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A message from the President...

Dear Members,

As we prepare for our annual show in May we would like all members to be included in the preparation. Volunteering is the key for a successful show. Sign-up list will be available at the April meeting so please volunteer.

After the meeting we will need help with our mailout and we would like everyone to take signs to put out for the show.

Sincerely,

President Allan Elliott



Board Meeting April 15, 2023
Following regular meeting

Notes from the editor . . .

Meeting:

Meeting this month on April 15th, at Herbert Wilson Recreational Center with board meeting following. Bring your lunch.

Gems of the Month:

Diamond



Show: We will be putting labels on our postcards so be prepared to stay after the meeting. Signs will be handed out along with the display inserts for those who wish to display their jewelry.

Workshops: Rosalind will teach her Bling Bracelet. Kits Available for \$5.00.

Please consider volunteering to do a workshop. We still need instructors for September, October and November. Please Contact Laura, our Workshop Chairman you can still book for any month as we would like to have multiple workshops each month.

Prayers: Rosalind's brother-in-law passed away last weekend. Let's all keep her family in our prayers.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook pages for updates.

Workshops are posted on both.

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Call to order: by President, Allen Elliott at 12:50pm

Members in Attendance: 11 Members (Nicole G., Allan E., Lisa F., Lynn T., Julie B., Leslie J., Rosalind N-D., Karen W., Sue W., Laura T., Sharon G.) present at the meeting.

Minutes: February's minutes accepted, Julie Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Lisa Fitch, motion carried.

Treasure Report: Provided by Nicole Green, Treasurer, report provided for account balances on the checking account, equipment fund, and CD. Per Nicole we made about \$230 with a new vendor, a membership and split the pot, also purchased some new postcards. Nicole stated that she has the two documents needed for the Bank and that she, Sue, and Allen will have to schedule a time to meet. Paid Allen Elliott for the saw blade that he purchased for the club. Lisa Fitch made a motion to accept the Treasure Report, Laura Tate second, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Facebook: Laura Tate said that she was contacted by someone who said she would come to the meeting today with her 16-year-old granddaughter. She could not make it today but will come instead in June.

Newsletter: Per Lisa Fitch, nothing new, if you don't get a newsletter let her know. You can always view it on our website. Asked that someone email her an article. If anyone has a recipe, a family recipe, something tried and true, please submit it.

Workshop: Laura stated that in April, Rosalind Norvel-Daniels will teach a Bling Bracelet, May is our show, June, Nicole will teach a wire wrapped pendant, and Cynthia Braden will do a Tree of Life pendant. July, Sue West will teach something still TBD, August, Julie Boudreaux will teach cold connection class, September we will do a wire wrapped Christmas Tree taught by Laura and Lynn Tate. If there are any classes that anyone wants to teach, please let Laura know.

Equipment: Allen Elliott stated that he will continue to push use of the equipment. We have it so we should use it in order to keep it from rusting. Allen agreed to teach anyone interested is learning the equipment how to use it. We have a brand-new blade in the saw. There are two other grinder-polisher units in the closet that have not been seen used in the club. Allen is familiar with using

them. The polisher on the current equipment is worn out, suggested changing them out.

Sunshine: Clemencia has not yet returned. Sue West volunteered to handle this position until Clemencia gets back.

Show Report: Lynn Tate spoke with Barbara Saavedra who said she will not be able to do Kids Corner and is not sure if she will be coming back. Need a volunteer. Per Nicole Green, Cynthia (Cindy) Braden asked if she would be able to do. Two packs of post cards for this year are available. Just put the third weekend in May that way we can reuse them every year. Voted last month to purchase more trifolds for the club. Sue West does not have any. Next month Sue West will bring sign-up sheet for people to sign up to bring side dishes, and drinks. Leslie Jancovich asked Lisa Fitch to send her the Golden Ticket. Labels will be available for the postcards in April. Lynn and Laura Tate will bring the inserts in April for the display boxes. Sue West asked that as many people as possible do a display box. Lynn Tate recommended sharing with someone if you don't have enough to fill an entire box. Funds for 11 vendors received so far. Allen inquired about having a booth for club members and if anybody asked about placing a display box in either schools or libraries. Lynn Tate stated that they did one in Bay St. Louis several years back. Did not receive any feedback. Lisa Fitch asked if we wanted to reach out to the Scout Master to help set up. Lynn Tate stated no, she thinks we have a crew that comes and set it up. Allen Elliott asked if anybody from the Scouts reached out. Says that he is willing to go to the Scout office and speak with them about perhaps assisting in some way or another. Sharon Greer asked if we have a list of vendors and how many we will have room for?

Communications:

Old Business: Sue West stated that she did an audit, and everything looks good. She will take care of the IRS filing.

New Business: AKS show is April 28,29,30th.

Gem of the Month: Allen discussed Aquamarine and Bloodstone.

Split the Pot: NA

Door Prizes: NA

Adjourn: Lisa Fitch made a motion to adjourn at 1:55pm, Leslie Jancovich second.



Harrison County

PRESENTS

43rd Annual Gem & Jewelry Show

May 20 & 21, 2023

Saturday

9–5pm

Adults - \$6.00 / Kids age 10 & under - Free

*** Door Prizes Hourly ***

Sunday

9–4pm



Joppa Shrine Temple

13280 Shriners Blvd. Biloxi, Ms.
North of I-10 / Woolmarket Exit # 41



Jewelry * Rocks * Gems * Beads * Fossils * Minerals

Displays



Bring Flyer for \$1.00 Off

Exhibits

Kids Corner

Stump
the
Expert!

Demonstrations

Gem & Mineral Society



Facebook: facebook.com/gulfportgems/

Website: gulfportgems.org

Email: gulfportgems.show@gmail.com

"The Golden Ticket"



Give the
Golden Ticket
to a friend!



Volunteers Needed! This is our one big fundraiser of the year and we need members to volunteer to help with the show. Sign-up sheets will be available for the show at the April meeting. You can help support your society which provides free workshops for our members and their guest along with scholarships that are awarded yearly from the profits of the annual show.



So now is the time for all members to participate and help raise money for the society and keep it strong. If you cannot make it to the April meeting, you can still volunteer by contacting our Show Chairman, Laura Tate by phone 228-342-2971 or email wanderingmsrn@gmail.com. Your help is greatly appreciated and we are always thankful for the support that the members give of their time to the society. Please help make this show as successful as last year.



Please volunteer to help at the show in May as workers are still needed in various areas.



Happy Anniversary

Cindy Easterling
Cathy Thomas

Happy Birthday

Jina Martin

Thought of the Day . . .

Keep your thoughts positive because
your thoughts become your
WORDS.

Keep your words positive because
your words become your
BEHAVIOR.

Keep your behavior positive because
your behavior become your
HABITS.

Keep your habits positive because
your habits become your
VALUES.

Keep your values positive because
your values become your
DESTINY.

By Gandhi

Bench Tips from Brad

BEZEL CLOSER



A bezel closer is a steel punch that makes quick work out of pushing the metal down over a round stone and burnishing it. The

working end is a concave cavity that fits over your bezel or prong setting and is pushed and twisted to capture the stone. Sets can be purchased but are expensive and contain many sizes you will probably never use. If all you need is one or two sizes, here's how you can make them yourself.

Find a good quality, round steel rod a little larger in diameter than your bezel cup or prong setting. Cut a 5 inch length. File both ends flat. Locate the center of one end, center punch a divot, and drill a small pilot hole about 5 mm deep. Remember to use a little oil as lubricant when cutting steel.

Select a ball bur a bit smaller than the steel rod but slightly larger than the bezel. Enlarge the pilot hole to a full hemispherical cavity. Test for proper fit with your bezel. Bezel should first contact the cavity about a third of the way in. When the size is correct, polish the cavity using Zam on a length of chopstick in your flexshaft. If the tool is not polished, it will leave scratches on your bezel or prongs.

When using the tool, the first step is to capture the stone correctly. I usually work by hand and push the punch straight down over the bezel or prongs. This causes the metal to start bending over the stone. Next I inspect with a lens to be sure the stone is staying level. This is repeated until the stone is seated on its bearing and can't move anymore.

Next you want to force the metal down onto the stone uniformly all the way around. While this can be done by hand, I often gently tap the punch with a hammer. Finally, burnish the bezel by twisting the punch around.

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

<http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

www.bradsmithjewelry.com

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WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairman:
wanderingmsrn@gmail.com

April 15th, 2023

Laura Tate
228-342-2971

Bling Bracelet

By Rosalind N-D



Kits Available \$5.00

Material List:

- 1 Lobster Clasp / Toggle/ Magnetic clasp
- 2 Jump Rings
- 2 Wire guards (optional)
- Size 11/0 seed beads
- 91-105, 4mm pearls
- 64-78, 4mm bicone crystals
- 2 size 10 or size 12 needles
- Size 6 lb. or 8lb. Fireline (no larger than 8lb)

Tools:

Mat
Ruler or Measuring Tape
Scissors or thread burner
Optional — Thread Conditioner

Upcoming 2023 Workshops

March Tree of Life Pendant Cindy B.

April Bling Bracelet Rozz

*May **SHOW** No Workshop*

June Hoop Earrings Nicole

July ? Sue W.

August Cold Connection Julie B.



Workshops are offered free!

Visitors are always welcome

Please bring a guest. . .

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





Wedding Anniversaries 60th & 75th

FACTS

- Mineral: Diamond
- Chemistry: C
- Color: All colors
- Refractive index: 2.42
- Birefringence: None
- Specific gravity: 3.52
- Mohs Hardness: 10



You probably already know of the diamond's toughness. In fact, it's the hardest gemstone and is made of just one element: carbon.

Its structure makes it 58 times harder than anything in nature and can only be cut with another diamond. While it's become nearly synonymous with wedding engagements, it's also the perfect stone for individuals who want something that's just as appropriate for everyday wear as it is for special occasions. Diamonds come in several colors, including yellow, red, pink, blue, and green, and range in intensity from faint to vivid. Generally speaking, the more saturated the color, the higher the value.

In fact, diamonds sparkling with intense color are rare and may be priced higher than a colorless diamond of equal size. Because fancy-color diamonds are very desirable, color is sometimes introduced in a laboratory. These are correctly called *color-treated diamonds*.

Its unique physical properties means it has the best possible luster of any gemstone when cut and polished well. So if you're in the market for "sparkle," the diamond is the gemstone for you.

History and Lore: The world's first diamond color-grading system dates back to sixth-century India. The system was based on the country's ancient class structure. Members of different status levels, or castes, were permitted to own and wear only diamonds of a specific color. Thus, diamonds served as a badge of rank.

The priests and rulers, the Brahmins, were allowed to own diamonds that were "whitest of the conch, of the lotus, or of the rock crystal" (white to colorless). The landowners and warriors were assigned diamonds that were "the brown color of the eye of the hare." The merchant class was allowed to own only diamonds that were the "pretty nuance of a petal of a kadl [flower]" (yellow). And members of the lower classes were assigned diamonds with "the sheen of a burnished sword" (gray or black). Kings, however, were free to possess

diamonds of any color.



The colors exhibited by natural fancy color diamonds are usually not very intense.

Fancy Colored Diamonds... Fancy color diamonds come in almost any color you can imagine. Red, green, purple, and orange are generally the most rare, followed by pink and blue. Yellows and browns are the most common fancy colors, but they're generally less valuable than the rarer colors. Only one in 10,000 has a fancy color.

Diamonds in the normal color range are colorless through light yellow and are described using the industry's D-to-Z color-grading scale. Fancy color diamonds, on the other hand, are yellow and brown diamonds that exhibit color beyond the Z range, or diamonds that exhibit any other color face-up. These rare specimens come in every color of the spectrum, including, most importantly, blue, green, pink, and red.

Gem diamonds in the D-to-Z range usually decrease in value as the color becomes more obvious. Just the opposite happens with fancy color diamonds: Their value generally increases with the strength and purity of the color. Large, vivid fancy color diamonds are extremely rare and very valuable. However, many fancy diamond colors are muted rather than pure and strong.

Blacks, grays, and fancy whites are considered fancies, too. Some have been fashioned into gems. The 67.50-carat Black Orloff diamond, named after the Russian Princess Nadia Vyegin-Orloff, is the most well-known example.

Spectacular prices in high-profile auctions are another factor in the increased awareness of fancy color diamonds. Not all fancy color diamonds command such high prices, however. Many people consider yellow and brown fancies less desirable than near-colorless stones of equal weight and clarity. And deeper yellows and browns are generally less valuable than other fancy colors.

The most well-known historical and current sources of fancy color diamonds are India, South Africa, and Australia. Other diamond mine locations, including Brazil, Venezuela, Guyana, and Indonesia, also produce fancy color diamonds.

Fancy color diamonds are among the rarest and most valuable gemstones.



Resources: gia.com, smithsonianeducation.org, history.com, <http://famousdiamonds.tripod.com/cullinandiamonds.html>



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SFMS 2023 Annual Convention

March 11, 2023

Live Oak, FL

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts
706-379-2126

Website @ www.lapidaryschool.org

Federation Week Jun 4 - 10, 2023

Classes are subject to change
Visit the website for a list of classes

WILDACRES RETREAT
828-756-4573

Website @ www.wildscres.org

registrarwildacres@gmail.com Claudia Erwin

When scheduling keep in mind, workshops are subjected to change without notice.

Please check the website for changes.

Federation Weeks August 4th - 20th
2nd Week September 11th - 17th



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www.mgcmgs.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

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October 28-29, 2023

St. Lucie County Gem Show in Port St Lucie, FL

A.L.A.A.

Have you joined the **American Lands Access Association** (ALAA)? Help is needed. Please volunteer!

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.

Individual dues are \$25 per year; clubs \$50 per year.

A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members.

For more information,

Visit <http://amlands.org>



Shirley Leeson, President

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Dixie Mineral Council



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Members Only

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/index.html>

Shows and Events

4/22-23/2023 MEMPHIS, TN: Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Sponsored by the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. Memphis Agricenter 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Sat. 9-6:00 pm, Sun. 10-5pm. Adults \$6.00. 2- day pass \$8.00. Children 12 & under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform free, www.theearthwideopen.wixsite.com, email ino@theearthwideopen.com. Contact WC McDaniel 901-490-3575

5/12-14/2023 MARIETTA, GA: Georgia Mineral Society 54th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show, Cobb Civic Center 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 3006. Fri-Sat. 10-6, Sun. Noon-5. Free Parking and Admission. <https://www.gamineral.org/showmain.html>

5/19-21/2023—FRANKLIN, NC: The Franklin Gem & Mineral Society; Robert C. Carpenter Community Bldg., 1288 Georgia Rd, Franklin, NC. Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-4; contact Chandra Fox, (706) 982-0402; Email: fgmshows@gmail.com; Website: fgmm.org

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS VISIT - amfed.org

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

Admission Fee \$5.00 Hours: Fri & Sat 10am-6pm / Sun 10am-4pm Phone: 504-265-8830

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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 pm - 1 pm Lunch

1 pm - 2 pm Meeting

Directions: Coming from Pass Road or Hwy. 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!

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2023 MEETING DATES

Jan 21st May **SHOW** 20th & 21st

Feb 18th June 17th Sept 16th

Mar 18th July 15th Oct 21st

April 15th Aug 19th Nov 18th

Dec 16th Christmas Party

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Lisa Fitch

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Contact Our Treasurer: Nicole Green (228) 344-8066 **Email:** nfouasnon@gmail.com



HARRISON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION			
APPLICANT INFORMATION			SINGLE \$20.00
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			
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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	
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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: \$
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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:	
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