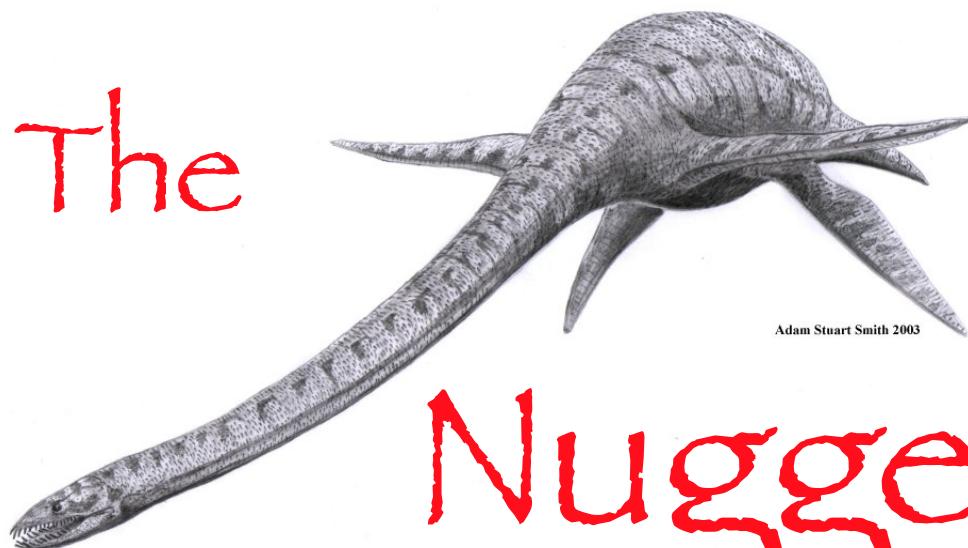


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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Congratulations NMGMS for the successful completion of our second Geology Day at the Oren Dunn City Museum! After facing some bracingly chilly morning temps for the opening of our Geology Day last Saturday, we still had very good attendance, especially from the area scout troops. We had many displays and hands-on exhibits set up, which were geared toward some of the Cub Scout belt loop requirements. It was really great to see all of those young scouts in uniform! I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the professionals who assisted, and were on hand Saturday to identify any specimens that were brought in, or to answer any questions that the scouts may have had. This time we had geology and archaeology covered, as well as paleontology.

Our club games and activities did well also, with the Spin and Win taking top honors again and the "Fossil Dig" not far behind. Several of our new displays were a big hit too, especially the "Rocks like Food" cases and the comparison case of present day specimens to their ancient fossil counterparts. And, if you didn't get to see the fluorescent display, you really missed out on a good show. The display cases are still set up at the museum, so make a date to go over there and peruse them all. Our lapidary case, with many of the pieces that members have made over the past year at our club classes and workshops, is very inspiring!

At our event this time, we added a couple of vendors, who had some very nice items for sale. I wish to thank them for participating and helping us to make the day a good one. I would have loved to have seen the geode cracker open up every one of those nice geodes, just to see what crystal surprise lurked inside! Our Geology Day was also covered by the local newspaper and television media; so thru this publicity, we are able to show the community that the North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society is a very educational and community minded organization.

I personally wish to thank all of the NMGMS members who worked so very hard on making our Geology Day a great success. From the planning, setup and execution of the event, to the takedown, it takes tremendous group effort to make everything fall into place and run smoothly. No one person can do it all and our membership showed what a fabulous organization we've got, with everyone pulling together and pitching in. We can be very proud of our accomplishments and I'm sure we learn a little bit more each time we hold an event such as this one. So, hopefully, from the experience that we've gained, we can make the next Geology Day even better.

**NANCY ROBERTS**

Above: Elasmosaur  
Courtesy of: <http://plesiosauria.com/liopleurodon.php>  
A site for Plesiosaurs

# NMGMS Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2014



Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Matthew Lambert and Konrad Armstrong  
No new guests or member were present.

Motion to approve the Sept. minutes was postponed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Closing Balance as of \$2,529.90

### **Chairpersons' Reports:**

**Field Trips:** Right now, we do not have a field trip scheduled, but I have contacted Ashley Allen of APS about setting one up for the coal mine in AL. He will work on it. They haven't been collecting there for awhile. Hopefully we can get one in before the end of the year. Watch your emails for more information. No information on Birmingham Lime Pit.

**Publicity:** (John Byzet) John has been posting the Geology Day flier around town and it's on our website and FB page. Rae Mathis will contact radio stations with information; Roger will edit flyer beforehand.

**Membership:** (Ann Byzet) If anyone needs a "new member" packet, see Ann. We still have extra club patches and all members, who don't already have a patch, get one; extras are \$2 each. Bring a few patches to Geology Day; we sold a few last time. Membership chair decided not to.

### **Hospitality:**

Refreshments: Volunteers for November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting are Dana Armstrong and Nancy Roberts. Club will buy the ham for our December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas party luncheon. Belinda Loyd volunteered to cook it. Everyone else bring items to add to this as usual. Some discussion was held on how to continue our refreshments. It was decided to continue as we have been doing. Monetary donations to help out with the refreshments are welcome!

**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**. One thing that we need for each issue of the Nugget is a meeting program review and a field trip and/or workshop review. We hope that all members will consider submitting a review or article and a big and thanks to all who have been contributing. Please send anything for the newsletter to Dana's email at [nuggeteditor@gmail.com](mailto:nuggeteditor@gmail.com)

**Youth Members:** (Jim Roberts) The Rockheads are reminded to complete any of the FRA badges that they have been working on, so that Jim can order the badges and have them ready to be handed out at the Dec. party. Don't forget to turn in your articles for the Nugget, if you are working toward the Junior Rockhound of the Year award.

**Stamps:** (Dana Armstrong) There seems to be some confusion about whether or not the federation is still doing this stamp program, so since Nancy is attending the Federations' annual meeting in Pascagoula next month, she will try to get some answers about this.

**Historian:** (Shirley Randle) Shirley has requested that someone else from the club store the yearbooks, as she has very little available space. There has been no offers from club members to accept this responsibility, however John Byzet has volunteered to obtain cost estimates for a climate controlled storage facility to prevent damage to historical items. This is to be discussed later.

**Geology/Kids Day:** (Roger Loyd, Bob Reinhaus, John Byzet and Robert Langford) We will be providing lunch for about 35 people who will be working at the Geology Day, so if you are going to be there, a box of cookies, loaf of bread, bag of chips, or a bottle of soda would be greatly appreciated.

**Safety:** (David Loyd) We need to have more safety articles in our newsletter. Is there anyone who would like to take on putting together a short safety article for the Nugget each month?

**Old Business:** Volunteers signed up for the following: John and Ann Byzet, Tabitha Lambert ----NMGMS club table, which will have some things on display and will be selling grab bags and tickets (50 cents each or 3for \$1) for the other activities:

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Nikki Kenney and Cheryle Langford ---**Beading table**, where we will have beads and stretchy cord for bracelet making; also wire for rings. (1 ticket)

Belinda Loyd and Dana Jones---**Spin and Win game table**, handling prizes (1 ticket per spin)

Jim Roberts, Larry and Konrad Armstrong ---**Rock and Fossil Dig**, will be outside, or in the firehouse, Tabitha Lambert, Victoria Langford and Alison ---**Fishing Game**, will be outside; may need to replenish the cups as needed. (1 ticket per cup fished)

Dana Armstrong and David Loyd ----**Fluorescent Room**, inside handling the UV lamps and light switches, need two adults

Robert Langford and Roger Lambert----**Fossil Case/rock and mineral case** Nancy Roberts and Justin Hobart ----**Docents to be by the fossil case** and the rock and mineral case to answer questions and also be responsible for gem and lapidary cases.

Rebecca Valerian ----**Food table and mineral uses** around our homes.

\*\*\*\* The museum will open at 8a.m. on Saturday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, so be there no later than 9a.m.!\*\*\*\*

Loan sheets for the display specimens were passed out and everyone was reminded to put their initials on a piece of blue painters tape and place it on the bottom of their loan items and record a brief description of the item on the museum loan sheet. (will be doing this during the "work session" program) Display setup will start on Monday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. out at the ODCM. Come and help out if you can. It is time to start thinking about our club's 2015 officers. We will be taking nominations at the Nov. meeting. We have been asking officers to serve a two year term. So be thinking about who you would like to have leading your organization in 2014. All present and previous officers are automatically on the nominating committee. If you would like

## Minutes for NMGMS Board of Directors Meeting

October 18, 2014

### Time and Place

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society was held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the Lee County Public Library in Tupelo. The meeting was called to order by the president of the club, Nancy Roberts.

### Members Present

Members present were Nancy Roberts, Nikki Kenney, Roger Lambert, John Byzet, and Brenda Manning.

### Approval of Minutes

Previous minutes were presented and approved.

### Treasurers Report

The treasurer presented a balance of \$2,529.90.

### Committee Reports

Board members decided to renew subscription to Rock and Gems Magazine which is donated to the library.

to serve on any of the committees, we'd love to have you! **There was no other old business.**

### New Business:

The SFMS Annual General Meeting will be held in Pascagoula, MS on Nov. 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson County Fairgrounds Fair Hall located at 2902 Shortcut Road in Pascagoula, MS 39567. The federation has rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn, located at 6801 SR 63 North, Moss Point, MS 39563. The group rate is \$55 per night. Breakfast is included. The cutoff date is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, so please make your reservations ASAP. The hotel number is 228-474-3600. The hotel is about 10 minutes from the fairgrounds.

Note: for more information and a copy of the meeting itinerary and forms, see the September issue of The Lodestar.

[http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/Lodestar\\_September\\_2014\\_Issue.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/Lodestar_September_2014_Issue.pdf)

Also, the MGCGMS rock and gem show will be going on at the fairgrounds that weekend.

<http://mgcgms.org/annualshow.html>

We are planning on holding a raffle at the Geology Day, with all proceeds going to the club. Item to be raffled will be either a nice specimen or a pair of bookends that we will buy from Floy Hawkins.

Our Nov. meeting will be here at the library on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1 to 3p.m. The program will be a lapidary project, where we will be making a tree ornament with wire and beads. A beaded angel ornament was passed around for all to see. There was no other new business. **\*\*\*Reminder:**

The Mobile, AL club has a rock and gem show Thanksgiving weekend and the Montgomery club has theirs Dec. 5-7<sup>th</sup>. The Middle TN club's show is the second weekend in Dec. near Nashville. Check out their websites for more information.

Motion was made to adjourn.

### Unfinished Business

Refreshment procedures for the monthly club meetings are to stay the same.

### New Business

Raffle amount for Floy Hawkins was decided at \$35. Participants do not have to be present to win. Ticket prices were set at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Lunch details for Geology Day were discussed with club providing lunch meat and bread and members contributing other food items/desserts.

Roger Lambert agreed to oversee the Mississippi Table. There will be no Scout classes that day.

Nancy will buy wire and bring some of the club tool kits for wire working classes.

Work days were scheduled for collecting and setting up displays.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Brenda Manning, Secretary

# HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

(aka Announcements)

## Mark Your Calendar

### The Holidays are Coming!

We are already seeing signs of the approaching Christmas holiday. Christmas trees and holiday lights are being put up and Thanksgiving is just a little over a week away. To get us all into the holiday spirit, we will be having our NMGMS annual Christmas party and potluck luncheon on Saturday Dec. 13, 2014 from 11 until 3p.m. upstairs at the Lee County Public Library in Tupelo, MS.

The club will provide a ham for the party and members attending are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. We will have a gift exchange also. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift (\$10 max) and label it as either a man's, woman's, or child's gift. We are also asking members to please bring a few canned goods or other nonperishable food items for our club's contribution to a local food pantry. We will also participate in the "Toys for Tots" program, so please bring a new toy to donate. The toys will be dropped off at the Oren Dunn Museum after the party. We will also do 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. Hope to see everyone there to help NMGMS celebrate a great year and remember, this is when NMGMS passes out badges, awards and certificates to members for their accomplishments. Happy Holidays!

Jan. 17th 1-3pm at the Women's Center on Gloster. Dr. Terry Panhorst to do a program on gold mining for us.

### Field trip

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014  
Union County/Blue Springs crab site  
9:00a.m.

This site is an Upper Cretaceous Coon Creek deposit.

Along with collecting fossil crabs, you will find turtle and mosasaur bone, shark teeth and vertebrae, mollusks and bi-valves of all kinds, spiny lobsters, small corals, bryozoans and some ammonites. Please drop me an email( [therockhoundlady@yahoo.com](mailto:therockhoundlady@yahoo.com)) or call if you plan to attend.

Thank you, Nancy Roberts field trip chair, NMGMS 731-689-5336H  
731-727-5574C

### Hello NMGMS

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, which means Christmas will be here before we know it. More now than ever, people are giving thanks for the many blessings they have in their daily life. And at this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for being part of NMGMS and more so, for being a friend of mine.

As I said, Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is right around the corner. The hustle is on, as towns are crowded with people trying to get that perfect gift. In the rush, despite our best efforts, there always seems to be that one person we didn't get anything for.

But, you know, when I was younger, I always got the best feeling when I received something handmade. I would think of the time it took the person to put it together and the amount of thought that went into making something just for me. It may not have always been something large, but it was the thought that counted.

With that in mind, I would like to invite you to join us at the Tupelo, Lee County Library on Saturday, November 15, at 1 PM. We'll show you how to make that special gift by using just a little wire and a few beads.

Roger Lambert

## Meeting Program



The October meeting was about getting ready for Geology Day.





# Bead Soup

A place to share knowledge about the lapidary arts.

## Hello Again

Nikki Kenney

I already told you about containers to store beads, jewelry projects, etc. Now, I'm going to tell you about a different type of container.

You have your beads and materials stored safely in plastic containers, pill bottles, Zip-lock bags, etc., but what about your instructions, video tutorials, patterns, pictures of finished jewelry, or ideas for jewelry you would like to make? Flash drives and memory cards make excellent containers to keep all of your information safe and secure.

There's another handy tool that can aid in the process. It's free software that puts a virtual printer on your computer. "PDF redirect" acts as a printer that you can choose when you click on PRINT that will convert any document into a PDF file and save it anywhere on your computer, or on a portable drive. Below is a link to a search page that will give you choices of sites to download this software, and also a tutorial on how to use it:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=pdfredirect&pc=MOZI&form=MOZSBR>

Copy and paste this address in the address box of your browser, if the link doesn't work.

You can make folders for the different categories of jewelry making, i.e. BEADWORK, METALWORK, CHAINMAILLE, etc. You can subdivide the folders under the separate categories: eBooks, videos, PDFs. Buy the drive with the most memory you can afford (videos can really eat up space). Designate the drive just for that purpose. Voila! Your container!

You can subscribe to the various newsletters that are available by email, I get them all! When you find one that interests you, that has an article or instructions you want to keep, *right* click on it before you open it, and choose PRINT PREVIEW. The email will open as if to be printed. You can then count the number of pages, and choose the pages you actually want to save and eliminate pages with the ads. Then choose PRINT, the number of pages, and "PDFreDirect" as your printer. Save the article under the appropriate category and subfolder, and you're all set. When setting up your printer, be sure to check VIEW IN PDF READER AFTER SAVING.

You can also COPY an article or instructions you find online and PASTE it into WORD or other word processing program, and click FILE and SAVE AS to save it in your folders. Don't forget to change the file name, if necessary, so you can identify the article when searching for it later.

Well, when I started, I expected this to be a short tip, and I also wanted to add a few hints specifically related to jewelry making, but I'd better save them for next time, as this one has grown to epic proportions. I'll also tell you how to download and save online video tutorials on You Tube. There's a treasure trove out there. Better get two flash drives!

# Rockheads

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

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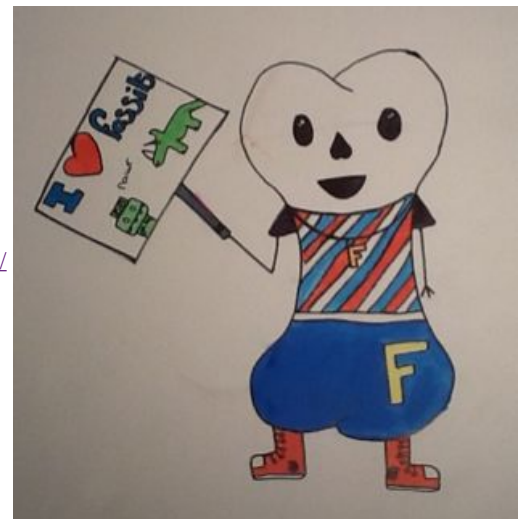
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[www.amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm)



## My Field Trip Review,

When we went to Memphis Stone and Gravel, I found a lot of agate, chert, petrified wood and I even found a geode! I made a new friend named Michael. We looked around and found all kinds of stuff. It is a privilege to be the last group allowed at the site. The site is about to close, but they are opening up a new site in Southaven Mississippi. I hope we will be able to go to that site soon. All in all, my family found many nice specimens. I hope everyone had fun and found some good rocks.  
Konrad Armstrong



# Geology Day



November 1, 2014  
Photos by Nancy Roberts and John Byzet

