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October Program

When: Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Mureal Crump Community Center
1735 Highland Ave.
Montgomery, AL
What: Prospecting Georgia, a video.



Refreshments



Refreshments for the October meeting will be provided by the Monica Hendricks, drinks, and Steven Easterling, snacks.

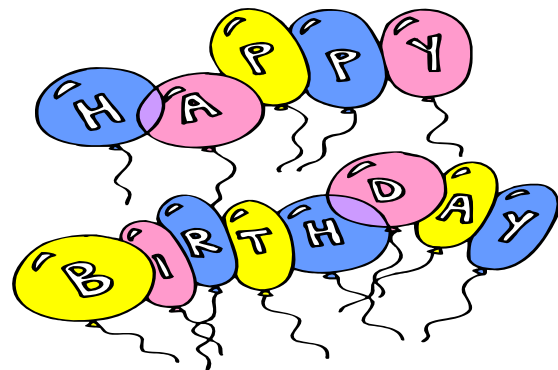
Next month's refreshments will be provided by Drucilla Hornsby, drinks, and Linda Lord, snacks.

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

Airline cabin announcements



1. On a Southwest flight (SW has no assigned seating, you just sit where you want) passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"
2. "Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."
3. On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."
4. "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"
5. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."
6. Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."



to

**Mel Barkley, Mike Berkman
and Steven Easterling**



Gem/Mineral Kits Delivered

On September 20, Jane Barkley, Becky Fetzer, Drucilla Hornsby, Mary Lou McHugh, and I went to present one of the kits to Mr. Nick Bourke's class at St. Bede School. In case you have forgotten, these kits, prepared by James Easterling, contained books (geared to the elementary age level) and samples of rocks, minerals, and fossils to enhance their study of the subject. Four members of the class: Forrest Taylor, Jordan Fox, Mary Elizabeth Dean, and Hailey Loria accepted the kit on behalf of the class. The group appeared appreciative and indicated the material would be a great asset to their classroom.

On September 29, Drucilla, Mary Lou, and I went to the Wetumpka Intermediate School to deliver a kit to Mrs. Janet Garner's class. We were very impressed when we entered the room, and the entire class of about 25 boys stood to their feet to acknowledge the presence of ladies entering. The class, which evidently had been studying rocks, also impressed us with facts they had learned. The class was so excited when opening the box and became eager to inspect each book and sample. Mr. Kyle Austin, of "The Wetumpka Herald" was there to photograph and interview us about the presentation. (The article should appear in the October 5th edition.)

On October 6, Drucilla and I will deliver the final kit to Mrs. Carole Corsby's class at the Village School (a small private school) in Auburn. We anticipate the same reaction from these younger elementary students.

Mr. Bourke, Mrs. Corsby, and Mrs. Garner have long been supporters by bringing classes to our show in December, and each one indicated they will continue coming with their classes this year and to future shows.

Iris McGehee

St. Bede's Presentation



Wetumpka Intermediate School Presentation



Gemstone Word Search

M	G	M	S	R	E	P	S	A	J	E	Y	G	C	O	R	A	L	A	S
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Agate

Alexandrite

Amber

Amethyst

Ametrine

Andalusite

Aquamarine

Beryls

Bloodstone

Chrysoberyl

Citrine

Coral

Diamond

Emerald

Garnets

Iolite

Jade

Jasper

Kunzite

Lapis Lazuli

Moonstone

Morganite

Onyx

Opal

Pearl

Peridot

Quartz

Ruby

Sapphire

Spinel

Tanzanite

Topaz

Tourmaline

Turquoise

Zircon

Created by Terry Fetzer

After you have found all the gemstones, see if you can find the first names of 23 of our members!

MONTGOMERY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MINUTES

September 8th, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President James Easterling. He welcomed three visitors from Slidell, Louisiana, evacuees from the hurricane Katrina: Ann Jordan, Debra Beckman and Michael Beckman.

Minutes were approved as published in the Golden Nugget.

The treasurer's report was given by Iris McGehee. It was approved and filed with the secretary.

Iris announced that the Alabama National Fair is being held October 7-16 and that the club has agreed to be a sponsor in the Creative Living area. Ribbons only will be awarded. Times for items to be entered were announced.

Workshop Rules were read and will be posted in the workshop.

A request was made for prayer for our Southeast Federation friends in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

A motion was made and seconded that the club give \$500 to the Salvation Army to aid victims of the hurricane.

Refreshments were furnished by Jean McDonald and Michael Keene.

Former club member, Sue Medina, gave an informative and interesting program on beads and beading.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lou McHugh
Secretary



Club Member's Names Contained in Gemstone Word Search

Ada, Becky, Clara, David, Dru, Emma, Harold, Harry, Iris, James, John, Leonard, Linda, Mary, Mary Lou, Mike, Minnie, Monica, Sonny, Stan, Steven & Terry.

Upcoming Shows

Oct. 14-16, Huntsville, AL - Gem & Mineral Show. 37th Annual. Von Braun Center, 701 Monroe Ave. 14th & 15th, 10-6; 16th, noon-5. P. Mitcham, 256-880-0623, pmitcham@sprintmail.com.

Oct. 14-16, Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society. 15th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave. 14th & 15th, 10-6; 16th, 11-5. Jim McCutcheon, 865-966-5468, jdmccut@aol.com.

Oct. 15-16, Orlando, FL - Florida Fossil Hunters. 14th Annual Fossil, Mineral, and Gem Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds. 15th, 9-5; 16th, 10-4. 407-699-9274, info@floridafossilhunters.com.

Oct. 22-23, Birmingham, AL - Magic City Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show. Alta Vista Hotel & Conference Center, 260 Goodwin Crest Dr. 10-5 daily. 888-729-6904, ibs@beadshows.com, www.beadshows.com.



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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.

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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