



Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.



NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

I am looking forward to a great 2017 at JGMS!

Be sure not to miss out on any of the activities and events this year. Picnics, group dinners, multi-club rock swaps, mini show, silent auctions, yard sales, guest speakers, junior days, digs and LOTS of lapidary arts classes! I feel very fortunate to belong to a great group of people to share these experiences with. It's you, our members that makes JGMS an awesome organization. Let's go have some fun!

"Let's say a rough diamond represents your soul. The memories you share with JGMS can be the facets that make you shine and sparkle."

Respectfully, Jason Hamilton

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Due to the Newsletter coming out earlier, the class listings for

February, 2017 will be sent out independently.



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JGMS General Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M:

- Pledge to the flag was recited.
- Guests and new members were recognized: Larry Frasier, Tammy McKay, Peggy Martin, Marjorie Dickinson, Rebecca Weaver.
- Future events for the youth group was discussed.
- Tim Smeggil moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Donna Person. Motion carried.
- New officers and committee chairs were introduced.
- Members were reminded that when they bring refreshments to also bring a door prize.
- Social Concerns: Linda Weinstein
- Donna Brooks has been hospitalized. Shirley Fuqua passed away.
- Barbara Shavely-Shoner will be show chair in 2017. Jason Hamilton will continue to handle vendors.
- Maintenance: Randy Ritter
- In need of leather to put on polishing machine in the cabbng room. Randy suggested having a Closed Circuit system to help with rentals and with meetings. Upstairs renovation is ongoing.
- Rental: Hall is rented on Saturday for this month and in February.
- Russ Fissette: Vice President and Building Manager
- Discussed the need for donations for the remainder of the siding. Harriet Rose mentioned that there is another grant from Lowes available this year.
- We have parking lot lights, but need poles and other supplies to install them.
- Field trips: James Webb. No report this meeting. Members were reminded to send their email to James Webb if they want to receive information on field trips. A tour of the Okefenokee Swamp was discussed.
- Scholarship winners were announced for last year. Karen Boger discussed points needed for scholarships this year.
- Lorraine Hunter has volunteered to organize the library.
- Anne Acker: Education chair
- Anne asked for instructors to include pictures or samples of their work for upcoming classes.
- COPS: Craig Hamilton
- COPS will be at the Elementary Schools Science Fair.
- Larry Turner received the Lifetime Membership Award.
- Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society show to be held January 21 & 22, 2017. Information was left at the sign in table.

New Business:

- Calendar of events for 2017 was discussed. The calendar will be posted in the building and be on the web site and in the newsletter.

Programs:

- February program will be on Quartz and Diamonds.

Show and Tell:

- The following persons participated in show and tell: Dixie Murphy, Jean Wydra, Ed Price, Bill Holly, Cecelia Stanley, Mike T., Dolores Morford, Eero Mauerman, Sandy Blake, Ron Abel, Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Kate Kirkpatrick.
- Program was given by Craig Hamilton on Florida Calcite

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lanier, Secretary

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Community Outreach Program has been very busy recently. A program was presented to the Duval Juvenile Care Unit on Tuesday January. 10, 2017. There were about 15 students attending the event. Most were interested in the program and one teen said he wanted to know about rocks and minerals. There is a "Boy Scout University" being held on January 28, 2017, at Bartram Trail High School in St. Johns County. This will be our first time participating in this event. We are looking forward to a great day with the Boy Scouts. Last year this event was held in Gainesville where several hundred Boy Scout Leaders assembled for the day. More programs are scheduled for February and April.

Craig Hamilton, COPS Chairman



Jason Hamilton's Filigree Palooza Class



Heather Ferman's Intro to Argentium Silver Class

Upcoming Events

**Saturday January 28, 2017
Quarterly Dinner, January 28 at 7pm
Family Feud Group Game!**

Q: Name something everyone will have fun at?

A: JGMS Quarterly Dinner!!!

Survey says, "Number one answer"!!!!

Steak, baked potato, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, tea.

Cost: \$12 per person and a small desert. (Cash or Credit)

Proceeds benefit the JGMS Facility improvements.

Please RSVP to: JGMSdinner@jgms.rocks

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Multi -Club Rock Swap

11am – 4pm

This event is designed to bring our clubs together, socialize and have some fun, swapping/trading or selling rocks.

Burgers and dogs will be on the grill with proceeds going towards the facility's upgrades.

Gem mine sluice and grab bags for the kids (and the kids at heart) and 50/50 and other raffle items for the adults.

Clubs invited to attend:

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

Gainesville Gem and Mineral Society

Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society

Tomoka Faceters Guild,

The Villages Gem and Mineral Society



January Birthdays



Emily Dilbert

Sylvia Bailey

Laura Windle

Matt Adams

Robert Snow

Sandy Blake

Renee Dudgeon

Spencer Herring

Jacqueline Dolan

Jessica Gabel

Feroze Ali

Stella Noelke

Fern Estner

Dan Argyro

Arlene Cossum

Samantha Pine

James Munyon

Robert Snow

Jennifer McIntyre

Kristen Pafford

Gail Hansard

Katie Kirkpatrick

Shannen Kirkpatrick

Suzanne Kirkpatrick

If your birthday was accidently left off this list, please contact the membership chair to make sure that we have your correct birthday on the roster.

JGMS 2017 Calendar

- January - ① *New Years Day*
 5 Club Meeting 7pm
 12 Board meeting 7pm
 ①⑥ *Martin Luther King Day*
 28 Quarterly Dinner
- February - 2 Club Meeting 7pm
 9 Show/Board Meeting 6-7pm
 18 Multi club ROCK SWAP 11am-4pm
 ②⑦ *Presidents Day*
- March - 2 Club Meeting 7pm Silent Auction
 9 Instructor/Board meeting 6/7pm
 11 Quarterly Dinner 7pm
 18 Spring Yard Sale 9am-4pm
 25 Junior Field Trip
- April - 6 Club Meeting 7pm
 8 Spring Picnic
 13 Show/Board Meeting 6/7pm
 ①⑥ *Easter Sunday*
 20-23 Mt Ida Arkansas Quartz trip
- May - 4 Club Meeting Ice-cream Social 7pm Tail Gating
 11 Board meeting 6/7pm
 20 JGMS Mini Show 10am-5pm
 ②⑨ *Memorial Day*
- June - 1 Club Meeting 7pm Tail Gating 6-7pm
 8 Board Meeting 7pm
 11 Federation week at William Holland
 17 Quarterly Dinner
- July - ④ *Independence Day*
 6 Club Meeting 7pm Silent Auction
 Tail Gating 6-7pm
 13 Show/Board Meeting 6/7pm
 22 Summer Yard Sale 9am-4pm
- August - 3 Club Meeting 7pm Tail Gating 6-7pm
 10 Instructor/Board meeting 6/7pm
- September - ④ *Labor Day*
 7 Club Meeting 7pm Tail Gating 6-7pm
 14 Show/Board meeting 6/7pm
 21 Show move in 9am-9pm 22-
 24 Club Show
 30 After Show Party
- October - 5 Club Meeting 7pm Tail Gating 6-7pm
 ⑨ *Columbus Day*
 12 Show/Board Meeting 6/7pm
 14 Fall Picnic/Rock Swap 9am-5pm
- November - 2 Club Meeting 7pm Voice Auction
 9 Board meeting 6/7pm
 ⑩ *Veterans Day*
 ②③ *Thanksgiving*
 24 Junior Day
- December - 7 Annual Executive Meeting 7pm
 9 Annual Holiday Party 6pm
 14 Board Meeting 7pm
 ②⑤ *Christmas*

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	Fundraising events for JGMS
	Rock Swaps/Picnics/Digs
	Board/Committee Meetings
	Dinner Parties
	Holidays

The Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society of Jacksonville, Florida is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization. It was created to stimulate interests in rocks and minerals by furtherance of the activities of its members, in the earth sciences; to disseminate knowledge, methods and procedures for the collection, identification, classification, cutting, polishing, setting, and mounting of specimens for these activities; and to promote good fellowship, proper ethics and conduct in the relationships of said members with each other and with members of other earth science societies in the pursuit of these activities.

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