



Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.



NEWSLETTER

President Message



Presidents Message

It is a wonderful time to be a member of JGMS. The club is experiencing great growth from new members, new/updated classes and unity in membership.

A few new classes are being offered and/or expanded on from some of the instructors who recently attended classes at William Holland.

Budget issues have been resolved allowing updates to the facility and submission of tool request for many classes. Most importantly is the first of three equipment acquisitions for the casting program, which has been in the works for 16 years. JGMS is starting to update some of its tools and equipment for many classes. All thanks to you!

Volunteerism is up and with that, the fun and excitement. I'm really pleased with the Show committee and the lead Barbara Stavely-Schoener. Barbara has a great way with creating excitement at meetings and events promoting the show, plus her brownies were the talk of the night at the last show meeting. Barbara is showing great leadership and organization, so please thank her and ask how you can get in on the fun by volunteering. Karen Boger is heading up the Show advertising committee (which is a huge undertaking) and is doing a phenomenal job. There are some opportunities coming up and Karen will need assistance in this effort. You can contact Karen at 904-287-8580 or via email at: scoot18000@gmail.com.

As always, it's my pleasure being able to share JGMS with you.

Thank you, Jason Hamilton

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**General Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2017**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Pledge was said.
- New members and guests were recognized. Ian Barreras, Robin Valela, Ansley Wallace.
- Minutes as published in the newsletter were approved.
- Mini show report: \$960.00 official income from show. It will go in the general fund.
- SFMS week at William Holland is coming up.
- Quarterly dinner date will be announced later.
- Events:
 - July 6, Silent auction
 - July 22, 2017 Summer Yard Sale
 - July 23, 2017 SFMS week at Wild Acres.
- Treasurer's is posted on the bulletin board going forward.
- Funds: The aim is to add funds to the building fund. This month 5K will be added due to a surplus of available funds.
- There is a plan to create a reserve fund.
- It was moved and seconded that 5K be paid on the mortgage principal. Motion passed.
- The interest rate of 3.95% cannot be renegotiated since it is a commercial loan.
- Advertising meeting on June 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. preceding the board meeting. People are needed to make calls for public announcements regarding the show in September.
- James Webb resigned as field trip chair. A plaque was presented to honor his service. A new field trip chair is needed.
- Upcoming field trips:
 - June 10, Mississippi Club
 - June 17, Forsythe, GA
- Field trip information will be provided on flyers at each meeting.
- Points and scholarships: Members were reminded to sign in for all classes and all events.
- COPS: COPS was invited by the Gainesville, FL to their meeting July 16, 2017. Craig Hamilton will attend.
- Equipment lists will be made by instructors soon to plan for future tool and equipment for classes.
- Show and Tell
- Program: Heather Ferman had a glass bead demonstration.

Respectfully submitted:
Anne Lanier, Secretary (via Catherine Eddins)

June Birthdays



Jason	Hamilton	Kim	Baggett	Art	Lauzon
Bill	Snow	Gail	Jordana		
Bobbie	Brown	Elaine	Siano	Alex	Dent
James	McAdams	Paula	Pierce	Liza	White
Janis	Bowman	Shirley	Lear	Cori	BeyChok
Karen	Merrell	Wayne	Oesterreich	Lynn	Slupski
Karen	Boger	Nahum	Abreu	Vicki	Dubose
Peter	Cheney	Rebecca	Conway	Jody	Moore
Emmy	Hall	Lucy	Gould	Dan	Herman
Randy	Ritter	Kimberly	Kambiss-Smith	Jesse	Dent
Vee	Richardson	Dawn	Powell	Diane	Ryan
Savannah	Calvert	Krystal	Hagins	Monique	Fitch
Carolyn	Smegil	Dennis	Sorresso	Rebecca	Conway

**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.**

COPS Report for June

JGMS Community Outreach will be traveling to Gainesville on Sunday, July 16th, 2017. The Gainesville Club requested that JGMS give a presentation.

A great opportunity to grow both clubs!

COPS Chairman
Craig Hamilton

P.S. Old rocks just sitting around collect dust, but if you stay on the move, you get Polished and Shined.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have Facebook account or are thinking of setting one up – there is a **JGMS Members Only** page is managed by Lisa Royal. This page where you can discuss lapidary arts amongst your club member – such as sharing tips and techniques. There are 72 people on this page at this time.

The **Official Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society Facebook** page is not associated with the JGMS Members Only page. The mission of the official page is to promote membership meetings, class sign ups and other special events. Also, it is used to promote our mini show and large show. Anyone on Facebook can like and follow our official page. The page is managed by Tim and Carolyn Smeggil who post content to it daily to reach member and the general public in order to promote JGMS.

Planning a Vacation?

Top Gem & mineral Shows for the month of July

July 1-2—GRAPEVINE, TEXAS:

Annual show; AGMC, Grapevine Convention Center; 1209 South Main Street; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Seniors/Children \$4; 2017 AGMC Jubilee Show. Jewelry, Gems, Minerals & Fossils. Vendors, classes, food, fellowship. Rockhounds, geologists, gemologists, jewelry artisans featuring custom designs, designer fine jewelry, stone identification, faceted gemstones, druzy, cabochons, special shaped stones, tons of rough stones, rocks, slabs, rare minerals, fossils, beads, metaphysical stones, arrowheads, carvings, sculptures, skulls, antlers, bones, petrified wood, glass fusion, enameled jewelry, crystals, himalayan salt lamps, rock/mineral home decor, steampunk designs, butterflies and mine from a mobile mine. ; contact Nadira Charaniya, (469)-751-2944; e-mail: show@agemclub.org

July 8-9—TULSA, OKLAHOMA:

Annual show; Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Tulsa County Fairgrounds-Exchange Center; 4145 E. 21st Street ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$6, Children free under 12; Includes gems, beads, fossils, jewelry, crystals, working exhibits, free kid's zone and demonstrations. ; contact Martha Rongey, 612 W. 120th St. S. , Jenks, OK 74037, (918)-230-1094; e-mail: m_rongey@sbcglobal.net

July 8-9—BETHEL, MAINE:

Annual show; Oxford County Mineral & Gem Assoc, Telstar High School; Route 26, Bethel, Maine; Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$3, Children under 12 free; contact Dennis Gross, 178 N. Main Street, Bryant Pond, ME 04219, (207)-665-2759; e-mail: mincoll@megalink.net

July 8-9—CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

Annual show; Culver City Rock and Mineral Club, Veterans Memorial Auditorium; 4117 Overland Ave.; Sat. 10-6; Free Admission; Our Fiesta of Gems Show offers over 35 gem and mineral dealers from California, New Mexico, and Arizona who will sell minerals, gems, slabs, cabochons, beads, and jewelry findings. The Culver City Rock and Mineral Club members will exhibit gem and mineral works of art, jewelry pieces, and private collections of gems and minerals. There will be classes throughout the weekend introducing various techniques of jewelry making; contact Janice Metz, 4117 Overland Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, (310)-850-4398; e-mail: janicemtz@yahoo.com

July 8-9—CASPER, WYOMING:

Annual show; Natrona County Rock hounds, Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center; 200 N Popular, ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$3, Students/Children under 12 free; This year will be our 70th annual Show. We will have a Raffle of numerous items, a couple being an amethyst cathedral and a yellow calcite cathedral, Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5; Silent auction of wonderful Wyoming rocks and minerals; vendors selling rock jewelry & gifts; rough and finished gem and mineral and samples. We will have demonstrators of hand faceting and flint napping with a display of rock hand tools; contact Jennifer Flowers, PO Box 123, Mills, WY 82644; e-mail: jflowers@xmc.com

July 14-15—MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN:

Annual show; Lakeland Gem Club, Lakeland Union High School ; 9573 State Highway 70; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 9-5; Free Admission; Rock your world with blue! The Northwoods Wildlife Center will present wildlife education Geodes! Choose Your Own – We Break Them While You Watch! Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Specimens Jewelry – Handmade with Mother Earth's Colors! Demonstrations Fluorescent Mineral Display! Exciting Silent Auctions! Door Prizes! Model U.N. Students of Lakeland Union High School, will provide the food refreshments. The proceeds will be used for their class trip. ; contact Pattie Hartmann, 24012 Oneco Rd, Calumet, MI 49913, (715)-477-2519; e-mail: gypsy1120@coslink.net

July 14-16—VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

Retail show; Treasures of the Earth, Inc., Virginia Beach Convention Center; 1000 19th Street; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Students 16 and under free; Vendors from across the US bring a variety of merchandise, including jewelry of all types, gemstones, beads, crystals, minerals, and fossils. Jewelers and wire wrappers who can design, remount and set stones and make repairs on site will be present. There will be displays of rocks and minerals and demonstrations of lapidary arts by the two Gem and Mineral Societies of the area.; contact Jane Westbrook, PO Box 59, Gloucester Point, VA 23062, (804)-642-2011; e-mail: jane@treasuresoftheearth.com

July 22-23—RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Annual show; Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center; 444 Mt. Rushmore Road; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4 Admission, Children under 12 free; Hourly door prizes, information programs, silent auction demonstrations, exhibits/fluorescent minerals, children's activities, field trip information, dealers offering agates, minerals, jewelry, souvenirs, and gift items. ; contact Truman Goddard, 12009 Crook City Road, Whitewood , SD 57793, (605)-269-2015; e-mail: trumangoddard@gmail.com

July 29-30—SOUTH BURLINGTON, VERMONT:

Annual show; Burlington Gem and Mineral Club, Tuttle Middle School; 500 Dorset Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Children free; Dealers, exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, children's activities, silent auctions, door prizes, refreshments, free parking. Handicapped accessible.; contact Peg Powers, (802)-462-3548; e-mail: kdmp@shoreham.net

In, Geology. "2017 Top Mineral shows In the USA: July." *Geology IN*. N.p., 06 Feb. 2017. Web. 19 June 2017.

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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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