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## A message from the President...

Dear Members,

Our show is this month on May 20th and 21st and it is important that all members try to participate and help us make this a successful show. Please contact Laura or Lynn Tate if you have not volunteered yet. There is work for everyone. The front door, hospitality, security, putting out signs, kid's corner, and demonstrations. We will need help packing up after the show too.

Our vendor lunch is Friday, May 19th at noon.

If you have signed up to bring a dish or case of water, please have it there no later than 10am on Friday. You may bring it on Thursday if you are unable to make it on Friday, Lynn said they will be there at 1pm. to setup for the show. Please contact Sue West, Hospitality Chair if you have any questions.

I want to thank everyone for the hard work they have volunteered to do for our show, especially Laura, Lynn, Eddie and Clay Tate. See you all at the show.

Sincerely,

*President Allan Elliott*

Notes from the editor . . .

### **Meeting:**

No Meeting this month.

### **Gems of the Month:**

Emeralds



**Workshops:** No workshops

## **43rd Annual Harrison County Gem & Jewelry Show**

**May 20 & 21, 2023**

### *Joppa Shrine Temple*

*Lots of vendors with wonderful merchandise. A great place to get gifts for Graduation. Come shop with us!*

*See Flyer on Page 3*

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

Workshops are posted on both.

[www.gulfportgems.org](http://www.gulfportgems.org)

[www.facebook.com/gulfportgems](https://www.facebook.com/gulfportgems)



Call to order: by President, Allen Elliott at 1:05pm

Members in Attendance: 17 Members: Allan E., Sharon G., Rosalind N-D., Lisa F., Jina M., Judi M., Shirley R., Karen W., Janet B., Laura T., Beverly B., Sue W., Sue S., Lynn T., Leslie J., Charlene C., Cindy Braden.

Minutes: No corrections, Lisa Fitch made a motion to accept March minutes, second by Sharon Greer, motion carried.

Treasure Report: Nicole Green, Treasurer, not available to provide a report. Due to recent elections, we need to change some names on the club's bank accounts. Mary Sue West and Lynn Tate need to be removed from Regions Bank checking account number xxxx. Club President, Allan Elliott, needs to be added to Regions Bank checking account number xxxx. Nicole Green, club Treasurer, should remain on checking account number xxxx. Mary Sue West and Lynn Tate need to be removed from Regions Bank savings account number xxxx. Club President, Allan Elliott, and Club Treasurer, Nicole Green, needs to be added to Regions Bank savings account number xxxx. Allan Elliott and Nicole Green would be the Beneficial Owners/Control Owners for Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society bank accounts. Nicole Green is stating that she is the one able to make decisions on the bank accounts.

## Committee Reports

Facebook: Laura Tate stated that she has not updated Facebook.

Newsletter: Per Lisa Fitch, deadline to submit articles is the last day of each month.

Website: Leslie Jancovich asked for How to's or demonstrations she will try to attach another page to the website so that people can follow along with demonstrations. Per Lisa Fitch, all work must be original to avoid possible lawsuit. Laura Tate suggested embedding "You Tube" video in order to reference the creator. Leslie Jancovich suggested giving credit to the creator and sighting the location rather than posting the actual video due to amount of data available.

Equipment: Cynthia Braden has no new information pertaining to equipment. Allan Elliott stated that the switch on the second oldest piece of equipment sticks a little bit making it hard to push. New saw and blade work great.

The old saw has some type of rudimentary vice. Allan will take it home to work on it. Cynthia Braden asked about a slabbing saw. Per Allan Elliott, a slabbing saw is messy and expensive and not recommended for the club.

Workshop: Laura stated there is nothing to report. May is the show so no workshop. June Nicole will do a round wire wrapped pendant. She asks that everyone bring a 10mm round cabochon. Cynthia Braden will also teach the Tree of Life pendant. July, Sue West will do Boxed Earrings. August, Julie Boudreaux will do cold connections. September Laura Tate will do a Wire Wrapped Christmas Tree. October TBD. November, Sue West will do a Wire Wrapped Pendant. December is the Christmas party.

Sunshine: Laura Tate spoke with Reba Shotts who stated that Buddy had something called a "watchman" inserted and appears to be doing better, still not able to do a lot of riding, say's hello to the club members, and they do plan on coming to the show. Mrs. Reba is holding up. Sue West inquired about cards for Sunshine and Lisa Fitch, Nicole Green has some cards and will get them to Sue.

Show Report: Per Laura Tate, four of the video billboards will run the week before the show. One in Ocean Springs, one is on Three Rivers and Seaway, one on Landon Rd., and one on Hwy 90 in Waveland. They will run for eight days and every 30 seconds it will flip 6 ads and ours is in the rotation 24 hours a day. Facebook ads will start tonight, LA, MS, FL, and GA. Reba Shotts stated that an ad is in EPA Coast Electric, and MS Market Event. Post Cards are labeled, and stamped, they are also available to drop off in different locations. They have a \$1.00 off coupon, and they don't have dates on them, so they do not expire. Could not bring the boards and boxes for display's. Several options available to pick up them up. Can bring them on Thursday when setting up and everyone can come to the Shriner's Center, pick them up, and bring them on Friday or Saturday morning and get their box set up. Other option would be that all boxes will be brought and set up on Friday. Kid's Corner, Cynthia Braden have been working on gem tree's. Cynthia and Laura are asking that if anyone has chip beads with holes to donate. Nicole Green purchased more signs, she took 30 to do all of the interstate, Lisa Fitch will do Waveland and Bay St. Louise. There are 70 signs left, minus what Lynn will need for Woolmarket and around



the show. Will need someone to put some out on Hwy. 90 in Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, and Biloxi. Lynn and Laura Tate will be at the storage unit on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 for people to pick up signs, and boxes. 14 Vendors have replied, still waiting on a couple more and there is still space for one or two. Members are needed on Friday to come and help set up. Sue West asked who is willing to demonstrate on either Saturday or Sunday. Sue Shelton volunteered to demonstrate.

## Communications:

Old Business: Scholarship issued, Lynn Tate plans to go to William Holland in October.

New Business: Lynn Tate stated that with deep regret, she will no longer be doing the show. It has become too much for her. Allan Elliott recommended having more than one person assist with the logistics.

Gem of the Month: Diamond.

Split the Pot: NA

Door Prizes: Sue West, Karen Williams, Allan Elliott, Sue Shelton, Laura Tate, Lisa Fitch, and Sharon Greer all won door prizes.

Adjourn: Lisa Fitch made a motion to adjourn at 2:13pm, Cynthia Braden second, motion carried.

## *Thought of the Day . . .*

"Happiness is here with us in every single moment, waiting for our notice. Our challenge is to look at the world through the eyes of someone who can see it."

-TEAL-



## Volunteers...

**V**ery important people!

**O**utstanding!

**L**ove to be helpful!

**U**nderstand children!

**N**eeded for many things!

**T**eachers value them!

**E**njoy helping children!

**E**nthusiastic adults!

**R**eady at a moment's notice!

**S**pecial people!

## Thank you!





# "The Golden Ticket"



Give the  
Golden Ticket  
to a friend!

Come shop at the show . . .it's a great place to get those perfect Graduation gifts, birthday gifts, you name! A variety of interesting things to see.

Bring your family too, we have things for everyone, especially kids. Back is our Dinosaur exhibit and **Kids Corner** this year. They will have a blast.

## **Demonstration Boxes** will be

brought to the show if you didn't get a chance to get an insert to display your jewelry on so, please just bring your stuff to the show. Boxes are 23" x 23" if you want to use foam board and prepare yours at home to set inside the boxes. We will have inserts and clothes to cover the inserts at the show.

**Signs:** If you weren't able to meet Laura at the storage facility on April 29th to get signs please contact Nicole at 228-344-8066 or 228-467-4491.

## **Show Volunteers Needed!**

If you haven't yet, please contact our Show Chairman, Laura Tate by phone 228-342-2971 or email: [wanderingmsrn@gmail.com](mailto:wanderingmsrn@gmail.com).

Help is always needed be it Front Door, demonstrations, putting out signs, kids corner, hospitality and security, there is a place for everyone.



## **We Need volunteers to help put out signs in Harrison County.**

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.



# 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 \*\*\*

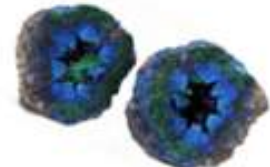
Sunday

9–4pm



### Joppa Shrine Temple

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



Jewelry \* Rocks \* Gems \* Beads \* Fossils \* Minerals



Bring Flyer for \$1.00 Off

Displays

Exhibits

Kids Corner

Stump  
the  
Expert!

Demonstrations

# Gem & Mineral Society

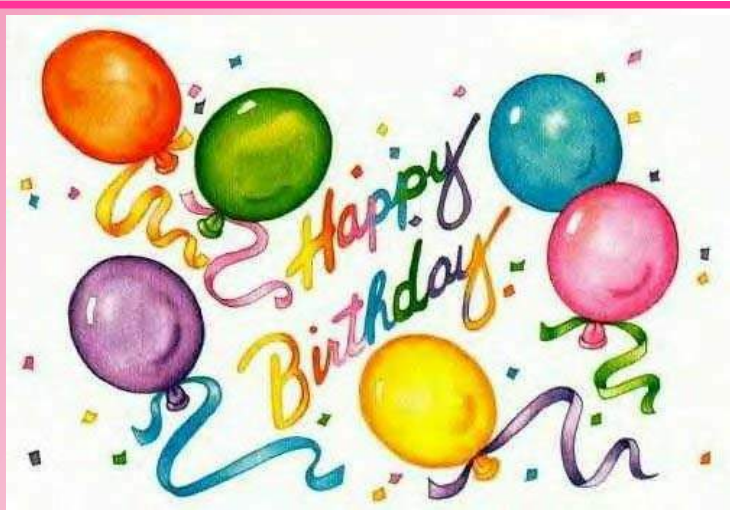
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Brian Fitch  
Clemencia Howe  
Buddy Shotts  
Lorraine Smith  
Sue West



May 14th



*Happy Anniversary*

*Michael & Nicole Green*



Answers from March newsletter:

How many legs? 10,990 legs unless you assumed there is a bus driver than it would be 10, 992.

Puzzle: Across: 2) casting, 5) minerals, 6) lap, 8) loupe, 9) chainmaille, 11) Kumihimo, 15) polishing, 16) goldsmith

Down: 1) faceting, 3) gemstone, 4) Silversmithing, 7) fossil, 10) dop, 12) cabochon, 13) wirewrapping, 14) beading



# Project of the Month



## French Hook Ear Wires

By Sue West

### Material List:

Use 5 inches of 20 gauge dead soft sterling silver wire or wire of choice

### Instructions:

Use 2 1/2 inches of wire for each ear wire

Pound the end of each wire flat

Use round nose pliers wind the flat end around the plier head about half-way up. Do this to each wire.

Holding the wires by the loops that you made, bend the wires over the round nose pliers. Bend about a quarter inch from the pounded loops.

Holding the ear wires together use the round nose pliers to bend both wires again. It would be about an eighth of an inch above the loops.

Still holding the ear wires together, use your flat nose pliers to bend the end of the wires out at a forty degree angle. Trim the wires if they are too long or uneven.

File the wires that you cut. Make sure that they don't have any burrs that would scratch you.

Next pound the upper half circle of each ear wire. This is where the wire will rest on your ear.

Once you have done them a couple of times, it will become easy to do. They are my favorite.

Hope you enjoy them too.

*Sue West*

### Tools:

Bench Block  
Round nose pliers  
Flush Cutters  
Ruler or Tape Measure





## Bench Tips from Brad

### DRILLING SMALL ITEMS

Small pieces need to be held securely while drilling to prevent them from spinning if the drill catches. Having sliced my fingers occasionally in my younger days, I avoid band-aids now by using flat-jaw pliers or a ring clamp. Pliers also save you if the piece gets hot. Put a little tape over the plier jaws if needed to avoid scratches.



### DRILLING A STONE



One of the things my students often ask to do is drill a hole through a piece of gemstone. The usual thought is to get a diamond drill, but I've been disappointed with them. I think the reason is that the tip of the drill is just pivoting in the hole and fails to cut well. When it looks like the drill isn't cutting, the tendency is to push with more force. The drill gets hot, and the diamond grit falls off.

A much better approach is to use a core drill. This is a small hollow tube with a coating of diamond grit at the business end. The diamonds easily carve out a circular arc without undue pressure or heat buildup.

Core drills are readily available from lapidary and jewelry supply companies. They come in sizes as small as 1mm and are very reasonable in price. For instance, a 2mm diameter drill is about \$6.

Chuck the core drill in a drill press, Dremel or Foredom and be sure to keep the drilling zone wet to cool the tool and to flush out debris. Also, if you're drilling a through hole, go very easy on the pressure as the drill is about to cut through. Otherwise you will usually chip off some of the stone surface around the hole.

Making jewelry involves a multitude of skills, intricate hand work, and a lot of problem solving. In this series Books in this series help to::

- Broaden your metalworking skills
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- Save money on tools and supplies

You'll find hundreds of low cost and really practical tips and techniques that the author uses in his work and teaches in his classes and workshops.

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### Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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

[www.bradsmithjewelry.com](http://www.bradsmithjewelry.com)

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# Emeralds

## FACTS

- Mineral: Beryl
- Chemistry:  $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$
- Color: Vibrant green
- Refractive Index: 1.577 to 1.583
- Birefringence: 0.005 to 0.009
- Specific Gravity: 2.72
- Mohs Hardness: 7.5 to 8



Emerald is the green to greenish blue variety of beryl, a mineral species that also includes aquamarine as well as beryls in other colors.

Gem experts differ on the degree of green that makes one stone an emerald and another stone a less-expensive green beryl. Some people in the trade tend to give the name emerald to any green beryl colored by chromium. But to most gemologists, gemological laboratories, and colored stone dealers, it is more correct to call a stone green beryl when its color is "too light" for it to be classified as emerald. Even among that group, however, there's a difference of opinion about what's considered "too light."

## History & Lore . .

Emerald's lush green has soothed souls and excited imaginations since antiquity. Its name comes from the ancient Greek word for green, "smaragdus." Rome's Pliny the Elder described emerald in his *Natural History*, published in the first century AD: "...nothing greens greener" was his verdict. He described the use of emerald by early lapidaries, who "have no better method of restoring their eyes than by looking at the emerald, its soft, green color comforting and removing their weariness and lassitude." Even today, the color green is known to relieve stress and eye strain.

There are other green gems, like tourmaline and Peridot, but emerald is the one that's always associated with the lushest landscapes and the richest greens. Ireland is the Emerald Isle. Seattle, in the US state of Washington, is the Emerald City. Thailand's most sacred religious icon is called the Emerald Buddha, even though it's carved from green jadeite.

The first known emerald mines were in Egypt, dating from at least 330 BC into the 1700s. Cleopatra was known to have a passion for emerald, and used it in her royal adornments.

Emeralds from what is now Colombia were part of the plunder when sixteenth-century Spanish explorers invaded the New World. The Incas had already been using emeralds in their jewelry and religious ceremonies for 500 years. The Spanish, who treasured gold and silver far more than gems, traded emeralds for precious metals. Their trades opened the eyes of European and Asian royalty to emerald's majesty.

Emerald is the most famous member of the beryl family. Legends endowed the wearer with the ability to foresee the future when emerald was placed under the tongue, as well as to reveal truth and be protected against evil spells. Emerald was once also believed to cure diseases like cholera and malaria. Wearing an emerald was believed to reveal the truth or falseness of a lover's oath as well as make one an eloquent speaker.

Legend also states that emerald was one of the four precious stones given by God to King Solomon. These four stones were said to have endowed the king with power over all creation. 2.97 billion years is the age of the oldest Emeralds from South Africa.

## Cleaning Emerald Jewelry . .

If you cannot take it to a professional jeweler than cleaning it at home is an easy and safe way to keep your emeralds clean. Using **soap and water** such as a mild liquid soap and make a sudsy solution with warm water. Place your emerald jewelry in this solution and use a soft cloth or toothbrush to gently clean the pieces.



Gia.com, smithsonianeducation.org, igb.com, Wikipedia,

## “ Hooker Emerald”



The **75.47-carat** Hooker Emerald was worn by Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid II, the last sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Chip Clark, courtesy Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History.

## Emerald Unguentarium



**2,860-carat (20.18 oz.)** emerald vase carved in 1641, is on display in the Imperial Treasury, Vienna, Austria.

There are many large emeralds that are valuable and famous. For a complete list visit [www.gemsociety.org](http://www.gemsociety.org).

## “The Imperial Emerald”



The emerald weighs in at **206 carats**. The Mogul Emerald, owned by the dynasty that built the Taj Mahal and now in the collection of the Museum of Islamic Art in Qatar, is bigger at 217 carats but not as transparent. Here's where the Imperial Emerald really stands out: it's remarkably clean for any emerald and for one of this size, staggeringly clear. It is also completely unenhanced. As you might expect for a gem of this magnitude, it has reports from every gemological lab that matters, including the book-form monograph from the Gemological Institute of America, a Gem Portrait by Gubelin, and a Jewel Folio by AGL. In short, this gem really belongs in a museum, although none will be able to afford it. In fact, it was probably cut from a crystal even better than the Patricia, the 632-carat crystal in the Ameri-

## Guinness Emerald Crystal

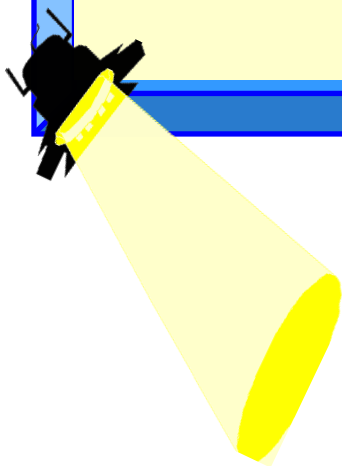


### **1,759-carat (12.4 oz.)**

"Guinness Emerald Crystal" was at one time the largest natural emerald crystal in the world, and is still preserved in its natural crystalline state, at the Banco Nacional de la Republica in Bogotá.

# “In The Spotlight”

## Bahia Emerald



The Bahia Emerald was carried out of the rain forest by a team of pack mules. Along the way the mules were killed by a pair of black panthers and had to be carried by a team of men and a hand made stretcher the rest of the trip.

The Bahia Emerald was flown from Sao Paulo Brazil to San Jose California; shortly thereafter the stone was relocated to New Orleans and placed in a vault. Two weeks later Hurricane Katrina struck devastating New Orleans and leaving the vault and the Bahia Emerald submersed under 16' of water for two months before it could be retrieved.

The Emerald was then brought back to San Jose and stored in a seemingly abandoned building. On or about April 8th 2008 it was secretly transferred to an attorney's office in Santa Barbara CA. where it was kept under 24 hour armed guard before being transferred once again to a Private vault known as Commonwealth in South Elmonte, CA.

The Bahia Emerald was transferred in a black Cadillac Escalade driven by Jerry Ferrara and accompanied by Kit Morrison, from the Commonwealth vault to a private vault in Las Vegas Nevada.

The Bahia Emerald was involved in a \$197,000,000 banking transaction with Barnard Madoff, fortunately Madoff was led away by Federal agents just two days before the transaction was to be completed. The Bahia Emerald was involved in a transaction gone wrong involving a well known Columbian family at the Golden Nugget hotel Casino in Los Vegas NV that nearly ended up as a blood bath battle in the Nevada desert. (All identities Withheld).

The Bahia Emerald was reported stolen to the L.A.P.D. by (identity withheld). The Bahia Emerald was questionably seized by L.A.P.D. authorities on or about Christmas eve 2008 in Los Vegas Nevada in an excursion led by Lt. Grubb.

Lt. Grubb began to organize an excursion to Las Vegas On the morning detectives drove to get the emerald, he told his deputies: ""We're going to stop on the way and get breakfast. We're going to pick up a \$400 million piece of evidence. On the way back, we're not stopping." When Lt. Grubb finally laid eyes on the emerald, he said, "It almost didn't look real." Shortly thereafter (Identity withheld) who reported the Bahia Emerald stolen bowed out of the case stating his life was threatened! To this day no criminal charges have been presented and no arrests have been made.

The Bahia Emerald court battle, is one of the largest custody/lawsuits in California history has gained an international following. National Geographic is conducting a 50 minute documentary about the Bahia Emerald and the incredible, almost unbelievable story surrounding it.





## Southeast Federation News

### S.F.M.S. Newsletter

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[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

### SFMS 2023 Annual Convention

*March 11, 2023*

Live Oak, FL

**William Holland School of Lapidary Arts**  
706-379-2126

Website @ [www.lapidaryschool.org](http://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

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[registrarwildacres@gmail.com](mailto: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



### Nearby Gem Societies

Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

[www.mgcmgs.com](http://www.mgcmgs.com)

Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month



Mobile Rock and Gem Society

[www.mobilerockandgem.com](http://www.mobilerockandgem.com)

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month



Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana

Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

Contact: Levette @ 504-214-3205

### Other Interests:

International Society of Glass Blowers

Visit site if you like Lampworking

Website: [www.isgb.org](http://www.isgb.org)

## American Federation News



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### AFMS 2023 Annual Convention

*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

## FIELD TRIPS

### Dixie Mineral Council



**For a monthly list of field trips, visit their website.**

**Members Only**

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

# Shows and Events

**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.gaminal.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](mailto:fgmshows@gmail.com); Website: [fgmm.org](http://fgmm.org)**



## **May 20th & 21st, 2023 Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society 43rd Annual Gem & Jewelry Show**

**Admission 6.00 Kids 10 & under are Free SATURDAY 9 - 5 & SUNDAY 9 - 4**

**Jewelry \* Gems \* Fossils \* Minerals \* Beads**

**Free Parking / Kids Corner / Displays / Stump the Expert!  
Demonstrations and Exhibits**

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS VISIT - [amfed.org](http://amfed.org)**

### **AKS GEM SHOW Presents New Orleans Bead & Jewelry Show**

**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!**

Visit our Website and Facebook page:

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<https://www.facebook.com/gulfportgems>

## 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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# Membership Form

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<b>HARRISON COUNTY GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b>			
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			<b>SINGLE \$20.00</b>
Name:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Anniversary: (Mo/Day)	Cell Phone:	
Current address:		Home Phone:	
City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
<b>CO-APPLICANT / SPOUSE INFORMATION</b>			<b>FAMILY \$30.00</b>
<b>TWO ADULTS &amp; ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE/AT SAME ADDRESS</b>			
Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
<b>JUNIOR INFORMATION</b>			<b>JUNIOR \$10.00</b>
<b>UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ★ SPONSORED BY AN ADULT</b>			
Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
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Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
<b>★ EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ★</b>			
Name:			
Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
<b>INTEREST INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Hobby Interest:</b>		<b>Jewelry Interest:</b>	
<b>(Each applicant initial interests)</b>			
<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	
<b>APPLICATION FEES</b>			
Applications can be mail to: Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society P. O. Box 10136, Gulfport, Ms. 39505			
Single \$20.00	Family \$30.00	Junior(s) \$10.00 Each	<b>DUES: \$</b>
<b>Dues:</b> <i>Circle One</i> <b>NEW RENEWAL</b> <b>No Proration</b> <b>Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January</b>			<b>TOTAL: \$</b>
<b>SIGNATURES</b>			
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:	
*Newsletter will be sent via email @ no charge		Modified 11/20/17 LF	

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Day!



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