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Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.



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## A message from the President...

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has a chance this summer to visit a geology museum, a gem show, or even walk a rocky beach to look for interesting specimens. Remember to keep hydrated while outside.

We have not had much interest in using our lapidary machines lately. I will be bringing some interesting slabs to the meeting for those who wish to learn the cabochon cutting process or just to improve their skills.

Sincerely,

*President Allan Elliott*

No Board Meeting in August

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

Workshops are posted on both.

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

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Notes from the editor . . .

**Meeting:** August 17, 2024 at 9am  
Herbert Wilson Recreational Center  
Potluck lunch . . . Bring a dish

**Door Prizes:** Please bring a door prize to donate. See Cindy Braden

**Gems of the Month:**

Peridot

**Show & Tell:** Anything you have to share with the club, Please bring.

**Workshops:**

Lisa F. — Netted Christmas Ornament

**SFMS Workshops:**

**See Page 6** SFMS Workshop instructors needed for Wild Acres & William Holland

**Program:** N/A

**2024 Workshop Instructors needed**

Please Contact Workshop Chairman, Shirley at **228-594-9673**  
[Msrobinson2u@icloud.com](mailto:Msrobinson2u@icloud.com)

**Show Chairman:** Beverly Baker  
Show Email:  
[gulfportgems.show@gmail.com](mailto:gulfportgems.show@gmail.com)

**EMAILS:** Please disregard any emails requesting money to be sent by Allan. If it looks suspicious run your cursor over the email address and you will see it is not from Allan. Our treasurer handles all our financial needs for the club.



## Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society Minutes

**March 16, 2024**

**Called to Order Time:** President Allan E. called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** 16 Members Sheryl R.; Allan E.; Beverly B.; Anna J.; Sharon G.; Leslie J.; Lisa F.; Nicole G.; Karen W.; Shirley R.; Laura T.; Rosalind; Cynthia B.; Reba S.; Buddy S.; Julie B.

**Minutes:** Lisa made a motion to accept the February minutes as corrected. Beverly seconded. After a vote, motion carried.

**Show & Tell:** Nicole showed everyone how to wire wrap a clasp around a leather end.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Nicole G. presented the treasurer's report and noted that some money was spent on name tags. \$26.00 was made from the 50/50 raffle, and 3 cents in interest was earned in the account. The ending balance was \$xxxx. As of this meeting, we have not filed the tax report. A motion was made by Roz to accept the treasurer's report. Cindy seconded. After a vote, motion carried.

**Workshops:** Today's workshop was a shamrock bracelet taught by Lisa. Next month, we will be making a lotus pendant taught by Roz and Karen.

**Newsletter:** Laura T. stated that she needs projects for next month with a supply list.

**Facebook:** Laura noted that she needs Facebook advertising for the show. The fee is per impression.

**Webmaster:** Leslie reported that she has added a Menu page to the web site.

**Equipment:** No report.

**Sunshine:** No report.

**Show:** It was decided that we would use the postcards we have rather to order more postcards.

Julie will order gaffer's tape and tri-folds.

Lisa made a motion to increase the amount allotted for Facebook advertising to \$500.00. Allan seconded the motion. After a vote, motion carried.

Billboard advertising was discussed and it was everyone's recollection that the billboards were started a week before the show. Sheryl will reach out about billboard advertising.

Radio advertising was discussed and some stations were mentioned like K-Love and Kicker 108. Sheryl will reach out about radio advertising. It was also discussed whether we would give tickets to some radio

station(s) (maybe 4-8 tickets) in exchange for free advertising.

Allan let everyone know that Beverly Baker volunteered to be the Show Chairman.

Allan discussed the hospitality room and that Sue may need some help with the vendor lunch and/or picking up chicken. Members will be asked to bring side dishes. Beverly said she would make a sign up sheet to bring to the next meeting in April.

The vendor breakfast was also discussed and whether items would be bought from McDonald's or somewhere else.

Cindy noted that she needs 2x2 baggies, Zebra wire, and gemstone chips for the Kid's Corner.

Vendors were discussed. Allan noted that one vendor wanted to move to the outside rather than the middle and discussion was held about how to best accommodate that move.

Laura brought a display box and noted some changes to the display boxes so that the light will not shine in your eyes. Locks were also discussed. Laura said the cost of the boxes was approximately \$16 for the box; \$33 for the hinges; \$144 for nine boxes; and \$177 for all boxes. \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve up to \$200 in expenses for the boxes. Buddy seconded the motion. After a vote, motion carried.

**Librarian:** No report.

**Old Business:** Allan noted that there was at an art fair at the Mary C. if anyone was interested in setting up a table, bring your own and a cover. There is also an Ocean Springs Festival and Julie is setting up a booth at that event.

**New Business:** Laura T. made a motion that last names be removed from the minutes in the future. Discussion was held and the motion was seconded by Reba. After a vote, motion carried.

New members were discussed and the fact that some people come and then never come back. Lisa volunteered to call some new members to see how they are doing and if they would be back.

**Door Prizes:** Some great door prizes were out and everyone got a little something.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

# WORKSHOPS

**Workshop Chairman:**  
msrobinson2u@icloud.com

**August 17, 2024**

**Shirley Robinson**  
228-594-9673

## *Netted Christmas Ornament*

By Lisa Fitch

**NO KITS      Needles \$2.00**  
**Class Limit to 8 Students**



### **Material List:**

- #10 or #11 Seed Beads
- 1612 Primary Color Seed Beads  
(25 Grams or .873 oz. this is 1700 #10 seed beads)
- 226 Complimentary Color Seed Beads  
(3.69 Grams or .130 oz. this is 250 #10 seed beads)
- 14 4 mm Bicone or Bead of choice
- 14 6 mm Teardrop or Bead of choice for Dangle
- 13 Ft. of Fireline 6 or 8 lb (No Dandyline)
- 1 2 ½ inch Christmas Ornament
- 1 #12 Needle (Big Eye 2.25”)

- Variations:**
- 1) You can use top drip beads as dangles.
  - 2) You can use 2 different color seed beads as complimentary colors so the three at the bottom are different from above or variegate the three on the bottom.
  - 3) Do something different and use small charms or variegate your 6 mm beads using 2 different colors that compliment each other and alternate them.

This pattern is very forgiving and easy to make it your own. Have Fun!

**September:** Next month is Unfinished Projects. If you have an unfinished project please let that instructor know at this meeting you need their help to finish you project. If you don't have any then its, "make it take it"... Where you make whatever you want. Others, if you have nothing we are looking for volunteers to work on gem trees for our show in May. So please volunteer.

**Cabbing Workshops** - *Equipment Chairman* Cindy Braden - 228-243-2665

*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*

*Off the menu . . .*

**GRAPE SALAD**

By Pat Lewis

**Salad Mixture**

- 1 lb. Green Seedless Grapes
- 1 lb. 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. She does add a little more cream cheese than just the 8 ounces. Like ¼ more of another 8 oz. block.



*Happy  
Birthday*

*Nicole Green*

*Karen Williams*

*Hannilore Wood*

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*Happy Anniversary*

*Hannilore Wood*

*Karen Clough*



*Thought of the Day . . .*

**"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."**

– Frances Hodgson Burnett

# Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society Workshops

Allan gave a demonstration on how to fill and fix cracks in stones



Sue S. works on her Cool Fabric Necklace



Cindy and Nicole work on Kumihimo and Charley looks on. . .



Jina works feverishly on her project



Laura and Lynn teach the Christmas Shaggy Earrings



## SFMS NEWS

As I am preparing for the 2025 SFMS William Holland Workshop Week, June 8, 2025, I am wondering how many members we have who have talents we aren't aware of. Have we overlooked any qualified instructors who would love to share their talent and knowledge on a larger scale? We will consider new instructors. Do you, or anyone in your club teach a medium of lapidary or metal work we haven't offered during SFMS weeks at William Holland? Courses we are interested in possibly adding include Flint Knapping, Soap-Stone Carving and Mineral ID, among others. By the way, William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is also searching for instructors for these mediums and new fresh ideas as well.

I would love to see some members step up and share what you know with the rest of us. Please call me at (407)949-1416 if you would like to discuss this possibility or if you know someone I should reach out to. Who knows, a week of instruction during SFMS Week could lead to teaching on a regular basis at William Holland!

Rick Marshall  
SFMS William Holland Director  
407-949-1416

P.S. Cindy Reed is looking for people to volunteer for Wild Acres. She is also the editor of the Lode-star.

**Hee Hee . . . I  
snuck in - No one  
will ever notice**

Leslie J. sent this picture of a squire in her bird feeder.

Sue taught her Wired Necklace



Roz and Allan work on their necklaces taught by Sue W.



Sharon G. over looks Sue's workshop as members work hard.



New members who joined in April . . . Bernadette and Peter make necklaces too.

# Peridot

August Birthstone / 15th Anniversary

## Facts

- ◆ **Mineral:** Olivine
- ◆ **Chemistry:**  $(\text{MgFe})_2\text{SiO}_4$
- ◆ **Color:** Yellowish green
- ◆ **Refractive index:** 1.65 to 1.69
- ◆ **Birefringence:** 0.035 to 0.038
- ◆ **Specific gravity:** 3.34
- ◆ **Mohs 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.

**Ancient History:** The Egyptians called Peridot the “gem of the sun”. Mainly because Peridot has always been associated with light. Some believed that it protected its owner from “terrors of the night,” especially when it was set in gold. Others strung the gems on donkey hair and tied them around their left arms to ward off evil spirits.

The word Peridot comes from the Arabic “faridat,” which means “gem.” Peridot is delivered to the surface by volcanoes because it forms deep inside the earth. Some also came to earth in meteorites, but this extraterrestrial Peridot is extremely rare, and not likely to be seen in a retail jewelry store.

On an island in the Red Seas called Topazios (now known as St. John’s Island or Zabargad) early records indicate that the ancient Egyptians mined a beautiful green gem. According to legend, the island was infested with snakes, making mining unpleasant until an enterprising pharaoh drove them into the sea.

People confused this stone from the earliest times, now known to be Peridot—with other gems. It was one of many labeled as “topaz.”

Believed by some historians that Cleopatra’s famous emerald collection might actually have been Peridot. People in medieval times continued to confuse Peridot with emerald. For centuries, people believed the fabulous 200-ct. gems adorning the shrine of the Three Holy Kings in Germany’s Cologne Cathedral were emeralds. They are, in fact, Peridots.





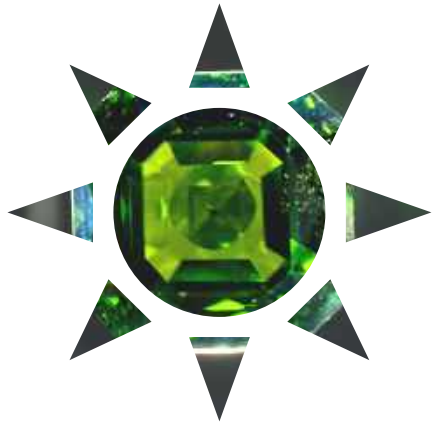


# Peridots



Natural History Museum in London  
146.10 Carat peridot

**Largest Rough Peridot**



4.98-ct. Peridot  
Designer-cut



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

**Largest  
Cut Peridot**



John Wright's  
Rare Meteorite slab  
with 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.

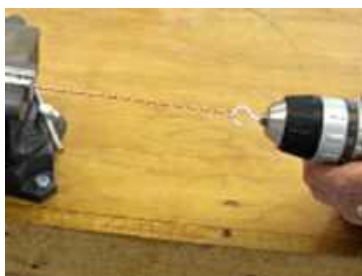
**GREEN GODDESS**  
This flawless 154 carat Zabargad Peridot is located at the Chicago Field Museum. In 1893 it was purchased at the World's Columbian Exposition.



## Bench Tips from Brad

### MAKING FILIGREE WIRE

Making wire for filigree is quite simple. Take a double strand of 24-26 gauge silver wire, twist it tightly, and then flatten it a bit. While the basics are straightforward, here's a few tips that will quickly make you an expert with filigree.



Filigree looks best when the wire has a very tight twist. The way I do this is to start with dead soft wire and twist it until it breaks. It always seems to break on one end or the other.

I like to use a screw gun, although a Foredom also works well. You'll need a small hook in the spindle, either a cup hook from the hardware store or a nail that has been bent into the shape.

Be sure to keep a little tension on the wires as you twist. Then to get a real tight twist, I anneal the wire and twist it a second time until it breaks.

The final step in prepping the filigree wire is to flatten it slightly with a planishing hammer or rolling mill. The amount of flattening is a personal preference. I like to reduce the diameter about 25%. The wire will be quite stiff at this point, so it's best to anneal it again before starting to make the filigree shapes.

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
- >Improve productivity at the bench
- >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.

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>



### Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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

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## Southeast Federation News

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

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### SFMS 2024 Annual Convention

March 1-3, 2024

Live Oak, FL

### AFMS 2024 Annual Convention

TBA

### William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

706-379-2126

Register Now at:

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

Federation Week Jun 8 - 14, 2025

Classes are subject to change

### WILDACRES RETREAT

828-756-4573

Website @ [www.wildscres.org](http://www.wildscres.org)

[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 12th -18th

2nd Week September 9th - 15th

### 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>



Doug True, President

### Nearby Gem Societies



**Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society**

[www.mgcgms.com](http://www.mgcgms.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

## FIELD TRIPS

**Dixie Mineral Council**



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

Members Only

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

### Other Interests:

**International Society of Glass Blowers**

Visit site if you like Lampworking

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



# Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society Information



## Officers 2024

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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 - 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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## 2024 MEETING DATES

Jan 20th      **May SHOW 18th & 19th**

Feb 17th      June 15th      Sept 21st

Mar 16th      July 20th      Oct 19th

Apr 20th      Aug 17th      Nov 16th

**Dec 21st Christmas Party**

## Newsletter Editor

Lisa Fitch

Submit newsletter articles to:

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**Articles and minutes are due by the last day of each month**



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 <b>HARRISON COUNTY GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.</b> 		
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b> <b>18 YEARS OF AGE</b>		<b>SINGLE \$20.00</b>
Name:	Email:	
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<b>Hobby Interest:</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 _____	<b>(Each applicant initial interests)</b>	<b>Jewelry Interest:</b> <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>		
<b>Applications can be mail to:</b> 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

Our goal is to promote, educate and stimulate interest in the earth sciences and lapidary arts context.

# Shows and Events

**9/6-8/2024—WINSTON-SALEM, NC: 53th Annual show & Sale; Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club; Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Bldg., 412 27th Street Northwest Winston-Salem, NC; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$3, children through grade 12 free with adult. website: [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com); Show Chairman W. Arvil Marion [marional@yadtel.net](mailto:marional@yadtel.net)**

**9/6-8/2024—IRONDALE, AL: Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society; Irondale Civic Center, 3521 Ratliff Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Teens \$3, children under 12 free. website: [lapidaryclub.com](http://lapidaryclub.com)**

**9/7-8/2024—ORLANDO, FL: Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando, FL 32806; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3 and Scout in uniform are free. Website: [www.cfmgms.org](http://www.cfmgms.org). Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or e-mail: [ssfossilhunter@aol.com](mailto:ssfossilhunter@aol.com).**

**10/11-13/2024 HUNTSVILLE, AL: Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, 1280 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802. Free parking, food vendors, Friday & Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Admission: Adults \$3, \$5 for weekend pass; Primary & Secondary Students \$1, Under 5 – Free. Web site [www.Huntsvillegms.org](http://www.Huntsvillegms.org), call 256-534-8803**

**10/19-20/2024 SAINT LUCIE, FL: St Lucie Rock & Gem Club 47th Annual Club Show, MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Pl, St. Lucie, FL 34952: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Admission \$5; Accompanied minors are free with adult admission. [www.slcrockandgem.org](http://www.slcrockandgem.org), [slclubshow2023@aol.com](mailto:slclubshow2023@aol.com)**

11/9-10/2024 MELBOURNE, FL: Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 51st Annual Parade of Gems Crystal, Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Crafts Show, Melbourne Auditorium 625 East Hibiscus Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901. Saturday 10AM—5PM, Sunday 10AM—4PM. Admission: \$5 adults Free kids under 13. Website: <https://www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html> Contact: [ParadeofGems.Melbourne@gmail.com](mailto:ParadeofGems.Melbourne@gmail.com)

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

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<p><b>January 20</b></p> <p><b>Victorian Bracelet</b> By Sue West</p> <p><b>Program - Cindy B.</b> Equipment / Waiver</p>  <p><b>Happy New Years</b></p>	<p><b>February 17</b></p> <p><b>Viking Knit</b> By Julie B.</p> <p><b>Program - Lisa F.</b> Scholarships</p> <p><b>Happy Valentines</b> February 14th </p>	<p><b>March 16</b></p> <p><b>Shamrock Bracelet</b> By Lisa Fitch</p> <p><b>Program - Nicole G.</b> Clasps</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 17th </p> <p><b>Happy Easter</b> March 31 </p>	<p><b>April 20</b></p> <p><b>Lotus Pendant</b> Karen Williams/ Rozz</p> <p><b>Program - Use Extra time</b> to Prepare Post Cards for Show.</p>
<p><b>May 18</b></p> <p><b>SHOW</b> 18th &amp; 19th</p>	<p><b>June 15</b></p> <p><b>Kumihimo</b> By Nicole Green</p> <p><b>Wired Cabochon</b> By Sue West</p> <p><b>Program -</b></p>	<p><b>July 20</b></p> <p><b>Shaggy Earrings</b> By Lynn &amp; Laura T.</p> <p><b>Wired Necklace</b> By Sue West</p> <p><b>Program - Repair Stones</b> By Allan E.</p> <p><b>Happy 4th</b> </p>	<p><b>August 17</b></p> <p><b>Netted Christmas Ornament</b> By Lisa F.</p> <p><b>Program -</b></p>
<p><b>September 21</b></p> <p><b>Unfinished Projects</b> Or <b>Make it Take it</b></p> <p><b>Program -</b></p>	<p><b>October 19</b></p> <p><b>Beaded Pendant</b> By Leslie J. </p> <p><b>Program -</b></p> <p> <b>Happy Halloween</b></p>	<p><b>November 16</b></p> <p><b>?</b> By Beverly B.</p> <p><b>Program -</b></p> <p> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>December 21</b></p>  <p><b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p>