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The MAGS Collection

DAVID DAY: All who attended our February indoor field trip shared an excellent opportunity to have a "hands-on view" and to assist in seriously sorting the rocks and minerals recently acquired by the club we now simply call THE COLLECTION.

Everyone, regardless of their age or experience, contributed their opinions as to the fate of all the wonderful specimens. Some specimens will be used for future auctions to generate club funds — others will be used for display and educational purposes. Everyone learned a lot and just plain had a good time. We will all be enriched by these efforts. Thanks to everyone, especially those who moved the boxes to and from storage and then spent the day sorting. Also, thanks to those who managed to pop in and help for awhile despite their busy Saturday. These efforts made our "February Indoor Field Trip" a huge success!



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President's Corner



WOW! Unpacking and looking through the CBU collection is like going to WC and Cornelia McDaniel's house...each time I do it, I find more amazing stuff that I didn't see the last time. If you missed Saturday's "field trip" to Shady Grove Presbyterian church, you missed a great opportunity to be delighted once again by the CBU collection, and this time, we got really up close and personal...and if you're my age, being able to do that during daylight hours with lots of light pouring through the windows made it a totally different experience. We spent hours spreading it out...peeling away the protective wrapping, holding things up to the light, ooing, ahing and really taking a good look at our collection. We sorted it into different groups and categories then carefully re-packed it. This will make it easier for us to access specific items or groups of items and better utilize the collection. We hope to have some of these fabulous specimens ready for auction at the July membership meeting. Thanks to all who showed up to help, especially to the Coopers, the Wheelers, Robert Duncan, Carl Warren, Jim Butchko and WC, who did the loading/unloading and helped transport it there and back. (If I left anyone out, I apologize) It was a fun day with good food and good company.

Sandy

New Contest!

Last month's Westminster Dog Show served as an inspiration to focus on a way to increase our membership meeting displays. Beginning in March, a specific type of material and location will be featured in the "Best of Show and Found Display Contest".

To display and compete each member is requested to:

1. Bring a single specimen from the location listed in the table on the right (collected on a MAGS field trip or at the same collection site at another time).
2. You must have found the specimen yourself.
3. Specimen must be in original form or, if changed/modified, only through lapidary or prep work.
4. Juniors and adults are combined for this contest.
5. One winner will be selected. Winner will determine by members using a point rating from 3(high) to 1 (low).
6. Winner will receive a certificate and entry into the Best of Show event in December.
7. A special prize will be awarded to the Best of Show winner at the December Christmas Party.

MAGS Best of Show and Found Display Contest

Month	Type of material	Location(s)
March	Druze	Missouri
April	Petrified Wood	Mississippi, Tennessee or Arkansas
May	Quartz Crystal	Arkansas
June	Fossil	Vulcan or Dale Hollow
July	No display-mineral sale	
August	No display- rock swap fund raiser for the shop	
September	Agate	Gravel bars or pits etc.
October	Fossil	Frankstown or Birmingham Ridge
November	Geode	Ledbetter or Pharis farm
December	Winners from the previous seven months	Winners from the previous 7 months compete for "Best of Show and Found"



Announcements & Tidbits

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Bebe Buck and her son, Connor Buck, are our newest MAGS Members. Welcome! We look forward to meeting you at upcoming meetings and field trips. Feel free to use the Officer Director on page 2 of this newsletter to contact the officers with any questions you may have about MAGS.



CLUB ROOM FUND

The beautiful stained glass piece created and donated by Matthew and Carol Ly-

banon for auction raised \$85 for the Club Room.

Thank you Matthew & Carol!



MAGS ON THE RADIO

On March 2nd, MAGS members W.C. McDaniel, Alan Parks, Karen Schaeffer, and Matthew & Carol Lybanon were interviewed on AM1210 on the program "Talk It Out With Father Don." The club received a CD of the interview if any members wish to hear it.



DON'T BE BASHFUL!

Participation is what being in a club is all about. So don't be bashful! If any club members have any ideas or suggestions for field trips, don't hesitate to share them with our Field Trip directors, Barry Burns and David Day.

Additionally, any aspiring writers out there wishing to contribute to the MAGS Rockhound News monthly newsletter, please submit your article to magsnewsletter@comcast.net. Provided newsletter space is available, you may see your article in print!

2008 MAGS 29th Annual Mineral Fossil Jewelry Show Update

MEMPHIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

29th annual Mid-America Mineral Fossil Jewelry Show

Sat. April 26 9-6 v Sun. April 27 10-5

Pipkin Building- Midsouth Fairgrounds

DEALERS-as of 2/25

Boutwell Tumbled Stones-Indiana
 Stones and Bones- Georgia
 Treasure Chest-Missouri
 Austin Gems-& Beads-Arkansas
 Larsen's Minerals-Texas
 Butterflies by God- Missouri
 Earthworks and Stones -Tennessee
 McNeil Minerals-Mississippi
 FossilMall -Arkansas
 G.P Rocks -West Virginia
 B& J Enterprises -Alabama
 Gems and Crystals Unlimited- Georgia
 Volunteer Gems-Tennessee
 J.R. Rocks-South Carolina
 Mineral House- Ohio
 Javed's- Georgia
 Mo- Rocks- Missouri
 Rock Barrell-Tennessee
 Eagle's Nest-Mississippi
 Custom Creations- Mississippi
 Geode Gallery-Illinois
 Christopher's Crystal Mine -Florida
 Roy Hulbert Minerals- Missouri
 Mercer Crystals - Arkansas-new to show
 Fantastic Stones- Louisiana-new to show
 Carl's Slabs- Georgia
 Jim's Minerals-Tennessee

more to be announced

GRAND DOOR PRIZE

A Treasure Chest of specimens similar to those collected on the TV show "Cash and Treasures"
Specimens include North Carolina Emerald, Oregon Petrified Wood, Copper Splash from Michigan, Lake Superior agates

DEMONSTRATIONS

Richard Gunter- flint Knapping
 Mike Baldwin- Fluorescents minerals, geodes
 Sherri Baldwin- Fossil cleaning and prep
 Jerry Seamens- beading
 David and Beth Day- lapidary

EXHIBITS

Delta State University
 Mike Howard -Arkansas State geologist
 Memphis Stone and Gravel Company
 Selected specimens from the Charlie and Emily McPherson collection
 The MAGS Collection:
 The Frank Theibold Mineral Collection
 The Roger Van Cleef Education Program
 Fluorescents Minerals
 Rock Food Table
 Boxed Mineral and Rock Display

CLUB BOOTH

Grab Bags(only \$3 bucks a great bargain)
 MAGS- t-shirts, stickers, patches, cookbooks
 Door prizes every hour and sometimes more

ROCKZONE

Gem Dig -cost only \$.025 for a three minute hunt for rocks, crystals, fossils and special prizes. "Rocks Around the Clock"
 Best bargain and activity for kids in the Mid-South

MAGS MEMBERS PROMOTE THE SHOW

Distribute poster size flyers
 Distribute postcard size flyers
 Provide show committee information about promotional opportunities
 Pack Grabs
 Donate Material to the gem dig. Need crystals

MAGS MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW

Thursday- show move in/setup
 Friday-Show move in/setup
 Friday night show dinner
 Saturday- 2 hour shifts Ticket/Info Booth, or ROCKZONE
 Sunday- 2 hour shifts Ticket/Info Booth or ROCKZONE , show move out

March Birthdays



March's birthstone is aquamarine.

SHELBY HARTMAN: The gemstone aquamarine is the blue or blue-green variety of the mineral beryl. Aquamarine is colored by trace amounts of iron that find

their way into the crystal structure. Most gem quality aquamarines have been heat treated to produce the popular colors from less desirable yellow or pale stones. The leading producer of aquamarines is Brazil. Pakistan, as well as some locales in the United States, China, India, Australia and Africa produce beautiful specimens, as well.

When eyeglasses first began being produced in Germany, it was a thin sliver of aquamarine used as a lens to correct shortsightedness.

Early sailors wore aquamarine talismans, engraved with the likeness of Neptune, as protection against dangers at sea.

Aquamarine has a hardness of 7.5-8 on the Mohs scale.

3 Nancy Waddell	23 Dorothy Foster
3 Dana Griffin	23 Janice Sanford
7 Stan Johnson	26 Marie Sims
10 Tess Cannito	26 Stephany Rainwater
10 Kathleen A. Eglsaer	27 Ann Huber
10 Bill Hawkins	29 Angela Cates
11 Nancy Folden	30 Hisami McNeil
11 Casey Randolph	31 Hunter Hill
12 E. Neville Mayfield, Jr.	
15 Walter Davis	
16 James Burns	
17 Robert Cooper	
22 Sherida Helms	
23 Sharon Drungell	

2008 Dates to Remember

Month	Board Meeting	Membership Meeting	Due Date for Newsletter Submissions
March	Mar 06	Mar 14	Feb 24
April	Apr 03	Apr 11	Mar 23
May	May 01	May 09	Apr 20
June	June 05	June 13	May 25
July	July 03	July 11	June 22
August	July 31	Aug 08	July 20
September	Sep 04	Sep 12	Aug 24
October	Oct 02	Oct 10	Sep 21
November	Nov 06	Nov 14	Oct 26
December	Dec 04	Dec 12	Nov 23

Web Site Statistics for February 2008

a brief look at our website (www.memphisgeology.org) from 1/21/02-2/26/08

Total Visits & Hits

Total visits to web site	297,884
Total hits to web site	1,103,256
Visits in past 30 days	7,880
Hits in past 30 days	32,689
Average daily visits (past 30 days)	246

Top page views past 30 days

homepage	638 hits
rocknews1005	499 hits
rocknews0907	350 hits
explorer0604	336hits
rocknews0108	304 hits

Note: A visit is every time someone comes to our web site. A hit is every page viewed once a user enters our web site.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc

The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve.

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
An Official Field Trip of The Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club -
Gastonia, NC (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

8:00 am Till Noon
Saturday, March 22, 2008
Martin-Marietta Quarry / Woodleaf, North Carolina

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WHERE: Martin-Marietta Quarry, Woodleaf, NC

WHEN: 8am till Noon - Saturday, March 22, 2008

TIME: Meet at the quarry at 8:00am to sign liability waivers and receive the MANDATORY safety briefing before entry to the active quarry.

COLLECTING: Calcite, Chabazite, Chalcopyrite, Epidote, Feldspar, Fluorite, Hornblende, Molybdenite, Natrolite, Prehnite, Pyrite, Quartz and many micro-minerals still to be listed. There have been excellent specimens collected at this location and we hope to find more of the good stuff this trip.

BRING: **A hard hat is required for this field trip. MAGS has several if you need one,** safety glasses and heavy shoes-no tennis shoes or sandals! You will also need to bring your hard-rock collecting tools - Sledge hammers, chisels, rock hammers, etc.

NOTE: STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS OR BE PREPARED TO BE ASKED TO LEAVE!
Any violations of safety policies will result in exclusion from future digs.

DIRECTIONS: FROM GASTONIA, N.C. (I-85 N toward Concord, NC) Merge onto I-77 N via EXIT 38 toward COLUMBIA (20.1 miles). Take the US-21 N exit- EXIT 33- toward LAKE NORMAN. Turn RIGHT onto US-21(2.6 Miles). Take the NC-150 ramp. Turn RIGHT onto NC-150 (3.0 miles). Turn LEFT onto NC-801 (11.0 miles). Turn LEFT to stay on NC-801(1.8 miles). Turn RIGHT onto STATESVILLE BLVD / US-70 / NC-801(1.4 miles). Turn LEFT onto NC-801 (3.6 miles). Turn LEFT onto WOODLEAF BARBER RD / WOODLEAF-BARBER RD.

DMC CONTACT: Doug Dover, 704-825-9580 ddover@carolina.rr.com

World Wide Web site for the DMC is: <http://www.gamineral.org/dmc.htm>

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

Show Volunteer Report

Cornelia McDaniel: Each year our club sponsored Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show requires a significant membership effort to ensure a successful weekend.

Having been drafted by the Show Committee, I agreed to become Volunteer Coordinator for this year's Show. I recently asked the membership to be thinking of how each of you would like to make your personal contribution.

Volunteers have begun to respond and, so far, we have fulfilled 25% of the Thursday and Friday requirements, a mere 2% of the Saturday requirements and 25% of the Sunday requirements.

This means that many of the critical positions remain vacant so we still have a way to go with the Show only about six weeks away.

I will have the volunteer sign-up sheet at the March club meeting. I will be ready to answer your questions and sign you up for some of the tasks that still need to be assigned. If you do not make it to the club meeting, you can call me at (901) 274-7706 or email to cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net to volunteer.

Club Room Update

W.C. McDaniel: Several open sessions have been scheduled for equipment orientation which will cover trim and slab saws, grinding and polishing units, as well as safety and shop procedures. Open session means you can come by during any of the time slots listed below: Cost is \$10. Space is limited so please sign up early!

Wednesday	March 12	5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 16	1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 19	1:30p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 29	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

(Weekdays may be scheduled if requested.)

MAGS March Field Trip

The March field trip will take place on March 29th and 30th to Potosi, Missouri. For first timers, Potosi is about 280 miles from Memphis and approximately a 4-1/2 to 5 hour drive.

Details for this field trip will be provided at the March membership meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, feel free to contact Barry Burns at 901-829-4246 for the details.

January 2008 Board of Directors Meeting Notes : CAROL LYBANON

The MAGS Board of Directors met January 3, 2008, at the Blue Plate Café, 5469 Poplar Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. Those present were: Sandy Ward, Lybanon, Matthew Lybanon, Mike Cannito, W.C. McDaniel, Idajeon Jordan, Ron Brister, Pam Gurley, Cathie Jacobs, Alan Jacobs, Neville Mayfield, and Lou White. The minutes from the December Board and General Meetings were reviewed and approved as corrected. At the December Board Meeting Mike Cannito asked to see previous bank statements only from the Show account. Treasurer's Report: Approved as submitted, subject to audit. Field Trips: In the absence of our Field Trip chair, W.C. McDaniel reported that the January field trip will be to the bead warehouse in Imboden, AR. It will take place Sunday, January 13. We will meet at the warehouse at 10:00 A.M. Maps will be provided at our January Membership Meeting. Adult Programs: Ashley Allen's January program will be on on the Union Chapel Mine. Dr. Gibson will present the February program. He plans to bring some of his geology club students. The March program is not definite (tentatively tumbling). April's program will have something to do with the Show, to promote interest. Youth Programs: W.C. McDaniel read Mike Baldwin's report. The January program will consist of naming the group, talking about the JOY award requirements, and the merit badge program. They will also do a geology experiment. Library: Ron Brister noted that he will have a new e-mail address after he retires. We need a new book cabinet for the library. Before we can consider this we need to ask the church for permission to store another cabinet. Ron said he needs some help with the library. Sandy Ward said she would send an e-mail to the membership, to ask for an assistant librarian. Another suggestion was to put the request into the newsletter. Pam Gurley volunteered to help Ron with his inventory. Newsletter: Sandy Ward said she was not able to bring copies of the latest issue to the Board Meeting because it isn't out yet. It should be finished in a few days. Membership: Pam Gurley presented, and the Board approved, an application from Mark and Karen Cooper and son Aiden. It was pointed out that members who join in October-December will have their membership run through the following December. The Board reminded Mike Cannito that he needed to send \$1 per member to the SFMS; Pam Gurley needs to give him the number of members. Rock Swap: The first rock swap will be in May. Cathie and Alan Jacobs are looking for people to volunteer their houses for the coming year. Show: Sandy Ward reported that she has the final 2009 Show contract with the Agricenter. have to sent them a down payment by the end of January. Our show will take place in the West Pavilion. The Agricenter made some concessions to accommodate our needs, and we will have

first refusal for three years. Each time we renew will start another three-year period. The next Show Committee meeting, for the 2008 show, will be on January 7 at 6:30 P.M. at the home of W.C. McDaniel Old Business: Sandy Ward will send Randa Spears a letter advising her that, since she has missed so many Board Meetings, and we can't reach her by phone, we assume she does not want to continue as a Board Member. W.C. McDaniel was appointed by the Board to take over as 2nd Vice-President for the remainder of her term. The Board appointed Carl Warren as Director, Assistant Adult Programs, to complete W.C. McDaniel's term. Idajeon Jordan will remain in her position as Assistant Youth Director. Club Room—30-35 people attended the open house. W.C. McDaniel showed the Board the stained glass piece Carol Lybanon donated. We will continue selling raffle tickets, and have a drawing at the end of the February Membership Meeting. The proceeds will go to the Club Room. The equipment was set up and the room is ready for use. Carol Lybanon proposed that the club should support the room for a while, to give it a chance to become self-supporting. The Board discussed where the funds could come from. Idajeon Jordan suggested the Don Green Fund, but there is not enough money in that fund to support the Club Room. W.C. McDaniel said that last year's financial management plan allocated funds that could be used for this purpose. He also had a few ideas for allocating other monies to support the room. He will present a plan to the Board next month. Alan Jacobs asked if the club was interested in the jeweler's bench he previously offered to donate. W.C. McDaniel said he will see if there is a place for it in the Club Room. We need to send thank-you notes to Robert Duncan and Lou White, to acknowledge their help with the Club Room. Frank Theobald Collection—We need to go through the collection and pull out duplicates, then decide what pieces we could sell. We also need to choose groups of specimens that could be made into displays and lent to other organizations (such as libraries and schools). **New Business:** Mike Cannito asked what we could do for Members who are not physically able to attend our meetings. After some discussion the Board did not reach a solution, so the issue was tabled. Neville Mayfield brought two questions to the Board. (1) Has MAGS ever looked into applying for funding from corporations? One casino advertised in the newspaper that it was seeking applications from nonprofit organizations. While it is too late to apply this year, the Board thought of two different areas to consider for next year: sponsors for our 2009 show, and sponsors for markers along the Nonconnah Regional Greenbelt Trail. (2) MENSA has purchased a new, professional-quality printer. They are looking for printing jobs to defray its cost. He brought in samples of the MAGS newsletter, to show its quality. Neville will need to talk to Mike Baldwin and Shelby Hartman to determine the feasibility of using MENSA's printing service. We might also be able to use it to print Show flyers. Carol Lybanon reminded the Board that the February Board Meeting will take place on January 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

January 2008 Membership Meeting Notes : CAROL LYBANON

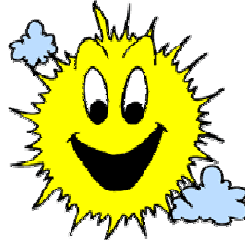
The MAGS Membership Meeting was held at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church on January 11. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M., with 72 members and 6 visitors in attendance. The visitors were: Martha Schweifer, George Schweifer, Deborah Brown, Tommy Day, Mary Day, and Bebe Buck. Pam Gurley welcomed visitors and new Members. Jeff and Cathy Oswalt showed the Members the beautiful MAGS banners that they donated. Field Trips: Barry Burns announced that our January field trip will be to the bead warehouse in Imboden, AR. We will meet at the warehouse at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 13. Maps are available at the back of the room. Show: Jim Butchko asked that Members take grab bags home and fill them (this is a new way of preparing the grab bags to sell at the Show). He asked that if people have specimens to donate that require cleaning, they should give them to him to clean. Club Room: The schedule for upcoming classes is up front. The fees must be paid in advance; since there are more applicants than some of the classes will hold, payment will hold your place. A special thanks to Don and Barb Reed for their generous donation and loan of equipment. Program: Ashley Allen presented a program on the Union Chapel Mine. This is the abandoned coal mine near Jasper, AL, that is one of the world's leading Carboniferous trace fossil sites. W.C. McDaniel announced that Dr. Gibson will give the February program, also on fossils. The February field trip will be an open house at the church to look at the Frank Theobald collection, again. It will be February 16, 9:00-1:00. Sandy Ward made presentations for SFMS Bulletin article awards to Karen Schaeffer, Rhena South, Sherri and Mike Baldwin, W.C. McDaniel, Marvin Nutt, and Alan Jacobs; and Junior of the Year awards to Karen, Lauren, and Danielle Schaeffer. Susan Thompson presented a display that showed a coral she found at Dickson, Tennessee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sunshine Report



If you have any announcements to include in the sunshine report, please contact Pam Gurley at 324-7235

Member Barry Walther from Mt. Ida, AR is recovering from an illness. Sherri Baldwin's father was recently hospitalized. We send our best wishes to each of them for a speedy recovery. Jean and Alan Helt's daughter recently underwent surgery and we hear she's doing well. Spring is coming! Everyone get out and enjoy the great weather!

Pam Gurley

2008 Adult Program Presentations

March 14, 2008

Tumbling

From "B"(buying) to "P"(polishing)

Several MAGS members will take you through the tumbling process: equipment, material, grit and polishing compounds

April 11, 2008

"The Greatest Show on Earth"

The 29th annual Mid-America Mineral Fossil Jewelry

Members get ready for the show

May 9

Barry Gilmore

"Opals"

June 13

Mike Howard, Arkansas State Geologist

"Introduction to the Visual and Physical Properties of Minerals"

July 11

MAGS Mineral Sale

August 8

MAGS Annual Indoor Picnic and Rock Swap

The main purpose of Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society is to promote and advance the knowledge of the Lapidary Sciences in the mining, identification, cutting, polishing and mounting of gems, minerals and fossils to the utmost of our geological and lapidary capabilities.

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AFMS NEWSLETTER AWARDS: New Editor 7th—95 • Small Bulletin Honorable Mention—04, 05, 06 • Adult Article 10th—04; Honorable Mention—05 (x2), 06 (x2) • Junior Article 3rd—98; 8th—03 • Special Pub 4th—03

SFMS NEWSLETTER AWARDS: New Editor 1st—86; 2nd—88, 97 • New Editor (Explorer) 4th—03 • Certificate of Excellence—89, 90, 91, 92, 93 • Large Bulletin 1st—87 • Small Bulletin 1st—04, 2nd—06, 4th—03, 3rd—07 • Special Publication 2nd—03 • Art 77, 80, 81, 82, 86 • Junior Article 1st—03, 07 • Adult Article 1st—06, 2nd—89, 90, 04, 06; 3rd—92; 4th—85, 04, 07; 5th—91, 03, 07; 6th—87; 8th—04, 07; Honorable Mention—03, 04, 07 • Adult Poetry—07

DUES: \$20 (Family); \$16 (Single); \$8 (Junior)

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- March 6** **6:30 p.m.** **Board Meeting: Blue Plate Café, 5469 Poplar Avenue**
- March 14** **7:30 p.m.** **Membership Meeting, Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, 5535 Shady Grove Road**
- March 22** **8:00 a.m.** **DMC Field Trip to Martin-Marietta Quarry, Woodleaf, NC**
- March 29-30** **MAGS Field Trip to Potosi, Missouri**
- March 12, 16, 19, 29** **See pg 7** **Club Room Equipment Orientation (must sign up—Cost \$10)**



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