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NOVEMBER ELECTION 2025 BOARD ELECT

Nominations taken from the floor

[Slate for 2025 Board](#)

President: Peter M.

Vice President: Lisa F.

Secretary: Sheryl R.

Treasurer: Nicole G.

Director: Sue W.



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: November 16, 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:
Citrine and Topaz

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

Workshops:

Leslie— Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament

Sue W.—Bicycle earrings

Those not taking a workshop or cabbing can work on Gem Trees for show

Birthdays: Julie B., Cindy B., Helen D., Joseph D., Sheryl R., Laura T., Reba S., John W.

Anniversary: None

Program: N/A

2025 Workshop Instructors needed

Please Contact Workshop Chairman, Shirley at **228-594-9673**

Msrobinson2u@icloud.com

Show Chairman: Beverly B.

Email: gulfportgems.show@gmail.com



October 19, 2024

Called to Order Time: 12:48 p.m. by Vice-President Lisa F.

Members in attendance: 16 Jina M.; Sue S.; Gladys D.; Sheryl R.; Nicole G.; Shirley R.; Rosalind N.-D.; Karen W.; Beverly B.; Sharon G.; Peter M.; Lisa F.; Cynthia B.; Laura T.; Buddy S.; Reba S.

Program: No program.

Show & Tell: None

Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Nicole gave the treasurer's report. After deposition a membership fee and reimbursements to Alan E., the banking balance is now \$XXX; the equipment fund is \$XXX; and the CD is unchanged at \$XXX. Beverly B. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Gladys D., and after a vote of the members, motion carried. Nicole also reported that the group's banking account was hacked and that she spoke with the bank about expenditures that were not done by anyone in the group. No money was lost. Nicole also advised everyone that we need to do a property inventory in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Shirley gave a report about future workshop projects:

November - Leslie will make a Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament - kits will be available. Also, Sue will make bicycle earrings and kits are available.

December - Christmas party! January - Volunteers are needed for January and the following months.

Newsletter: No report.

Facebook: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Equipment: No report.

Sunshine: No report.

Librarian: No report.

Show: Beverly B. gave a report that the gross income from the 2024 show was \$4,169.94. Beverly also reported that Kid's Corner brought in \$333.64. Lisa F. led a discussion regarding other fundraising efforts and memory wire bracelets, rock painting, and selling kits to make at home gemstone trees. Lisa also mentioned that maybe we should offer a free or half priced membership with every door prize

won to help boost our membership.

It was noted that nails, wire, and more rocks are needed for the 2025 show. Advertising for the 2025 was discussed including the Channel 13 interview. It was recommended that the graphic be changed, and that Kid's Corner be mentioned in the interview.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Old Business: Peter M. gave a report that he found several great light boxes for taking pictures in different sizes. After some discussion and agreement from members, Sheryl R. made a motion to approve the expenditure or reimbursement to Peter M. for a 20x20 light box up to \$74.00, plus taxes, shipping, or other associated expenses for the light box. Beverly B. seconded the motion. After a vote of the members, motion carried.

New Business:

Board Election - Lisa let everyone know that Alan E. will not be seeking the office of the President for the 2025 year and that nominations were needed for President. Peter M. said that he would volunteer to be the President. He advised that he holds a position at the state level and discussion was held regarding any conflict or ineligibility due to same. It was agreed that Peter M. could be HCGMS' President and he could be voted in at the November meeting and take office in January 2025.

Christmas Party - The group needs to decide on a location for the Christmas party; decide if everyone wants to have it catered; or have potluck with the group buying the turkey. Several places were discussed and caterers including Clayborn Hill. Nicole said she would investigate some other places for catering. The discussion was tabled until the November meeting. Lisa did reserve the Diamondhead Country Club in Diamondhead for our Christmas Party on December 21, 2024, for 11:30M. However, it can be cancelled with a 3-day notice.

Split the Pot: Split the pot won by Jina M.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were drawn. If you have any door prizes to donate, please give them to Cynthia B.

Adjournment: 1:43 p.m.



September 21, 2024

Called to Order Time: 1:05 p.m. by President Allan Elliott

Members in attendance: (19) Jina M.; Nicola H.; Allan E.; Sue W.; Gladys D.; Leslie J.; Shirley R.; Nicole G.; Beverly B.; Rosalind D.; Buddy S.; Laura T.; Cynthia B.; Lynn T.; Reba S.; Sheryl R.; Pete M.; Sharon G.; Jaime M.

Show & Tell: Buddy and Reba brought in some various chains and jewelry that they made at Wild Acres. Sheryl brought in some fossils, crystals, and other stones that she recently bought.

Meeting: Some members worked on unfinished projects and some members worked on making the trees for gem trees for next year's annual show. Discussion was held regarding putting the monthly meeting minutes in the Newsletter, and it was decided to leave things how they were.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole gave the treasurer's report. The balance is now \$XXX; the equipment fund is \$XXX; and the CD is at \$XXX. Laura made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Cindy seconded the motion. After a vote of members, motion carried. Nicole mentioned that it is now a requirement for non-profit groups to complete an Annual Report form which must be gotten from the Secretary of State's office. She will work on getting a copy of the form.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Shirley gave a report about future workshop projects: October - Leslie will make a Cellini Spiral and kits will be available. November - Beverly will make snap set earrings and will have kits available. Also, Sue will make bicycle earrings and the cost will depend on the stones used.

Newsletter: No report.

Facebook: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Equipment: Cindy noted that her stencils (4 or 5 sheets) were still missing if anyone locates them.

Sunshine: No report.

Show: Beverly passed out "A Newbie Perspective" regarding the annual show and asked everyone to look over it and planned to have a later discussion.

Librarian: No report.

COMMUNICATION REPORTS:

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Pete discussed purchasing a light box for display for taking pictures of items members have made and estimated it would be about \$100. Pete will look further into the cost.

Sharon brought in some handmade jump ring machines made from wood that were made by Terry Scott and offered members to take them if they would use them.

Split the Pot: Won by Laura T.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were drawn, and we had some great donations.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 1:47 p.m.



NAME TAGS

Contact: Nicole G., Treasurer

Cost: \$7.00 (Due when ordered)
Cost subject to change.

Orders Taken: At monthly meeting

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*



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.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairman:
msrobinson2u@icloud.com

November 16, 2024



Shirley Robinson
228-594-9673

Bicycle Earrings

By Sue W.

Kits: \$3.00



Material List:

14" of 21 ga. Round dead soft wire for small earrings

18" of 21 ga. Round dead soft wire for large earrings

Pair of Ear Wires

Dowels to form:

1/4" for small earrings

3/8" for large earrings

- ◆ I have enough dowels for people to use for those who don't have them.

Tools:

Mat

Flat Nose Pliers

Flush Cutters

File

Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament

By Leslie J.



Material List:

30 - 6mm Bicones or Pearls (approx. 6 g.)

60 - 6/0 Pearls or Beads (approx. 4 g.)

2 Colors 8/0 Seed beads—3 grams each

11/0 Seed Beads - 2 g.

4 Bead Caps

2 - 8 mm or 10mm Pearls or Beads

6# or 8# Fireline

Tools:

Size 10 or 12 needles

Bead Mat

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*



Bench Tips from Brad

INVENTORY RECORD

In an ideal world each of us has a complete pictorial record of all pieces of jewelry in our inventory. We use the pics for marketing, and we use the record for insurance. We use it to remember which items have been sent out on consignment, or we use it to mark which items we're taking to a show. And eventually, we note in the record the pieces that have sold.

Unfortunately, we don't always have time to take good pictures of each piece for a detailed inventory. In situations like this I've been able to make a quick group shot with the help of a smart phone, a camera, a scanner, or a color copier. The quality is more than sufficient to accurately identify the pieces.

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

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Citrine

FACTS

- ◆ Mineral: Quartz
- ◆ Chemical composition: SiO₂
- ◆ 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".



Sources: gia.edu, Wikipedia, Palagems.com, top-tenz.com, exploringlifemysteries.com, thejeweerblog.wordpress.com, topaz-rings.com, minerals.net, valentinmagro.com, nationaljeweler.com, gemselect.com, royalcollections.es.

Topaz

FACTS



- ◆ Mineral: Topaz
- ◆ Chemistry: $\text{Al}_2(\text{F},\text{OH})_2\text{SiO}_4$
- ◆ Color: Yellow, orange, brown, pink to red to purple red, blue, light green and colorless
- ◆ Refractive index: 1.619 to 1.627
- ◆ Birefringence: 0.008 to 0.010
- ◆ Specific gravity: 3.53
- ◆ 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.



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



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SFMS 2025 Annual Convention

TBA

7th Rockhound Round March 7-9, 2025

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

706-379-2126

Register Now at:

www.lapidaryschoolregistration.org

Federation Week Jun 8 - 14, 2025

Classes are subject to change

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Federation Weeks Week 1 TBA
2nd Week TBA



Nearby Gem Societies

Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

www.mgcgms.com

Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month



Mobile Rock and Gem Society

www.mobilerockandgem.com

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month



Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana

Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

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AFMS 2025 Annual Convention

TBA

A.L.A.A.

Have you joined the **American Lands Access Association** (ALAA)? Help is needed. Please volunteer!

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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>



Jennifer Haley, President

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Dixie Mineral Council



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

Members Only

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Other Interests:

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Visit site if you like Lampworking

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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!

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

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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Membership Form

Contact Our Treasurer: Nicole Green (228) 344-8066 Email: nfouason@gmail.com



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APPLICANT INFORMATION			SINGLE \$20.00
18 YEARS OF AGE			
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
TWO ADULTS & ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE/AT SAME ADDRESS			
Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
JUNIOR INFORMATION			JUNIOR \$10.00
UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ☆ SPONSORED BY AN ADULT			
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Name:			
Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
INTEREST INFORMATION			
Hobby Interest:		Jewelry Interest:	
(Each applicant initial interests)			
<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	
APPLICATION FEES			
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	DUES: \$
Dues: <i>Circle One</i>	NEW RENEWAL	No Proration Deadline: 3rd Saturday of January	TOTAL: \$
SIGNATURES			
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

11/22-24/2024 COLUMBIA, SC: The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society Annual Club Show, Jamil Temple 206 Jamil Road Columbia, SC 29210: Fri-Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5. Admission \$7; 12 & under free; All military & their dependents free with ID Card. Info: www.cgms.rocks

11/22-24/2024—MARIETTA, GA: Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060; Fri & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; day fun and educational event for the whole family! Free admission and parking! Hourly door prizes! Info: www.ccgms.org

11/23-24/2024 WEST PALM BEACH, FL: Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc., 57TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, South Florida Fairgrounds/Expo Center East 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fl. 33411. November 23-24, 2024; Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Admission: Adults \$10, 2-Day Pass \$15; Children under 12 -Free. <https://gmspb.org>

12/14-15/2024—FRANKLIN, TN: Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society - 43rd Annual Earth Treasures - Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Sale: 4215 Long Lane Franklin, TN 37064; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission: \$6 adults, 2 day pass \$10, Children 12 & Under with Adults- Free, Scouts in Uniform -Free. Website: www.MTGMS.org/show.htm; <https://www.facebook.com/mtgms/>

2/22-23/2025—JACKSON, MS: Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society – 66th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show: Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi St. Jackson, MS 39202; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; Admission: \$8 adults, Students \$3, Scouts & Leaders in Uniform \$2, Children 5 & Under- Free,. Website: www.MTGMS.org/show.htm; www.missgems.org; Information email: mgmsshow@missgems.org; Link(s): <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1ZhivFnPMSAR36uY/>

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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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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 for show</p> <p>Program -</p>	<p>October 19</p> <p>Snap Set Earrings By Beverly B. Or Gem Trees for Show</p> <p>Program - </p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>	<p>November 16</p> <p>Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament By Leslie J.</p> <p>Bicycle Earrings By Sue W.</p> <p>Program - </p>	<p>December 21</p>  <p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p>