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Greetings Fellow Rockhounds,

Welcome to September and hopefully cool, crisp autumn weather is right around the corner while we still have sweltering high temperatures and humidity in Montgomery. I heard an interesting weather tip this weekend. Some of the highest recorded temperatures in Montgomery occurred during the month of September. So, don't put away those shorts and t-shirts for a wooly sweater just yet.

Our next Gem Club meeting will be on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 7pm at the Crump Community Center off Coliseum Boulevard. Please enter in the back door. Mr. David Sherrod will be leading us in a fun filled night of Lapidary Trivia. David will have 20-30 common lapidary specimens available, talk a little about each one, let you see the specimen and then you write down on your answer sheet what you think the specimen is. This is a good night to polish up your knowledge of the rocks and gems. The winner gets first choice of door prizes. And as always, we ask everyone to please bring door prizes, the more prizes we have the more we can play.

Club member Gary Chinberg will be making the presentation for our October Club meeting. Gary will bring some of his artifacts and will present on the historical artifact collection area of our club.

Coming up soon in October is the Alabama National Fair. Our Gem Club sponsors the gems, jewelry, beading competition in the Creative Living area. Since we sponsor this activity I would like to urge all club members to participate and put some examples of your art and hard work out for display. You could win a cash prize and a blue ribbon.

Next up is our annual Gem Show announcement. We are holding our annual Gem Show on December 3, 4, and 5 2021 at the Garret Coliseum. We need every club member to come out and participate during the show, we need your help in making sure the Montgomery Gem & Mineral Show is a success. Please be looking for announcements coming up soon and during our regular club meetings asking for volunteers.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting!

Chris Rutherford, President, chris-rutherford@sanderslead.com

GEMS & MINERALS

ADULT DEPARTMENT A4

Sponsored by:

MONTGOMERY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

RIBBONS BY CLASS: FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD

“BEST OF FAIR” WINNER: RIBBON & \$100

RULES

- All materials and work of item entered must be that of the Exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may enter one (1) item in each class.
- All entries must contain a 3/5 card identifying the item/specimen and materials used.
- **ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE CREATIVE LIVING CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES/TIMES (NO EXCEPTIONS):**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 8:00AM – 4:00PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH 9:00AM – 4:00PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Class

1. Beading (plastic or acrylic beads not allowed)
2. Cabochon
3. Faceted Stone
4. Fossils
5. Geodes
6. Mineral Specimen
7. Wire Wrapped Jewelry
8. Items not Listed



JUDGING CRITERIA

Labeling & Appearance – 20%
Quality of Workmanship – 40%

Quality of Stone/Sample – 40%

Copy of the Adult Entry Form for the Alabama National Fair 2021

**ALABAMA NATIONAL FAIR & AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION
CREATIVE LIVING CENTER - ADULT ENTRY FORM**

EXHIBITOR # _____

EXHIBITOR'S NAME _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

HOME ADDRESS _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

CITY _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Email: _____

Please accept the entries listed below, subject to the rules and classifications as published by the Alabama National Fair. I hereby agree to abide by the rules and accept the decisions of the judges as final. I declare that all statements made in connection with said entries are true. I understand that The Fair is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any item/article entered.

Signed _____ Date: _____

For additional entries – continue on back of this form or attach additional pages.

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION #	CLASS #	DESCRIPTION <i>Use exact wording of Catalog</i>	Entry Tag Number

CLC Staff Accepting Entries: _____

To be completed when entries are returned to Exhibitor	
<p>I hereby verify that all early entry items listed on this form or any additional attached forms/pages have been returned to me by the Alabama National Fair. Exception – baked goods, cake decorating, perishable items and live cooking contest entries.</p>	
Signature of Exhibitor: _____	Date: _____
CLC Staff: _____	

Our July Field Trip to Mel and Jane Barkley's !!!

On July 10, 2021 the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society held their summer field trip. Almost twenty club members, guests, junior rock-hounds, and dogs were happy to attend the collecting trip at club members Mel and Jane Barkley's farm in Macon County. Despite the heavy rains from the night before, the creeks were not too high and we had the opportunity to collect many specimens including red carnelian, quartz with tourmaline inclusions, and petrified wood.

The journey to Tuskegee was a quick jaunt from Montgomery. The weather was a perfect backdrop for a ¾-mile tractor ride provided by our generous hosts. After going through some thick woods and bumpy trails we arrived at Uphapee Creek where the waters of Choctafaula Creek merge for a perfect set up for interesting mineral and rock deposits.

As a geologic side note, the Barkley property is pretty close to the contact between the Paleozoic Era, Inner Piedmont Belt, (Choctafaula Creek) some of the oldest rocks in the State of Alabama, and Mesozoic Era, Gulf Coastal Plains (Uphapee Creek). A difference in age about 300 million years.

After the excursion, we returned to the cabin and enjoyed some hotdogs, chips, and dessert. It was a great time of fellowship and we collected many rocks to polish up for the upcoming gem show. Many thanks to Mel, Jane and Miss Iris for hosting this fun field trip.

We had an Amazing Day full of Fun and Fellowship!!!

Our Thanks go out to Mel, Jane and Miss Iris for being such Gracious Hosts!!!





At the end of the day it was time to wind down, share some of the amazing treasures we found and do a little porch sitting before we headed home with some wonderful memories to file away in our hearts of a day spent with family and friends searching for treasures in Uphapee Creek where the waters of the Choctafaula Creek merge.

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Happy Birthday to our Amazing Members... May your Special Day be Filled with Love and Laughter and More Blessings than your Heart can Hold!!!

July 3rd- Frankie Boothman, 4th- Allison Rutherford, 16th- Richard Chamberlin and 19th- Sherrie Schaefer

August 14th- Seth Lauritson, 16th- Minnie Jerido, 20th Ann Connelly and Laura Ann Rutherford, 24th- Paul Sadler and 31st- Bob Weisber

September 2nd- David Niedzielski, 3rd- David Sherrod, 5th- Violet Jones, 12th- David Grant, 21st- Leslie Amato and Sophie Minor and on the 25th - Grayson Rutherford.

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E-Mail: your Golden Nugget submissions to: rockingw@htcnet.net (Members are encouraged to submit news, updates, articles, photos and personal adventure stories to the e-mail address above). This is after all **YOUR** newsletter, tell us something about **YOU!!!**

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