished stones, finished jewelry, and lapidary equipment that will be of interest to others. Good pieces to add to a collection can often be obtained by bidders at the auction.

Field trips are scheduled monthly through the Dixie Mineral Council, along with HGMS-only venues, to find rocks, minerals, fossils or to visit related industries, depending on what locations are available. Most trips are same-day, but there may also be over-night trips.

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 encourage 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 this application for membership and bring it to a meeting or send the form and dues to the Membership Chairman.

Membership dues currently are \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for a family for a year. A Family is defined to be two adults and all children under age 19 in one household, plus grandchildren whose parents are not members. Dues are renewable by January 1st of each year. New members who join at the October Fall Show are paid through the entire next year.

The Huntsville Gem And Mineral Society



is affiliated with the

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

and the Dixie Mineral Council

Application for New Membership Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society

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Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Date: _____ (Please format dates i.e. 1 Jan)

Adult Name(s): _____

Birth: day/mon _____ Anniversary: day/mon _____

Address: _____

_____ City State Zip

Phone _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership Individual () \$20.00; Family () \$25.00

If family membership, please list names of other family members with their birth day/mon

What are your primary interests?

- Collecting
- Cutting and polishing
- Jewelry making
- Jewelry as a business
- Other: _____
- Indian artifacts
- Geology
- Pebble Pups (ages 8-15)
- Fossils

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

Theresa Chivers, 108-A Corrine, Madison, AL 35758

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter [Choose one]
by e-mail () or by () regular mail?

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 over 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 evening workshops and lapidary sessions for members, holds a yearly Auction & 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 HGMS Education Center, located at 7901 Bailey Cove Rd. in Huntsville. Fellowship time begins at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 pm there is a short business meeting. Followed by a feature program. 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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