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## A message from the President...

Dear Members,

Thank you for a great meeting last month! With our annual show coming up 17-18 May, I've made a command decision to have the show in lieu of a meeting. We're only a month out and we still need all hands -on deck to make it a huge success. So please pitch in and support the show in some way, shape or form.

Drop Beverly a line to find out where she needs the most help! We're setting up on Thursday, the more helpers we have, the quicker it'll be.

Sue did a fantastic job with her wire earring project! It was a lot of fun and we had a great showing! I hope to see everyone at the show!

I know that April showers bring May Flowers, but what do May Flowers bring? Answer at the show!

17 May is right around the corner! Hope to see everyone there! Bring a friend!

Sincerely,

*President Peter M.*



*Happy Mother's Day*

## Notes from the editor . . .

**Meeting:** No Meeting  
Show is at Shriners Joppa Temple  
See Flyer on next page

**Gems of the Month:**  
Emerald

**Workshops:** No Workshop

## **2025 Workshop Instructors needed**

Please Contact Workshop Chairman,  
Shirley at **228-594-9673**  
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**Show Chairman:** Beverly B.  
Email: [gulfportgems.show@gmail.com](mailto:gulfportgems.show@gmail.com)

## **Volunteers Needed:**

We are still in need of workers for the show.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . . .**

Mark you calendar May 17th & 18th. Please volunteer as this is our ONLY fundraiser for the club which not only pays to operate the club yearly but to give scholarships too.



# Harrison County

PRESENTS

## 45nd Annual Gem & Jewelry Show

**May 17 & 18, 2025**

**Saturday**

**9–5pm**

Adults - \$6.00 / Kids age 10 & under - Free

*\*\*\* Door Prizes Hourly \*\*\**

**Sunday**

**9–4pm**



### Joppa Shrine Temple

13280 Shriners Blvd. Biloxi, Ms.  
North of I-10 / Woolmarket Exit # 41



**Jewelry \* Rocks \* Gems \* Beads \* Fossils \* Minerals**



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# "The Golden Ticket"



Give the  
Golden Ticket  
to a friend!

Show Chairman, Beverly **205-296-3779**  
Email: **bbaker30518@gmail.com.**

Your help is greatly appreciated and we are always thankful for the support that the members give of their time to the society. Please help make this show as successful as last year.

You haven't volunteered yet?



You've got to be kitten me!







**April 19, 2025**

**Called to Order Time:** 1:05 p.m. by President Peter M.

**Members in attendance:** Shirley R.; Peter M.; Julie B.; Sue S.; Allan E.; Leslie J.; Rosalind D.; Karen W.; Lisa F.; Laura T.; Helen D.; Niccola H.; Cynthia B.; Lynn T.; Nicole G.; Beverly B.; Jina M.; Sue W.; Reba S.; Sharon G.; Sheryl R.

**Program:** The gem of the month is diamond, and there were no specimens brought in.

**Show & Tell:** Allan brought in some copper projects he made. Some of the beads were made using a dopping block and Allan demonstrated how he made some of them. Sheryl brought in some drawers and compartment boxes full of crystals, fossilized wood, agates, and other stones.

**Meeting:**

Leslie made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. Cindy seconded the motion and after no objections, motion carried. Jina will not be able to use the scholarship to go to William Holland and therefore it passes to Leslie.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Nicole G.

Nicole reported that the CD was the same as last month, \$XXX. Nicole deposited \$XXX into the equipment account and the balance is \$XXX. Nicole looked into having a separate checking account for the Show, but it would be \$10.00 a month, so she decided to not go forward with getting a separate checking account for the Show. Nicole will keep a separate Show ledger.

Nicole stated that she bought 400 checks (\$41.00), so we will have checks for a long time. The general checking account is \$XXX and the show balance is \$XXX with another \$XXX still expected from vendors. We have not yet paid for the Shriner's Hall in the amount of \$XXX.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Workshops:** Report given by Shirley R. that the following workshops had been scheduled:

June: Laura - Moorish rose chain maille

July: Roz will be demonstrating Tiffany method soldering / 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop: Work on unfinished projects

August: Julie and Reba - Wire weave cuff

Sue W. - framed pendant

September: Shirley - Spiral beaded necklace

October: Sue S. - Spiders

November: Peter and Helen - Introduction to resin

December: Christmas Party

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Facebook:** See report under Show.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Equipment:** No report.

**Sunshine:** A lifetime member, John Wright, passed away in March and a card was sent to his family expressing what a valued member of the club he was and how he will be missed by everyone.

**Show:**

**Thursday Set Up** - Beverly said we have 108 tables that will need set up on Thursday, May 15th and has a sign-up sheet. Set up will start at 1:00 p.m.

In order for the Seabees to help, they need a letter on letterhead. Beverly and Peter will work on that.

**Friday Vendor's Lunch** - For anyone that can bring food for the vendor's lunch, please have it to the Shriner's by 10:30 a.m. If you are setting up on Thursday, you can bring your food and leave it at the Shriner's then.

**Fence Banners** - Nicole brought in two banners from storage. Adam will put up the banner on the Pass Road Elementary School. Sheryl will put up a banner on the Orange Grove Elementary School.

**Aprons/Shirts for Members to Wear at the Show** - Lisa said that she went to Southern Printing, but they did not have a vest that would be suitable for members. Lisa suggested aprons and there was a discussion about aprons vs. vests vs. shirts but the discussion was tabled for now since it will not affect the show this year.

**Attire:** Members are asked to wear a dark green shirt for our club's colors and also to wear your name tag.



## Advertising:

**Banners** - Sheryl has contacted Pass Road Elementary and Orange Grove Elementary about putting the banners on their fences. She spoke to the secretaries at each school and will get confirmation once Spring Break is over.

**Billboards** - We will have four billboards this year (plus a free one!) with Lamar. There are several designs that will be rotated. One will have a countdown until the event.

**Postcards** - Nicole brought in some postcards for members to hand out - mail out - or share on their Facebook.

**Weather Channel** - Sheryl has reached out to the Weather Channel and sent an e-mail but did not hear back. She will follow up.

**WLOX - T.V. interview** - Sue W. will do an interview on WLOX.

**Facebook** - Laura reported that ads for the 2025 Show will be coming out soon on Facebook. Laura asked if we belonged to Scribe and someone said no, we do not. Nicole created a list of Facebook pages (communities, etc.) where members might post about the upcoming Show and passed them out.

**Signs** - Road/street signs will be put in Bay St. Louis/Waveland by Lisa; Nicole will put signs up in Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, and Biloxi and along the interstate.

**Transportation** - Tractor Supply was contacted regarding an enclosed type trailer to bring everything to the show, but they do not have rentals. Laura has an 8 foot flatbed, but no one has a hitch to pull it with. Nicole said that a relative of hers may have a flatbed trailer of some sort and will look into that. Lisa will contact U-Haul again and get a quote for an enclosed trailer rental.

**Gifts for new members** - Nicole had a sample of a magnet and passed it around for everyone to see. Any new members who sign up at the show will get a magnet and if they pay their dues in full for the first year, they will get a free loupe. Peter made a motion that we approve the purchase of the loupes and magnets. Lisa F. seconded the motion and after no objections, motion carried.

**Raffle** - Beverly B. contacted Brewer's Alley was about an item that the club might get that could be raffled off. Beverly did not hear back from Brewer's Alley. After a discussion, it was agreed that it was too late at this point to try to do a raffle.

**Demonstrations** - There will be faceting, chainmaille, viking knit, and beading demonstrations.

**Display Cases** - The club has 10-12 cases. They will display projects made by members. Please let Beverly know what you have to put in the cases and Sheryl will type a list of the projects to put with each piece.

**Misc.** - Peter will check with the dino man to see if he is coming as well as the geo man.

**Kid's Corner** - Cindy B. will be on the right side of the Shriner's Hall this year and demonstrations will be on the left.

**Librarian:** No report.

## COMMUNICATION:

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** No report.

**Split the Pot:** \$XX was collected and Laura won Split the Pot and received \$XX.

**Door Prizes:** All won door prizes!! If you have any door prizes to donate, please bring them to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion and there being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

## *Thought of the Day . . .*

"Happiness is here with us in every single moment, waiting for our notice. Our challenge is to look at the world through the eyes of someone who can see it."

-TEAL-



*Brian F.  
Sue W.  
Buddy S.*



*May 11th*



*Happy Anniversary*

*Nicole G.  
Anna J.  
Lorraine S.*





## Wedding Anniversaries— 12th & 35th 2nd Anniversary

### FACTS

- Mineral: Beryl
- Chemistry:  $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$
- Color: Vibrant green
- Refractive Index: 1.577 to 1.583
- Birefringence: 0.005 to 0.009
- Specific Gravity: 2.72
- Mohs Hardness: 7.5 to 8

Emerald is the green to greenish blue variety of beryl, a mineral species that also includes aquamarine as well as beryls in other colors.

Gem experts differ on the degree of green that makes one stone an emerald and another stone a less-expensive green beryl. Some people in the trade tend to give the name emerald to any green beryl colored by chromium. But to most gemologists, gemological laboratories, and colored stone dealers, it is more correct to call a stone green beryl when its color is "too light" for it to be classified as emerald. Even among that group, however, there's a difference of opinion about what's considered "too light."

### *History & Lore...*

Emerald's lush green has soothed souls and excited imaginations since antiquity. Its name comes from the ancient Greek word for green, "smaragdus." Rome's Pliny the Elder described emerald in his *Natural History*, published in the first century AD: "...nothing greens greener" was his verdict. He described the use of emerald by early lapidaries, who "have no better method of restoring their eyes than by looking at the emerald, its soft, green color comforting and removing their weariness and lassitude." Even today, the color green is known to relieve stress and eye strain. There are other green gems, like tourmaline and Peridot, but emerald is the one that's always associated with the lushest landscapes and the richest greens. Ireland is the Emerald Isle. Seattle, in the US state of Washington, is the Emerald City. Thailand's most sacred religious icon is called the Emerald Buddha, even though it's carved from green jadeite.

The first known emerald mines were in Egypt, dating from at least 330 BC into the 1700s. Cleopatra was known to have a passion for emerald, and used it in her royal adornments.

Emeralds from what is now Colombia were part of the plunder when sixteenth-century Spanish explorers invaded the New World. The Incas had already been using emeralds in their jewelry and religious ceremonies for 500 years. The Spanish, who treasured gold and silver far more than gems, traded emeralds for precious metals. Their trades opened the eyes of European and Asian royalty to emerald's majesty.

Emerald is the most famous member of the beryl family. Legends endowed the wearer with the ability to foresee the future when emerald was placed under the tongue, as well as to reveal truth and be protected against evil spells. Emerald was once also believed to cure diseases like cholera and malaria. Wearing an emerald was believed to reveal the truth or falseness of a lover's oath as well as make one an eloquent speaker.

Legend also states that emerald was one of the four precious stones given by God to King Solomon. These four stones were said to have endowed the king with power over all creation. 2.97 billion years is the age of the oldest Emeralds from South Africa.



# Emeralds

## "Hooker Emerald"



The **75.47-carat** Hooker Emerald was worn by Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid II, the last sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Chip Clark, courtesy Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History.

## Emerald Unguentarium



**2,860-carat (20.18 oz.)** emerald vase carved in 1641, is on display in the Imperial Treasury, Vienna, Austria.

There are many large emeralds that are valuable and famous. For a complete list visit [www.gemsociety.org](http://www.gemsociety.org).

## "The Imperial Emerald"



The emerald weighs in at **206 carats**. The Mogul Emerald, owned by the dynasty that built the Taj Mahal and now in the collection of the Museum of Islamic Art in Qatar, is bigger at 217 carats but not as transparent. Here's where the Imperial Emerald really stands out: it's remarkably clean for any emerald and for one of this size, staggeringly clear. It is also completely unenhanced. As you might expect for a gem of this magnitude, it has reports from every gemological lab that matters, including the book-form monograph from the Gemological Institute of America, a Gem Portrait by Gubelin, and a Jewel Folio by AGL. In short, this gem really belongs in a museum, although none will be able to afford it. In fact, it was probably cut from a crystal even better than the Patricia, the 632-carat crystal in the American Museum of Natu-

## Guinness Emerald Crystal

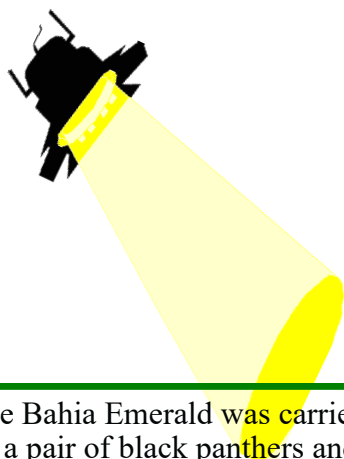


The **1,759-carat (12.4 oz.)** "Guinness Emerald Crystal" was at one time the largest natural emerald crystal in the world, and is still preserved in its natural crystalline state, at the Banco Nacional de la Republica in Bogotá.



# “In The Spotlight”

## Bahia Emerald



The Bahia Emerald was carried out of the rain forest by a team of pack mules. Along the way the mules were killed by a pair of black panthers and had to be carried by a team of men and a hand made stretcher the rest of the trip.

The Bahia Emerald was flown from Sao Paulo Brazil to San Jose California; shortly thereafter the stone was relocated to New Orleans and placed in a vault. Two weeks later Hurricane Katrina struck devastating New Orleans and leaving the vault and the Bahia Emerald submersed under 16' of water for two months before it could be retrieved.

The Emerald was then brought back to San Jose and stored in a seemingly abandoned building. On or about April 8th 2008 it was secretly transferred to an attorney's office in Santa Barbara CA. where it was kept under 24 hour armed guard before being transferred once again to a Private vault known as Commonwealth in South Elmonte, CA.

The Bahia Emerald was transferred in a black Cadillac Escalade driven by Jerry Ferrara and accompanied by Kit Morrison, from the Commonwealth vault to a private vault in Las Vegas Nevada.

The Bahia Emerald was involved in a \$197,000,000 banking transaction with Barnard Madoff, fortunately Madoff was led away by Federal agents just two days before the transaction was to be completed. The Bahia Emerald was involved in a transaction gone wrong involving a well known Columbian family at the Golden Nugget hotel Casino in Los Vegas NV that nearly ended up as a blood bath battle in the Nevada desert. (All identities Withheld).

The Bahia Emerald was reported stolen to the L.A.P.D. by (identity withheld). The Bahia Emerald was questionably seized by L.A.P.D. authorities on or about Christmas eve 2008 in Los Vegas Nevada in an excursion led by Lt. Grubb.

Lt. Grubb began to organize an excursion to Las Vegas On the morning detectives drove to get the emerald, he told his deputies: ""We're going to stop on the way and get breakfast. We're going to pick up a \$400 million piece of evidence. On the way back, we're not stopping." When Lt. Grubb finally laid eyes on the emerald, he said, "It almost didn't look real." Shortly thereafter (Identity withheld) who reported the Bahia Emerald stolen bowed out of the case stating his life was threatened! To this day no criminal charges have been presented and no arrests have been made.

The Bahia Emerald court battle, is one of the largest custody/lawsuits in California history has gained an international following. National Geographic is conducting a 50 minute documentary about the Bahia Emerald and the incredible, almost unbelievable story surrounding it.



## *Bench Tips from Brad*

### 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. 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.



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### SFMS 2025 Annual Convention

June 14th, 2025

Young Harris, Ga.

**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*

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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 11th -17th

2nd Week September 15th - 21st



### Nearby Gem Societies

Ms. Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

[www.mgcmgs.com](http://www.mgcmgs.com)

Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month



Mobile Rock and Gem Society

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Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

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TBA

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Doug True, President

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### Dixie Mineral Council



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### Other Interests:

### International Society of Glass Blowers

Visit site if you like Lampworking

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**Executive Meeting**  
**Sponsored by SFMS Rockhound Roundup**  
 June 14, 2025                      Young Harris, Georgia

Please complete and return this information using a separate form for each attendee, submitting through mail or email, ensuring receipt by June 1, 2025 for the S.F.M.S. packet processing. You can, mail, scan and email or text a picture of the form to me.

Name _____	
SFMS Position _____	Club Position _____
Society Affiliation _____	
Email Address _____	
<p>➤ Attending Friday Social - 6 PM Wm Holland Cafeteria(Donation suggested) - In Person Only (circle one) Yes / No</p> <p>➤ Attending Saturday Executive Meeting - 9 AM – Cafeteria (circle one) Yes / No In Person? _____ By Google Meets? _____</p>	
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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.

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## 2025 MEETING DATES

Jan 18th	<b>May SHOW 17th &amp; 18th</b>	
Feb 15th	June 21st	Sept 20th
Mar 15th	July 19th	Oct 18th
Apr 19th	Aug 16th	Nov 15th

**Dec 20th Christmas Party**

## Newsletter Editor



Lisa Fitch

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<b>18 YEARS OF AGE</b>			
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Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Anniversary: (Mo/Day)	Cell Phone:	
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City:	State / Zip Code:	Work Phone:	
<b>CO-APPLICANT / SPOUSE INFORMATION</b>			<b>FAMILY \$30.00</b>
<b>TWO ADULTS &amp; ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE/AT SAME ADDRESS</b>			
Co-Applicant / Spouse:		Email:	
Date of birth (Mo/Day):	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
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Relationship:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
<b>INTEREST INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Hobby Interest:</b>		<b>Jewelry Interest:</b>	
(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	
<b>APPLICATION FEES</b>			
Applications can be mail to: Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society P. O. Box 10136, Gulfport, Ms. 39505			
Single \$20.00	Family \$30.00	Junior(s) \$10.00 Each	<b>DUES: \$</b>
<b>Dues:</b> <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



## **5/17-18/2025—BILOXI, MS: Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.:**

Joppa Shriner Center, 13280 Shriners Blvd., Biloxi, MS; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Admission: \$6.00, \$1.00 Discount Coupon on Website and Facebook. Children under 10 free/with paying adult. 20 plus vendors. More Info: [WWW.HCGMS.ORG/FACEBOOK](http://WWW.HCGMS.ORG/FACEBOOK)

**6/7/2025—COLFAX, NC: Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club:** Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, Sandy Springs Rd., Colfax NC; Sat. 9-5, Open Air Rain or Shine 12th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Gem Sluicing, free geodes for kids 12 and under. Free admission, free parking. Website: [www.facebook.com/GGMCrocks](http://www.facebook.com/GGMCrocks)

**7/25-78/2025—FRANKLIN, NC: Franklin Chamber of Commerce/Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin NC:** Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC; Fri. & Sat. 10-6 & Sun 10-4, Adults \$3; 12 & Under FREE; Contact Linda Harabuck, (828) 524-3161; Email: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Link(s): Website: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

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### HCGMS 2025 Workshops

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