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A message from the President...

Dear Members,

I hope everyone has a chance to think about ideas for the show next year. Beverly will be bringing suggests to the meeting this month so please bring all your ideas and suggests so we can discuss ways to make things easier or how to improve upon what already is working.

This month we need volunteers for a Nominating Committee so please think about volunteering to help the club.

If you do not have a project to work on this month we need volunteers to help prepare our gem trees for the 2025 show.

Hope to see everyone on Saturday September 21st at the meeting.

Sincerely,

President Allan Elliott

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

Workshops are posted on both.

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Notes from the editor . . .

Meeting: September 21, 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:
Sapphire

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

Workshops:
Unfinished Business or Make It Take It
Work on Gem Trees for show

Birthdays: Beverly Baker, Sue Shelton, Jackson Woods.

Anniversary: Buddy And Reba Shotts

Program: N/A

2024 Workshop Instructors needed
Please Contact Workshop Chairman, Shirley at 228-594-9673
Msrobinson2u@icloud.com

Show Chairman: Beverly Baker
Show Email:
gulfportgems.show@gmail.com

No Board Meeting in September



July 20, 2024

Called to Order Time: 1:26 p.m. by President Allan E.

Members in attendance: (20) C. Cavanaugh; J. Martin; Beverly B.; Reba S.; Leslie J.; Karen W.; Nicole G.; Helen D.; Bernadette M.; Peter M.; Rosalind N.; Crystal B.; Adam E.; Sue S.; Anna J.; Sue W.; Lynn T.; Laura T.; Sharon G.

Meeting:

Allan brought copies of the Jackson County/Ocean Springs Club newsletter which has tips for doing bench work.

Minutes for last meeting are on-line. Comment was made that the Bylaws require that they are published on our page, not the SOP's. Someone asked if the minutes could be put back in the newsletter. Discussion regarding the previous month's meeting minutes were discussed and deferment to the next month's meeting, and it was agreed to defer.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: - Checking account balance is: \$ XXX. \$XXX of that are deposits from vendors from the 2024 show. That leaves \$ XXX. One outstanding bill from Allan receipts for fixing the display cases. So now the balance is \$ XXX

Equipment fund - The group's balance is \$ XXX. Motion was made by Cindy B. to accept; it was seconded by Lynn T. and motion carried.

Workshops: Shirley is not at the meeting today to discuss next month's workshop, but the newsletter says Christmas ornament by Lisa and earrings by Sue.

Newsletter: Lisa is not at the meeting today, but there are two recipes that are going in the next newsletter. Allan asked if the newsletter was sent to everyone by e-mail and someone said it had been sent to everyone by e-mail. It was noted that the minutes could not be found in the newsletter.

Facebook: Laura noted that anyone doing workshops should make sure there is a supply

list and pictures and send them to Laura, Leslie, and Lisa so it can be on Facebook. Alan mentioned something called Facebook phone - where you call a number for someone like "Showcase Chairman" and the call goes through a number, not the person's actual phone number, to get ahold of people so that numbers can be confidential. There were some comments from members that they usually won't pick up a call if they don't know who it is.

Equipment: Cindy said she had no report.

Sunshine: She got a call from Gladys Dedeaux who is a member and stated she hoped she could come today, but she couldn't. She didn't want everyone to forget about her.

Library: No report.

Webmaster: Leslie said that to see documents and newsletters, you have to sign in and enter your e-mail address and HCGMS! If you can't sign in, maybe your e-mail wasn't entered in, just text her. She did e-mail everyone and asked that they let her know if they couldn't log in. The membership information is on-line. She is going to add Wild Acres under William Holland on the top bar. She said that the website is cookie-cutter type so she can't make it do what she wants, it doesn't have the eye so you can see what you type in, but it's just a template.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Split the Pot: Not done today.

Show: Will be discussed next month.

Gem of the Month: Some rubies were passed around. Allan noted that they all fluorescent under a light. Allan also had some Brazilian agate, white skin Brazilian agate, and moss agate. Roz noted that rubies and sapphires are hard to polish.

Door prizes: Door prizes were picked.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned President Allen E. and seconded by Karen Williams.



August 17, 2024

Called to Order Time: 1:04 p.m. by Vice-President Lisa F.

Members in attendance: 20 Sheryl R.; Jina M.; Beverly B.; Lisa F.; Buddy S.; Helen D.; Sue S.; Karen W.; Sue W.; Laura T.; Shirley R.; Reba S.; Cynthia B.; Lynn T.; Niccola H.; Pete M.; Bernadette M.; Charlene C.; Gracie B.; Sharon G.

Program: Sue demonstrated how to make a simple copper twisted wire necklace.

Show & Tell: None.

Meeting: Minutes from the March and June meetings were passed around. A correction was made to the March Newsletter - should read "Laura" not "Lisa" for newsletter. Secondly, it was Sharon G. who made motion on expenses for show boxes not Laura. Laura T. made a motion to accept the March minutes with two corrections. Cindy B. seconded the motion. Upon a vote, motion carried. Also, it was noted that in June workshop said Lynn T. and should read Lynn T. and Laura T. made shaggy earrings. Correction to be made to June's minutes. Beverly made a motion to approve the June minutes as corrected. Nicola seconded the motion. Upon a vote, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa F. read a Treasurer's Report which was prepared by Nicole G. Cindy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lisa seconded the motion. Upon a vote, motion carried. If anyone wants a name tag, they are \$7.00 dollars, contact Nicole and she will order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workshops: Shirley reported as follows:

September - Unfinished projects, Make It Take It, and gem trees for 2025 show.

October - Leslie will demonstrate a beaded pendant and Shirley will demonstrate how to make a cross pendant.

November - Beverly will show how to make a snap set and Sue will demonstrate how to make zip tie bracelets.

Newsletter: Lisa F. Even though we voted to remove the minutes from the newsletter we didn't vote to change the By-laws. I contacted the state and we do not have to put financials in the newsletter however, being a non-profit, we have to be 100 percent transparent. We can't hide our minutes, newsletter, or our financials from mem-

bers or the general public. Where you are a member or not. Lisa contacted Leslie and she will be unprotecting the minutes. If we are going to vote on changing the By-laws, we have to talk about it this month and Lisa needs to print it in one addition of the newsletter then the following month after publication we can vote on changing the By-laws. Lisa F. read from the By-laws on pages 4 and 5 that states minutes are to be published from the previous month in the newsletter. We need to vote to change the By-laws if we want to change these sections.

She has to print the July minutes in the August newsletter to be voted on at the August meeting along with the August minutes.

Lisa was also informed that legislation was passed in July 2024 regarding a new financial report to be filled out by treasurer and due by May 1, 2025 for all non-profit groups Anytime between starting in January 2025 with May 1st as the deadline for the report to be received by the state. She said that the form should be up this week on the state's website to be available to all non-profits to download. But don't send it in until next year. Treasurer will be responsible for sending in the report.

Facebook: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Equipment: Cindy noted that some of her personal stencils were missing in case anyone came across them.

Sunshine: Reba sent Vic a get-well card.

Show: Beverly relayed what a great time the show was - including a lot of work. She thanked everyone and specifically Laura T. and Lynn T. who assisted in various aspects of helping. She will be bringing stuff next month for everyone to look over for show 2025.

Librarian: No report.

Old Business: If you need a name tag, they are \$7.00. Tell Nicole that you need one. Laura T. asked if the group wanted the SOP to change regarding the price change for scholarships.

New Business: State Director position - Reba reported that there is an opening for the position of State Director for Mississippi. She stated there were three meetings a year to attend with the Southeast Federation and monthly calls that the State Director has to make every month. If



anyone is interested, they were advised to write a letter to Loadstar.

Lisa F. noted that volunteers for the nominating committee would be needed in October and that we would be voting in November. She also noted that help with the audit would be needed by January 31, 2025.

Lisa F. requested that if you have a change of e-mail, phone number, or address, to advise her so that it can be changed in the membership directory.

Split the Pot: Won by Laura T.

Door Prizes: Won by most members.

Adjournment: Cindy B. made motion to adjourn and seconded by Niccola H.

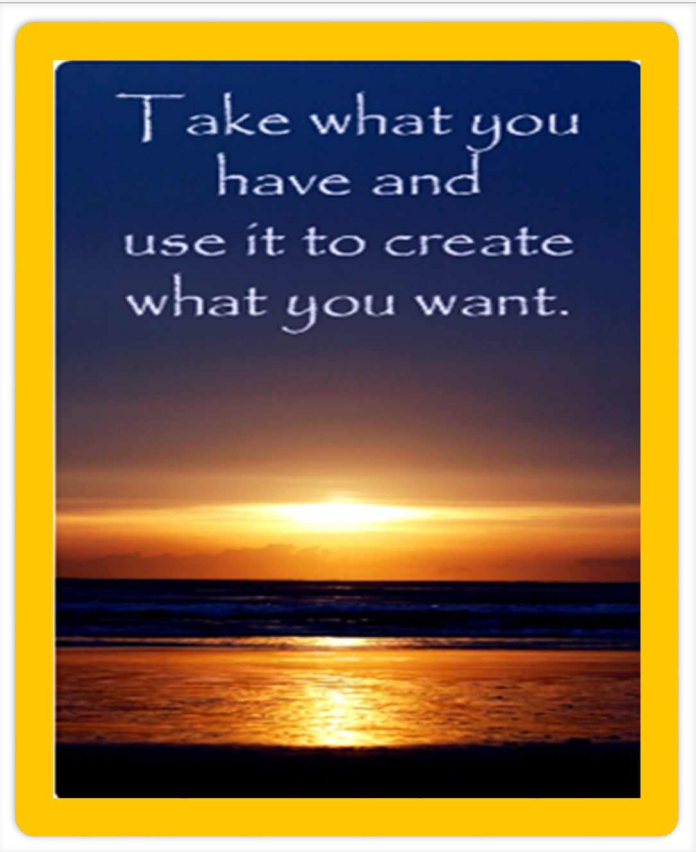
Help Wanted



Volunteers are needed for the 2024 Nominating Committee, please consider taking this position because we must list of slate of 2025 officers in October newsletter so we can vote in November.



Thought of the Day . . .



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.

Sapphire

FACTS

Sapphire Birthstone / Anniversaries 5th & 45th

- * Mineral: Corundum
- * Chemistry: Al_2O_3
- * Color: Every color but red
- * Refractive index: 1.762 to 1.770
- * Birefringence: 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, and green. 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.



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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 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.

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A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members.

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Doug True, President

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Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

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Meetings / Workshops

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3625 Hancock Avenue
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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!

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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

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APPLICANT INFORMATION			SINGLE \$20.00
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Name:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Anniversary: (Mo/Day)	Cell Phone:	
Current address:		Home Phone:	
City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
CO-APPLICANT / SPOUSE INFORMATION			FAMILY \$30.00
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Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
JUNIOR INFORMATION			JUNIOR \$10.00
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INTEREST INFORMATION			
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Single \$20.00	Family \$30.00	Junior(s) \$10.00 Each	DUES: \$
Dues: <i>Circle One</i>	NEW RENEWAL	No Proration Deadline: 3rd Saturday of January	TOTAL: \$
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Our goal is to promote, educate and stimulate interest in the earth sciences and lapidary arts context.

Shows and Events

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, 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.slrockandgem.org, 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

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HCGMS 2024 Workshops

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