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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

We had a great 2 weeks at William Holland, but it's great to be finished with the traveling for the year. Our cats were not speaking to us for a while. Look at the bottom of this missive for a little article Jim has written about our adventure.

Just a reminder, it's time to renew, so I'm attaching a membership form for your convenience. If you've joined in the last couple of months, you do not need to send in dues for 2010. For those that have already sent in their renewals, thank you.

I hope everyone is well and we'll see you in November. As always, you can call me on my cell at 863-255-5256 or email me at [cdreed57@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cdreed57@tampabay.rr.com)  
Cindy Reed, President

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stephen Berglund  
Jennifer Blanchard  
Donna Douglas  
Suzanne Elliott  
Kim Moore  
Kim Price

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tom & Lina Burke  
Mike and Suzanne Elliott

### November Birthstones

Modern Birthstone	- Yellow Topaz, Citrine
Traditional Birthstone	- Citrine
Mystical Birthstone	- Pearl
Ayurvedic Birthstone	- Topaz
Other	Cat's- eye, Amethyst, Ruby

### Member News

**We used up a lot of our tumbled stones in the sandbox at the last rock show. If anyone has some they would like to donate, please contact Jim Reed. In fact, if you have any fossils, shells, tumbled or anything that would work in the sand box, please let us know.**

**Jim will have a tool demo at the November meeting where he will talk about drilling a hole in a stone using diamond bit using a Dremel tool. He will also demo how to sand by hand on a glass plate to reduce time to before final polishing. This would also be a great time to bring up your questions;**

**It's also time for elections. My statement in the October S&B was wrong. According to our by-laws, the president and secretary can hold office for 3 years. Still, if anyone else is interested in holding an office, we'd be happy to have you**

**As stated, we met Tom and Kay Benham at WH. They have the help column in the Lapidary Jewelry Artist magazine. Tom asks for everyone to send in their questions as they don't get nearly enough. Send your tool, jewelry, metal or rock related questions to the Benham's at [HDriggs@interweave.com](mailto:HDriggs@interweave.com) and put Ask the Experts in the subject line – or 300 Chesterfield Pkwy, Ste 100, Malvern, PA 19355. These folks live in Orlando – hopefully we can convince them to venture this way some day.**

## **November Shows and Swap Meets**

11/7-8--MELBOURNE, FLORIDA: Show, "Parade of Gems"; Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, seniors \$2, children free; children's corner, fluorescent minerals, lapidary demonstrations, club displays; contact John C. Almasi, (321) 956-9742; e-mail: [almasij@fit.edu](mailto:almasij@fit.edu)

11/13-15--ORLANDO, FLORIDA: Fall show; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Fri. 1-8, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, student \$2, children under 12 free with paying adult; custom jewelry, mineral specimens, beads, fossils, sluice mining, mineral identification, faceting demonstrations, silent auctions, hourly door prizes, grand prize; contact James Johnstone, (407) 625-6336; e-mail: [jj030@msn.com](mailto:jj030@msn.com); Web site: [www.thumblicker.com](http://www.thumblicker.com)

11/21-22--WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: 43rd annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; Americraft Expo Center, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$7, children under 12 free; gem mining, fossil dig, exhibits, demonstrations, door prizes, Chinese auction; contact Barbara Ringhiser, (561) 588-5458; e-mail: [bar5678@aol.com](mailto:bar5678@aol.com); or Ellen Jean, (931) 372-8236; e-mail: [ellenjean24@aol.com](mailto:ellenjean24@aol.com); Web site: [www.gemandmineral.cc](http://www.gemandmineral.cc)

## **Upcoming Shows and Swap Meets**

12/4-6--SPRING HILL, FLORIDA: 35th annual show; Withlacoochee Rockhounds; Slovene American Club, 13383 County Line Rd.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; adults \$3, students \$1, children 12 and under free; minerals, gemstones, fossils, handcrafted jewelry, lapidary equipment, gem and mineral auction, replicas of Aaron's Breastplate and famous diamonds of the world; contact James Raffone, (727) 862-4560; e-mail: [Info@withlacoocheerockhounds.com](mailto:Info@withlacoocheerockhounds.com); Web site: [WithlacoocheeRockhounds.com](http://WithlacoocheeRockhounds.com)

1/15-17/2010--LARGO (ST. PETERSBURG), FLORIDA: 34th annual show and sale; Pinellas Geological Society; Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; contact Hugh Sheffield, (727) 894-2440

1/16-17/2010--DeLAND, FLORIDA: 39th annual show; Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society; Volusia County Fair Grounds, State Rte. 44; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children 12 and under free; hourly door prizes, grand prize, silent auction, kids' activity table, TFG Faceters Guild demonstrations and Q&A, other demonstrations; contact Florence D. Nordquist, 521 S. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114, (386) 226-4032; e-mail: [fnndesign@aol.com](mailto:fnndesign@aol.com); Web site: [www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

1/30-31/2010--PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA: 19th annual show; Panama City Gem & Mineral Society; Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Bldg., U.S. Hwy. 98 (15th St.) and Sherman Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; door prizes, gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, lapidary arts, wire wrapping, exhibits; contact Ruth Alldredge, 316 Cherry St. #38, Panama City, FL 32401, (850) 784-0740; e-mail: [Aquezpie@comcast.net](mailto:Aquezpie@comcast.net)

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Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2009

The October 8, 2009, meeting was called to order, at 7:08 pm by Secretary Laurie Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were fifteen members and two guests present. There were no old minutes. (correction: There were minutes in the October Stones & Bones – this was an oversight - cdr). There was no Treasurer's report as the Treasurer was not present. There was no old or new business. President, Cindy Reed was not in attendance due to being at William Holland.

We talked about the benefits of being club members, i.e. being able to go to the shop, getting help from the vast amount of talent within the club and some future class offerings in silversmithing and opals. We also talked about our show in early 2010 at the Auburndale Beach Club. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Tonight's activity was for members to sell their items.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Williams – 10-8-09

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**A message from Addy & Joe DePietro  
SFMS Florida State Directors**

Hello, As SFMS Florida State directors, we attended the annual meeting in Jacksonville on September 19th. New officers were elected during the meeting and installed at the banquet. Mark Estabrook will be president and First Vice President will be Barbara Green. The Tomaka club will host the next meeting on January 16 in Daytona, Florida. The 2010 Annual meeting will be hosted by the Knoxville Gem & Mineral club on October 16, 2010. The current budget (2009) was adopted until the next meeting in January 2010 where it will be looked at and adjusted. The federation is requesting all clubs to send them the correct current information no later than 4/1/10. This will allow proper proof of insurance and related paperwork to be sent to each club. Scholarships were awarded to Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society and the Western South Carolina Gem & Mineral Society. These scholarships were awarded by the Cancelled Stamp program. Jim Robinson requested that all clubs sending cancelled stamps did not take them off the envelopes as many stamps are not usable after being removed from the paper. When trimming stamps, please leave a small border around the stamp.

The Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society were wonderful hosts for the annual meeting. The show had a large variety of dealers and the banquet was great. The club members worked hard to serve a delicious meal.

We would like to visit as many clubs as possible during this winter. The state is large and has 20 clubs. Because the state is so massive we also plan to be available by E-mail to answer any questions you may have. We would appreciate receiving a copy of your club's monthly newsletter. Please send a copy each month to Joe & Addy De Pietro, P.O. Box 928, Frostproof, FL 33843. This will allow us to have an idea of your club's concerns and accomplishments. We both will be at William Holland teaching during the SFMS October Session and staying to teach until William

Holland closes for this year on November 7th. The workshop experience is one that is repeated by most students. Where can one go for \$310.00 per person that includes room, food and classes for 5 days? There is also an auction and programs scheduled most nights. The only additional cost is for classroom materials and what you can't resist buying at the auction. Fellow students are usually eager to talk about their area of expertise in the lapidary field and the sharing of knowledge is incredible.

Our e-mail address is [mysticalmelts@verizon.net](mailto:mysticalmelts@verizon.net).

Our hope is to send each club in Florida an update after each meeting we attend. We are planning to attend both scheduled meetings next year.

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### **And One from Jim Reed**

We just got back from a 2 week journey to the William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, GA. The first week Cindy took wire wrapping from John Fetvedt and Jim took chasing and repouse from Kay & Tom Benham. Not sure if you recognize Kay & Toms name but there are well know as writers for Lapidary Journal (now Jewelry Artist). They have prepared many articles for the magazine. The second week Cindy took advanced lampworking from Betty Fetvedt and Jim took Silver I from Will Smith. This was the last time Will was teaching at the school and he will be missed. Jim was lucky to get into his class because Will teaches the open back setting for silver mounts and his class is very popular. You can actually see the back of the cabochon. We will bring some results of our effort to the next meeting. We made many new friends and caught up with some old ones. This is probably the most important part of a visit to WH – the friends you make. In between classes we went to the John C. Campbell School in Brasstown for the annual fall festival. While Campbell offers some of the same classes as WH they also offer classes outside the lapidary arts: ie: blacksmithing, wood turning, basket making, song writing, instrument making, etc. They're also more expensive.

Remember, the new schedule for 2010 for William Holland comes out right after Thanksgiving! So if you want to attend in 2010 you might want to call us after Thanksgiving – a lot of the classes do fill up quickly, especially for some teachers. The cost of \$310 for William Holland covers room, board, and 3 meals a day. The only additional charge is to cover the supplies you get from the teachers. This is the best vacation value around.

### **HYPERSTHENE**

While in Denver a few weeks ago I was able to visit our friend Brian Costigan (a.k.a Rocksman69 on E-Bay). He has a tremendous amount of rough at his house & I spent several hours selecting some fantastic rough. One of his new items is hypersthene from Quebec, Canada. This stone is amazing because of the twinning this rough contains. When you turn this some of the other twinning layers brighten the stone,

My first attempt at making a cab is shown below the calendar along with a slab. This stone is actually a magnesium iron silicate with a hardness of 5 to 6.

# November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Shop Open 10:30-4	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Shop Open Bob Gayle 10:30-4	9	10	11 Veterans  Day	12 Meeting 7pm	13	14
15 Shop Open 10:30-4	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Shop Open 10:30-4	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Shop Open 10:30-4	30					



Hypersthene