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August Program

- When:** Thursday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Mureal Crump Community Center
1735 Highland Ave.
Montgomery, AL
What: Helen Kirby will be identifying your rocks and minerals. Be sure to bring some to the meeting!



Refreshments



Randy Hirst will provide the drinks and Jean McDonald will provide the snacks for this month's meeting.

Next month's refreshments will be provided by Minnie Jerido, drinks, and Judy Tatum, snacks.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



David Sherrod - 3rd
Drucilla Hornsby - 10th
Harold Glover - 20th
Toney, Terry - 23rd

Proposed Fieldtrip



On September 15th, our club will be hosting the DMC field trip. We will be going to the Douglas property, located near Dothan, and will be collecting intercostal plain flint. We will meet at the Kmart at 2185 Reeves St (Hwy 431 and Ross Clark Circle) and will depart at 10:00 AM.

Workshop Saturdays

Remember the workshop is scheduled to be opened on the first and third Saturday of each month. It's your workshop, so take advantage of the opportunity to utilize the facility. This month the workshop will be open the 1st and 15th and next month the 6th and 20th. **Please remember to call a board member if you plan on coming out, so we can ensure the workshop is unlocked.**

Something of Interest Coming Up



On Saturday, October 13 at 11:00, Jennifer Grant, 8th grade earth science teacher at Montgomery Academy, will present Alabama's geology and its geological history at Wild Birds Unlimited, 8107 Vaughn Road (Pepper Tree Shopping Center). She will focus on the Montgomery area, which is primarily cretaceous rocks and primarily marine fossils. She will also share some local places to search.

Iris McGehee



Christmas Party



I have reserved the church (Capitol Heights United Methodist Church) for our annual Christmas on December 14. Mark your calendars now and further information will follow later concerning it. We have had nice turn outs in the past and hopefully this year will be even better.

Iris McGehee



Report from Gem Tree Workshop



On August 25 a workshop for making Upside Down Gem Trees was held at the Ed Lowder Library on Bell Road. Even though no one finished her tree, several made promises that theirs would be finished and on display at the meeting on September 13. Let's hope they keep their word. Those attending were: Julie Tatum, Mandy Borden, Heather Tatum, Meagan Jones, Debbie Jackson (Meagan's mother), Clara and Harold Glover, Minnie Jerido, and me, Iris McGehee.

Clara has been so faithful in planning workshops this year and deserves to be commended for her diligence in doing so.

Iris McGehee



News Concerning the Alabama National Fair

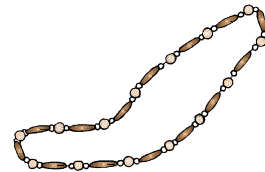
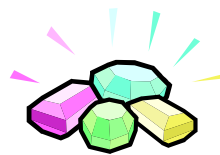
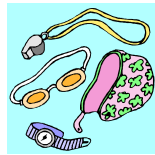


The Alabama National Fair will be October 5-14 this year, and we have again been asked to demonstrate lapidary arts there. Martha Barber, Director of the Creative Living Center, told me today that she is looking forward to having our members there at any time. Monday is designated as School Day; Tuesday - Kindergarten Day and Ladies Night; Wednesday - Special Friends' Day; Thursday - Seniors' Day. If you are interested and willing to demonstrate, a sign up sheet will be available at the meeting, or you can call me at 262-7275. I will need to get Martha these names in order for her to get them in the program that is available in the Creative Living Center. Also, I will need the names in order to get tickets for persons demonstrating. If you haven't participated before, I feel you would really enjoy it. It's a great way to publicize our Club and show in December.

Iris McGehee



Entries for the Creative Living Center at the Fair



The Club for several years has sponsored a "Best of the Fair" Plate for entries in the class Gems and Minerals. Hopefully those of you who have been working so hard on cabs, wire wrapping, beading, gem trees, faceting, or those interested in showing your mineral specimens, fossils, geodes, etc. will be willing to display these items at the Fair. We need to have a good showing for our hobby. I have several Exhibitors' Catalogs with the rules for entries listed. Please see me if you would like one.

Iris McGehee



Catch a Falling Star



On January 2, 2007 a meteorite crashed through the roof of Srinivassan and Shankari Nageswaran's home in Freehold Township, New Jersey and imbedded itself in a bathroom wall. The sparkly rock was about the size of a golf ball, but weighed just under a pound. Three geologists from Rutgers University and an independent metallurgist studied the rock. All four confirmed it was an iron meteorite based on its magnetic properties, density, color and distinctive markings. About 20 to 50 meteorites fall to earth daily, but one only hits a building every year or two.

Terry Fetzer

Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society

Minutes

August 9, 2007

President Frank Rowell called the meeting to order and acknowledged the presence of Wilburn Sharp and Steve Glencoe from Huntsville, who extended an invitation to a gold prospecting event to be held near Talladega September 8.

David Sherrod announced that the field trip to Barbour County for petrified wood would be August 25. Meet at Crossroads in Clio. There will be a charge of 25 cents for each pound harvested.

The minutes were approved as published in the Golden Nugget.

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

Frank said that he needed help with finishing the installation in the workshop building. It was noted that the insulation is effective in keeping the building comfortable.

Clara Glover announced a gem tree workshop at the Lowder Library August 25, at 9:00 am.

Iris McGehee suggested that 2 gem and mineral kits be given to Morningview school - one for primary grades and the other to upper grades. This was approved and Terry Fetzer was asked to order them.

Harold Glover reported that the Lorotone saw can't be repaired. It was approved to purchase in the approximate of \$57.00. It was stated that the repair of the 6" saw was paid out of money left from workshop repair. It was stated that the Genie needs repair in the amount \$300. This machine is on loan and we are obligated to repair. This was approved.

Refreshments were furnished by David Sherrod and Morning Apperson.

The program was a video of the Rex dinosaur diggings in South Dakota.

After the program, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Lou M^cHugh,
Secretary



What is the element copper named after? A. Copenhagen B. Copernicus C. Cyprus

Answer at the bottom of page 5.

Upcoming Shows

Sep 22-23 -- **HIDDENITE, NORTH CAROLINA:** 19th annual show; Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society; Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Rd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 12:30-6; adults \$2, children under 12 free; 30 exhibits of local and state minerals and gems, 10 dealers, Children's Corner, rock swap Sun.; contact Patty Arnold at 828-465-2769. Show Chairman; Linda Moser at 828-459-7488

Sep 29-30 -- **LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY:** 17th annual show; Rockhounds of Central Kentucky; National Guard Armory, Airport Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; adults \$1, children 6-12 50 cents, families \$3; mineral, jewelry and equipment dealers, club sales and exhibits, kids' quarry, blacklight display, silent auction; contact Show Chair: Kay Fisher (859) 537-1776 or kkay19@aol.com.



Don't forget to save and bring in those stamps and Box Tops for Education too!



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.

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