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## A message from the President...

Dear Members,

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to elect new officers.

The Secretary's job is open as well as a board member at large. This is your opportunity to actively participate in the direction of your club. If you believe you would like to run for one of the other offices, please put forth your name for consideration.

If you still have an evaluation form, please bring it to the meeting.  
Now, let's have some turkey.

Sincerely,

*President Allan Elliott*



Notes from the editor . . .

### Meeting:

November 18, 2023, at Herbert Wilson Recreational Center.

POT LUCK LUNCH this Saturday will be our **Thanksgiving lunch**. Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring a dish for our Thanksgiving lunch.

### Gems of the Month:

Citrine & Topaz

**Show & Tell:** Please bring a show & tell

### Workshops:

Sue West — Victorian Bracelet  
Connie Boyd— ?

**Please consider volunteering to do a workshop. We are now seeking instructors for 2024.**

Please Contact Workshop Chairman,  
Laura at [228-342-2971](tel:228-342-2971)  
[wanderingmsrn@gmail.com](mailto:wanderingmsrn@gmail.com)

**Guest Invited:** Please bring a friend, neighbor, or someone you think would be interested in our society. It's time for us to recruit new members.

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

Workshops are posted on both.

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October 21, 2023 Meeting

THE MINUTES ARE UNAVAILABLE TO ME AT THIS TIME.

THEY WILL BE POSTED IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

### *Nominating Committee*

Those interesting in serving as officers of the society please contact one of the committee members:

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### HCGMS Slate of Officers for 2024

President	Allan Elliott
Vice President	Lisa Fitch
Secretary	Sheryl Rogers
Treasurer	Nicole Green
Director (3 Yr.)	Jina Martin

Nominations will also be taken from the floor before voting.

### *Thought of the Day . . .*

The **BEST**  
things in **Life**  
are the people  
WE LOVE,  
the  
**Places**  
We've been,  
& the **Memories**  
We've made  
**ALONG THE WAY**

### *Happy Thanksgiving*

*From morning to night  
Hope whatever you do  
Brings you joy and delight  
Hope family and friends  
And those you hold dear  
Make magical memories  
You'll cherish all year*

## WORKSHOPS

## Workshop Chairman:

**wanderingmsrn@gmail.com**

**November 18, 2023**

**Laura Tate**  
**228-342-2971**

## November's Workshop

## Victorian Bracelet

By Sue West

### Kits Available by request



By Connie Boyd

?

Information Unavailable

### Material List:

7' 21ga. Square dead soft Sterling Silver wire

3' 20ga. Half-round Sterling Silver wire

24 6mm Swarovski Bicones

## Tools:

## Chain nose pliers

## Flat nose pliers

## Permanent marker

## Ruler

## Round nose pliers

## Flush cutters

## Painter's tape

A polishing cloth

## Cabbing Workshops

*If you are interested in cabbings 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 - 228-243-2665*

## Upcoming 2023 Workshops

*November Victorian Bracelet Sue W.  
? Connie B.*

*December Christmas Party*



## 2024 Workshops

*June                  Patriotic Bracelet                  Nicole*

**START BOOKING NOW!**

**Workshops are offered free!**

Visitors are always welcome

**Please bring a guest. . .**



## Maple Walnut Pumpkin Pie



### **Ingredients:**

- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin
- 1 (14 oz.) can EAGLE BRAND(R) Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon maple flavoring
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 (9") Graham cracker pie crust or unbaked pie shell

### **Walnut Topping:**

- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

### **Directions:**

- 1) Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
- 2) In large mixing bowl, combine pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, cinnamon, maple flavoring, ginger, nutmeg and salt; mix well. Pour into pie shell.
- 3) Bake at 425 degrees F for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 350 degrees F; continue baking 30 minutes.
- 4) In medium mixing bowl, combine brown sugar, flour and cinnamon; cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in nuts.
- 5) Remove pie from oven; top evenly with crumb mixture. Return to oven 10 minutes. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store covered in refrigerator.

## Happy Birthday

*Julie Boudreaux*

*Cindy Braden*

*Sheryl Rogers*

*Laura Tate*

*Reba Shotts*

*John Wright*



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

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## Group Picture October 21, 2023



## Leslie J. works on her Star Pendant



## President Allan E. did a Show & Tell Program on Opals

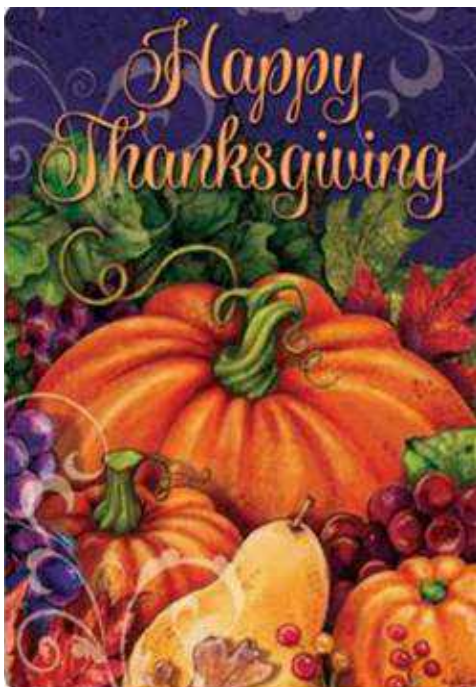


## Nicole's Class for Silver & Gold Bracelet





## These ladies made Spiders



# Citrine

## FACTS



- ♦ Mineral: Quartz
- ♦ Chemical composition:  $\text{SiO}_2$
- ♦ Color: Yellow to orange to orangy red
- ♦ Refractive index: 1.544 to 1.553
- ♦ Specific gravity: 2.66 (+0.03/-0.02)
- ♦ Mohs hardness: 7



A trace of iron in citrine structure makes it responsible for its color. It is the most popular yellow stone purchased. Natural Citrine is so rare most on the open market is heated treated Amethyst. It's tawny color was confused with Topaz before modern gemology. In the contemporary market, citrine's most popular shade is an earthy, deep, brownish or reddish orange.

Brazil is the largest producer of Citrine. Other sources are Argentina, Madagascar, Zaire, Namibia, Spain, and Russia.

Most heat treated Citrine takes on a deep orange or slightly reddish tint. In general, the deeper colored stones are the most valuable, including those with reddish tints. Lightly colored yellow Citrine can occur naturally but is rare; the intense yellow form is usually irradiated and given the trade name of "Lemon Quartz".

Citrine is a very affordable gemstone, and all its color ranges are not expensive. It is most often confused with orange-yellow Topaz, which is very similar in color and body. Topaz is the more valuable gemstone, and dealers often sell Citrine labeled as Topaz. Several false trade names for Citrine are "Madeira Topaz", "Gold Topaz", and "Bahia Topaz". However, some fine and rare Citrine gemstones have a pure yellow color that is rarely duplicated by golden Topaz.

Citrine can be found in large crystals, and flawless gems of all sizes have been cut. A natural mixture of purple Amethyst and golden Citrine has been coined with name "Ametrine".

### Treatment & Enhancements:

Virtually all gem Citrine is not naturally colored, but rather colored from heat treatment of Amethyst. Heating Amethyst at about 750 degrees Fahrenheit will produce a mild yellow color, and heating to about 1700 degrees produces deep orange to reddish colors. Most heat treated Citrine has a reddish tint. The intense yellow shades often known as Lemon Quartz are usually formed by irradiation of Quartz. Synthetic Citrine gems are also produced using the hydrothermal method, and these are usually in intensely vivid colors.

### Varieties:

- ♦ **Golden Citrine** - Citrine with a golden yellow color.
- ♦ **Lemon Quartz** - Lemon Quartz is a light to dark yellow Citrine, distinguished from most Citrine by lacking orange, brown, or reddish tints. More often though it is clear Quartz that is irradiated to produce an intensely colored yellow gemstone. Lemon Quartz has recently experienced a popularity increase in the gemstone market.
- ♦ **Madeira Citrine** - Brownish-red to orange-red Citrine.
- ♦ **Palmeria Citrine** - Citrine with a bright orange color.
- ♦ **Yellow Citrine** - Citrine with a lemon yellow color. May also be called "Lemon Citrine" or "Lemon Quartz".







# Topaz



A Sky Blue , Swiss Blue & a London Blue Topaz all enhanced gemstones.

## FACTS

- ♦ Mineral: Topaz
- ♦ Refractive index: 1.619 to 1.627
- ♦ Specific gravity: 3.53
- ♦ Color: Yellow, orange, brown, pink to red to purple red, blue , light green and colorless

Chemistry:  $\text{Al}_2(\text{F,OH})_2\text{SiO}_4$

Birefringence: 0.008 to 0.010

Mohs Hardness: 8

Contained within the chemical makeup of this silicate gemstone are aluminum and fluorine. A vast number of minerals are also recognized as being “aluminum minerals” like topaz, these include: ruby, beryl, emerald and jadeite.

The element chromium causes natural pink, red, and violet-to-purple colors in topaz. At the atomic level, imperfections in topaz crystal structure can cause yellow, brown, and blue color. A common topaz color being brown is mistakenly called “smoky quartz.”

Topaz is allochromatic, which means that its color is caused by impurity elements or defects in its crystal structure rather than by an element of its basic chemical composition. It is also pleochroic, meaning that the gem can show different colors in different crystal directions.

The color varieties are identified simply by hue name: Blue topaz, pink topaz, and so forth—but there are also a couple of special trade names. Imperial topaz: a medium reddish orange to orange-red is the gems most expensive colors.

Sherry topaz (a.k.a. Precious Topaz): named after the sherry wine—is a yellowish brown or brownish yellow to orange. Stones in this color range are often called precious topaz to help distinguish them from the similarly colored but less expensive citrine and smoky quartz.

**History:** The name topaz comes from Topazios, the old Greek name for a small island in the Red Sea, now called Zabargad. Before modern mineralogy Peridot was confused with topaz. They never found topaz on the island but it was a source for Peridot. Scholars trace the origin back to Sanskrit (an ancient language of India) and the word topas or tapaz, meaning “fire.”

Ancient Greeks believed that topaz gave them strength. During the Renaissance in Europe (the period from the 1300s to the 1600s) people thought that topaz could dispel anger and break magic spells. Many people in India for centuries believed that topaz worn above the heart assures long life, beauty, and intelligence.

The name for “Imperial Topaz” originated in the nineteenth-century Russia. At the time, the leading source was the Ural Mountains. The pink gemstone mined there was named to honor the Russian czar. Ownership of the gem was restricted to the royal family. In 1768 the royal court in Portugal celebrates the discovery of the imperial topaz.

**Enhancements:** Several varieties are typically enhanced. Most common is the combination irradiation/heat treatment that produces blue topaz. For this treatment, colorless topaz is irradiated, turning it brown. The stone is then heat treated, which turns it blue. While the brown color is generally unstable, fading with prolonged exposure to sunlight, the blue color is generally stable under normal wearing conditions.

There are three main flavors. The first, a “sky” blue, is produced by gamma rays (cobalt 60). Deeper “Swiss (a.k.a. ‘windex’) ” and “London” blues are produced by high-energy electrons (cyclotron) or nuclear radiation. In the latter case, the stones must be allowed to cool down to safe levels of radioactivity before being sold which takes months upto two years. Another treatment seen on occasion with topaz is bulk diffusion, where stones are heated for long periods surrounded by cobalt. This drives the cobalt into a thin layer at the surface, turning it green to blue. The layer is extremely thin. Finally, some topaz is coated with metallic oxides, similar to the coatings on camera lenses. This produces various colors and rainbow-like reflections, but the coatings are easily scratched. The material has been marketed under the name “rainbow” topaz.



## Topaz & Citrine

### The Lua de Maraba



The second largest faceted topaz in the world at **25,250 carats**. The stone has an octagonal-cut with dimensions of 18 x 15 x 10 cm, and is of Brazilian origin. The faceted stone has a rare grey color, perhaps the only one of its color and size in the world. In the Portuguese language means "Moon of Maraba". Owned by Programa Royal Collections which has the largest and most comprehensive collection of topaz in the world, consisting of 54 gemstones of all colors, cuts and sizes totaling more than 90,000 carats.

### "American Golden Topaz"



#### **172-faceted Topaz 22,892.5 carats**

From Minas Gerais, Brazil and cut by Leon Agee over a period of two years from an 11.8kg (26 lb. avdp) stream-rounded cobble owned by Drs. Marie L. and Edgar F. Borgatta. It was contributed jointly by the Borgatta owners and by Rockhound Hobbyists of America to the Smithsonian Institution in 1988 and is displayed in the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C..



### Adiel Topaz

In 1987 it took Richard Homer one year to cut the Adiel Topaz. It weighs **20,769 carats** and features 117 large facets with sizable planes on the girdle and smaller one on the pavilion. It was featured in

Lapidary Journal December 1987. Displayed at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.



### "The Malaga Citrine"

The world's largest faceted citrine — an oval-cut marvel at **20,200 carats** (that's 8.8 pounds!). Named for its host city, the "Malaga" was added in June of 2010 to the "Special Exhibition Gems" section of Art Natura in Spain, a natural science museum featuring one of the world's most extensive collections of colored gemstones.

### The "El-Dorado Topaz"



**Largest  
Topaz**

Discovered in 1984, this yellowish-brown monster weighed around 36 kg. After being faceted into a perfect emerald cut it was reduced to **31,000 carats**, which is equal to 6.2 kg. Although its weight was significantly reduced, the El-Dorado Topaz remains the largest faceted gemstone in the world. It is in the Spanish Programa Royal Collection in Madrid, Spain where it can be admired by visitors.

### The Marbella Topaz



Weighing 8,225 carats, the "Marbella" is the world's largest faceted blue topaz. The dimensions of the 3.62-pound gem are 5.11 by 3.93 x 2.75 inches. The grapefruit-sized specimen was purchased at the Tucson Gem Shows by the Spanish government in 2000 and added to its Programa Royal Collections museum, home to one of the world's finest selections of precious stones. The Marbella was originally called "Topaz Azul" (Blue Topaz, in Spanish), but was renamed "Marbella" in 2010 upon the special request of Marbella's Mayoress and local dignitaries, who believed the gem could help raise the international profile of the Costa del Sol town, boost the economy and encourage cultural development.

**Largest  
Citrine**





## Bench Tips from Brad

### RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. But if you choose to raise it up, the question is what is the best material to use ?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.

In any case, I now prefer to insert a flat sheet to boost up my stones. It can be a scrap of metal or some plastic from product packaging or old credit cards. In either case, just cut a piece to loosely fit into the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check it's height.



### TRANSPARENT CABS



When bezel setting a transparent cabochon in silver, I usually cut out the back of the bezel to allow background light to show off the colors and patterns in the stone. If this is not possible or appropriate, I worry that the silver bezel will tarnish under the stone and will ruin its brilliance. What to do?

My solution is one extra step before setting the stone. I place a piece of thin silver Mylar plastic under the stone to act as a mirror that will never tarnish. Mylar is readily available in craft and gift wrap stores, or in a pinch from a party balloon supplier. You may even want to experiment with using colored or patterned Mylar (i.e., diffraction pattern) under some stones.

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# Shows and Events

11/17-19/2023 MARIETTA, GA: Cobb County Gem & Mineral Club, Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30060. The 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. November 17-19, 2023; Friday & Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Free Admission and Parking, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Lapidary Demos, Grab Bags, Mineral ID Classes, Geode Cracking and over 30 dealers! Contact info: Jim Haege, 770-689-9376, [showchair@ccgms.org](mailto:showchair@ccgms.org).

11/17-19/2023 Columbia, SC: Columbia Gem & Mineral Society, Jamil Shrine Temple, 203 Jamil Rd, Columbia, SC 29210. Friday & Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday Noon—5PM. \$6 for Adults, Military & dependents, and 16 & under free, 3 Day Pass \$12. SC Amethyst on display. More info: [www.cgms.rocks](http://www.cgms.rocks)

11/17-19/2023 CRESTWOOD, KY: KYANA Geological Society, Camp Crestwood, 7206 Clore Ln, Crestwood, KY 4014. The 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. November 17-19, 2023; Friday & Saturday 10AM—5PM, Sunday 11AM—5PM. Free Admission and Parking, Silent Auction <https://www.kyanageo.org/showflier.htm>

11/18-19/2023 WEST PALM BEACH, FL: Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Expo Center East, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33411. The 56th Annual Gem, Mineral Bead, Jewelry & Fossil Show. November 18-19, 2023 Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Adults/Seniors 1 day \$10.00 or 2 day pass \$15.00 Children under 12 are FREE. Visit our website for a \$1.00 off coupon. <https://www.gmspb.org>

12/1-3/2023 HUDSON, FL: Withlacoochee Rockhounds, Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd, Hudson, FL. The 48th Annual Rock, Fossil, Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show. December 1-3, 2023; Friday & Saturday 9AM—5PM, Sunday 9AM—4PM. Admission \$5, under 14 Free. Plenty of free parking <http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com>

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

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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.

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

A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members.

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Shirley Leeson, President

## FIELD TRIPS

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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.

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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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# Membership Form

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City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
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<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:	
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Name	Birthday (Mo/Day/Year)	Relationship:	
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<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> Circle One <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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**Happy Thanksgiving**



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<div>January 21</div> <div>Orb Earrings By Lisa Fitch</div> <div>Brick Stitch Sweetheart Earrings By Cindy Braden</div> <div></div> <div>Happy New Years</div>	<div>February 18</div> <div>Copper Necklace By Sue West</div> <div>Happy Valentines February 14th </div>	<div>March 18</div> <div>Tree of Life By Cindy B.</div> <div>St. Patrick's Day 17th </div>	<div>April 15</div> <div>Bling Bracelet By Rozz ND</div> <div>Happy Easter </div>
<div>May 20</div> <div><b>SHOW</b> 20th &amp; 21st</div>	<div>June 17</div> <div>Wire Wrapped Pendant By Nicole G.</div> <div>Tree of Life By Cindy B.</div>	<div>July 15</div> <div>3 Bead Boxed Earrings By Sue W. Cancelled</div> <div>Open Round Maille Bracelet (7.5") By Laura/Lynn T.</div> <div>Happy 4th </div>	<div>August 19</div> <div>Cold Connection By Julie B.</div> <div>3 Bead Boxed Earrings By Sue W.</div>
<div>September 16</div> <div>Wire Wrapped Christmas Tree By Laura Tate</div> <div>Star Ornament By Leslie J.</div>	<div>October 21</div> <div>Silver &amp; Gold Bracelet By Nicole</div> <div>Happy Halloween Oct. 31st </div>	<div>November 18</div> <div>Victorian Bracelet By Sue West</div> <div>? By Connie Boyd</div> <div></div>	<div>December 16</div> <div></div> <div>CHRISTMAS PARTY</div>