



Cabber Gabber

Official Bulletin of Mobile Rock and Gem Society

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Reid Stowe
"Archaeology of the
North-Central Gulf Coast"

7pm
May 8, 2012

CLUBHOUSE
1324 Forest Dell
Mobile, AL

The President's Pen Jim Darnell

Congratulations to Kristen Hinton (MRGS Jr. Rockhound) for winning a junior rockhound scholarship to a SFMS workshop. She may redeem this at either William Holland or Wild Acres.



A reminder to club members who plan on attending either school, you are encouraged to schedule your classes during the allocated SFMS workshop weeks. See schedule posted at the Federation website: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/education_committee.html.

Thank you to Bill Harbour for his April presentation on faceting and faceting software, that lets the faceter see what his finished product (Labor of Love) should look like.

This month is our annual Gem-O-Rama, (tail-gate extravaganza) Saturday, May 12. I hope everyone is able to visit this year. There will be specimens of Alabama brilliant, maybe some used equipment and many other items that members wish to share, sell, swap or just show off. And, there will be free hot dogs and baked beans. Gem-O-Rama starts at 9:00 AM and runs until the last hot dog is gone. I am sorry that I will miss this event.

Thank you to Terry and Susan Brown for volunteering for clubhouse cleanup in August.

Coming in September is our annual Auction. We are looking forward to an even better auction than last year's record sale.



Keep looking down; you never know what you might find.

Jim Darnell

Mobile County Public Schools Environmental Studies Center

6101 Girby Road. Mobile, AL

Open House
May 5th, 10-2.

We need a few rocks to "pet" and a few people to talk about our club. We have just one table. There will be some applications to hand out and maybe a Gem-O-Rama flyer!

Contact: Michelle Peterson
mysticks@hotmail.com

Raw Eemerald

http://www.dreamstime.com/search.php?firstvalue=emerald&srh_field=emerald



Mobile Rock and Gem Society ANNUAL FREE GEM-O-RAMA

May 12, 2012, 9:00—?

Members, friends, guests, and other rockhounds are invited to the Mobile Rock and Gem Society clubhouse for a rock/lapidary swap, hot dogs, and much more.

Swap, Trade, Sell, Demonstrate

Bring your lapidary hobby and demonstrate your skills.

Bring your items to sell.

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MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2012

The executive board of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society met at the clubhouse on April 5, 2012 at 7pm. Those attending the meeting were *Jim Darnell, Cindy Harbour, Bill Harbour, Phil Kaiser, Jim Patterson, Michelle Peterson, Rodney Boone, Been Davis, Larry Landry* and *Mary Daves*.



President Jim Darnell called the meeting to order. The minutes were accepted as published in the *Cabber Gabber* after discussion. *Cindy Harbour* read the treasurer's report, and it was accepted.

The executive board discussed the repair and replacement of the side doors and fixing the concrete entrance so rain water cannot come in and damage the building. Maximum cost is not to exceed \$2500.00. In addition, the exterior security lights need new bulbs.

Michelle Peterson reported that the juniors worked on identifying mineral specimens at the junior meeting. This month the junior club will have a field trip to St. Stephens on April 28. *Mrs. Peterson* has changed the date of the junior rock camp to July 17, 18 and 19.

Larry Landry reported that our Dixie Mineral Council field trip to Jessieville, Arkansas will be on April 14, so we will not have a workshop on the Saturday after the regular meeting this month. There is also a field trip on April 21 to Glendon, North Carolina and May 26 to Bayou Pierre, Mississippi.

The librarian reported that the *Rock and Gem* magazine for April on the Kids' page offers a prize of some DVD's and suggested that anyone with children have them enter.

Jim Patterson has agreed to audit our books for 2011.

REMEMBER OUR GEM-O-RAMA IS MAY 12.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Daves, Secretary

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MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY MEETING

April 10, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Mobile Rock and Gem society was held at the clubhouse on April 10, 2012

President Jim Darnell called the meeting to order at 7pm. We had the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. *John Hendrix* introduced *Bill Harbour*, MRGS member, who had the program about faceting. He explained how the facets are made using the faceting machines and gem CADs. *Bill* showed faceted gems Oregon fire opal, sunstone, and ruby he faceted. He explained how to tell a good stone to facet explaining the 4 C's—color, clarity, carat, and cut.



After the program, we held the business portion of the meeting. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved

as published in the *Cabber Gabber*. *Cindy Harbour* read the treasurer's report, which was accepted as read.

The members at the meeting approved fixing of the doors and the concrete so rain does not come in the clubhouse doors. Cost is not to exceed \$2500.00.

The new member applications for this month were *Marcy Jenkins, Terry and Ruth Hall*, and *Mariah Levins*, a junior. We also accepted as members *Terry and Karla Hinton*, Kristen's parents.

Bonita Harris announced that *Kristen Hinton* has won a scholarship to William Holland this year. She also announced that Saturday, April 28 will be the junior field trip to Old St. Stephens and the rock camp will be July 17 through 19.

Larry Landry reported that this coming Saturday, April 14, is our Dixie Mineral Council trip to Jessieville, Arkansas to hunt for quartz crystals. He also announced that there would be no workshop this weekend as he will be on the field trip and that *Neal Hazen* is also planning to attend the field trip. *Larry* also announced a field trip to Bayou Pierre, Mississippi on May 26.

Jim Darnell presented a MRGS monetary gift to *Steve Lange* for the Bishop State Jewelry class. *Steve* told us that some of his students did well at the 2012 Alabama-Georgia Jewelers Convention.

Phil Kaiser presented MRGS checks to both University of South Alabama and University of Mobile. He was given a group of small mineral specimens, which he gave to the MRGS secretary to check to see how to use them.

Rodney Boone reported that he has not sent out the dealer contracts yet as a contract has not been secured for the show site.

MRGS Gem-O-Rama is Saturday, May 12.

SHOW AND TELL: *Mary Daves* showed a book about Olive Colhour who did fabulous intarsia and carving and asked if anyone in the club did that kind of art.

Jim Darnell showed a beautiful opal.

Larry Landry displayed several specimens of dryhead agate from Montana he polished.

Randall Brannon showed an Oregon beach rock with fossils.

Andy Odom showed a silver belt with agate stones set in it.

Ben Childress showed his purchases of fossils from our show: a trilobite, crinoids, ammonites, and a concretion with sea scorpions in it.

Andrea Dickinson won Split-the-Pot. *Craig Dickinson, Henry Knight, Liz Kaiser, Terry Hall, Lynda Williams, Randy Brannon, Bill Harbour, Al Gosse, Steve Lange, Mary Daves, Ed Harris*, and *Terry Brown* won door prizes.

There being no further business, we adjourned to finish our silent auction and enjoy refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Daves, Secretary

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MRGS Library

Mary Daves, librarian

Videos, books, magazines related to lapidary arts are available for check out.

Book Review: DINO POOP by JANE HAMMERSLOUGH

This book is intended for children. If you buy it new, you get a specimen of coprolite. This is a good introduction for children to fossils.

The first chapter is entitled Foul Fossils. It is about dinosaurs and dino poop (coprolite).

Second chapter about Tree Spit. This is about amber and what is found in it.

Chapter three is called Frozen in Time. This is about the animals found frozen in Siberia.

The fourth chapter is Bogged Down. This is about animals and humans found in bogs. It includes those found in the La Brea Tar Pits.

Chapter Five is Incredible Investigations and Amazing Activities. The book also has a glossary and tells where the remains of the past can be found. This is all with little true or false questions,



Bench Tips

by Brad Smith

Charles Lewton-Brain is one of the most popular writer-innovators in the jewelry/metalworking field. In this video he shares some of the principles that shape his philosophy. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq_OTqF3u3k

Gold, Silver & Gemstone Motor: Hans Meevis shows off a miniature, working motor he built from scratch. It's about 60mm tall and contains 50 grams of silver and 12 grams of gold. Major parts of the assembly are cut and faceted from cubic zirconia. Hans and his wife Anne run Meevis Jewelry in Simpson Bay, St Maarten where he creates unique, fine designer jewelry. <http://ganoksin.com/blog/meevis/2012/02/19/miniature-cz-motor-finished-and-running/>

DRILLING SMALL ITEMS: Small pieces need to be held securely while drilling or burring to prevent them from spinning if the drill catches. A quick solution is to hold the work piece with a pair of pliers or your ring clamp. Another alternative is to clamp your piece to the bench pin or a thin board. If using pliers, you can avoid scratches by putting a little tape over the jaws.

DRILLING A STONE: One of the things my students often ask to do is drill a hole through a piece of gemstone. The usual thought is to get a diamond drill, but I've found these often break or burn up. The reason I think is that the drill pivots on the piece of diamond on the drill tip. By pivoting the diamond does not cut. When it doesn't cut, you tend to add more force, and the drill is damaged by excess heat. A much better approach is to use a core drill. This is a small hollow tube with a coating of diamond grit at the business end. The diamonds easily carve out a circular arc without undue pressure or heat buildup.



Core drills are readily available from lapidary and jewelry supply companies. They come in sizes as small as 1mm and are reasonable in price, for instance \$6 for 2mm diameter.



Chuck up the core drill in a drill press or a Freedom and be sure to keep the drilling zone wet to cool the tool and to flush out debris. Also, if you're drilling a through hole, go very easy on the pressure as the drill is about to break through. Otherwise you will usually chip off some of the stone surface around the hole. More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/ or facebook.com/BenchTips



Dixie Mineral Field Trips

Website for DMC

<http://www.gaminal.org/dmc.htm>



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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee

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An Official Field Trip of Mobile Rock and Gem Society

Larry Landry, MRGS FT coordinator.

An Official Field Trip of the Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society (Montgomery, AL) (HOST)

9:00 AM CT, Saturday, June 9, 2012

Trenton, AL

FEE SITE: \$17 adults, \$5.00 children for ages 12-16. Really not recommended for younger than 12 years old.

Time: Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

What to find: Paint Rock Agate and various fossils. (Paint Rock agate is usually red and yellow. It can sometimes have other colors and even fortification lines. On occasion large agate nodules are found with hollow places that may have druze quartz crystals. Sometimes these crystals can be quite large, and can even be smoky or amethyst colored. The material is very good for making cabochons or any other type of lapidary processing and polishing, even tumbling!)

Lodging: Paint Rock Valley Lodge & Retreat, 865 Co Rd 9, Estillfork, AL, 35745 (256) 776-9411 (Other lodging in Scottsboro, AL or Huntsville, AL)

What to bring: Backpack, lots of water and/or Gatorade, lunch, rock hammer, safety glasses, insect repellent, potato rake or pick mattock, [and release form www.mobilerockandgem.com](http://www.mobilerockandgem.com)

What to wear: Light hiking clothing, hat, sturdy shoes/ hiking boots.

Meeting Place: Holly Tree Grocery, 11620 AL Hwy 65, Holly Tree, AL 35751.

Directions: From Montgomery, take I-65 N. Near Decatur, take Exit 340 / I-565 E and go through Huntsville. I-565 becomes US 72 E. Continue on US 72 E. Turn left onto AL 65 and drive to Holly Tree Grocery. (Total drive is approximately 219 miles.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This is on a mountain and requires moderate physical activity including hiking from the base to the top. It is not easy for beginning hikers and is NOT recommended for children unless strictly supervised! There is plenty of shade on this tree covered mountain; so it is not as hot as most places.

(Georgia Mineral Member responds) I wanted to say something about this location. My wife and I did this about a year and a half ago and had a rough time. This is NOT a gentle mountain slope. This path is steep in places. We aren't in the best of shape, but do exercise regularly and the climb up took us an hour. The climb down took an hour and a half as we were carrying about 50 pounds of rock. I would warn the older members that this is not an easy location to collect. DMC

For further information: Jeff Edwards (334) 312-0572

**DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
An Official Field Trip of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS.) (HOST)**

8:30 AM, Saturday, May 26, 2012

Bayou Pierre

Utica, MS

Place: Bayou Pierre near Utica, MS

Time: Saturday, May 26, 2012

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

What to find: Jasper, chert fossils, agates, petrified wood, and sometimes (although rare) palmwood.

Lodging: There are motels a few miles north in Clinton (mostly on Springridge Rd), please don't stay in Jackson. There are no motels in Raymond or Utica.

What to bring: Buckets or bags for putting rocks in, a stick or tool to stir rocks with, sunscreen, insect repellent, water, drinks and snacks. Also bring lunch to eat under the trees, and we often share with each other.

What to wear: Light clothing, hat, sturdy shoes (you **might want to wade**).

Meeting Place: Hubbard's Truck Stop, Corner of Hwy 18 and Hwy 27E.

Directions: Off I20 at Jackson, take Hwy 18 (26.7) miles toward Raymond. Hubbards will be on the left, just before Highway 27 E going toward Crystal Springs.

For further information Janie Hand [601-706-4629](tel:601-706-4629) or email rockngranny49@aol.com



Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) Program / SFMS
Field Trip purpose: To collect field trip information from its member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gaminal.org World Wide Web site for the DMC is: <http://www.gaminal.org/dmc.htm>

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."



Don't miss the exciting

Mobile Rock and Gem Society
Gem-O-Rama
open house rock swap combination

Clubhouse: 1324 Forest Dell Rd, off Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL

9:00 am —?, May 12, 2012 FREE! FREE! FREE!

Members, Friends, Guests, and Rockhounds

Swap, Trade, Sell, Demonstrate

Bring your lapidary hobby-related items and demonstrate your skills.

This is a great opportunity for you to sell, buy, trade, or just look, feel, and discuss rocks, gems, and other hobby related items. In the past, several dealers (no charge for dealers) have been present at Gem-O-Ramas and are invited to this year's event.

Hot dogs, baked beans and cold drinks for all at noon. There is no phone at the clubhouse, but feel free to call **Jim Darnell (228)-806-1039**, if you need additional directions.

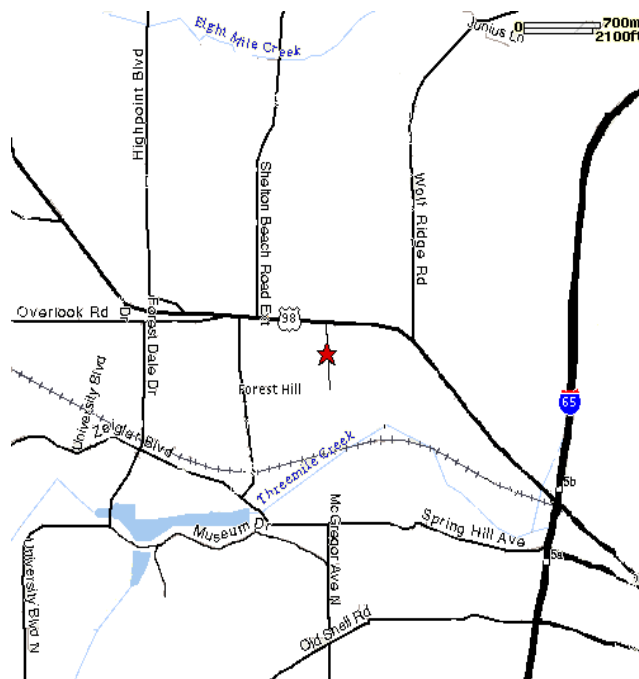
Directions to the MRGS clubhouse:

Take Interstate 10 to Interstate 65 North.

Exit off I-65 at Moffett Rd (US 98) west. This is a very tricky exit. When exiting, take second Moffett Rd exit which does a very sharp hairpin turn back under the Interstate to Hwy 98 (Moffett Rd.) west.

On Moffett Rd west, go approximately 1.7 miles. Forest Hill Elementary School is on left. Forest Dell Rd is just east side of the school property.

MRGS clubhouse is third building on left on Forest Dell Rd. Clubhouse sets towards back of property, parking is on the property.



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LETTER OF AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

Gentlemen:

In consideration of your providing me with access to your property, as indicated below, for the purposes of a field trip, I hereby acknowledge, confirm, and agree that at all times while I am on or about the property, I am there at my own risk and will exercise the highest degree of care for my own personal safety and that safety of others. I will be very careful not to damage your property or any machinery, equipment, buildings or structures thereon.

Moreover, I, for myself, my heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, hereby now and forever fully and unconditionally, release you, your successors and assigns from any all liability of every kind or character which I may have or because of or on account of, all damages, causes or actions, claims, demands, losses, injuries, to persons or property which result from or which hereinafter arise out of or in connection with my presence or activities on or about your property. Moreover, I further agree for myself, my heirs and personal representatives to refrain from bringing suit or proceeding at law or in equity against you or your successors or assigns or any of your or their respective officers, directors, employees or assigns in respect to any matter within the scope of the foregoing release. By signing below, I also agree not to file any type of civil or criminal proceedings against all landowners of dig organizers concerning the dig. I have signed and delivered this letter agreement and release this ____ day of _____ (month), 2012

I plan to visit the paint rock agate location in Trenton, Alabama on June 9, 2012 as part of the Dixie Crystal Mineral Council Field Trip hosted by Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society:

Name _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip code

Signature _____ (date)

Housekeeping Schedule for Mobile Rock and Gem Society Clubhouse



May 2012: Neal Hazen
 June 2012: _____
 July 2012: Ed and Bonita Harris
 August 2012: Terry and Susan Brown

New volunteers should join one of the scheduled teams and see what needs to be done. Clean up is always the weekend before our general meeting.

Clean-up teams can contact *Jim Darnell*, if they cannot clean as scheduled. Thank you all for helping!

Junior Rockhounds

Junior Rockhounds will meet 9am—noon
 Saturday, May 26 at the clubhouse.

We continue to work on AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badges. <http://www.amfed.org/kids.htm>.

Youth Activities Chair
 Michelle Peterson
 mysticks@hotmail.com



Check out

Mini Miners Monthly.

www.diamonddanpublications.net

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS
 THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST GEM AND
 MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
 CLUB MEETINGS - 2:30 PM
 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
 (EXCEPT MAY AND NOVEMBER)
 Ocean Springs Library
 Dewey Avenue
<http://www.mgcfgms.org/>

GULFPORT, MS
 HARRISON COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
 WORKSHOP AND MEETING
 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
WWW.GULFPORTGEMS.ORG



Upcoming MRGS Events

John Hendrix, program chairman

May 8: General Meeting *Read Stowe*
 12: **Gem-O-Rama**
 June: *Kim Cochran*
 July: *Junior Rockhounds* August: _____
 September: **Annual Auction**

Upcoming Mineral, Gem, and Jewelry Shows



May 3-6 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
 Annual show K&S Rockhounds
 Metroline Tradeshow Expo
 7100 Statesville Rd., Bldg. B
 Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4
 Adults \$5 (4-day pass) Coincides with the
 International Antiques & Collectibles Show
 Contact Kay Jones, 157 Redwood Ln., Gastonia, NC 28052
 (704) 864-3748 E-mail: kjones557@att.net

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May 5-6 NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
 Annual show Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society
 Charleston Area Convention Center; International Blvd.
 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5 Free Admission; hourly door prizes,
 demonstrations, much more
 Contact Karen Havenstein, Charleston, SC 29412
 (843) 795-2956; E-mail: fossils@comcast.net
 Web site: www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org

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May 5-6 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
 Annual show; Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Shows, Inc.
 Lighthouse Convention Center, Auditorium; 326 Tryon Rd.
 Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5 Sat., \$4 Sun. (\$2 discount on
 website), Children (12 and under) free
 Contact: Tonya Nicholson (888) 729-6904
 E-mail: tonya.nicholson@beadshows.com
 Website: www.beadshows.com

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May 11-13 MARIETTA, GEORGIA
 Annual show; Georgia Mineral Society
 Cobb County Civic Center
 548 Marietta Pkwy.
 Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; free admission; more than 30
 dealers, door prize for students, auction Sat., demonstrations,
 exhibits; contact Tom Batcha, (678) 407-4224
 E-mail: Mayshow@gamineral.org; Web site:
www.gamineral.org

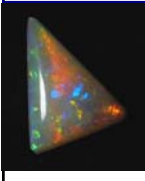
Classifieds

Mobile Rock and Gem Society Yahoo Group
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mobilerockandgemsociety>

Email: mobilerockandgemsociety@yahoogroups.com.

You must be a member to post. If you have any question, please contact *Bill Harbour* at bcharbour78@yahoo.com.

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Information Brochure for NEW Members

The MRGS new members club brochure explains all the society's 'happenings and doings'. These brochures are available at the clubhouse.



Wear your club badge. Don't have one? See Cindy Harbour, and she'll be glad to order you one.

Canceled Stamps



The club sends canceled stamps to the Southeast Federation for the scholarship fundraiser. Those who bring the stamps are eligible for a scholarship drawing to a SFMS lapidary workshop.

Most stamps are now "forever" stamps, but they are still requested, except for canceled liberty bell stamps.



Please do not cut the stamps; leave some room around the stamps and do not cut the perforations!

BRING YOUR STAMPS EACH MONTH



Membership cards are available.
 See *Jim Darnell*.

MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Applicant's Name _____ Today's Date _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Home (____) _____ - _____ Work # (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

I (we) am (are) applying for:

- ___ Husband & Wife Membership \$25.00 per year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31.) includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber* newsletter
- ___ Individual Adult Membership \$15.00 per year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31.) includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber* newsletter
- ___ Family Membership (Husband & Wife) \$25.00 /each Junior \$3.00 includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber* newsletter
- ___ Junior Membership (ages 9-17) \$5.00 per year (Jan. 1- Dec. 31.) **no** MRGS *Cabber Gabber*

Applicant's Signature _____ Birth month _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Birth month _____

Sponsor _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to:
 Mobile Rock and Gem Society
 Mail to: **MRGS Treasurer**
 1324 Forest Dell
 Mobile, AL 36618

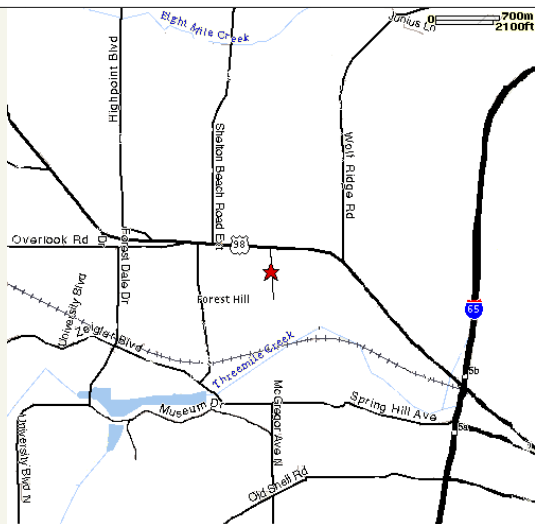


MOBILE ROCK and GEM SOCIETY

Annual dues are from January 1– December 31

Clubhouse: 1324 Forest Dell Rd, off Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL

Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm



PURPOSE OF MOBILE ROCK and GEM SOCIETY

- A. Stimulate interest in the earth sciences including lapidary arts, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, and other related fields and to encourage the study therein.
- B. Sponsor an educational program to increase the knowledge of members and the general public regarding the properties, identification and evaluation of rocks, minerals, fossils and other related subjects by holding monthly meetings with lectures by qualified experts or lapidary-related demonstrations.
- C. Sponsor field trips to collect and study various kinds of rocks, fossils, and minerals.
- D. Maintain a library of reference materials on lapidary arts, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, and other related fields.
- E. Display gems, fossils, mineral and lapidary specimens at the Mobile Museum of Art, Greater Gulf States Fair, area universities and other venues when invited.
- F. Conduct an annual show for the general public at a nominal fee where members and nonmembers demonstrate lapidary techniques and display collections of gems, fossils, and minerals.
- G. Conduct an annual Gem-O-Rama where members and nonmembers may swap, trade sell, purchase or observe gem, fossil, and mineral specimens and other related material.

A Junior Member is a member age 7-17 years.
 They do not have the right to vote or hold office but shall have all powers and privileges conferred by these By-Laws.
 A Senior Member is a member 18 years or older.
 They shall have all the powers and privileges conferred by these By-Laws including the right to vote and hold office.

Officers and Board of Directors for 2012

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 6700 Wall St Apartment 7E
 Mobile, AL 36695
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6	7 7pm Faceting Class	8 7pm General Mtg: Reid Stowe 1:30 - 5pm Wire wrap Workshop	9	10	11 6:30 - 9:30 pm Cabbing Workshop	12 9am - ?? GEM-O-RAMA Cabbing & Opal Workshop Paleozoic FT : Glenn Wimpee see p 3.
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20	21 7pm Faceting Class	22	23	24	25	26 9 - noon Junior Rockhounds DM FT p 5
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