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Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show – 3/12/11. Don't Forget!

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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 First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011. *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.

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland.
<http://www.fpclakeland.org/contact-us/map--directions/>

Directions: Take the Bartow Hwy (US-98 S) until you get to Hollingsworth Rd. at Lakeland High School.

Turn onto Hollingsworth Rd (toward the school). At the lake veer Left onto Lake Hollingsworth Rd.

FPC is on the left. You will pull in the drive right next to the Hollingsworth apartments and park on that side. There's a children's playground there, so you can't miss it. If you go in the North entrance, just drive around the building and come to the other side. We'll have the front double doors open (facing the lake). The room # is 221 (I think).

Message from the President

Our biggest news of the month is that we now have a meeting place. It is the same as we had last month, but we're making it permanent. Dan Blanchard spoke with the church officials and they've agreed to give us a discounted rate. I feel this is the best solution as we'll be on the calendar and we don't have to worry about being displaced at the last minute. While I know this isn't ideal for those who live in the Southern and Northern areas of our county, it's the best we can do at this time.

Showtime is almost upon us. Jim Reed, Susan Burns and Kim Price have spent the last 2 or 3 Sundays at the conex getting everything sorted. It's getting to be crunch time and there's still a lot to do. I expect it to be as great, if not better than last year.

Don't forget about the field trips to Graves Mountain. I left the info from last month in the newsletter for your convenience. I understand that the people who went on the Mosaic trip enjoyed it. No major finds, but it was fun.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on March 10, 7pm – First Presbyterian Church on Lake Hollingsworth.

Cindy Reed, President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amy Bland
Rose Gervase
Chinming Han
Tim Rydberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wayne & Brenda Bryan
Helene & Rick Daigneault
Ron Williams

March Birthstones

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| Modern Birthstone | Aquamarine |
| Traditional Birthstone | - Bloodstone |
| Mystical Birthstone | - Jade |
| Ayurvedic Birthstone | - Bloodstone |
| Other | - Rock Crystal |

January 2011 SHOP REPORT

Thanks to Wayne Bryan for the new 18" rock saw blade.

Shop wish List:

The shop needs mechanical components:
Saw Blades - One 12" with 5/8" arbor

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Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2011

The February 10, 2011 meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 31 members present. A motion was made by Tim Rydberg and seconded by Rose Gervase to accept the January minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report was given by Roger McQuown. Tonight is Roger's last report as he's now 1st Vice President. Welcome to our new Treasurer Debbie Rydberg. Cindy Reed and Laurie Williams remain in their offices.

Shop Report - Jim Reed: The shop roof is temporarily repaired. Wally Moore and his son came out to make the necessary welding repairs. We owe him a big thank you. We need to strip and paint the roof this year. The Genie works great.

We met at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland tonight, thanks to Dan Blanchard for arranging this at the last minute. A room is available here for \$50.00; the rate may be negotiable. Dan Blanchard will negotiate with the church for a rock bottom deal. We discussed our club's ability to pay for a room and Cindy Reed said we could afford up to \$25.00 a month. Discussion was held regarding our need for a more permanent type meeting location. The Lakeland library is busy. Someone suggested possibly moving our location once a year, due to our members being spread out. We're booked thru December at the First Presbyterian Church. Cindy Reed said Winter Haven is the most centrally located. Everybody think about where and when to meet; we'll discuss it again. If you're talking with someone about our using their facility, we are a not for profit educational society and Cindy has the paperwork, if needed.

A suggestion was made to have raffles each meeting to help offset costs. Dan Blanchard proposes everybody pitch in a few dollars a meeting. Laurie Williams proposes that Dan get the rock bottom deal and then re-visit it. Cindy Reed has tabled this for the moment. Jan Liles moves to table discussion on meeting locations, Linda Croscetti seconded it, motion carried.

There are show flyers on the table. Kim Price will distribute them to schools via e-mail. Cindy Reed will send it out again via e-mail to our club members. Rex will do our food again; we need a few people to help out in the kitchen. We are asking a suggested \$2 donations for admittance to our show. We can get in on Friday to set up. We need people to demo. Please let Jim Reed know if you have anything to donate for the show.

Kim Price and Susan Burns helped at the Conex to get things together for the show. Come to the clubhouse the next two Sundays around 11:00 am and see Jim to help out further for the show. The table covers Cindy ordered are in. We will have grab bags. Jo and Tom Smiley brought items for grab bags and sandbox. Mary Sullivan will be bringing things too. Kim Price mentioned to bring leftovers from the Mosaic field trip to add to the sandbox or grab bags. We have display cases in the room where our show is being held and Jim Reed, Kim Price, Wes Greenamyer and Jan Liles each have one. We have five locks for the display cases.

Liaisons are needed for the Federation; this position involves travels 2-4 times a year. The next meeting is 3-12-11 in Augusta, GA. Since it falls on our show date, no one from our club is able to attend.

Kim Price is the contact for the Mosaic trip. Jim Reed wants pictures from the field trip.

Keep Ruth Ann Moore in your thoughts. Her husband of 50 years, B.D. recently passed away due to a heart attack. Both of them have been instructors at William Holland. B.D. was a very talented man and he will be missed.

The William Holland and Wild Acres lists are on the table. On March 26, 2011 Graves Mountain is reserved for a dig. Larry and Mary Prescott are looking for more campers to join them. The week after Easter it will be open to the public. The Rucks Pit field trip is 2-26-11, with the Tampa Club.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn our meeting at 8:00 pm The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Laurie Williams – 2-10-11

2011 Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

As of the end of the month we have 21 vendors with 56 tables rented for the upcoming show. The show will be at the Polk Extension Office's Stuart Center in Bartow, Florida on Saturday March 12, 2011 (same as last year). We will have the sign-up sheet at the meeting, so if you can volunteer for either day, let us know. We're also looking for people to do demonstrations during the show, so if you would like to try, inform Jim or Cindy. We'll have the club's Genie there; just need some people to run it.

We plan to meet at the shop about 9am on Friday, 3/11 and will be setting up the tables starting at around 11 AM. if anyone else wants to help out. We definitely can always use more people. Vendors are allowed to start setting up at 2 PM. We'll be back at 6:30am on the 12th. It is looking like an excellent show this year!

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March 2011 Shows and Swap Meets

3/4-6/2011—LARGO, FLORIDA: 41st annual show and sale; Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society; Minnreg Bldg., 6340 126th Ave. N., between 66th St. and US19 N, south of Ulmerton Rd.; Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–6, Sun. 10–5; adults \$5 (three days), Web site coupon, students \$4, children under 6 free; dealers, club sales, finished and un-finished gems, jewelry, beads, minerals, equipment, tools, magazine back issues, prize drawings, displays, grab bags, lapidary demonstrations, beading and wire wrapping; Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, P.O. Box 13254, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3254; Web site: www.sgams.com

3/12/2011 – IMPERIAL BONE VALLEY GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SOCIETY, 7TH 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>

3/12-13/2011--TAMPA, FLORIDA: Show, "Fossil Fest 2011"; Tampa Bay Fossil Club; Florida State Fairgrounds, US 301 and I-4; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; fossils, artifacts, gems, minerals, shells, exhibits, "how to" seminars, kids' games, fossil mine, raffles, door prizes, silent auction; contact Barbara Fite, (813) 977-0892; e-mail: bfite@tampabay.rr.com; Web site: www.tampabayfossilclub.com

3/25-27/2011--ORLANDO, FLORIDA: 42nd annual show; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Fri. 1-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$2, sluice mining, faceting demonstrations, silent auctions, gem identification, Kids' Korner, mineralogist on site, door prizes, grand prize; contact James Johnstone, 12745 Newfield Dr., Orlando, FL 32837, (407) 625-6336; e-mail: jj030@msn.com; Web site: www.cfmgs.com (\$1 coupon at http://www.cfmgs.org/uploads/March_2011_Flyer.pdf)

Upcoming Field Trips

Larry & Mary Prescott are working on a field trip to Graves Mountain, GA on 3/26/11. We are inviting other Central FL club members to go along. This would give you the opportunity to collect in a smaller group than the next open dig/swap which is April 29 – May 1. If you'd like for info, please contact me or the Prescott's.

From the Graves Mountain website:

You should not miss any opportunity to collect here because the rutile, lazulite, and pyrophyllite are said to be some of the finest in the world. The collecting area at Graves is huge! There are three main rock types here: quartz-sericite schist, sericite-kyanite-quartz rock (quartzite) and quartz conglomerate. You may still be able to collect **rutile, kyanite, lazulite, iridescent hematite, pyrophyllite, pyrite, ilmenite, muscovite, fuchsite, barite, sulfur, blue quartz and quartz crystals with a hematite coating.** Don't forget the micro phosphate and phosphosulfate minerals that can be collected here. **Woodhouseite, variscite, strengite, phosphosiderite, cacoxenite, crandallite along with accessory quartz, pyrite, pyrophyllite, dickite, jarosite and sulfur crystals.**

If you cannot make the trip with Larry and Mary Prescott, here's the info for the next open dig.

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold two three day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during 2011. April 29-May 1 and Oct. 7-Oct 9. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

Mark your calendar and tell all your friends about this great event!

**THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL.
NO NEED TO SIGN-UP, JUST SHOW UP!**

Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. (Junior) - 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

2011 Federation Workshop Schedule

We have received the schedule for the Federation workshops at William Holland and Wild Acres. If you would like more information or a registration form, please let me know.

Session 1, William Holland, 6/12-18/11

Session 2, Wild Acres, 8/22-28/11


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| Seed Beading | Barbara Green | | | |
| Cabochons | Richard Shackleton | | Cabochons | Pat Davis |
| Chain Making | Dee & Bill Conybear | | Enameling/Cold Conn. | Renee Kelly |
| Enameling | Bob Mattingly | | Faceting | Steve Hillenbrand |
| Faceting | Bill Roberts | | Gem ID | Mary Lou Kick |
| Lampwork Beads | Ann Royer | | Metalsmithing Adv. | Jeff Shears |
| Mineral ID | Scott Forward | | Silver Filigree | Stafford / Gibney |
| Opals | Sarah Lee Boyce | | Stone Setting | Don Roberts |
| Silver I | Don Roberts | | Wire Beginning | Velima Lawson |
| Silver II | Vicky Prillaman | | | |
| Silver Filigree | Stafford / Warrick | | | |
| Wire I | Velima Lawson | | | |
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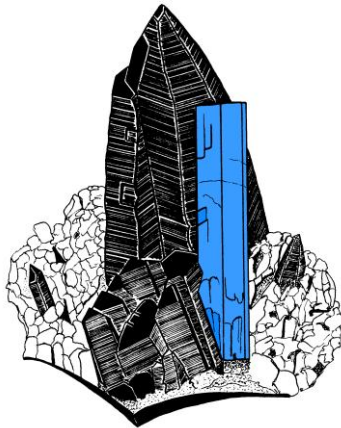
Session 3, Wild Acres, 9/12-18/11

Session 4, William Holland, 10/9-16/11

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| | | | Bead Weaving | Ron Midkiff |
| Cabochons | Anita Westlake | | Cabochons | Anita Westlake |
| Casting | John Lacullo | | Chain Making | Dee & Bill Conybear |
| Chain Making | Kathy Morris | | Enameling | Lynda Williams |
| Lampwork Beads | Linda White | | Faceting | Mary Lou Kick |
| Mineral ID | Scott Forward | | Fused Glass | Addy DePietro |
| Raku Beads | Jim Cullen | | Jadeite Carving | Bill Smith |
| Silver Cold Conn. | Charlotte Caughman | | Lampwork Beads | Cindy Reed |
| Silver Filigree | Stafford / Gibney | | Opals | Joe DePietro |
| | | | Silver Filigree | Stafford / Warrick |
| | | | Southwest Silver | Dan Haga |
| | | | Silver II | Vicky Prillaman |
| | | | Wire I | Judy Peppers |

March 2011

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| 6 Shop Open 10:30-4 (Show Finale) | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Meeting 7PM | 11 Show Setup | 12 IT'S SHOWTIME |
| 13 Shop Open 10:30-4 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Shop Open 10:30-4 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Graves Mtn. Trip |
| 27 Shop Open 10:30-4 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



Aquamarine/Smokey Quartz (Diamond Dan Publications).