PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - February 2020

We are having a Silent Auction at the March general meeting as the program. So we are looking for items you are willing to donate to help fund our club. I would like to ask you to start bringing that to the office to the two tables the week before the general meeting. Things that would help speed up the auction is your name, suggested value, and a minimum bid. You know better what it would be worth than me so please help us out with that information.

Also that evening we are pulling things down from storage into the main hall to prepare for loading the truck for the show. This does require a little manual effort and moved pretty quickly. What will happen is we clear the chairs, setup tables, then start pulling stuff down. So please wear your fitness tracking devices and let’s get your cardio going.

So I am trying to keep the general meetings moving so if I am going too fast shoot me an email and let me know. I am looking for any other feedback so please email President@JaxGemAndMineral.Org. I am also trying to add more information to the general meeting program each month so please send me those suggestions as well. This month you got a bonus instructor list and board/committee contact list. They too are included in this newsletter.

I want to thank Karen Boger, Bonnie Muranko, Anne Acker, Editha Tiamzon-McClellan, and Debbie Ritter for the great committee work on the following two items.

Please read the Scholarship System information in this newsletter. Changes have been made and we wanted to make sure everyone that wasn’t aware of the program knows about it. This is your benefit for volunteering and keeping our great organization running. Without your efforts this club would just me a meeting a month. Thank your instructors next time you see them.

Also included in this newsletter is the Museum Showcase information. Please give it a read through and the next time you are at the club go inside the museum and see the case. This month Editha Tiamzon-McClellan built a gem tree to show off gemstones of various colors and cuts for the faceters group. This will run until the week before the next general meeting. You too can participate so please reach out to Karen Boger and/or Bonnie Muranko via Museum@JaxGemAndMineral.Org.

- Scott
JGMS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Scott McClellan. Pledge said.

Visitors and new members recognized.

Spencer Herring move to accept the minutes as published. Second by Jason Hamilton. Motion carried.

Announcements: Show meeting Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. March 2020 meeting the Silent Auction will be held.

The second SFMS Rockhound Round up is in March at Spirit of Suwannee State Park.


Field Trips: the February dig was canceled.

Show report given by Jason Hamilton. Jason announced that there will be a second show September 24, 25, 26, 2020 at the Morocco Temple. Jason encourage the members to sign up to volunteer at the March show. Sign up sheets are on the wall. Final show meeting next Thursday, February 13, 2020.

Craig Hamilton reported on COPS activities.

New Business: Scholarship system and museum showcase will be discussed next month.

Bill Poland reported on the faceting program. He discussed the Junior Faceting Program. Bill announced that there will be a faceting showcase at the March Show. The Juniors will be able to come to the show and help facet a stone to be used in a drawing. There is also a faceting class on a Saturday being planned for the Juniors.

Jim McAdams suggested starting tailgating in April and continuing through October. Jason Hamilton suggested skipping July due to auction.

Movie night 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Show and Tell: The following people presented items:
Mark Duarte, Robin Duarte, Ed Price, Jim McAdams, John Kiser, Jason Hamilton

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted:
Anne Lanier, Secretary
COPS Report

There is activity in the air for COPS. Several schools have contacted me for a COPS Class. First on is on March 20th at Neptune Beach Elementary School. The second one has not been set up at this time. I expect more in the next few months. Lot's of learning going on in the junior Rock world.

COPS Chairman
Craig Hamilton
904-994-4729
cbhshell@att.net

Attention all Faceters!

We need you! Time is short before the March Show!

We are planning our display box to show off our talents and the beautiful stones we facet at JGMS. Our display will be “The Shapes We Make”.

There are over 45 different shapes that can be cut and we need a good assortment. Please sign up for as many shapes as possible on the sheet on the faceting room cabinet. You may already have different shapes to enter. If you need patterns, check out our shop pattern books, or go to http://facetdiagrams.org/

Let’s have another fantastic faceting display with “The Shapes We Make!”
Attention JGMS Juniors  
(And their parents)

Juniors! How would you like to help facet the stone for the Junior raffle in this year's Gem and Mineral Show? While you are adding to your faceting ability, you would become recognized by both the club membership and its future new membership. And through the raffle process, you will also be supporting your own Junior program and contributing to the overall success of the Show.

For the parents: In past years, your JGMS Faceting Instructors have used the “demonstration” booth at our annual gem and mineral show for two purposes. The first is to gain the attention of the visitors and let them know how talented our members are in the art of faceting. The second is to use the stone produced in the demonstration as a prize in a raffle to support our junior efforts. This year we are adding a third benefit. We will use the Demonstration to showcase the skills and abilities of our juniors and allow them to be recognized during the show.

How can you help? Check the postings on the museum wall for a sign-up sheet for the Faceting Demo Booth. Then simply pick a convenient time on Saturday or Sunday that you can participate by actually cutting on the demonstration stone. Don’t forget to check with your parents to gain their approval. Then sign up to work one or more of the open slots.

Don’t worry, you will be supported by one of our talented Faceting Instructors at all times. You will receive all the support you need to successfully “facet” part of the demonstration stone.

If you have any questions feel free to ask a faceting instructor or a board member.

Your Faceting Instructors
There is a new scholarship system. Please read below for more details :)  

**SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM**

**Instructor**
1 point per hour towards scholarship OR ½ hr. free class time per hour (fees to be paid) leftover points at end of year can be put in pot or carried over to next year.

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**Volunteer Choice**

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Scholarship System (cont.)

JGMS is offering the following volunteer scholarships to members in good standing for volunteering between November 1\textsuperscript{st} until October 31\textsuperscript{st}.

**Instructor Award** - This award is for William Holland or Wild Acres. It is earned by teaching classes. For every hour an instructor teaches they can earn one point to be put in the pot for scholarship, or, earn \(\frac{1}{2}\) hour towards a class. To take a class you must have earned the full number of hours for a given class. \textbf{No} splitting of time earned and money. (i.e. 2 hours earned class time and $3). At the end of October, points can be carried over or put into pot for scholarship. These carry over points must be used for classes only. You cannot carry over points and then put them into the pot for next year's drawing.

**In-House Award** - This award is for $60 of “JGMS Bucks” that you will be able to use for classes and shop fees. You can pay with “JGMS Bucks” when you register for class. You are solely responsible for keeping up with these once issued.

**Volunteer Choice Award** - This award is for William Holland, Wild Acres, or “JGMS Bucks”. Whenever you volunteer for an event make sure that you find the sign in sheet and sign in and out. You also need to mark your hours for each category. This is your responsibility. The person in charge of the event should make sure the list is available. There should be a premade form for all events. It will be located at the sign-in area at the shop. If you can't find the form then make one. Give it to the person who is chairing the event. If you can't find them leave information at the sign-in counter. There are two options to use volunteer hours.

1. Spend your volunteer hours for classes during the year. For every 25 volunteer hours, you can cash in to get one 3 hour class, \textbf{shop fees to be paid}. This reduces your volunteer hours by 25. Example: You have 40 hours and you cash in 25 for one class, you now have 15 hours left.

2. Save volunteer hours till the end of year for the scholarship drawings. At the end of October any uncashed volunteer hours 25 or more can be put into the drawing, cashed in, or carried to the next year.

William Holland located in Young Harris, GA and Wild Acres located in Little Switzerland, NC are Lapidary Art Schools. This scholarship is for your room, board, and class fee. This does not include material cost. You must register and pay for the class. You must be available to go and this decision has to be made by end of January. You can only win this scholarship once every three years. If you can't use scholarship the alternate needs to have time to pick a class.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Scholarship Coordinator at scholarships@JaxGemAndMineral.Org.
Museum Showcase

As part of the Scholarship System, we are giving:

1. Members the opportunity to showcase their work in our museum for an entire month.
2. Instructors a place to sponsor a case based on a lapidary art we teach as a department or at the specific class level.
   a. If you are preparing to teach a new art or class this is where you get to put the word out.

Take down of the prior month’s participant and setup of the new participant must occur within 7 days before the General Meeting. This allows everyone at the General Meeting, including new members and guest, to see your skills.

Requirements

• You must be a member in good standing.
• This must be a collection of finished lapidary pieces that you have produced yourself.
• The work should have started in any of the classes offered. It can be finished at home optionally.
• It must fit inside the case.
• This is considered on loan like all other museum pieces.
• Setup and Take Down must occur within 7 days before the General Meeting.
• The prior month’s participant is responsible for removing their items.
• The current month’s participant is responsible for setting up their items.
• You must coordinate your efforts with the Museum Curators at Museum@JaxGemAndMineral.Org.
The 2020 Gem & Mineral Show

The 32nd Annual Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society’s Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead Show and Sale. 50 vendors from around country. Continuous live demos in faceting, cabbing and more. Spectacular grand prize drawings, awesome hourly door prizes, fun and educational Kids’ Zone. Fantastic one-of-a-kind jewelry, rare and beautiful minerals and fossils from around the world. Jewelry and lapidary supplies, loose faceted gemstones, cabochons and more.

Location: Jacksonville Fair Grounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Dates: March 13-15, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Admission: $5 per day or $8 for the weekend. Kids 12 and under free, Scouts in uniform free, $1 discount for 65+, Military, Police and Fire.
Upcoming Movie Schedule

There will be movie nights on the 3rd Thursday of each month. No information has been provided at this time of which film will be shown.

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Upcoming Youth Programs

Please contact Jennifer Lake regarding when the youth are gathering.

YouthPrograms@JaxGemandMineral.org

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• Thank you to the following businesses for supporting the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society.

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