



THE GOLDEN NUGGET

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The Official Voice of the Montgomery, Alabama Gem & Mineral Society

January Program

When: Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Mureal Crump Community Center
1735 Highland Ave.
Montgomery, AL
What: Show & Tell. Bring things you have collected and/or crafted in the past year.



Refreshments



Frank Rowell will provide the drinks and the Fetzers will provide the snacks for the January meeting.

Next month's refreshments will be provided by the Glovers, drinks, and Julie Tatum, snacks.

Please remember to bring paper plates, napkins and cups. Ice is available at the community center.



New Officers for 2007

President: Frank Rowell - 277-7023
1st V. President: Laura Hirst - 590-6946
2nd V. President: David Sherrod - 285-5537
Secretary: Mary Lou McHugh - 272-1817
Treasurer: Iris McGehee - 262-7275
Directors: Harold Glover - 285-3501
Terry Fetzer - 271-6849

\$ Membership Dues \$

Once again it is time to renew your membership. The dues remain the same as last year, \$12.00 for individuals and \$18.00 for families residing in the same household. Please give your dues to our Treasurer, Iris McGehee, at our January meeting or mail your check to: Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society, P. O. Box 3273, Montgomery, AL 36109.

New members are always welcome. Applicants must attend two meetings or functions before submitting applications. See our club secretary, Mary Lou McHugh, for applications.

MANY THANKS!

Our show was a big success, and it was because of the efforts of so very many who helped. Those who did the set-up of show cases, set-up for the dealers' dinner, brought food for the dinner, spent time at the information booth or spent time demonstrating, those who filled show cases, those who had the task of taking down everything and getting items back to the workshop for storage were very valuable to this success and should pat yourselves on the back. Thanks so very much. You know how time flies, so prepare yourselves for working to make the show in 2007 as successful as this year's show.

Iris McGehee & Jane Barkley

Upcoming Shows

Jan. 27 - 28, Venice, FL – Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & Gem Club. 35th Annual Show, Venice Community Center, 300 S. Nokomis Ave. Hours: Sat. 10am – 5pm, Sun. 10am – 4pm. Show chairperson: Ralph Marble, (941) 922-2135

Feb. 3 - 4, Panama City, FL – Panama City Gem & Mineral Society. 16th Annual Show. American Legion Building, Bay County Fairgrounds, 15th & Sherman Ave. Hours: 3rd, 9:00am – 5:00pm; 4th, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Contact: Al Zar, 850-763-0109, aquezpie@aol.com. FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Feb. 9 - 11, Merritt Island, FL – Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club, Inc. Annual Symphony of Gemstones Show. Kiwanis Island Park, 950 Kiwanis Park Rd. Hours: 10am – 5pm. Contact: Glenda Hartpence, (321) 501-4060



An E-Mail From Bill & Lois Pattillo

Lois and I would like to thank the members of the Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society for having us be a part of your 2006 Show. We think you had a very good show, and we both remarked to each other, “there are sure a lot of people who have never seen the Food Table”. This tells us that others are talking and your advertisements reached a number of new people.

Thanks for a wonderful set up supper. Thanks to each member who furnished a dish to compliment the food that the Club supplied. This made a meal that everyone was talking about. The sweet potato dish was excellent, and I got to finish it off, with seconds. Thirds was out of the question.

Lois and I think you have a good combination of Club members who are working at the Show. Only improvement that we may suggest is to have a club member greet each person at the entrance and present them with a ticket. This would give you a good indication of just how many people came to your show.

Thanks for the fruit basket. No other place, where we exhibit, does this kind gesture. It is appreciated for several days after the show.

As we have been asked to return to your 2007 Show, we will hope to see each and every one of you next year.

Have a GREAT YEAR.

Bill and Lois Pattillo



Happy Birthday!

**Ada Cummings, Jane Barkley,
Annie Easterling and Elise Toney.**

Forget

**Forget the slander you have heard
Forget the hasty unkind words
Forget the quarrels and the cause
Forget the whole affair because,
Forgetting is the only way
Forget the cares of yesterday,
Forget to fight, forget to scold,
Forget that you are growing old,
Forget to ever get the blues,
But don't forget to pay your dues.
By Joe Mitchell Pilcher**

A Thank You From Ellen Webber – Houston Academy, Dothan

Dear Ms. McGehee,

We are so appreciative for all the hard work & attention Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society puts into their annual show. It has been a favorite field trip for many years! This year was especially nice as we received the fantastic box of books and specimens. We will enjoy our treasures for years to come. Please extend our thanks to all members of the Montgomery group. Enclosed are a few notes from students.

Sincerely,
Ellen Webber

Some Notes From Students

Dear Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society,

Thank you very much for a great day on Friday. I really enjoyed seeing and learning about all of the beautiful rocks. My favorite part was seeing the rocks being split in half by the people. It was a big surprise to see what was inside. Thank you so much for presenting this show every year. It really does mean a lot to us.

Sincerely,
Ruthie Tarwater

Dear Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society,

The gem and mineral show was defiantly* worth the hour and a half bus ride. I had such a good time meeting everyone who ran the booths and buying gifts for my mom. I apperciate* especially the man who was trying to teach my friend and me how to make a metal ring hang on a chain. It took me a very long time to figure it out and the man was very pacient* and kind the whole time. Thank him for me please.

Sincerely,
Jerney Davis

*The spelling of words by the student

Dear Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society,

Thank you for inviting us to your show. Thank you for the gifts. That's how your typical thank you letter would be written. Mine is different. I found my mom her Christmas present she wanted. I bought her a sterling silver ring with a blue topaz mounted on it. It took a while to find because I only had fifty dollars to buy a good ring. I finally found one and I'm pretty sure she will love it. The woman was nice and helped me out a lot. The other place I really enjoyed was the guy that was cracking geodes. It was cool how everyone was different. It was a good trip. It was cool, fun, and colorful. We also had a mobile pep rally. So, all in all it was fun.

Sincerely yours,
Craig Shirley



Club Christmas Party





General Information

The purpose of the Golden Nugget is to inform members of news about gems and minerals along with news about club, state, and regional activities of interest to our members. Most important, the Golden Nugget provides a way for each of us to share information about projects and to pass on tips that will help others enjoy our hobby. Unless members are willing to contribute, the *Golden Nugget* cannot meet this latter purpose.

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Meetings of the Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mureal Crump Adult Center, 1735 Highland Avenue, Montgomery, AL. The annual gem show replaces the December meeting. Anyone interested in gems and minerals is invited to attend. Field trips, workshops, and classes are held at various locations. These are announced at monthly meetings. Membership dues are \$12.00 for individuals and \$18.00 for families residing in the same household.

The Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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Dealer's Dinner



People's Choice Display Case



Sonny's Knapping Demonstration



Display Case – Sonny Hall



"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Jay Leno

MONTGOMERY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

November 9th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Iris McGehee. Two visitors were present Philip Newman and his son Philip. Minutes were approved as published in the Golden Nugget.

The Treasurer's report was read by Iris McGehee, which was approved and filed with the secretary.

Iris reported that she and Mary Lou McHugh presented an Education Kit to Holtville Junior High School science classes in honor of Mr. Eddie Eckman's long-time support of the gem show. Another kit will be presented to Ms Ellen Webber, who has brought her students to the show for many years. Iris related that one of Ms Webber's student's interests was piqued when she attended one of our gem shows. She is now a grad student majoring in geology.

Terry Fetzer gave an oral report on the contents of the kits and has posted it on the website.

Linda Griebel reported on the welcome bags for Southeast Federation attendees. The efforts of Terry Fetzer and Frank Rowell were recognized in providing Alabama shaped rocks as favors for those attending the banquet.

It was approved that should expenses exceed over what was collected for the banquet, the club will cover it.

Application for membership for David Echols was approved.

Randy Hirst announced that the club website had been updated.

Nominations were presented for 2007 officers and the following were elected:

President: Frank Rowell

First Vice President: Laura Hirst

Second Vice President: David Sherrod

Secretary: Mary Lou McHugh

Treasurer: Iris McGehee

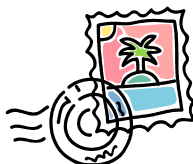
Directors: Harold Glover and Terry Fetzer

It was announced that the workshop will be open November 18.

Refreshments were furnished by Randy Hirst and Linda Lord.

The meeting resumed to complete details for the upcoming show. When this was completed the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lou McHugh, Secretary



Don't forget to bring in those stamps from your Christmas cards!



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