# Lodestar



# The Friendly Federation \* Founded to Serve

#### October 2018

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## **President's Report**

"We had a GREAT Time"

"Wish you were here". SFMS Annual Meeting was wonderful and productive. The SFMS meetings was just part of a very busy weekend.

The Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society hosted both SFMS and ISCS

(International Sand Collectors Society). The SFMS events were held at the JGMS Clubhouse and museum. The JGMS Fall Rock Show and ISCS was located in the same facility. Over 63 dealers in attendance.

At present I am SFMS President and also Chairman of the COPS program. I am responsible for transporting and setting up the Show cases for the Annual JGMS Fall Rock Show.

More about the SFMS meetings. The Friday night Cracker Barrel was well attended and many topics were discussed. The main item focused on was how to disseminate SFMS information and benefits through out the SFMS Clubs and members in general. Soon to be President Reggie Bolton and Wayne Dodd (Treasurer of the Mayo Foundation) are working together on a

very Special Project which will give your Club much needed information.

A set of documents that list and spell out the many different area where SFMS is of service to ALL it's member Clubs. This is truly a much appreciated and needed effort by these dedicated men. I am very supportive

and proud of their great effort to build up and support the local Clubs. A strong SFMS for now and into the future. You will be hearing much more about these plans very soon. WATCH FOR IT.

I'm also happy to report that SFMS has a full slate of dedicated officers for 2019. New  $1^{\rm st}$  V.P. - Mr. Jesse Griffin ,  $2^{\rm nd}$  V.P. Mr. Travis Paris and

Assistant Treasurer Mr. David Liles. The entire Board extends our appreciation to these men.

Last of all, I would like to encourage ALL Local Club Presidents and Board of Directors and even every member to get involved where you can and commit your effort and energy for the health and strength of your local Club. SFMS working together with you for our future.

---- WE CAN DO THIS -----

Respectfully

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"Let's work together"

## **Committee Reports**

## Safety

Bob Green, Chair

After BAD SISTER, FLORENCE; came BAD BROTHER MICHAEL. Our thought and prayers for all that have suffered from these catastrophic storms. As noted in previous articles, being prepared for any storm, earthquake, fire or other issue, preparartion is important. It is extremely difficult to prepare for 14 ft storm surge, 155 mph winds and floods of historic proportions. However, if you survive these things, it is important to have food and water to sustathese very trying conditions. There have been a number of adds on



survive these things, it is important to have food and water to sustain life in these very trying conditions. There have been a number of adds on what to have in your survival bag. The previously recommended three (3) day supply of survival food and water to me, seems to be woefully short and yes, this can be a chore both financial and where do you store this stuff? Non-perishable foods can be easier to store and water in gallon jugs are very affordable. As a side note, we had one jug spring a leak and the water soaked the sun room, fortunately having a tile floor limited the damage. Camping can be fun; we did that a lot when I was substantially younger. My idea of camping is now a comfortable motel. However, forced camping as a result of a disaster is not remotely comfortable.

My son and I have joked about outdoing each other with our wounds. As noted last month, I lost the safety award, doing something stupid. The son, dropped a glass bowl and as he tried to catch it, it shattered and he suffered a substantial gash on one finger. He enjoyed the local emergency clinic to have the wound "glued" together. The wound was substantially worse than mine, so he won, this "contest". I remarked, contests like this are not productive.

It is now fall, finally in the south. The leaves still think it is summer, except for many places where the last couple of dry months, the leaves have just turned brown and fall off. Wet leaves are a severe slip and fall hazard. One of these contributed to the end of our safety record at the company I work with. Also, the leaves bring out the leaf blowers, more mowers and everybody trying to get ready for winter. This also should make us aware, that exercise is important to good health. And with all the winter exercise available as a result of snow, ice and freezing rain, we need to be in shape to handle these.

Now, this leads us to the advantage of winter, the opportunity to spend more time pursuing our favorite indoor hobbies. But do these safely. The company requires a safety evaluation of each work chore to determine the risks involve and the preparedness of the worker to do this chore. Note, I refer to our hobbies as chores, these still need to be evaluated with an eye for "what can go wrong".

And as usual, use the required personal protective devices, particularly eye protection. Until next month, be safe and watch out for each other.

#### **Bulletin Editors**

#### 2019 BULLETIN EDITOR'S CONTEST REMINDER

With the AFMS contest occurring in the weekend of 23 March in 2019, the deadline for submittal to the **2019** SFMS contest is **November 3**. I realize this is tight, but it is the best that we can do to meet the AFMS submittal deadlines given the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As such, the SFMS 2019 contest will consider January 2018 through October 2018 entries. This is a correction from what I said in the September Lodestar. The AFMS 2019 contest will consider December 2017 through October 2018. The current SFMS 2018 contest included December 2017 while the AFMS did not include December 2017 for their 2018 contest. Confusing, I know. You are not the only one who was confused. The good thing is that the AFMS 2020 contest will include all of 2019 and the last two months of 2018 from what I heard. Please visit the SFMS web site link for the bulletin editor's contest for much information and rules (<a href="http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin contest.html">http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin contest.html</a>).

Remember, to qualify for the 2019 contest, your entry must have been published exclusively for your club newsletter or bulletin during 2018 ending October 31. I look forward to your entries. Please send in your submissions to the following address:

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### 2018 BULLETIN EDITOR'S CONTEST WINNERS

Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

The following are the results of the 2018 SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest as announced at the 23 September 2018 SFMS Editor's Breakfast in Jacksonville, Florida in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting. I want to thank all of the entrants. There were



more entries for 2018 than the year before in similar categories. Please visit the SFMS website for more information: <a href="http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin\_contest.html">http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin\_contest.html</a>. The following is a list of all of the winners in the 2018 contest. Honorable Mention winners are shown in no particular order. You are all winners. Congratulations and well done!

**NEW EDITORS** - No Entries

MINI BULLETINS - No Entries

#### **SMALL BULLETINS**

**First Place** – Shellie T. Newell, Editor: *The Hound's Howl*, November 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Second Place** – Nancy Roberts, Editor: *The Nugget*, December 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

#### **LARGE BULLETINS**

**First Place** - Rosina Echols, Editor: *Rocky Echoes*, July 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Second Place** – Matthew Lybanon, Editor: *MAGS Rockhound News*, October 2017, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

JUNIOR ARTICLES Under 12 - No Entries

#### **JUNIOR ARTICLES 12 to 17**

**First Place** – Hunter Watson, Age 13: <u>Tennessee State Fossil</u> – *The Nugget*, November 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Second Place** – Konrad Armstrong, Age 15: <u>The Truth About Radiation</u> – *MAGS Rockhound News*, November 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**ADULT POETRY - No Entries** 

**JUNIOR POETRY** - No Entries

#### **SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Second Place** – Bob Cooper: <u>Membership</u>, December 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

#### **ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES**

**First Place** - Matthew Lybanon: <u>A Delineation...</u> - *MAGS Rockhound News*, May 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Second Place** – Nancy Roberts: <u>Lapidary Words: Test Your Knowledge!</u> – *The Nugget*, December 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Third Place** – Charles Carter: <u>How to Crack Geodes</u> – *Tips and Trips*, October 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Fourth Place** – Nikki Kenney: <u>Easy to Strip (Wire)</u> – *The Nugget*, March 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Fifth Place** – Beverly Pettigrew Kraft: <u>Bayou Pierre quicksand encounter: never hike or hunt alone</u> – *Rocky Echoes*, October 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Sixth Place** - Mike Schuchs: <u>Safety First!</u> A <u>Heavy Safety Tip</u> - *The Nugget*, February 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Seventh Place** – Rebecca Vallarian: What is it like to speak another language – *The Nugget*, May 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Eighth Place** – Sandra McFarland: What is the MGMS "Rock Scholarship" Point Sheet? – Rocky Echoes, February 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Ninth Place** – Rosina Echols: <u>MGMS Affiliations</u> – *Rocky Echoes*, March 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Tenth Place** – Kim Hill: <u>How a Rockhound Spent Her 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</u> – *MAGS Rockhound News*, July 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Honorable Mention** – David A. Day: <u>Everyone Should Know a Rockhound</u> – *MAGS Rockhound News*, March 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Honorable Mention** – Lori Carter: <u>January Field Trip Report: Weiss Lake, AL</u> – *Tips and Trips*, March 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – David Bruce: <u>Happy Birthday!</u> – *Tips and Trips*, June 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

#### ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED

**First Place** - Shellie T. Newell: <u>Ethical Kaolin Mining</u>: <u>A Field Trip to the W. R. Grace</u> <u>Mining Company</u> - *The Hound's Howl*, April 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Second Place** – Jerry Lipsky: <u>Part 2: Do Echinoderms Have a Point?</u> – *The Hound's Howl,* May 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Third Place** – John Whatley: <u>Minerals and Microminerals of Graves Mountain with John Whatley</u> – *The Hound's Howl*, June 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

#### **DRAWN FEATURES** - No Entries

#### **WRITTEN FEATURES**

**First Place** – Tom Batcha: <u>Classic Minerals from the New Jersey Trap Rock</u> – *Tips and Trips*, November 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Second Place** – John Kolmar: <u>Our Summer Excursion to Franklin, NC</u> – *The Hound's Howl,* October 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Third Place** – Debbie Schaeffer: MAGS, A Gracious Host – MAGS Rockhound News, April 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Fourth Place** - Anita Westlake: <u>It's Not just About Collecting Rocks</u> - *Tips and Trips*, May 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Fifth Place** – Rosina Echols: <u>Members from Two Mississippi Clubs Win High Honors</u> – *Rocky Echoes,* September 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Sixth Place** - Chris Glass: <u>Gem and Mineral Societies and Education Outreach</u> - *The Hound's Howl*, November 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Seventh Place** – Carol Ishee: <u>A Message from the President</u> – *Rocky Echoes*, June 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Eighth Place** – Kim Cochran: <u>September Sunshine News: Elsie Royston</u> – *Tips and Trips,* September 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Ninth Place** – Nancy Roberts: <u>Book Review: Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier</u> – *The Nugget*, September 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Tenth Place** – Mike Baldwin: <u>This Flickr Was Made For You</u> – *MAGS Rockhound News*, March 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Honorable Mention** – Jennifer Eubank: <u>NMGMS Goes to Parsons</u> – *The Nugget*, March 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – Robert Langford, RPG: <u>NMGMS January Meeting Program</u> – *The Nugget*, February 2017; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – Herb Martin: <u>A Real Gem in Jackson</u> – *The Hound's Howl*, February 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

**Honorable Mention** – Clarice Turner: <u>Lapidary Enthusiasts Throng to Prong-Setting Workshop</u>, February 2017 – *The Nugget;* North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – Shellie T. Newell and Herb Martin: <u>Buying Diamonds and Other Precious Gemstones</u> – *The Hound's Howl*, April 2017; Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society

**Honorable Mention** – Susan (Dee Dee) Goossens: <u>Valley of Fire</u> – <u>MAGS Rockhound</u> News, August 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**Honorable Mention** – John Rogers: <u>May's Program was Thought-Provoking</u> – *Rocky Echoes*, June 2017; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – Tom Tumbri: <u>Cabochon Inlay, MY Way</u> – *Tips and Trips*, October 2017; Georgia Mineral Society

**Honorable Mention** – Carol Lybanon: <u>Dinosaur Eggs in Bartlett</u> – *MAGS Rockhound News*, November 2017; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

## **DMC Field Trip**

# July DMC Field Trip Report Hosted by the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society By Brian Burgess

Had a great day at the Hogg mine on July 28th, 2018. As always Chris and his staff were excellent hosts. We had around 60 attendees. Weather was a little warm, but otherwise a perfect day for rock hunting. Several rockhounds found very nice beryl. One individual found a nice specimen of tourmaline in matrix with the quartz. The aquamarine has surfaced and several people found blue to green pieces of the scarce gem. One piece I saw was around 8 to 10 carats. Rose quartz was plentiful and I saw buckets full leaving the mine. No amethyst was found and saw what has started to be found. It is a light purple and attractive. I apologize for not taking any pictures.

[Clubs that are interested in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program can learn more about the program and download a membership application form from the DMC pages on the SFMS website: <a href="http://www.amfed.org/sfms/\_dmc/dmc.htm">http://www.amfed.org/sfms/\_dmc/dmc.htm</a> -- Lori Carter, <a href="mailto:sfms-dmc@amfed.org">sfms-dmc@amfed.org</a>]

## **Rockhound Article**

"More than Just Dirt" Craig B. Hamilton

Heavy Mineral Sand Field Trip - Southern Ionics Minerals Sept. 24, 2018

It was a bright sunny day and a wonderful trip to Southern Ionics Minerals Company. The trip was enjoyed by 22 people from across the south. The mine is located approximately 20 miles northeast of Folkston,



Georgia. Lori and Charles Carter hosted the field trip which included the complete heavy mineral mining production and processes. Between the production area at the wet mill and the dry mill is about 35 miles. The connection is made by large dump trucks which delivers the raw sand the the dry mill plant.

The tour started out at the field office with a safety briefing by Jim Renner. We all put our safety vest and hardhats on and carpooled to the wet mill and excavation site. First we stopped by the dry pit and debris removal area. We could see the large trucks which hauled tons of raw sand and to the

debris removal machinery. This is where the roots and hard pan is removed before the wet sand is pumped to the wet mill about three quarters of a mile away. The wet sand is pumped to the mill through HDPE pipe. Less abrasion and wear, plus the pipe is somewhat flexible.

Now the carpool drove to the wet mill and parked our cars near the mill structure. The wet mill floats in a pond about one hundred and fifty feet by one thousand feet in length. The group was instructed on how to climb the stairs and what to watch out for on our way up. Soon we were at the very top. Seventy five high, the highest structure in the county. What a view. You could see the entire mining process all the way to where the raw sand was dug and to the wet mill and five miles around. Here the raw sand in concentrated through spirals on multi levels. From here the wet sand concentrate is pumped about a mile to a loading facility. After seeing the control room we made our way down to the cars and drove to the Loading site. Once the trucks are filled they are adjusted to proper weight and sent to the dry mill facility.

We drove back the field office and got into our own cars for the drive to the dry mill facility. First we stopped at the Satilla River for a lunch break about 12:30 p.m. Jim shared many interesting facts concerning the river and the area. This spot is about eight miles North of the Field office location. With lunch finished we left the river and drove north and west about 25 miles to Patterson, Georgia and then north another 3 miles to Offermen where the dry mill is located.

The group found parking in front of the office and plant building. We assembled in the main entrance for another safety talk by Jim. Now we started our tour lead by Jim into the inter workings and lab areas. Once we finished this phase we went outside to start our way up the wet portion of the separator structure. There we could see how the wet sand was separated and graded into various types of minerals. We then went back down to ground level and to another stairway which lead up to the dry mill processes. Here the sand is further graded by static and magnetic machinery. The sand is

very dry at this point in the process. It was very hot and noisy in the large building. After passing through we came to the control room. Very COOL in there. It was more than just A/C. Ah! We could see several monitors which had flow diagrams shown on them. Sand in here and Sand out there. The dry sand was separated and sent to the very large storage bins next to the separator building. We went down 3 flights of stairs to under the storage bins. Jim described the loading process. While standing there a loud sound was heard that meant loading was about to start, so we all had to make haste and leave.

When that started the group made our way back into the main office and multi purpose building. Here Jim had 3, 5 gal. pales nearly full of pure processed product. There was ilmenite, staurolite and zircon. The buckets were opened and we could get a sample. WOW! Great ending to a very interesting day of exploring and education. Now about 2:30 p.m. Everyone departed for home.

Much thanks to Jim Renner and Southern Ionics Minerals for being supportive of sand collectors and our group. Exciting and appreciated.



#### **GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS**

## October 19 – 21, 2018; Knoxville, TN

28th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

Friday and Saturday 0900 to 1800; Sunday 1000 to 1700

Admission: Adults, \$6 per day or show pass \$10; children under 12 FREE

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## November 3 & 4, 2018, Plant City, FL

59<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Jewelry and Lapidary Arts Show

Host: Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club

Location: Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo Center

303 N. Lemon Street

Plant City, Florida

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$5; Military \$4; Youth & Students \$4; Under 12 free (with

parent)

Parking: FREE

Directions: Visit our website at <a href="https://www.tampabayrockclub.com">www.tampabayrockclub.com</a> for directions.

Discounts: Visit our website at <a href="https://www.tampabayrockclub.com">www.tampabayrockclub.com</a> for admission

discount coupon.

The show is a great experience for rock hounds and jewelry crafters of all ages! Vendors will exhibit and sell rough stones, slabs, mineral specimens, gemstones, beads and finished jewelry. Club members will showcase their talents selling handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry, gem trees, and cabochons. There will be live

demonstrations including cabochon cutting, faceting, wire wrapping, gem trees, chainmaille and more. Patrons can bid for bargains at our silent auction and win door prizes throughout the day. Kids can explore the touch table, and prospect for treasure at our sluice box, or purchase a grab bag full of surprises. This is the perfect opportunity to shop for that special gift for the holidays.

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## November 9 – 11, 2018, Pascagoula, MS

We will be hosting the 29th annual Magnolia State Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show November 9,10,& 11, 2018 at the Pascagoula Fairground Civic Center in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

We host 30 plus vendors for the three day event. Concessions will be available. There will be door prizes, demonstrations, displays, and a raffle. Be sure to mark your calendars! <a href="https://www.mgcgms.org"><u>WWW.mgcgms.org</u></a>

## November 10 & 11, 2018; Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

50 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, tools, rocks, slabs.

Demonstrations; hourly prizes; grand prize

Children's Mineral Discoveries

Melbourne Auditorium

625 East Hibiscus Blvd.

Melbourne, FL 32901

More info; <a href="https://www.canaveral-mgs.com">www.canaveral-mgs.com</a>

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## **November 16 – 18, 2018, Columbia, SC**



## November 17-18, 2018, West Palm Beach, Florida

52nd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
Saturday (Nov. 17th) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 18th) 10am-5pm.
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm
Beach Florida 33411.

Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking, Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers Admission \$9, children under 12 free. Visit website for \$1 off coupon. 2 day admission \$14. Free Parking

Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080

email: wtriche@gmail.com

website: <a href="http://www.">http://www.</a>

## November 16-18, 2018, Marietta, GA

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/CCGMS invites you to the 33rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA located at 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060.

Calling all collectors, artists, educators, formal/informal students of lapidary and rock hounds alike. Come immerse yourselves in a showcase of rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils collected and sold all over the world!

Free admission and Free parking provide the option of a weekend of shopping, live lapidary and artisan demonstrations, mineral identification and instruction, the chance to buy and crack open your very own geode and much more. Be sure to listen for the hourly door prizes!

When:

November 16-18, 2018

Friday and Saturday 10AM-6PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM

Where:

Cobb County Civic Center 548 South Marietta Parkway SE Marietta, GA 30060

To learn more about CCGMS visit:

Web Site: http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/

## November 23-25, 2018; Mobile, AL

24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock and Gem Show Abba Shrine Center, Mobile, AL 30+ dealers, demonstrations, and door prizes.

## **January 11-13, 2019, Largo FL**

Pinellas Geological Society
Forty-Third Annual

Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale
Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday Noon to 5 PM
Central Park Performing Arts Center
Parkside Room
105 Central Park Drive
Largo, Florida

Turn south off East Bay Drive just one block east of Seminole Blvd.

Free admission. Donation \$2.00 for hourly drawing. Silent Auction every hour

Unique jewelry has fascinated mankind since cave days. Today that still holds true as men and women create wonderful gem and mineral ornaments from nature's abundant rocks and minerals. Members of the Gem and Mineral Clubs in our area gather together monthly to share their hobby.

The members of the Pinellas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, and collections of rocks and minerals for your viewing pleasure and purchase.

This show is for everyone of all ages (free rock bags for children) who are fascinated by and enjoy seeing and learning more about nature's beauty in gems, rocks and minerals.

Contact person: Leona Feldhausen, Co-Chairperson; (727) 709-3236

# February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2019, Jackson MS

60<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society Saturday, February 23, 2019 (9 am to 6 pm) Sunday, February 24, 2019 (10am to 5pm)

Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds Jackson, Mississippi

#### Admission:

Adults \$6 Students \$3 Scouts & Leaders in Uniform \$2

Children 5 & under—Free

MGMS website: www.missgems.org

Information email: rock2lanes@gmail.com

- Over 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more
- Demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making
- Exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations
- Children's activities (adults are welcomed too)
- · Touch and See Table
- Displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work
- Hourly door prizes, and a "GRAND PRIZE" drawing.

## March 1-2-3, 2019 St. Petersburg, FL

49<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM The Minnreg Hall 6340 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773

GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW! \$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING

#### 12+ Dealers

Planned demonstration on Beading, Wire Wrapping, Cabbing, Faceting, Metal Work.

Silent Auctions all day long, Gem Mining flume inside. Club display cases and exhibits.

Refreshments available.

Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279

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