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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, December 10, 2009. *Visitors are always welcome.*

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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 ½ 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

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas party. Since the potluck dinner was such a success, we're going to do it again. We're all good cooks anyway. So please, plan to join us on December 10 at 7pm. Bring a dish to share with your fellow club members, a non-alcoholic drink for yourself (I'm bringing 2 gallons of un-sweet tea) and a small, \$5 gift for the exchange (preferably rock/glass/lapidary related). If you'd prefer knives/forks that work and plates that won't fall apart, you can bring those, too.

The plans for the show are underway and we've found the perfect location. We'll be renting the Stuart Center in Bartow on February 27, 2010. This room is larger than the Beach Club and tables are included. This is very exciting news.

I'd like to thank Jim Reed for his tool demo at the November meeting. I think everyone found it informative. I know he answered a few questions afterwards.

I hope to see you at the December meeting. As always, you can call me on my cell at 863-255-5256 or email me at cdreed57@tampabay.rr.com
Cindy Reed, President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles Appenzeller
Maggie Bartel
Dan & Joshua Blanchard
Brenda Bryan
Mike & Susie Percefull
Greg & Payton Richeson
Jo Smilie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike and Susie Percefull

December Birthstones

Modern Birthstone	- Turquoise, Blue Topaz, Tanzanite
Traditional Birthstone	- Zircon, Lapis
Mystical Birthstone	- Onyx
Ayurvedic Birthstone	- Ruby
Other	Chrysoprase, Agate

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.

We're working on a great program either in January or February. Gene McDevitt has agreed to bring his presentation on his opal mine in Australia. Gene lives in Safety Harbor during our winter months and goes back to his mine during our summers. We saw his presentation at the Tampa club last year and we were very impressed. His web site is: <http://www.koroit.com/> We have a couple of other ideas in the works as well. And, we're working on some field trips. Stay tuned.

As stated above, December's meeting will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow members. The club will provide ice, paper plates, cups and plastic utensils. If you'd prefer something a little sturdier, you can bring your own. I'll bring a couple of gallons of unsweetened tea. Please bring your beverage of choice. We will have a gift exchange so if you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift, approx. \$5 value (preferably rock, mineral or fossil related). I hope you can all join us.

It's time again for renewal. I've received applications from a lot of you, but there's some that still need reminders. You received the new applications with the last 2 newsletters, so I'm not attaching it again. If you need it, please let me know.

We filled several positions at the November meeting. Since we have not had any volunteers for President, Secretary and Treasurer, Laurie, Roger & I will keep our offices. Jim Reed was officially made the Show Chairman, Susan Burns will be a Board member and Ray Lints was elected to the position of Parliamentarian.

2010 Show

Message from Jim Reed – We have secured a facility for our 2010 rock show! It will be on Saturday February 27, 2010. Thanks to all those folks that helped. We went through a lot of possible places to hold the show – most did not have available space. The show will be at the Stuart Center in Bartow, run by the Polk County Extension Services. It has a big room along with a stage area, a kitchen, tables, and chairs. There will be room outside to have a sand box for the kids. We are still in the planning stages but we need all the help we can get. I'm sure at the next December meeting we will discuss the show before we consume wonderful food.

Ghost Jade

By Jim Reed

While in Denver this September we went to the Miners Coop Show. This show is where miners actually sell the materials that they collect. One on the vendors there, Wayne Holland of Blanchard Rock Shop, was selling Ghost Jade from Nevada. I'm not much of a jade person but fell in love with the texture of this stone and the colors. Ghost jade is composed of minerals of the amphibole group - a mixture of actinolite & tremolite. This stone is a nephrite jade that shows it's fibrous laminar texture with its chatoyant phenomena when turned – hence ghost jade. While it doesn't show in the pictures below, this looks a lot like Serephanite. It has a mohs hardness of 5 to 7 and can be used for cabs or carving. It can be ordered by calling 505-423-3235.



December 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; Web site: WithlacoocheeRockhounds.com

Upcoming Shows and Swap Meets

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: fndesign@aol.com; Web site: 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

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>

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Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2009

The November 12, 2009, meeting was called to order, at 6:58 pm by President Cindy Reed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were twenty-three members and five guests present. The minutes from last month were accepted as printed in the newsletter with one correction, we did have minutes the prior month. Our Treasurer was not here tonight. Cindy Reed read balances of our accounts as of 10-31-09.

The facility of our last year's show has been rented out. An alternate location was offered, which is smaller than the Beach Club. Calls have been made to the Bartow Civic Center. Discussion was held as to possible alternate locations. Proposed dates for our next show are February 20th or February 27.

A show committee is needed. Jim Reed is the unofficial Chair of this Committee. Our committee was formed this evening, consisting of Jim Reed, Gene Bergfield, Kim Price, Susan Burns and Julie Hodges. They will meet at the shop this Sunday at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping, feel free to attend this meeting.

Rex has offered to be our food vendor again. Cindy Reed has a list of 45 vendors; sixteen came last year and we turned away one or two. Table rent is to be determined. We have \$150.00 of tumbled rocks for the sandpit. Donations for the sandpit, i.e. fossils, shells, etc. are being accepted. Please get with a committee member or Cindy Reed if you have donations.

While at William Holland, Jim Reed took a class instructed by Tom and Kay Benham. It was a great class and Jim brought some of his work with him tonight. The Benham's live in Orlando and the Reed's are going to try to get them to come visit our club. They write the help column for Lapidary Journal Jewelry Artist and are looking for questions for it. Please check out the magazine and submit your questions for them. (their contact info was in the November newsletter -cdr)

Another interesting person the Reed's met at William Holland is Anita Westlake. She is a Professor at Emory University and very informed on meteorites. She is willing to come speak to our club for the price of gas and a place to stay. They are also talking with an Australian opal miner from Safety Harbor, with plans for him to come to our club in early 2010 to give a talk and sell opals.

Our December meeting will be a potluck, same time and place. Bring a dish to share and a \$5.00 / \$10.00 wrapped gift for our exchange.

Tonight, Jim Reed will be demonstrating channeling items with a glass grinder, drilling with a Dremel tool and polishing.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Williams – 11-12-09

Addition to the minutes, as follows. After adjournment we discussed the need for Board Members and officers of our club. Some of the positions needed are 1st and 2nd Vice President. Susan Burns has volunteered to become a one-year Board Member and Ray Lints volunteered for the Parliamentarian position. Motions were made and seconded to accept them in these positions.

December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Shop Open 10:30-4	7	8	9	10 Meeting 7pm Holiday Dinner	11	12
13 Shop Open 10:30-4	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Shop Open 10:30-4	21	22	23	24	25 	16
27 Shop Open 10:30-4	28	29	30	31 		

