

GOLDEN NUGGET

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Rockhounds,

As I write this message today its 90 degrees outside and it's just 10 o'clock in the morning. It's nice that the warm summer weather has returned. That can only mean one thing: that the 2023 Gem Show is just 5 months away!! We already have 1/3 of our dealers secured for the show and over 60 tables reserved. And as I say this every month, it takes every member of our club to pull off this show and we all need each other to help.

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On a sad note, I am sorry to announce that Mr. Bill Hardin with Garrett Coliseum has passed away at the young age of 58 years old. Bill was the Director of Garrett Coliseum and was very important in helping put on this Gem Show every year. We start talking with Bill every year a few weeks after the Gem Show to start planning the next year's Show. Bill helped us get all of the chairs and tables arranged on the floor, he helped us set up the Dealer's Dinner, he was such a good guy and did everything he could to ensure that our annual Gem Show as a success. He will be missed, and please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

As mentioned during our June 20th meeting, the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society is considering moving our meeting location room at the Crump Senior Center to a new location. We do not have a new location selected yet, but we are considering a move to a different venue. This year the Crump Center has forbidden our club from using the television set or movie screen in our meeting room. Even though our club purchased the original television for the meeting room for our use, we are now forbidden from using it. There are some other issues that I, as president of our club, have had to deal with the Crump Center, that I will not go into detail here at this time. I am interested in hearing what our club members have to say about a change of venue, and any recommendations on where to go. We have a couple of options of moving to local churches in Montgomery. There were even some suggestions about moving to Wetumpka because we have a lot of club members that live in Elmore and Autauga Counties. So please think about the different options and if anyone has any ideas or options please let me know. We will discuss this more in depth at our next meeting.

We will have our regular club meeting on July 18, 2023 at the Crump Community Center for our regularly scheduled meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

Chris Rutherford, President chris-rutherford@sanderslead.com

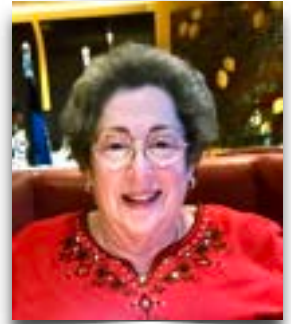


Program Director

Our July speaker is our own David Sherrod. He will be speaking about the 5 fine Jaspers. He will discuss bruno, imperial, willow creek, morisonite, blue mountain jaspers, their characteristics and locations.

David is a long time member of this club, a long time rockhound, a cab instructor and is knowledgeable about most things associated with rocks. He also makes a mean cabochon!

Clare



BINGO NIGHT!

Everyone had FUN at our June club meeting, where we played BINGO for Rocks and Gems!



June Shop Day Pics





Secretary's June Minutes

(Club Secretary David Sherrod was not able to attend the June meeting, so Magnolia Brown took the minutes)

(Meeting attendance was taken by passing around a paper for everyone present to sign)

President Chris Rutherford called the meeting to order.

David Grant brought a guest family, the Barnes' family, to attend the meeting. (Their son Aiden is the first Bingo photo).

The meeting minutes for June were accepted.

Club Treasurer Iris McGehee gave the treasurer report, noting that club members are encouraged to participate in the Alabama National Fair, October 6-15. The MGMS pays \$100 every year for members to participate, and winning entries are awarded \$100 prizes!

Club Shop Director Leslie Amato requested a pump for the shop, as well as needing a water source in the shop. Leslie stated that the June Shop day was a success, and that many learned to cab.

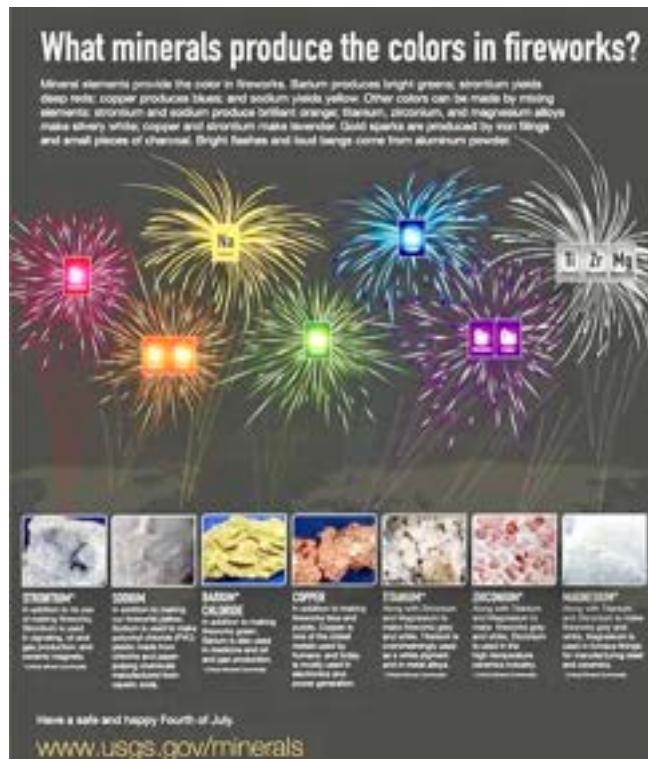
President Chris Rutherford let us know that the Gem show deposit had been paid, renewed and the contract had been signed with the Coliseum. There was discussion regarding which dealers were retiring and which dealers were returning.

Next, Chris brought up the subject of the MGMS possibly moving to a different location, due to all the difficulties with the Crump Center. Some of the issues mentioned, but not limited to, are: no longer allowed to bring in food or drink; can no longer use the TV. When Chris posed to the members present, whether or not they would consider moving, the majority in attendance raised their hands for a "yes" vote. This matter will be discussed again at the July meeting.

Chris mentioned the SEFMS mtg/field trip to Mel Barkley's property in September.

The official business part of the meeting was "closed" and members played BINGO for rock and gem prizes.

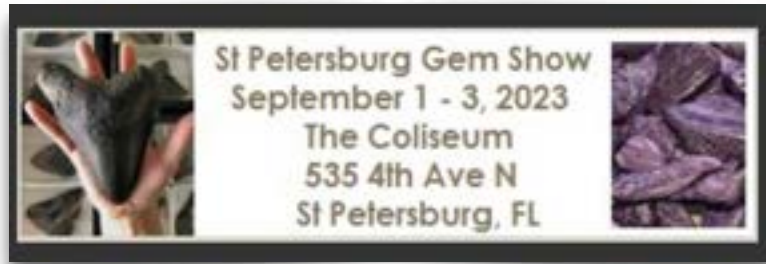
Magnolia





Shop Director Note

Shop Director Leslie Amato has asked that any members cutting rocks, to PLEASE give her your leftover pieces, so that they may be tumbled for the giveaway bags at the Gem Show. You can bring the pieces to the meetings, or call Leslie to arrange pick up.

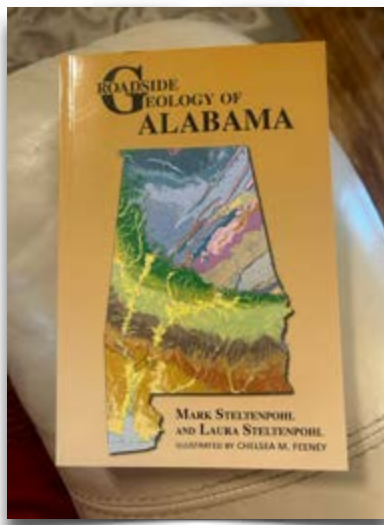
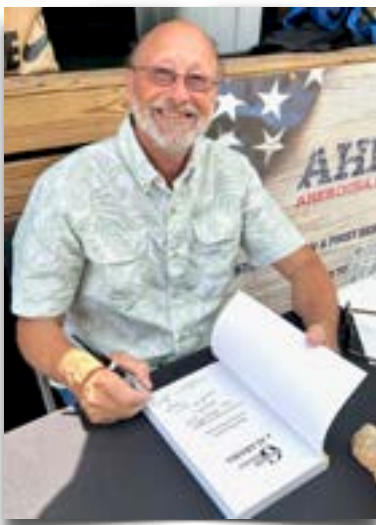


New Book!

Geologists and Auburn University Professors Mark and Laura Steltenpohl, have written a new book titled "Roadside Geology of Alabama." The couple had a book signing at Lake Martin, that club member Magnolia Brown attended.

After the book signing, the couple gave a presentation about how the book came to be, some of the places they visited, and some of the different rocks and geologic anomalies found. They shared that Lake Martin area is in the Devil's Backbone gold district, Dadeville is in a subduction zone, and that the area is in the Brevard Fault zone. They also had rocks representing the different geologic areas, such as amphibolite, metamorphose and copper oxide to name a few.

Program Chair Clare Weil is making arrangements for the couple to come to MGMS and give a presentation.





Obituary

William Eugene (Bill) Hardin, III, 58, of Montgomery died Friday, June 23, 2023. Funeral services will be at 4:00 p.m., June 26, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Montgomery. The family will receive friends at 3:00 at the church.

Bill was born September 30, 1964, in Greenville, Alabama to Marianne Stanley and William Eugene Hardin, Jr. In 1983, he graduated from Fort Dale Academy. He attended the University of Alabama and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Bill worked at Cumulus Media and later served as Director of Marketing and Sales at The Garrett Coliseum.

He was a devoted husband and doting father. To say that Bill was passionate about his children's endeavors would be an understatement. Most of all, he loved the Lord.

Predeceased by his parents and sister, Jean Hardin, Bill is survived by his wife Elizabeth Darby, and children, Caroline Elizabeth and William Eugene "Will" Hardin, IV; sisters: Mollie Utley and Laurie Norman; father-in-law, Leon Darby (Lou Ann); sister-in-law, Louise Dudle (Mark); brother-in-law, Ross Darby; and eight nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to First Baptist Church Missions or the Boy Scouts of America.

Roll Tide!





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**WE NEED A FIELD TRIP LEADER!
WE NEED A JR ROCKHOUND REP!**

**If you feel like you could fill one of these positions, PLEASE let a
Board Member know!**



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LOOK OVER THE CLASS SCHEDULE ON

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/william-holland-classes>





10/13-15/2023 HUNTSVILLE, AL: Huntsville Gem & Mineral Soc., Huntsville Jaycee Community Center, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802. October 13-15, 2023. Friday & Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Free Parking. Admission: Adults \$3 or \$5 for weekend pass, Primary & secondary students \$1, under 5 free. www.Huntsvillegms.org, or 256-534-8803

10/20-22/2023—KNOXVILLE, TN: The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society; Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923, Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5; The Gem Show is open to the public and has an admission fee of \$8 a day for adults or \$15 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free. Website <http://www.knoxrocks.org/gem-show/>

10/21-22/2023 SAINT LUCIE, FL: St Lucie Rock & Gem Club 46th Annual Club Show, MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Pl, St. Lucie, FL 34952: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Admission \$5. We will be hosting the SFMS Annual Meeting. www.slrockandgem.org

10/21-22/2023 CHARLESTON, WV: Kanawha Rock & Gem Club, South Charleston Community Center 601 Jefferson Road South Charleston WV 25309. October 21 & 22, 2023 Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—4PM. Admission \$2, Military & Children under 12 are FREE. <https://facebook.com/Kanawha-Rock-and-Gem-Club-222696581100304/>

11/18-19/2023 WEST PALM BEACH, FL: Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Expo Center East, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33411. The 56th Annual Gem, Mineral Bead, Jewelry & Fossil Show. November 18-19, 2023 Saturday 9A—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Adults/Seniors 1 day . \$10.00 or 2 day pass \$15.00 Children under 12 are FREE. Visit our website for a \$1.00 off coupon. <https://www.gmspb.org>



3/1-3/2024—LIVE OAK, FL: Annual Federation Rockhound Roundup; Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies ; Suwannee River Music Park, 3076 95th Drive; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4; Free; SFMS Member vendors from seven states: FL, GA, TN, MS, NC, SC, AL. Rough rock, slabs, jewelry, cabs, minerals, fossils and more; contact Jerri Heer, 9016 122nd Ave, Tampa, FL 33637, (419) 344-9999; Email: jheerx6@aol.com; Website: Southeastfed.org