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A message from the President...

Dear Members.

I would like to thank everyone who was at the July meeting for stepping up and filling the gap when one of the scheduled workshops was cancelled.

We had 9 new members sign up who were eager to start with the activities we offer in our club. One couple attended the William Holland week in June in the silver inlay class, and one new member even offered to do an upcoming workshop.

We had a wonderful potluck lunch, which we will continue in the future months.

I hope that some of you have thought about taking over a part of the duties with our yearly show.

The August meeting may have been somewhat frustrating because of the late start due to the rec center management staff, but hey, who among us has never been late for work. We do get use of the rec center free of charge along with secure equipment storage.

We did make some progress towards transitioning the duties of our yearly show to several individuals, but it has not fully finalized. We still need some individuals to volunteer for a couple of positions.

Along with our scheduled workshops, we will resume using our cab equipment and classes.

Sincerely,



Notes from the editor . . .

Meeting:

September 16, 2023, at Herbert Wilson Recreational Center.

POT LUCK LUNCH is back! Please bring a covered dish.

Gems of the Month:

August: Peridot / September: Sapphire

Show & Tell: If you have any of the gems of the month to Show & Tell please bring them.

Workshops:

Leslie – Star Ornament Laura – Wired Wrapped Christmas tree

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

New Members: Welcome to all our new members. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

<u>August</u>

Joe & Madeline Collaro, Anna Johnson, Connie & Robert Boyd, Sandra Roberts, Pierre McNair, David & Tami Newcomb,

<u>September</u>

Sheryl Rogers

HCGMS — August 19, 2023





<u>Call to Order:</u> The meeting was called to order by President, Allan Elliott, at 1:08 pm.

Members in attendance: 21 (Shirley R., Lisa F., Sandra R., Niccola H., Sheryl R., Sue W., Julie B., Laura T., Lynn T., Allan E., Sue S., Karen W., Cindy B., Nicole G., Gladys D., Beverly B., Jina M., Judi M., Madeline C., Joseph C., Sharon Greer.

MEETING

Minutes: The minutes of July 17, 2023 meeting. Julie Boudreaux moved to accept the minutes as recorded. Joe Collara seconded the motion. No objections. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

In July, we received \$140 in new memberships. In the 50/50 raffle, we earned \$24. In equipment fees, we received \$12. As of August 18, 2023, the checking balance was \$XXXX. The Equipment fund balance is \$XXXX. Nicole asked the members to check the membership list for corrections. Rent on the storage unit will be increasing from \$105 to \$114 per month. Nicole proposed we accept the new rental agreement. Concerning the debit card, Nicole spoke to someone with Regions Bank. They said that we would get one. We haven't received it yet. Nicole proposed that if we don't receive it this (3rd) time, we get the NOW card. It is \$5 per month. Since we don't pay a monthly service fee, Nicole suggested we get it. WebStarts needs to be paid. They only accept bank cards. Lisa Fitch gave us good reasons to move to Hancock Bank. Nicole said she will contact the Secretary of State office, concerning our charter, before the next club meeting. Nicole gave Allan 13 vendor contracts to sign for the 2024 Gem Show. Lisa Fitch made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Julie Boudreaux seconded the motion. No objections. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workshop: Laura Tate reported that Leslie Jancovich will be teaching a Beaded Star Ornament in September. She will be offering a kit for \$2. Lynn and Laura Tate will be teaching a Wire Wrapped Christmas Tree. \$5 kits will be available. Tool & supply lists will be posted to Facebook. October will be Silver & Gold Bracelet by Nicole Green, Judi Marks will offer Heart Earrings. November will be a Wire Wrapping project by Connie Boyd. Sue West will be teaching something, possibly Cab or Wire Wrapped Earrings. Laura made a request for instructors to share their skills. Nicole created a report showing what areas of interest were most requested on their membership applications. Wire Wrapping was most requested, followed by Beading. Silversmithing wouldn't be possible at this facility, due to fire concerns.

Newsletter: Lisa will combine the August & September

Newsletters, due to technical difficulties. Lisa is looking for articles, recipes, hacks; anything that might interest the club

<u>Facebook:</u> Laura will update the information for upcoming projects.

Website: Leslie Jancovich was unavailable.

Equipment: Cindy reported the equipment was not available today, due to a one hour plus delay getting in the building. Lisa suggested we get an emergency contact number when problems like that arise. There was some debate on repairing our equipment versus purchasing new equipment. Allan offered to get some information for a future meeting. Laura made a motion to purchase the supplies to repair the machines, not more than \$1100. Joe Collara seconded the motion. One opposed. Motion passed.

Show: Joe and Madeline Collara agreed to look over the show binder that Lynn and Laura put together.

Sunshine:

<u>Library:</u> The question of where the library is was raised. Sue will contact Arvid.

New Business: There will be a board meeting after the general meeting.

50/50 Raffle: \$32 was collected. Lisa Fitch won \$16.

Door prizes: Cindy, Lisa, Joe, Madeline, Sheryl, Nicole, Sharon, Niccola, Laura, Sue S, Lynn

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Lisa. Allan seconded the motion. None opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.





GREAT NEWS!

We now have a source for name tags with the magnetic pin. We would like for everyone to have a name tag. See Nicole to order yours.





The July minutes were accepted at the August meeting. They are printed as a matter of record.



HCGMS Minutes 7/15/23

Called To Order: By President Allan E. at 1:09 pm Members in Attendance: 20 (Rosalind N-D., Joe C., Madeline C., Sue S., Jina M., Leslie J., Sandra R., Anna J., Nicola H., Lisa F., Karen W., Allan E., Cindy B., Lynn T., Laura T., Sharon G., Julie B., Connie B., Robert B., and Nicole Green.

MEETING

<u>Minutes</u>: June minutes accepted - motion by Lisa, seconded by Julie.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole went over the amount currently in checking. Lynn & Sue were removed from bank accounts & and Nicole & Allen put on. Nicole sold the CD the club had for between \$7-8k. Will discuss in a future board meeting where to put that money - getting another CD or putting it into a savings account were both mentioned.: A page of statistics of where people found out about the show. Facebook was the leading force.

Gem Show: End result showed that 686 people were recorded in 2022 & 739 in 2023. Allen pointed out that we will need to break show tasks up & spread responsibilities throughout membership - and we need to address this in a meeting soon. Appreciation gifts were given to both Lynn & Laura.

Workshops: For August - Sue will be teaching the 3
Bead Box Earrings & Julie will be teaching Copper with
Brass Cold Connection earrings. Each will offer kits contact them if you want one. September - Laura will
teach Wire Christmas Trees & Leslie will teach Beaded
Star Ornaments. October - Nicole will teach the Gold &
Silver Bracelet & Roz & Karen will teach the Lotus Pendant. November - Connie Boyd will teach wire wrapping
(Not sure what?) & it looks like on the last list I have that
Sue will teach cab earrings? Sorry, not sure about Nov...
Facebook: There are over 1300 followers on the main
Facebook page. Laura will put pics up for projects and
put the materials & notes under "Notes."

Website: Nothing to report for the website. I am embedding the Gem Show YouTube video on the main page. Not ready to add extra pages right now - but do not put that on the minutes, ok?

COMMUNICATION

New Business: We voted to have the Thanksgiving Potluck this year. We will decide on what meat the Club will provide & have a sign-up sheet to decide what everyone will bring at the September meeting.

We discussed whether or not we want to upgrade our status to become a 501c organization. It's \$700-\$800 to apply (each time). No decision made - something to discuss at a board meeting or at a future meeting.

Equipment: We have \$XXXX in equipment account. We discussed refurbishing one of our cabbing machines. It would cost \$600-800 to repair or \$1400 new (? Do I have that right?) Allen will research cost on parts vs. new one

<u>50/50</u>: None

Meeting Adjourned: 2pm - motion by Lisa, seconded by Julie.



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

Workshops are posted on both.

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www.facebook.com/gulfportgems



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Kappy Birthday

August

Nicole G.

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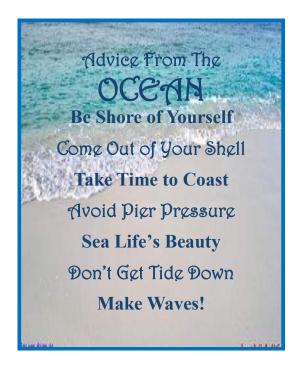
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September

Beverly B. Piane D. Robert Boyd



Thought of the Day . . .



Off the menu . . .

GRAPE SALAD

By Pat Lewis

Salad Mixture

1 lbs Green Seedless Grapes
1 lbs Red Seedless Grapes
2-3 Sweet Red Delicious Apples
½ cup Dried Cranberries
½ cup Chopped Pecans

Dressing Mixture

8 ounces sour cream 8 ounces cream cheese, softened ½ cup Brown Sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, to taste

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Wash grapes and apples. In a bowl add grapes cut in half and dice apples leaving the skin on.
- 2) Add ½ cup chopped pecans and ½ cup dried cranberries.
- 3) Set aside.
- 4) Mix in a separate bowl the sour cream, cream cheese, brown sugar and vanilla by hand until blended.
- 5) Stir grape mixture into the dressing, and pour in large serving bowl.

Note: The recipe is very forgiving. You may add more fruit and pecans as you would like.

This is a very delicious recipe from a former long time member.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairman:

wanderingmsrn@gmail.com

September 16, 2023

Laura Tate 228-342-2971

Star ornament By Leslie J. Kits Available: \$2.00



Material List:

1 8mm Pearl12 6mm Pearls

Tools:

Beading Mat Pliers

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

Wire Wrapped Christmas Tree By Laura T. Kits Available: \$5.00 in copper only



Material List:

12"-24" Wire 18ga. for pendant
20-22ga for earrings
Wrap wire should be 12"-24" 26ga or 28ga.
11/0 Seed Beads or what you prefer
Ear Wires for earrings

Tools:

Flat Nose Pliers Round Nose Pliers

> August Workshops were Sue West: 3 Bead Box Earrings Laura & Lynn Tate taught Open Round Maille Bracelet





Workshops are offered <u>free!</u>
Visitors are always welcome
Please bring a guest...

Peridot

August Gem of the Month

Facts

Mineral: Olivine

Chemistry: (MgFe)₂SiO₄
 Color: Yellowish green

Refractive index: 1.65 to 1.69Birefringence: 0.035 to 0.038

Specific gravity: 3.34Mohs Hardness: 6.5 to 7



Peridot is the gem variety of the mineral Olivine. Its chemical composition includes iron and magnesium, and iron is the cause of its attractive yellowish green colors. Volcanic rocks called basalts are rich in these two elements where the gem is often occurs.

The range of color for Peridot is narrow, from a brown-green color to yellowish green to pure green. The most common Peridot seen in jewelry is yellowish green.

Peridot found by gem miners as irregular nodules (rounded rocks with Peridot crystals inside) in some lava flows in the United States, China, and Vietnam. Rarely, as large crystals lining veins or pockets in certain types of solidified molten rock. Sources for the latter include Finland, Pakistan, Myanmar, and the island of Zabargad. Believed by geologists both types of deposits relate to the spreading of the sea floor that occurs when the earth's crust splits, and rocks from its mantle are pushed up to the surface. Sometimes—as in Myanmar— these rocks can be altered, deformed, and incorporated into mountain ranges by later earth movements. Being contained in meteorites that have fallen to earth, Peridot can have an extraterrestrial source. In 2005, they found Peridot in comet dust brought back from the Stardust robotic space probe.

Largest Rough Peridot



ZABARGAD CRYSTAL

This gorgeous 346.45 carat crystal of peridot from Zabargad Island, Egypt is in GIA's gem collection.



Largest Cut Peridot



312 CARAT GEM

311.80 carat Peridot from Zabargad Island, Egypt. It is in the collection of the National Museum of Natural History located at the Smithsonian Institution.

Sapphire

FACTS

* Mineral: Corundum* Chemistry: Al₂O₃

* Color: Every color but red

Refractive index: 1.762 to 1.770Birefringence: 0.008 to 0.010

* Specific gravity: 4.00* Mohs Hardness: 9

Blue sapphire belongs to the mineral species corundum. It can be a pure blue but ranges from greenish blue to violetish blue. The name "sapphire" can also apply to any corundum that's not red and doesn't qualify as ruby, another corundum variety.

Besides blue sapphire and ruby, the corundum family also includes so-called "fancy sapphires." They come in violet, green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, and intermediate hues. Some stones exhibit the phenomenon known as color change, most often going from blue in daylight or fluorescent lighting to purple under incandescent light. Sapphires can even be gray, black, or brown.

Fancy sapphires are generally less available than blue ones, and some colors are scarce, especially in very small or very large sizes. Still, fancy sapphires create a rainbow of options for people who like the romance associated with this gem, but who also want something out of the ordinary.

Corundum is composed only of aluminum and oxygen, and it requires a growth environment that's free of silicon. Silicon is a very common element, making natural corundum relatively uncommon. In its purest state, corundum is actually colorless. Colorless sapphires were once popular diamond imitations, and they've staged a comeback as accent stones in recent years. Nonetheless, they are rare.

Color-causing trace elements of iron and titanium, cause the corundum to be a blue sapphire. The more iron a corundum has the darker the blue. But only a few hundredths of a percent of iron and titanium can cause the color. Chromium can cause the red color of ruby or the pink of pink sapphire.

Discoveries in the 1990s from East Africa and Madagascar brought fancy sapphires widespread recognition. Increasing the availability of yellows, oranges, pinks and purples the new sources supplemented production from traditional ones like Sri Lanka and Madagascar.

The colors attracted jewelry designers who wanted to move away from traditional hues of red, blue, andreen. Now, contemporary designers arrange fancy sapphires in stunning rainbow suites.

Corundum can show a phenomenon called asterism, or the star effect. This phenomenon usually appears as a six-ray star pattern across a cabochon-cut stone's curved surface.

The star effect can be seen in ruby or any color of sapphire, and it arises from white light reflecting from numerous tiny, oriented needle-like inclusions.

Besides fancy sapphire and star corundum, there's another interesting variety: color-change sapphire. These fascinating stones change color under different lighting. Their presence adds a special dimension to the already amazing corundum family of gems.

Both blue and fancy sapphires come from a variety of exotic sources including Madagascar, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Australia.

"Parti sapphires" are those sapphires which show two or more colors in a single stone. The only color which sapphire cannot be is red - as red colored corundum is called ruby, another corundum variety. Commonly, natural sapphires are cut and polished into gemstones and worn in jewelry. They also may be created synthetically in laboratories for industrial or decorative purposes in large crystal boules.





Bench Tips from Brad



FINDING THE BALANCE POINT

With odd-shaped pendants or earrings it's often difficult to find the right place to attach a bail or loop so that the piece is balanced and hangs straight. A quick way to make a tool for this is to modify a set of tweezers. Any set of tweezers will work. Spread the tips, sharpen them with a file, and bend the tips at a right angle to point towards each other. To use the tool suspend the pendant or earring between two sharp points to see how it will hang.



DRILL BREAKAGE



Using a small drill is difficult for a beginner, especially if it is hand held in a flexshaft or Dremel. They are easily broken if you push too hard or if you tilt the drill while it's in the hole.

Most problems, however, are the result of buying cheap drills that suffer from poor quality steel or inaccurately ground cutting edges. A good drill from jewelry supply companies is well worth the price.

Remember that drilling always goes easier with lubrication. A little wax or oil is all you need. Almost anything will work - Three and One, beeswax, mineral oil, injection wax, car oil, olive oil, or one of the commercial cutting waxes. The lubricant helps to move chips out of the hole and reduces friction of the drill against the

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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

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registrarwildacres@gmail.com Claudia Erwin

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

Please check the website for changes.

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Shirley Leeson, President



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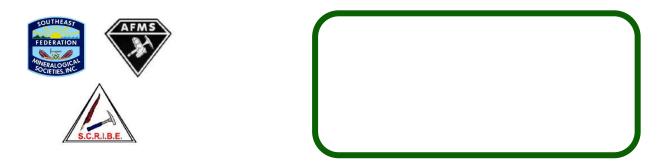


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