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A message from the President...

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday! I'm looking forward to having a fun and busy year as your new President as well as the Mississippi State Director.

We'll be discussing our upcoming show and there's still a lot to do. We always need volunteers, so please help where you can. This is our only fundraiser and helps provide scholarships to our members.

I hope to see you all this Saturday!

Sincerely,

President Peter M.



Notes from the editor . . .

Meeting: February 15, 2025 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:

January - Garnet

February - Amethyst

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

Workshops:

Leslie— Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament. **This is a continued class for those who didn't finish in December.**

Julie B.— Viking Knit

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

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

Workshops are posted on both.

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January 18, 2025

Called to Order Time: 12:52 p.m. by President Peter M.

Members in attendance: Alan E.; Peter M.; Bernadette M.; Shirley R.; Nicola H.; Jina M.; Sue W.; Nicole G. Beverly B.; Laura T.; Sheryl R.; Gladys D.; Cynthia B.; Lynn T.; Karen W.; Rosalind N-D.; Sue S.; Sharon G.; Julie B.; Reba S.; Buddy S.

Program: The gem of the month is garnet. No one brought any samples.

Show & Tell: None.

Meeting: Peter wants to work on an inventory so we can see what new things we may need for the Club. (It was noted that Cindy's stencils are still missing.) Peter would also like for the group to work on membership.

Treasurer's Report:

Nicole reported that one vendor from the 2025 show had their deposit returned because they would not be able to set up due to health reasons. She made a deposit which made the balance \$XXX. The equipment fund is \$XXX. The CD expires this month, and the balance is \$XXX. She anticipated it would be cashed out and put into another CD.

Nicole further reported that an audit of the books for 2024 would be done when a group could get together. Discussion was held regarding changing the name on the account from 2024 President Allan E. to the 2025 President, Peter, and a new signature card would be needed. The account is with Regions Bank on Highway 49.

Nicole also noted that the Status Report replaces the Annual Report and therefore we will no longer have to pay a \$25.00 fee for the Annual Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops:

Sue S. taught a workshop on how to make a zip tie bracelet this month.

February: Julie will be making a Viking knit bracelet. Kits will be available. You will need 24 gauge round copper; and either 18 or 20 gauge for the top.

Sheryl will demonstrate making a simple Boho type beaded necklace. Kits will be available.

Newsletter: No report.

Facebook: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Equipment: No report.

Sunshine: Sheryl R. will now manage the Sunshine

Show: Sheryl R. will manage advertising for the 2025 show. She will look into advertising with the S. E. Federal Loadstar and the Rock & Gem Magazine.

Beverly B. requested that any members who can be present for set up on Thursday before the show,



Continued from January 18th Meeting:

Show Continued:

Cynthia B. mentioned that flat rocks, wires, and gems were still needed for the gem trees.

Librarian: Peter M. recommended we start a library so members can look at materials on how to make things, and some discussion was held. He asked how much it would be for a subscription to Rock & Gem Magazine and Sheryl R. said she would find out.

Old Business: Sheryl R. was sworn in as the Secretary by President Peter M. since she could not be at the December 2024 Christmas Party and meeting.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding the scholarship to be drawn for at the February meeting. Sheryl R. prepared a draft list of members along with everyone's attendance for the past year and will have it finalized for the February 2025 meeting.

Split the Pot: Nicole was in charge of split the pot and \$XXX was collected from ticket sales. Sheryl won and collected \$XXX and \$XXX went into the equipment fund.

Door Prizes: There were lots of fascinating door prizes and everyone won one!

Adjournment: Peter made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia second the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

NAME TAGS:

If you don't have a name tag, please contact Nicole to order one as everyone needs one especially for the show in May. So people know who you are and that you are a club member. All name tags must be PAID IN ADVANCE before ordering.



November 16, 2024

Called to Order Time: 1:00 p.m. by President Allan E.

Members in attendance: (20) Peter M.; Sheryl R.; Terri R. (guest); Allan E.; Sue S.; Buddy S.; Reba S.; Nicole G.; Karen W.; Laura T.; Shirley R.; Rozz N.; Sue W.; Lynn T.; Charley C.; Leslie J.; Niccola H.; Beverly B.; Lisa F.; and Sharon G.

Program: No program.

Show & Tell: Allan showed the group some rocks he got from Graves Mountain in Lincolnton, GA.

Meeting: Beverly made a motion to accept the September 2024 minutes. Niccola seconded the motion. All were in agreement and motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to accept the October 2024 minutes. Leslie seconded the motion. All were in agreement and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole gave the treasurer's report. There was an expense for the light box and the bank balance was \$XXX. The equipment fund had a deposit of \$XXX and after interest, the equipment fund was \$XXX. The CD balance is \$XXX. Nicole mentioned that the storage fee went up about \$8.00 per month (for 11 months - 12th month is free).

Lisa made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sharon seconded the motion. All were in agreement and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Shirley stated that instructors were needed for February and March. Laura mentioned that if anyone has a pattern for a project and wants to bring it in, maybe we could choose a project from ones that have been done before.

Newsletter: Lisa said if you have any articles to add to the Newsletter, send them to Lisa, Leslie, and Shirley.

Facebook: Laura said if you are doing a workshop, please send her a photo of the project, material list, and if kits will be available (also cc Leslie, Lisa, and

Shirley).

Webmaster: Leslie noted that the minutes are on the web page and are not password protected.

Equipment: No report.

Sunshine: Laura let everyone know that her brother, Eddie, had been in the hospital and had a pacemaker put in and is feeling better.

Show: Beverly reported that two vendors have advised that they will not be setting up for the 2025 show. She has been in contact with some other possible vendors. One vendor requested less tables but wants the same space and as we get closer to time, she will work on the floor plan.

Buddy and Reba brought a copy of vendor business cards from the Jewelry & Gem Show that was held in Jackson, MS and suggested someone might contact those vendors to see if they want to set up for our 2025 show.

Lisa discussed the possibility of renting a van to haul things to/from the show. She saw a company advertising a U-Haul type van for \$19.95 per day, but she would look into any other fees such as mileage.

Librarian: No report.

Elections: Nominees were announced for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and director as follows: President: Peter, Vice-Pres.: Lisa, Treasurer: Nicole, Secretary: Sheryl R., Director: Sue W.

Ballots were prepared, but there were no nominations from the floor. The Board was voted in by acclamation.

Christmas Party: Discussion was held regarding having the Christmas Party at a restaurant vs. at the Herbert Wilson Recreation Center. After a show of hands, the majority wanted the Christmas Party to be catered and held at the Rec. Center. Everyone will meet up at 11:00 a.m. to set up tables/chairs and any decorations anyone wants to bring. Nicole read the menu to members from Claiborne Hill Supermarket. It was decided to buy one roasted turkey and one ham with sides (each feeding 12 people) as follows:

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Chairman:
msrobinson2u@icloud.com

February 15, 2025



Shirley Robinson
228-594-9673

Viking Knit

By Julie B.



Material List:

Several Yards 26 ga. Copper Wire
10" 20 ga. Copper Wire
2 Copper End Cones
1 Copper Lobster Clasp

Tools:

A Dowel
Cutter
Flat Nose Pliers
Round Nose Pliers

January's Workshop: Leslie but was cancelled

Sue S. taught Zip Tie Bracelets - Kits were \$5.00 per bracelets and Sue will supply all material.

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*



Thought of the Day . . .

Dieter's Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I should eat,
the courage to avoid
the things I should not eat,
and the wisdom to know that
a little chocolate makes it all go down
better!

C is for "Chocolate, oh so divine."
H is for "Heavenly with wine."
O is for "Out of this world treat."
C is for "Confections so sweet."
O is for "Oh what a taste!"
L is for "Losing my waist."
A is for "Addiction I adore."
T is for "Thin no more."
E is for "Eat all I please."
"Chocolate"... If only it had no calories



February Birthdays

Gladys D.
Violet Fitch
Severn M.
Clay T.

January Birthdays

Andrew E.
Kyleigh Fitch
Lisa Fitch
Leslie J.
Judi M.
Eddie T.



Happy Anniversary January
Sheryl Rogers
Olivia & Michael Woods

Happy Anniversary February
Brian & Lisa Fitch





KING CAKE

Recipe by Connie K



Prep Time: 1 Hr. 45 Mins.

Total Time: 2 Hours

Serves: 28

Yield: 2 Cakes

Ingredients:

1/4 cup butter	1 (16 ounce) containers sour cream
1/3 cup sugar	1 teaspoon salt
2 (1/4 oz.) envelope active dry yeast	1 tablespoon white sugar
1/2 cup warm water (100 to 110 degrees)	2 eggs
6 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided	

DOUGH:

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened (16 ounces total)	
1 egg	3/4 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt	2 teaspoons vanilla

CREAM CHEESE FILLING:

COLORED FROSTING:

3 cups powdered sugar
 3 tablespoons butter, melted
 3 tablespoons milk
 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 drops green food coloring
 2 drops yellow food coloring
 2 drops blue food coloring
 2 drops red food coloring

COLORED SUGARS:

1 1/2 cups white sugar
 2 drops green food coloring
 2 drops yellow food coloring
 2 drops red food coloring
 2 drops blue food coloring

1. Cook first 4 ingredients in a saucepan over low heat, stirring often, until butter melts; Cool mixture to 100 degrees to 110 degrees.
2. Dissolve yeast and 1 tablespoon sugar in 1/2 cup warm water in a large bowl; let stand 5 minutes; Add butter mixture, eggs, and 2 cups flour; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer 2 minutes or until smooth; Gradually stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough.
3. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes; Place in a well-greased bowl, turning to grease top; Cover and let rise in a warm place (85 degrees), free from drafts, 1 hour or until doubled in bulk.
4. Using an electric mixer, mix cream cheese until smooth; Add egg and blend well; Add sugar, salt and vanilla and mix until smooth and creamy; Set aside.
5. Punch dough down; divide in half; Turn 1 portion out onto a lightly floured surface; roll to a 28- x 10-inch rectangle; Spread half each of cream cheese mixture on dough; Roll dough, jellyroll fashion, starting at long side; Place dough roll, seam side down, on a lightly greased baking sheet; Bring ends together to form an oval ring, moistening and punching edges together to seal; Repeat with remaining dough and cream cheese mixture.
6. Cover and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, 20 minutes or until doubled in bulk.
7. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden.
8. Decorate with bands of Colored Frostings, and sprinkle with Colored Sugars.
9. COLORED FROSTINGS: Stir together powdered sugar and melted butter; Add milk to reach desired consistency for drizzling; stir in vanilla; Divide frosting into 3 batches, tinting 1 green, 1 yellow, and combining red and blue food coloring for purple frosting.
10. COLORED SUGARS: Place 1/2 cup sugar and drop of green food coloring in a zip-top plastic bag; seal; Shake and squeeze vigorously to evenly mix color with sugar; Repeat procedure with 1/2 cup sugar and

Amethyst

FACTS

Wedding Anniversaries—6th & 17th

- Mineral: Quartz
- Chemistry: SiO₂
- Color: Purple
- Refractive Index: 1.544 to 1.553
- Birefringence: 0.009
- Specific Gravity: 2.66
- Mohs Hardness: 7



The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word “methustos,” which means “intoxicated.” Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness. The major sources are Brazil and Uruguay.

Amethyst is composed of quartz, which is the second most abundant material found in the Earth’s crust. It gets its color from irradiation, iron impurities and the presence of trace elements. Its hardness is the same as other quartz, which makes it a durable and lasting option for jewelry. It’s the gem that’s most commonly associated with the color purple, even though there are other purple gems such as sapphire and tanzanite.

Amethyst’s purple color can range from a light lilac to a deep, intense royal purple, and from brownish to vivid. Its purple color can be cool and bluish, or a reddish purple that’s sometimes referred to as “raspberry.” Amethyst also commonly shows color zoning, which in the case of amethyst usually consists of angular zones of darker to lighter color.

History & Lore:

Throughout history, the gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. Amethyst jewelry has been found and dated as early as 2000 BC. It is one of the emblems of the twelve apostles.

Fine amethysts have been set in religious jewelry and royal crown jewels for ages. It was once considered equal in value to ruby, emerald, and sapphire. It’s no wonder that fine amethyst adorns the fingers of bishops as well as the coronation regalia of British royalty.

Because of its wine-like color, early Greek legends associated amethyst with Bacchus, the god of wine.

Other legends reflected beliefs that amethyst kept its wearer clear-headed and quick-witted in battle and in business affairs. Being associated with wine, it was believed that wearing amethyst prevented drunkenness. It was common the Greeks drank from cups designed with Amethyst.

Leonard da Vinci said that amethyst helps to quicken intelligence and get rid of evil thoughts. Other qualities like peace, stability, courage and strength are said to be derived from this gemstone.

Amethyst played a big role in early Egyptian civilization. It was very common for pharaohs tombs to be adorned by the gemstone. Historians believe that wealth was experienced by Egypt at one point with the proof they have found in the tombs of that time period. When the country became very wealthy, the royalty of the country gave gifts of both Amethyst and gold to many of the families from the middle and working classes.

The British Crown Jewels consist of Amethyst. It is also said to have been the favorite gemstone of Russian empress, Catherine the Great. Egyptian pharaoh Cleopatra had an Amethyst ring which was believed to capture the hearts Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony, who were both Romans. After this happened, many Roman women began wearing Amethyst jewelry because they thought that it would help keep their husbands faithful.

Greece being known to be the first civilization to have recognized Amethyst, the gemstone actually does date back to biblical times. According to the Bible, there were twelve gemstones that on the breastplate that was worn by High Priest Aaron with Amethyst being one of them. Amethyst is also associated with both the Apostle Matthias and the Adnachiel, a Guardian Angel. Clergy members in the Catholic religion wore Amethyst and also used it for the adornment of the crosses. In the Buddhist religion Amethyst is believed to have been of significant meaning to Buddha. This is why malas, (Buddhist prayer beads) often contain Amethyst. In both the Buddhist and Catholic religions, the gemstone was believed to be representative of celibacy.

Sources: gia.edu, amethystring.com, americangemsociety.com, Wikipedia, Palagems.com, toptenz.com, minerals.net, thepracticalgemologist.com/gemstones, gemselect.com, birthstones.today



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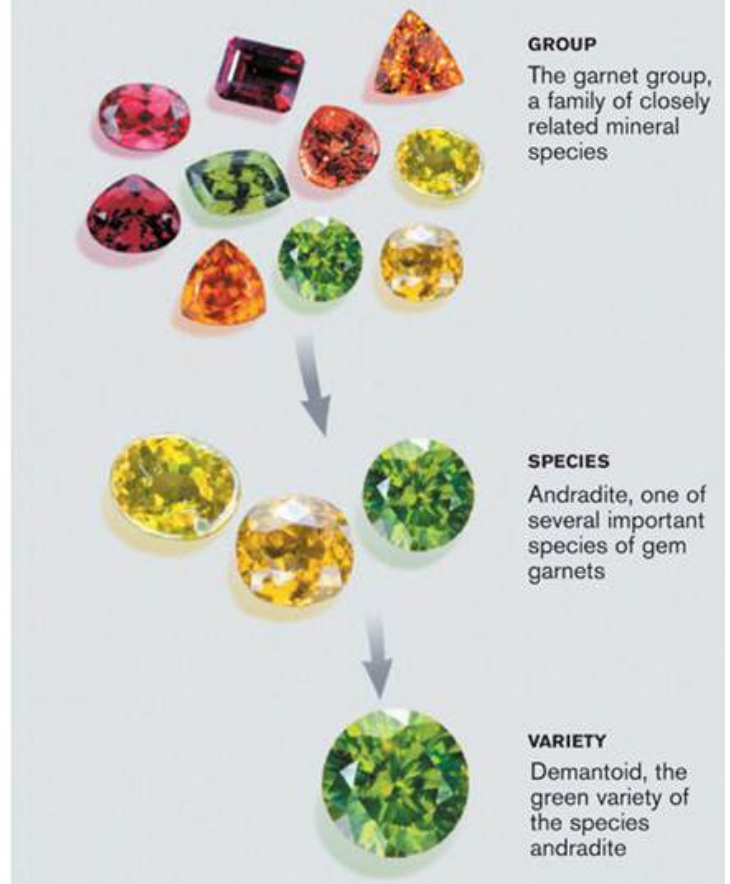
- Mineral: Garnet group
- Chemistry:
- Almandine- $\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Andradite- $\text{Ca}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Grossular- $\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Pyrope- $\text{Mg}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Rhodolite- $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Spessartine- $\text{Mn}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Color: All colors
- Refractive index: 1.714-1.888
- Birefringence: None
- Specific gravity: 3.47-4.15
- Mohs harness: 6.5-7.5

Garnets being a set of closely related minerals that form a group, resulting in gemstones in just about every color. Found in metamorphic rocks (which are rocks altered by heat and pressure) on every continent.

Even though red garnets have a long history, modern gem buyers can pick from a rich palette of garnet colors: greens, oranges, pinkish oranges, deeply saturated purplish reds, and even some blues. The most common and widespread of gems is the red garnet. Not all of the garnets are as abundant as the red ones. A green garnet, tsavorite, is rarer and needs rarer unusual rock chemistries and special conditions to form.

Demantoid is a rare and famous green garnet, spessartine (also called spessarite) is an orange garnet, and rhodolite is a beautiful purple-red garnet. Garnets can even exhibit the color-change phenomenon similar to the rare gemstone alexandrite.

Varying in chemical composition, all garnets have essentially the same crystal structure. We have more than twenty garnet categories, called species, but only five are commercially important as gems. Those five are pyrope, almandine (also called almandite), spessartine, grossular (grossularite), and andradite. A sixth, uvarovite, is a green garnet that usually occurs as crystals too small to cut. It's sometimes set as clusters in jewelry. Many garnets are chemical mixtures of two or more garnet species.

Understanding Group, Species, and Variety

History & Lore: Red garnet necklaces, thousands of years ago adorned the necks of Egypt's pharaohs, and were entombed with their mummified corpses as prized possessions for the afterlife. Signet rings with carved garnets were used to stamp the wax that secured important documents in ancient Rome.

Carbuncle is a term used in ancient times to refer to red garnets and any red stone. Carbuncle was thought to be one of the four precious stones given to King Solomon by God.

In Roman scholar Pliny's time (23 to 79 AD), red garnets were among the most widely traded gems. In the Middle Ages (about 475 to 1450 AD), red garnet was favored by clergy and nobility.

In central Europe around 1500 red garnet's availability increased with the discovery of the famous Bohemian garnet deposits. The source became the nucleus of a regional jewelry industry that reached its peak in the late 1800s.

Sources: gia.edu, Wikipedia, Palagems.com, toptenz.com, minerals.net, thepracticalgemologist.com/gemstones, gemselect.com, birthstones.today



Bench Tips from Brad

Mini Drill Press



If you find yourself drilling a number of small holes for your work, you might want to look at the small, inexpensive drill presses now available. They take up just minimal space on your bench and are always ready to give you nice straight holes. Some models even have a variable speed control. I've been very pleased with a low-priced one that's been well-used in my classes for over a year.

Because these machines are only a foot high, they're limited as to the size of workpieces that can fit into the machine and the size of the drill bits you can use. But I've had no problems with drill bits up to about 3/16" (4.5mm), even drilling steel.

The machines are sold by a number of companies. If you do get one, be sure to buy a spare belt because they are generally not available at local hardware stores.

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

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Federation Weeks August 11th -17th

2nd Week September 15th - 21st

A.L.A.A.

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www.mgcgms.com

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www.mobilerockandgem.com

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month



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Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

Contact: Levette @ 504-214-3205

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

2025 MEETING DATES

Jan 18th	May SHOW 17th & 18th	
Feb 15th	June 21st	Sept 20th
Mar 15th	July 19th	Oct 18th
Apr 19th	Aug 16th	Nov 15th

Dec 20th Christmas Party

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APPLICANT INFORMATION			SINGLE \$20.00
18 YEARS OF AGE			
Name:		Email:	
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Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
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(Each applicant initial interests)			
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Shows and Events

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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HCGMS 2025 Workshops

<p>January 18</p> <p>Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament By Leslie J. Cancel</p> <p>Zip Tie Bracelets Sue S.</p> 	<p>February 15</p> <p>Viking Knit By Julie B.</p> <p>Cellini Spiral Christmas Ornament By Leslie J.</p> <p>Happy Valentines February 14th</p> 	<p>March 15</p> <p>Mardi Gras March 4</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day 17th</p> 	<p>April 19</p> <p>Happy Easter April 20</p> 
<p>May 17</p> <p>SHOW 17th & 18th</p>	<p>June 21</p> <p>Program -</p>	<p>July 19</p> <p>Happy 4th</p> 	<p>August 16</p> <p>Program -</p>
<p>September 20</p> <p>Program -</p>	<p>October 18</p>  <p>Program -</p>  <p>Happy Halloween</p>	<p>November 15</p> <p>Program -</p>  <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>December 20</p>  <p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p>