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Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society, Inc. meets at 7:00 P.M., the second Thursday of each month at the Auburndale Women's Club, 243 E. Lake Ave., Auburndale. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010. *Visitors are always welcome.*

Check out our website at www.bonevalley.net

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Statement of Principles

1. To stimulate interest in the collection, study, identification, and classification of gem, mineral & fossil specimens.
2. To disseminate knowledge of lapidary work and classification of gems, minerals & fossils, and their applications in the arts and sciences.
3. To encourage and facilitate instruction in the various elements of mineralogy and lapidary work and identification and classification of fossils.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips for collection of specimens.
5. To participate by displaying and taking part in all local, state, and Federation shows to the greatest possible extent.
6. To encourage adherence to the American Federation of Mineralogical Society's Code of Ethics.

LOCATION FOR 2009 MEETINGS Auburndale Women's Club, 243 E. Lake Ave.

Directions: From Hwy 92, turn north on Main Street (SR 559 at the Sunoco Station) go to the next light and turn right on Bridgers. Turn left just past the library (about 1/2 mile down the road). Take the first left and you'll be on E Lake Ave. The Women's Club is on the right, across from the library (I think it's the 2nd building).

From Polk City or North Lakeland, take SR 559 through Auburndale. Turn left on E. Lake across from the park. Or, you can continue on to Bridgers and turn left there.

Message from the President

Thanks to everyone who came to the January meeting. I really enjoyed Gene McDevitt's presentation. It's always interesting to hear about far away lands. The opals he brought to sell weren't too shabby either. If you missed him this year, you may get another chance. He's already agreed to come back if we ask him.

Plans for the February show are well underway. I believe we have 14 paid vendors and 2 pending. Rex has agreed to cook for us again. I heard a lot of positive comments about his food last year. The club will furnish soft drinks and water. We'll have a good mix of items from our other vendors: slabs, rough, opals, fossils, Indian artifacts, specimens, jewelry and wood.

I've forwarded the flyer to the vendors and the club members and we've been passing them out at the Lakeland Framers market. I'd like to thank Janet Gayle for designing it again this year. She's also responsible for most of the advertising we'll receive. I know she's put a lot of effort into getting it in the papers and on radio and TV. I also want to thank Kim Price for designing another flyer just for the schools. She sent it to the school board and they've agreed to distribute it to all the teachers.

We'll be calling all members to help stuff grab bags and get the auction items ready before the show. We also need volunteers to help with setup, take down and manning the club table and children's sand pit. Please contact Jim Reed at 644-6665 if you can help in any way. Polk County used to be very well known for their show and I'd like to see the glory return.

Cindy Reed, President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Appenzeller
Ty Price
Gretchen Neal
Bob Cunningham

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mary Rimer

February Birthstones

Modern Birthstone	- Amethyst
Traditional Birthstone	- Amethyst
Mystical Birthstone	- Bloodstone
Ayurvedic Birthstone	- Amethyst
Other	- Jade, Ruby

Quarterly report—Florida State Directors—Joe & Addy De Pietro

Our snowbirds are back enjoying our cooler weather.

We have been in contact with all Florida clubs by E-mail with a report of our annual meeting in Jacksonville. We also have requested copies of each club's newsletter and have received newsletters from 3 clubs. We thought this would allow us to know about club events and concerns. We also received an invitation from the Gainesville club to come give a pep talk as their membership is declining. We will visit them January 21st.

The winter months are busy months for our clubs as there are many shows scheduled for the next 2 months. We will attend the shows within reasonable driving range of Frostproof. We will also send each club a report of this meeting by e-mail.

**Respectfully Submitted
Joe and Addy De Pietro**

Welcome to our new members:

**Amy & Jeff Bland
Susan Craig**

We're still accepting fossils, shells, tumbled stones or anything that would work in the sand box. If you have something, please call Jim Reed.

January 2010 SHOP REPORT: Under the direction of the Shop Manager the following has been accomplished over the last month: We are pleased to announce the 18" Lortone saw is fully functional and available for use in the shop. The 12" saw is out of service for maintenance and repairs.

The reorganizing of the Conex is still in process. An Inventory has begun with priority being placed on preparation for the upcoming show.

Cabbing Classes have begun and those of you signed up, and not scheduled, will be contacted shortly for scheduling.

The shop is in dire need of oil for both the 18" and the 12" saws. There is just enough oil to let them run now, but with a few cleanings they will be too low for operation. Anyone that wishes to donate Rock Cutting oil to the shop can find it at <http://www.covington-engineering.com/koolerant.html>. The Covington Rock Hound Oil costs approximately \$ 19.00 a gallon or \$ 79.00 for 5 gallons. We need at least one gallon, but any amount will help.

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Message from Jim Reed – The shop is now more functional with the efforts of Gene Bergfield. He is so mechanical and has been able to get the 18" saw working with the help of the Lortone people. He has figured out what is wrong with the 12" saw and that should be operational soon when the parts arrive.

UPCOMING SHOW – our annual rock show will soon be here! Right now we have 14 vendors taking up 48 tables. We still have more tables to rent so if you know of a vendor, let them know about the show.

We still need items donated to the club – anything we can sell at the show club table, put in the silent auction, or Chinese auction. Rocks (rough, polished pieces or slabs) are wonderful or any other mineral related items are needed. The kid's corner has plenty of rock material. We need more slabs for the slab table.

We still need volunteers to help that day. The volunteer does not have to work an entire day but a few hours would help the club tremendously. If you are planning to come out that day to the show to purchase items, hopefully you can spare a few hours to help out (try to let us know ahead of time by e-mail or telephone). We will be putting together grab bags at the shop soon – hopefully Sunday February 7, 2010. I will let you know.

IBVGM&FS
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

The January 14, 2010, meeting was called to order, at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were twenty-seven members and two guests present. There were no old minutes. There was no Treasurer's report.

Gene Bergfield will be starting a cabbing class in February, with 2 or 3 students per class. The course description and sign up sheet are on the table.

Jim Reed spoke of our upcoming show. Volunteers are needed and there is a sign-up sheet to do so. Items are needed to display during the show in the locked cases that are available. Donations are needed for our auctions and sandbox. Contact Jim or Cindy Reed as needed.

We have eleven paid vendors with thirty-two tables. We have other vendors pending.

Janet Gayle is in charge of advertising and has sent information to the Ledger which will appear in the Time Out Section. It will also appear in the Bartow Out and About publication. Janet has left messages for radio and Channel 9 News, too. Kim Price did a flyer for the Polk County School Board and it is pending approval. Once approved plans are to send it to all schools and teachers. Cindy and Jim have our show flyers at the downtime Lakeland Farmers Market.

A discussion was held and we decided the cut off age for the sandpit will be age 12. We will need help at our soon to be announced date and time to put together grab bags for the show.

The motion was made by Gene Bergfield and seconded by Jim Hamer to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Our guest and presenter of tonight's program is Eugene McDevitt, a Florida resident and owner/miner of an Australian Opal Mine, in Koroit, Australia. He will also have cut stones and rough for sale after his presentation.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Williams – 01-14-10

February 2010 Shows and Swap Meets

Feb. 13-15--MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA: 32nd annual show, "Symphony of Gemstones"; Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club; Kiwanis Island Park, 950 Kiwanis Park Rd.; Fri. 1-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission \$3; rough and cut gems, minerals, fine jewelry, equipment, supplies, books, beads, exhibits, demonstrations; contact LaVerne Dewey, 2175 Heron Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32952, (321) 453-5594; e-mail: bdewey@cfl.rr.com

2/27/2010 – IMPERIAL BONE VALLEY GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SOCIETY, 6TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale; Sat: 10AM-5PM, Stuart Center, 1702 US Hwy 17 S., Bartow, FL
Children's sandbox, demos, raffle and silent auction, Show contact: Jim Reed, 863-644-6665
Email contact: rocks57@tampabay.rr.com <http://www.bonevalley.net>

Future Shows to watch for:

Mar. 6-8--LARGO, FLORIDA: 40th annual show; Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society; Minnreg Bldg., 6340126th Ave. N.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$4, children under 6 free; continuous working demonstrations, bead stringing, wire craft, gem cutting, door prizes, exhibits; contact Bill Schmidt, 3939 Porpoise Dr. SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, (727) 822-8279; e-mail: sujagems@aol.com; Web site: www.sgams.com

Mar 20-21--TAMPA, FLORIDA: Show, "Fossil Fest 2010"; Tampa Bay Fossil Club; Florida State Fairgrounds, US 301 and I-4; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; fossils, artifacts, gems, minerals, shells, exhibits, "how to" seminars, kids' games, fossil mine, raffles, door prizes, silent auction; contact Barbara Fite, (813) 977-0892; e-mail: bfite@tampabay.rr.com; Web site: www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Mar 26-28--ORLANDO, FLORIDA: 41st annual show; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, students and seniors \$2, children under 12 and Scouts in uniform free with paying adult; sluice mining, faceting demonstrations, silent auctions, gem identification, Kids' Korner, mineralogist on site, door prizes, grand prize; contact James Johnstone, 12745 Newfield Dr., Orlando, FL 32837, (407) 625-6336; e-mail: jj030@msn.com; Web site: www.thumblicker.com

From the SFMS

I received this email from Danny Griffin, the education chair for SFMS. I have attached the list of classes, info and registration form. As I've said time and again, this is a wonderful chance to learn new skills and the best vacation value you can get. It's also a great way to meet new friends with the same interests you have.

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The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. sponsors four Gem, Jewelry and Mineral workshops each year. Two are held at Wildacres Retreat, near Little Switzerland in North Carolina, and two at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts near the small town of Young Harris in northeast Georgia. Both facilities offer double accommodations with a private bath. A small number of private rooms with private baths are available. William Holland School of Lapidary Arts also has a few RV sites. In most instances your room and all meals are included in your tuition costs. Please see the Information sheet for details.

A broad range of courses related to the jewelry & lapidary arts are taught by qualified instructors from throughout the Federation. All instructors are volunteers who are not paid for the highly skilled and professional experience that they bring to the workshops.

The workshops are equipped for common lapidary activities such as cabochon cutting, faceting, and silversmithing. Additional equipment is brought in when new or special courses are taught.

Feel free to contact the Workshop Directors, Registrars or myself for additional information. Thanks so much!

Danny Griffin,
SFMS Education Chair
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February 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7  SuperBowl Shop Open 10:30-?	8	9	10	11 Meeting 7pm	12	13
14  Shop Open 10:30-4	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Shop Open 10:30-4	22	23	24	25	26	27 IBVGM&FS Show 10-5
28 Shop Open 10:30-4						



A Large Example of the February Birthstone. Picture by Cindy Reed.