



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Here it is December already and the year is just about over. Time flies when you're having fun and NMGMS certainly had a lot of fun filled activities this past year. We had a very busy schedule and accomplished many things over the past 12 months. I always like to reflect back at this time of the year and it always amazes me as to how much our organization manages to pack into its calendar year!

This past year saw a few new additions to our usual schedule of meetings and field trips. 2013 saw NMGMS hold its first Geology Day and Fossil Road Show, as well as, the club's first major display set up for public viewing. NMGMS had several articles and reviews about this display and the Geology Day appear in the local newspapers, which certainly gave our organization community recognition. We gained some very valuable members through these functions too. Another first for 2013 was that club members participated in community summer camp programs for both, the public library and the city museum and we were asked to give a speaking presentation about our society to another community organization. NMGMS also set up a large display at the library which ran for the whole summer!

One major undertaking that the club has been working on this year, is the incorporation of NMGMS with the state of Mississippi. Once this is accomplished, then we will apply for charity status with the state. If all proceeds well, we can then apply to the IRS for 501©3 recognition. Doing these things has many benefits for our organization, even though we are still a small club in comparison to other rock and mineral clubs. We will have much better liability protection as a corporation for one thing. Also, this step needs to be taken before we could even consider applying for the 501©3 status. Right now, we are the only Miss. rock club that has not filed with the state.

So, you may ask, to what benefit would applying for 501©3 recognition give the club? First of all, any donations made to the club would then be tax deductible. So, if you donated lapidary equipment for our future clubhouse (wishing here!) or donated your collection of mineral specimens to the club, you could use that as a tax deduction. Secondly, any member who works for a corporation that matches funds to 501©3 organizations for hours these members work at the organizations' public activities (like our Geology Day and display setups etc.) NMGMS would then be eligible to receive these funds. Thirdly, we could apply for federal grant monies, if we chose to do so.

All of the activities that we accomplished during this past year are going to make us a much stronger, more forward thinking, and better community oriented club, but definitely no less fun and exciting than we always have been. We can then look forward to a very rich and rewarding 2014 for all of our membership!

**NANCY ROBERTS**

Nancy, not cooking rocks for Thanksgiving. Captain Jim was much relieved.  
Photo  
Captain Jim Roberts



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\* The Hadrosaur Tethyshadros by Nobu Tamura. It lived on ancient islands in the Mediterranean Sea.  
See Old Bones p6.  
Please visit  
[www.paleoexhibit.blogspot.com](http://www.paleoexhibit.blogspot.com) for more of Nobu Tamura's wonderful work.

Deadline for January Nugget:  
January, 10, 2014.

# NMGMS

## Meeting Minutes



Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Dana and Larry Armstrong. New members Roger and Maurie White and Dr. Louis Zachos were introduced. Motion to approve the Sept. minutes as printed in the Oct. Nugget was seconded and Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Closing Balance as of today \$ 2,406.52

### **Committee Reports:**

**Field Trips:** The Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> field trip to the crab site was discussed. (see email or handout for details) Also mentioned was a joint field trip with APS to Alabama for Mississippian fossils around the first part of Feb. Interest was shown for going back to Mt. Ida for quartz crystals next March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded to use caution when posting anything about the field trips onto the Internet, to not make any specific references to the collection site, unless it is a known public location.

**Publicity:** (Bob Reinhaus) John Byzet agreed to be our next publicity chairman and Cheryl Langford agreed to assist him on this committee. Alison Schuchs is now handling the club's Facebook page.

**Membership:** (Ann Byzet). ) . It's time to consider renewing your NMGMS membership for 2014. Dues are \$12 per person and \$20 per family

### **Hospitality:**

Refreshments: Need two volunteers Jan.: **Mike Schuchs and Dana Armstrong**  
**Fred Turner** has volunteered to do the ham for the Christmas party pot- luck luncheon Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Do we want to handle the refreshments differently and just have everyone bring something?**

**Website:** (John Byzet) Check us out at [www.nmgms.org](http://www.nmgms.org)

**Newsletter:** (Dana Jones)

the deadline for submissions is the **second Friday of the month**. Dana has asked that all submissions for the newsletter be typed into the body of an email, so that she can easily copy and paste it into the newsletter. Photos need to be compressed as a jpeg file. Scanned items don't work well at all.

Remember to please send anything that is for the newsletter to Dana's email at:  
[nuggeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:nuggeteditor@gmail.com)

**Youth Members:** (Dana Jones and Jim Roberts) Volunteers: David Loyd  
We still need several more vests for Rockheads. Members who sew and are interested in helping can contact Nancy for pattern and/or sizes. We have one more issue of The Nugget to go before the end of the year, so if any junior member still wants to get an article submitted as part of the Junior Rockhound of the Year Award, please get it turned in before Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Stamps:** (Kathy Westbrook) Are there any to turn in?

Kathy has asked if there is anyone who comes to the meetings more often than she does, who is willing to take over as stamp chair? Brenda Manning volunteered to help Dana Armstrong with this position. **Members are encouraged to save stamps, by cutting them off of the envelope and leaving a half inch margin of paper around the stamp if possible.**

**Historian:** (Shirley Randel) Please gather up any 2013 club related photos, newspaper articles, show flyers or other memorabilia, so it can be turned in to Shirley, and she can begin working on the yearbook. She will need some hard copy photos too.

**Any time you visit a rock show, museum or other related event, please save the flyer, tickets, etc. to show you attended the event. All of this goes into the scrapbook!**

**Geology/Kids Day:** (Roger Loyd, Bob Reinhaus, John Byzet and Robert Langford) All of the cloth bags that were turned in have been filled. We could use more, so those of you who sew, please make up another 10 or so.

We are in need of specimens and things for the grab bags and material for the fishing game. **We can use small lapidary items too.**

**Safety:** (David Loyd) All new members are asked to sign a liability release waiver and it is a must for any guests on our field trips.

**We are going to work up a new membership application form that will have the liability waiver on it, so all new members will automatically turn one in. No need to sign another waiver if you already have one on file.**

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**Old Business:**

We are still going to proceed with registering the club as a corporation and a nonprofit charity with the state of MS and then NMGMS member, Mike Schuchs, has agreed to help us with any necessary paper work, if we continue on to file as a 501©3 with the IRS.

Plans are being made to host another Geology Day on Nov. 1, 2014 at the Oren Dunn Museum again. We are considering a display theme centered around quartz, since it is so prevalent. Does anyone have any ideas for the displays, other themes or any new activities that we could do? Could we work on a specimen from each state? We are considering the addition of a few vendor tables similar to the New Albany road show. We will have all of the rooms this time and can set up easy-ups outside if the weather permits. Nancy mentioned that we will have to change the date of our 2014 picnic because we will be setting up this display on the last weekend of October.

Nominations for the 2014 NMGMS officers were presented. Nikki Kenney was nominated for treasurer. Brenda Manning was nominated for secretary. Roger Lambert was nominated for Vice President and Nancy Roberts was nominated for President. There were no other nominations. We will be electing these officers next month. Is there anyone who would like to serve as a committee chairperson or help out on one? Allison will be taking over the Facebook page. Nancy asked if there was anyone who wanted to be the Field Trip chair. All other chairpersons were asked if they are willing to continue to serve in their present capacity.

**No further old business was discussed.**

**New Business:**

The December meeting will be the Christmas Party/ luncheon on **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the library from 11 to 3p.m.** We will have a short meeting and then eat at noon. The club will provide a ham and members are asked to bring a potluck dish. We will

have a gift exchange (\$10 max.), everyone who wants to participate brings a gift either for a man, woman or child. We will be collecting foodstuffs for a local charity. Members agreed to bring a “toy for tots” also. (We actually have the room starting at 10:30.)

A motion was made and passed to renew the subscription to Rock and Gem magazine for donating to the library as our way of saying “thank you” for the use of these meeting facilities. The results of the AFMS 2012 Bulletin Competition are in and NMGMS had some winning entries. In the Junior Articles category 12-17, Matthew’s “Label Your Specimens” placed 3<sup>rd</sup>! In the Written features Category, I placed fourth with the Feb. Notes from the Pres. Desk and John Byzet placed 8<sup>th</sup> with his “Camp William Holland” article. In written features, Nikki Kenney took an honorable mention with her Bead Soup article, “Make Yourself an Equipment Bag”. In the small bulletins category, The Nugget took 9<sup>th</sup> place! In order to be entered into the AFMS competition, these articles and newsletters have to place at least third in the SFMS bulletin competition! Congratulations to those whose hard work and good efforts make our newsletter such a good one! If anyone has an idea or a request for a meeting program for next year, please let Roger or Nancy know about it. Would love to have members do a few programs for us too! Ideas are welcome.

The Jan. 18, 2014 meeting will be at the Tupelo library from 1 to 3p.m. and the program will be “Simple Mineral Identification Techniques”, presented by Dr. Terry Panhorst of the Geology Dept. at the University of Mississippi.

**There was no other new business presented.**

**Reminder:** The Christmas party meeting is one week earlier than our usual meeting date. Meeting was adjourned.

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE! Mark Your Calendar

(aka Announcements)

## Christmas Party

**Club Members,**

NMGMS is planning an exciting new twist to our holiday get together, the Night before Christmas Ornament Exchange. If you would like to participate in the game and ornament exchange just bring an ornament. They can be handmade or store bought. Everyone that brings an ornament will go home with one.

Belinda

<b>Field Trips</b>	
<b>February (early)</b>	<b>March 8-9</b>
Joint APS	Mt Ida for Quartz
Mississippian Fossils	(Possibly)

<b>December 14</b> Tupelo Library 10:30am-3:30pm Christmas Luncheon	<b>March 15</b> Tupelo Library 1-3pm NMGMS Annual Birthday Party Meeting
<b>January 18</b> Tupelo Library 1-3pm pro Dr. Terry Panhorst Topic TBA	<b>April 12</b> Time and Location TBA <b>**Note:</b> One week earlier than usual meeting time due to Easter and library is closed that weekend.
<b>February 15</b> Tupelo Library 1-3pm Nikki Kenney The History of Indian Beading	<b>May 17</b> Tupelo Library 1-3pm Program TBA

<b>Workshop:</b>	Kim St. Jean Cold Connections and Mixed Metals class to be held at the Women First Center, 215 N. Gloster, Tupelo on Saturday, Jan. 25th from 9a.m. to 5p.m. The project that Kim will be teaching for this class is called the Spider Set Prong Pendant. See p 5
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## In the Know Online:

Our <http://www.nmgms.org/> website is a valuable tool. Ever since John Byzet created our very own domain on the Internet, I have had many guests and new members at our meetings tell me that they found out about NMGMS by checking out our website. John works very hard at keeping the site up to date with the club's announcements, newsletters, photos, and other pertinent information. As you may well know, today is the age of electronic information, so having a website is practically a must for any organization that wants to make itself known and grow in membership.

One thing that I would like to stress here, is that the website is great for new people wanting to know what's available, if they are interested in rocks, minerals or fossils, but our club's website is also something that all of us NMGMS members should make use of too. For example, not all of the photos which get sent to Dana for use in the newsletter, make it into the publication, but John manages to get most of them onto the website's photo page.

Also, Alison Schuchs is getting them onto our club's Facebook page, which Justin Hobart worked so very hard at getting set up for us. Another use would be, for members to go to the website for information about upcoming meetings, field trips or workshops, especially if they missed seeing it in the newsletter or if they misplaced their copy of the newsletter. That can happen you know! We have been sending out the club's newsletter via email for a long time now, but every once in awhile, your email server may be down or you can't access your emails (Yahoo is really good about having this happen every once in awhile and I just about faint in a total panic!), but if you have Internet access still, you can find out what's going on in NMGMS by visiting our website.

This is something that our members who get the newsletter via "snail mail" should think about too. Many times the Nugget is "in the mail", but you haven't gotten it yet. John will have it posted on our website practically the moment it goes out to everyone's email address. If you have Internet access at home, you can read The Nugget online, or you can go to a wifi "hotspot", like the library or other place of business with free Internet access. You can also use a computer at the library to access the Internet if you need to.

So, in this day and age of electronic information, where nearly everything you ever would want to know (and maybe some of what you don't!) is on the World Wide Web, you should always be able to keep abreast of what's going on with NMGMS. Check us out!

**NANCY ROBERTS**

## Meeting Program



George and rapt audience  
by Jim Roberts

### George Phillips speaks to a full house!

Wow, what can I say about our Nov. program other than George called out the troops! George Phillips did a presentation at our Nov. 16th meeting on the history of fossil collecting in Mississippi, which included some history on the Museum of Natural Science and the building of its fossil collection along with a little history on several of the state rock clubs like MGMS and NMGMS. George had been out in the field earlier that morning at the crab site and many of his fellow collectors joined us at the library for his presentation. I wish to thank the Birmingham Paleontological Society members that came away from their fossil collecting to join us and also Dr. Renee Clary and her students from Miss. State University who came by for the afternoon. We had over 40 people present and it was a great opportunity to meet up with some of our fellow fossil collectors, whom we have heard about so often, but don't usually connect with. Looks like we need to plan more joint field trips and programs in the future! George, as usual, put together a very informative program and we thank him for all of his efforts in doing these presentations for us. We had several other guests at this meeting, who also joined NMGMS, so I'd like to welcome Dr. Louis Zachos from The University of Miss. along with, Roger and Maurie White of Randolph, MS to our organization. A big thank you also goes to all of those who provided the refreshments for this meeting. As usual, we had quite a spread and believe me, it was needed!

**NANCY ROBERTS**



# Bead Soup

A place to share knowledge about the lapidary arts.



## SPLENDIFEROUS NMGMS Workshop!

The North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society is very excited to announce their upcoming Kim St. Jean Cold Connections and Mixed Metals class to be held at the Women First Center, 215 N. Gloster, Tupelo on Saturday, Jan. 25th from 9a.m. to 5p.m. The project that Kim will be teaching for this class is called the Spider Set Prong Pendant (see attached photo) and all materials used to make this pendant are included in the class fee of \$100 per student. Tools are also provided for use in the class. Seating is limited to 12 students, max., so be sure and get your class fee in early to hold your seat! We will be having lunch at the Center, BBQ and the fixins!

Make check to NMGMS and mail it to NMGMS/Mixed Metals Class P.O. Box 1445 Tupelo, MS 38802

Kim St. Jean is a renowned mixed metals jewelry artist who has taught classes at the William Holland Lapidary School, the John Campbell Folk Art School, Bead Fest, her home studio and for other clubs and organizations. Kim has two books published thru Kalmbach Publishing Co. and several online classes and videos thru Beaducation.com, as well as being featured in beading and jewelry magazines. Kim's classes always fill immediately and end up with waiting lists.

Trying to get NMGMS members scheduled to take one of her classes, as a group, at William Holland would be nearly impossible. So, when I talked with Kim St. Jean this past October while I was attending William Holland for a wire class, I mentioned that many NMGMS members were interested in her classes and had heard many great things about them. I also mentioned that we loved her work! Kim said that she does classes for other clubs and would be coming thru Mississippi on her way to the Tucson show in January. If we could get a group together and a place in which to hold the class, then she would teach a class for us. WOW! What an opportunity, to have such a well known and well like jewelry artist come to us! This saves us a long drive to go elsewhere, plus the class fee is less than what I have seen at Bead Fest or Tucson.



Any questions, email me at [therockhoundlady@yahoo.com](mailto:therockhoundlady@yahoo.com) or call 731-689-5336

Drop me a line to let me know that you are registering, thanks.

This is going to be lots of fun and a great class!



# Rockheads

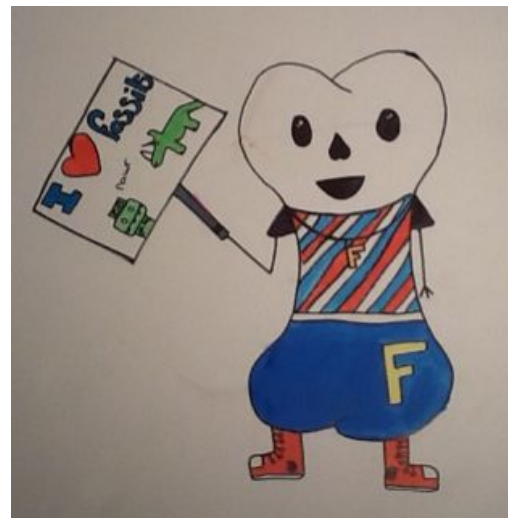
"The fossil hunter does not kill, he resurrects."

G. G. Simpson

## PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

MATTHEW LAMBERT

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## My Field Trip to the Hardware Store

Jake Carr age 7

Mike and I went to the hardware store. I saw a brick, it is a solid, but the thing is, it is man made, so it is not a rock. Then I saw a rock. Mike tells it is made by lava.

We found some sandstone. We thought it was a fossil. Later we know it is not a fossil; it is a crystal. Then we found another one. It is the same thing. Nana took a picture of me touching the crystal.

When we had gone to the tile section; we found: marble, granite and slate. Marble is a metamorphic rock. Slate is a sedimentary rock. Granite is an igneous rock.



Rockheads hard at work.



Jake Carr, age 7

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## Old Bones

To share knowledge of fossil, gem, and mineral collecting and preparation.

Youngest Complete Duckbill  
Dinosaur Found:

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<http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/4554/20131022/joe-dinosaur-youngest-complete-parasaurolophus-found-videos.htm>