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#### Next Meeting

Saturday, February 20, 2010  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Location: Lee County Library  
Program: Mississippian Fossils, by Richard Keyes  
See the last Page for directions.

### Notes: From The President's Desk

Our January weather certainly wasn't very favorable for rock and fossil collecting, but hopefully we all found other ways in which to enjoy our hobbies and expand our knowledge. I managed to find some time to go down in my basement and open up some of the many containers that I have accumulated over the years. I washed and sorted through fossils that I had forgotten about. It was like collecting them all over again; a veritable treasure hunt!

When the basement got too cold for spending much time down there, I would go up in my loft and work on the beading projects that I had started. Then there was time spent pouring over my beading books and magazines, searching the Internet for new rock and fossil collecting places, or drooling over all of the gorgeous beads for sale.

Sometimes these "snow days" are very welcome and they give us a chance to catch up on projects that have had to take a back seat for a spell. So dust off those forgotten specimens, pick up that field guide book, or grab your beads and wire and enjoy these winter days with inside activities, for the outdoor activity weather is right around the corner!

Attention fellow NMGMS members! Don't forget to bring any photos, newspaper clippings, mementos, etc. that you might have for the 2009 scrapbook to the February meeting. Susan Curry, our club's historian, needs these in order to complete her work on the scrapbook and have it ready for our "Birthday Party" in March. Susan would appreciate having all photos labeled and persons in the photos identified.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Roberts

### Proposal: NMGMS Junior Rock Hound of the Year Program

In order to provide a means to encourage more active participation in NMGMS, the lapidary arts and the collection/identification of rocks, minerals and fossils by our junior club members, I propose that the club establish a Junior Rock Hound of the Year program. This program would have certain requirements for each of our young members to accomplish over the course of the year and upon completion of said requirements, they would be awarded a certificate and a prize at the Dec. meeting/Christmas party.

I propose that the following be submitted as requirements for this achievement:

1. The junior member is a member in good standing; having participated in club activities and helped out at the meetings.
2. The junior member has written at least one article for the club's newsletter.
3. The junior member has given a "show and tell" presentation at one of our meetings covering either their rock/fossil collection or a lapidary project that they have done.

The prizes that would go along with the certificate would be things that would be pertinent to the club's activities i.e. jewelry making tools and supplies, rock hammer, identification guides, etc. The prizes would be reflective of the junior member's interests.

All adult members of NMGMS are encouraged to provide their expertise and assistance to all junior members striving for this award.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Roberts

P.S. On January 16, 2010, NMGMS members voted to establish this as a permanent program for our Junior members.

**Program for The February Meeting: Mississippian Period Fossils and a General Overview North Alabama Geology**

On February 20, 2010, during the NMGMS meeting, **Richard Keyes** will be giving a slide presentation. He has been collecting fossils in the Tennessee Valley Area for 47 years. Over this time period, he has met many professionals and knowledgeable amateurs from whom he learned the geology and various fossils from the many geologic intervals throughout the Tennessee Valley. Over time, Richard became proficient in identifying the many fossil groups of the area and has been asked many times to help identify the fossils that others had collected. This led Richard to put together a field guide book containing photos of many of the Tennessee Valley Area fossils, so that other collectors would have a tool with which they could then learn to identify what they were collecting. Richard says that in putting together this guide book, he has expanded his knowledge and come to appreciate some of the fossils groups that had not sparked his interest.

**IN RESPONSE TO TEACH AND THEY WILL COME. THEY CAME AND WE TAUGHT!**

**ROCKING THE MINDS OF FOURTH GRADERS WITH ONE BRANCH OF REGINALD ROSE'S TREE OF SCIENCE!**

Bill Hawkins, Reginald Rose and I were the Tree Of Science's Geology branch last week on Reginald's Tree Of Science

diagram. If you are familiar with the cartoon character Sponge Bob then you might know the feeling we got in January while talking with seven classes of fourth graders at Tupelo's Pierce Street School over three days. We approached our "Rock Talk" by pretending that each and every one of these fourth graders has a giant yellow sponge atop their head. Bill and I along with Reginald Rose open our spigots of knowledge and let it flow, hoping these sponges will be so full by the end of our presentation that we can see the drips of knowledge flowing down these students smiling faces. We start our presentation by explaining that our planet Earth is like an apple when cut in half. The skin represents the lithosphere or crust, the center where the apple seeds are found represents the iron/nickel core while the rest of the apple is the plastic-like mantle that gets moved to the surface through volcanic action. We have found through our experience that young students have a better understanding of our planet and our world of rocks here on Earth by relating them to actual objects. We get asked questions like, "how come we don't melt?", and "what holds us together?" We keep our explanations as simple as possible. Reginald explains magnetic north and Bill and I explain where the oldest rocks and youngest rocks are found. We talk about the three basic rocks that make up the consistency of the crust. Then we explain how each one of these is formed and pass around examples of each. The students' faces light up when they get to hold an example of basalt and then tufa. We throw in a little Archeology by holding up an example of obsidian glass and explain that this material was once used by Native Americans to flint knap arrow heads, spear points, etc. We ask if

any students present have walked on a beach. Then they find out that quartz is the most common mineral on Earth. We tell them how silica is used to make the drinking glasses used by each and everyone in the room. Their faces shine and the sponge atop their head is about to spill over. After talking about the changes rocks go through we show the class examples of how many of these rocks are used in every day products. We let the students pass around and hold most of our examples. This brings more questions about the many ways of identifying each of these rocks. We include the Moh's Scale of identification and tie in the connection of the shapes of the crystals to what they might study in math. We conclude our presentation with the three Native Minerals; gold, silver & copper. We allow the students to raise their hand and try to tell us how each of these minerals might be used. The majority answer by telling us gold, silver and copper are used in jewelry making. When they find out these minerals are used for industrial purposes like in the making of circuit boards, medicine, and especially their digital toys, etc., the sponges are starting to leak down their faces and over their expressions of awe. Reginald has designed a Tree Of Science for each of these students and will expose those ever ready dry sponges to each of the areas of science he has listed on this tree. We also think it is important to show a connection between Geology, Archeology, Math, Chemistry and Physics to name a few. Bill and I are just glad we can do our part to help Reginald build a better Tree Of Science in these young students' minds.

**Submitted by:**

**Floy Hawkins**

### Minutes of the Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> NMGMS Meeting

President Mary Reed called the meeting to order and introduced all of the new officers and committee chairpersons after the pledge. She then swore them in and turned the meeting over to the new President, Nancy Roberts.

The new officers for 2010 are:

President: Nancy Roberts  
 Vice Pres.: Clarice Turner  
 Secretary: Hannah Tybor  
 Treasurer: John Byzet

The Committee Chairpersons for 2010 are:

Field trips: Nancy Roberts  
 Historian: Susan Curry  
 Hospitality: Robin Langford/Annette Kelly  
 Membership: Floy Hawkins  
 Newsletter: Robert Langford/Lily Langford  
 Publicity: Reginald Rose  
 Stamps: Rena Everett  
 Website: Robert Shinn

President Nancy Roberts then called for a treasury report. John Byzet said that NMGMS had \$1758.32 presently in the checking account. Nancy announced that the checkbook was now in Tupelo and there would be three club members listed on the bank account able to sign checks, so that if any one of them was out of town, some one could make deposits or sign the checks. These three persons all reside in Tupelo and are: John Byzet, Floy Hawkins and Patti Thompson.

Then Nancy gave her report on the upcoming field trips. NMGMS has a trip planned for Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> to the Vulcan quarry in Parsons, TN for Devonian fossils. If there is bad weather or any reason that we can't be in the quarry that day, we will use Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> as the alternate date. The quarry now requires that all under aged children have a waiver signed by their parents before they will be allowed to enter the quarry. We will collect at the quarry from 7a.m. until noon and after a lunch at the Hardees in Parsons, club members can collect at the Hwy 69 road cuts for trilobites, etc.

There is a Dixie Mineral Council field trip to Hogg Mine in Lagrange, GA on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Nancy said that she thought this was a fee site of \$35 per day and said that you could get more information on the website [www.digforcrystals.com/Hogg-dig-dates.html](http://www.digforcrystals.com/Hogg-dig-dates.html) after Jan. 17th. Since NMGMS is a member of the Southeast Federation and carries their insurance, we are able to attend these field trips.

The president of the Memphis club W.C. McDaniels, who is also a member of our organization, told Nancy that if we were interested in making a field trip over to Polosi, MO for drussy quartz crystals, he would help arrange the trip and get someone to guide us. This location is in the old mining district of Missouri and is approximately 7 hours from Tupelo. Nancy said that the trip schedule had the first part of March and the first part of April open and asked to see a show of hands of those who were interested. The response was small and hesitant, so it was decided to wait until the Feb. meeting to pursue this further.

The last field trip scheduled so far, was requested by a Tupelo Middle School teacher who had received one of our flyers during the Tupelo Christmas parade. We will be taking Ms. Summer Allen's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science class to the Birmingham Ridge location on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for this trip. There will be approximately 22 students and several parents attending, from 9a.m. until noon and Nancy said that we already have the permission of the property owner. She requested that other members who could help out that day to please plan to do so.

The membership report was then given by Floy Hawkins. She is working on the membership roster for 2010 and had made up name badges for all members on the current list. Floy is planning to put together packets to be given to all new members who join as a "Welcome to NMGMS" package. Nancy asked if any one had any ideas as to what they thought should be in these packets. Mentioned were, name badges, membership cards, 1 club patch per family member and the club brochure. Mary Reed announced that she still had patches and T shirts for sale, but that they were in her car. Christy Criss modeled the T-shirt which says "We rock" on the back. Mary said that she had plans for a summer shirt in light blue with "We Rock" in gold lettering. Floy described the name badges that she had made up for us and discussed several other varieties and where we might obtain them. She asked Mary Reed if the place that did our brochures could make up some new ones for us which would have the application form on the inside and instead of listing the officers, have the club's P.O. box, so it could be folded and mailed in. Mary agreed to check on that.

Floy Hawkins said that our federation dues were due in by the first of March and that she and Bill had been the Mississippi State Directors to the federation and didn't know that they needed to reapply for reelection. Floy said that candidate, Buddy Shotts, had applied and was backed by two of the state's clubs and that the Jackson club had supported her and Bill. Nancy called for a vote and NMGMS voted to support Bill and Floy Hawkins for the position of MS state directors. Floy also mentioned that she and Bill were teaching seven classes in three days at Tupelo area schools per Reginald Rose's request.

Nancy asked the hospitality chair, Robin Langford to sign up hosts/hostesses to bring refreshments for the next few meetings. Mary Reed and Susan Curry volunteered for the February meeting. Floy Hawkins and Bob Marshall will do the March birthday party meeting, with Clarice Turner bringing the cake. Mary Reed is in the process of setting up our April meeting at the French Camp Planetarium. We will eat lunch at the Council House there at French Camp at 11:30a.m. and then go on to the planetarium for the program.

Historian, Susan Curry said that she will need everyone's photos, newspaper articles, etc. for the scrapbooks by the February meeting in order to have these books ready for viewing at our March meeting. She especially wants any photos of the float and Christmas parade. Susan also requested that all photos be labeled with the names of the people in the pictures.

Newsletter editor, Robert Langford reported that he had had a few problems with getting the first few Nugget drafts out for proofing, but finally managed to get an electronic copy out to everyone with email addresses. He said that the hard copies would go out very soon. Robert also said that Sandy Grych had been a great help to him and said he appreciated all of the graphics that she had sent him.

President, Nancy Roberts thanked all of the past officers for giving of their time and talents to the club, she thanked Sandy Grych for doing such a great job with the Nugget for the past eight years and everyone gave Sandy a big hand for a job well done. Floy announced that charter members, the Hubers had a new address and that Matthew Huber who had been a junior member of NMGMS was now going to be studying for his PhD! She said that Daniel Huber was married and studying at Oxford, while Joel was in polymer science at MSU and Rachael was Mississippi's state twirling champion.

Nancy passed out copies of the Junior Rock Hound of the Year proposal and explained what this program would entail. To earn this title, junior members of NMGMS would be required to write at least one article for the Nugget, they would have to participate in club activities and help out at meetings and give a presentation at one of the club meetings covering their interest, such as rock or fossil collecting or some lapidary project that they were working on. At the end of the year, each junior member that has completed these requirements would receive a framed certificate and a prize that reflected their interests, such as a rock hammer, field guide book, display case, etc. Nancy asked if there was a motion to adopt this program for the junior members. Bill so moved, Mary Reed seconded and the motion carried, so the program was adopted. Nancy mentioned that our March meeting would be a good time for our Juniors to give their presentations if they would like to.

Members were reminded that their dues for 2010 were due and each member was asked to be sure that they fill out the application form so that their mailing address, email address and phone numbers would be on record for the roster. The upcoming MGMS show in Jackson, MS on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> was announced as was the beading workshop planned by Nancy Roberts and Floy Hawkins. This workshop will be on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of Floy Hawkins 606 S. Church St. Tupelo, MS from 10a.m. until 3p.m. Members were told to bring a sack lunch to this workshop. Nancy announced that the speaker for our February program is Richard Keyes from Huntsville, AL who has been collecting fossils since he was 5 years old and is in the process of publishing a field guide book to the fossils of the Tennessee River Valley. His presentation will cover the Mississippian era fossils found in NE Mississippi and NW Alabama.

There was no other business brought up, so Bill Hawkins moved that we adjourn and Mary Reed seconded, so we broke for refreshments and Robin Langford handled the door prize raffle at this time. Mary Reed and Floy Hawkins set up the Painting on Rocks program and everyone really enjoyed getting a chance to paint a scene or critter on a rock. There were some really interesting finished projects!

**Respectfully submitted by Susan Curry; and  
Compiled and typed out by Nancy Roberts**

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### **Treasurer Report: For January 2010**

As of end of January 2010, we have 65 members, 46 adults and 19 juniors. Our account stands at \$ 1,854.03 and the Membership Dues for the Southeast Federation for 2010 have been paid.

**Respectfully, John Byzet**

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**NMGMS: Field Trip Scheduled for:  
The Vulcan Quarry in Parsons, TN on  
Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attention NMGMS!

Notice: Don't you just love these global warming blizzards!!!! This unusual winter weather made scheduling a collecting field trip a little difficult. I am sorry that we had to cancel out on the Parsons trip not only once, but twice. I will definitely work in another trip up there when the weather warms up and clears. Next year for January, I think we'll tour a museum or something where we can be inside!!! At least maybe some of you have found the time to do some sorting and cataloging of your collection during these cold days and have managed to catch up on your backlog. Surely this weather can't last.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Roberts,  
Field Trip Chair

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**NMGMS: Field Trip Scheduled for:  
Sunday, Feb. 21st to the Blue Springs  
Site in Union Co. MS**

Notice: Blue Springs crab site in Union County, MS. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet there at **10:00a.m.**

To get to the crab site, take Hwy 78 out of Tupelo, MS heading west toward Memphis and take the Blue Springs exit (approximately 12 miles West of Tupelo, or if heading east, it is the exit after New Albany). From the exit, turn right onto Hwy 9 (or left if coming from Memphis), heading North toward Blue Springs. (Use caution, as this interchange is under going a lot of construction right now). In about a block, there is a stop sign where Hwy 178 crosses Hwy 9. You will see the work areas ahead (very gray Coon Creek deposit), both to the left and right of the road. There is a water tank on the right side. Go past the stop and continue a little way on Hwy 9 and park on the shoulder of the road. You can see the large cut in the hillside on the W side of the road. They were moving that dirt onto the E side of the road where the water tank is located. Both sides have fossils. There is a lot of construction material on the east side of Hwy 9 now. Most of what we are collecting now is from the big gray area on the West side of the highway. This locale is just North of the new Toyota

plant that is being constructed on Hwy 78. Along with the crabs, you will find turtle and Mosasaurs bone, shark teeth and vertebrae, mollusks and bi-valves of all kinds, shrimp, small corals and bryozoans, some ammonites and a few things that I have not managed to get identified yet.

Please drop me an e-mail ([therockhoundlady@yahoo.com](mailto:therockhoundlady@yahoo.com)) or call if you plan to attend.

**Thank you,**  
**Nancy Roberts,**  
**Field Trip Chair, NMGMS**  
Home: 731-689-5336 or Cell: 731-727-5574

P.S. NMGMS has Mr. John Young, the owner of the crab site property, to thank for giving us permission to collect here. So please show respect to the premises and follow all field trip etiquette. Please stay clear of all buildings and equipment, fill in any large holes that you dig, pick up your trash, don't wander off, as there are private residences in the area, and use caution when on top of the excavation.

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**Beading Workshop!**

Notice to all members: Floy Hawkins and Nancy Roberts will be holding a beading workshop on Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m. until 3p.m. This will be held at Floy Hawkins' home at 606 S. Church St., Tupelo, MS. We will be working on projects that will introduce you to several seed beading stitches such as the brick, ladder, herringbone and peyote. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Also, bring any tools you already have, beading thread and needles (if you have them), and any beads that you would like to work with. We will have some supplies and tools on hand. If you are interested and plan to attend, please RSVP Floy Hawkins 662-231-1178, or [studiohawkins@gmail.com](mailto:studiohawkins@gmail.com).

This will be a fun, relaxed workshop, where you will get a chance to try your hand at seed beading and see some of the exciting jewelry that you will be able to create using these techniques.

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**Door Prizes, Door Prizes!**

We all like to have a chance to take home something new and different and we look forward to the door prizes that have been given out at our club meetings. We thank all of you members who have been bringing these in for us and hope that you all will continue to help out in this regard. So please check through your collections and projects and see what you could bring in for a door prize at



the next meeting. So, happy hunting and make someone else happy too!

the best \$25 I have ever spent. I use them for hand sewing projects, beading, fossil cleaning, and sorting and Jim even uses them when he is working on the innards of his computer! At our age, I can't live without them.

### My Favorite Tool!

My favorite tool right now is my Mag Eyes™! I purchased them at Hobby Lobby years ago and it was

Respectfully,  
Nancy Roberts

### Program: Painted Rock presented by Flow Hawkins

On January 16, 2010, Ms. Floy Hawkins presented a program on painted rocks. She discussed the historical setting of the cave painting found at the cave of Lascaux. Her handout papers showed four (4) of the animal cave paintings that were found in the cave of Lascaux. The cave paintings were found September 12, 1940, by four (4) teenagers, Marcel Ravidat, Jacques Marsal, Georges Agnel, and Simon Coencas, (plus Marcel's dog Robot). Examples as follows:



The site was opened to the public in 1948; damages to the paintings from CO<sub>2</sub> were noted by 1955; and the cave was closed to the public by 1963. In 1972, Lascaux was added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

After the presentation of the cave painting of Lascaux, a work shop for painting rock was presented. The adults and juniors were instructed on painting rocks. Ms. Hawkins, Mary Reed, and Christy Criss provided paints, supplies, and rocks. It was surprising to see the number of young artists that we had in our midsts.



**Photo 1:** Ethan & Ryan Bullock



**Photo 2:** Lily, Robin, & Victoria Langford



**Photo 3:** Adult Group,  
Clarice Turner, Christy Criss,  
Bernice Burkeen, Becky Bramlett,  
And Susan Curry.



**Photo 4:** Victoria's Painted Fish

I spoke with Robin Langford, and she says that “painting the rocks was a lot of fun”. When she got home, she placed them in a special location (above the TV set) for all to see. She is especially proud of her American Flag and “Lady Bug”. Little Victoria placed her fish next to Robin’s “Lady Bug”.

A great was had by all as was evidenced by the one (1) hour over time need to complete the project and no one seem ready to break up the workshop.

**Submitted by,  
Robert A. Langford**

## Announcement: Stamp Chair Needs New Face

*Do to health reasons, Rena Everett has asked to be relieved as Stamp Chair for NMGMS. We are looking for a volunteer to fill this post. Basically the Stamp Chairperson's duties are to collect the stamps that fellow members have cut from envelopes and then check to be sure that the stamps are not soiled or damaged and have at least 1/4 to 1/2 inch of paper all around. When you have accumulated about a half pound of stamps, the chairperson then packages up the stamps and mails them to the federation's stamp chairman. The collection of these stamps provides the federation with enough funds to offer participating club's with the opportunity to win scholarships for their members to attend either William Holland or Wild Acres Lapidary Schools.*



**HISTORY:** The SFMS stamp program, founded in 1999, is a volunteer action of member clubs of the Southeast Federation of Gem & Mineral Societies. The purpose of the program is to offer free scholarships to participating clubs. At present, approximately 50% of the clubs in the Federation participate in the stamp program. The only requirement to participate is: The club must be a member in good standing in the SFMS and contribute stamps to the program on a regular basis.

The drawing is held at the annual meeting of the SFMS. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the amount of money earned from the sale of the stamps. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the stamps goes toward scholarships to attend Federation Workshops at [William Holland](#) or [Wildacres](#). Winners of scholarships have a choice of which school or workshop they wish to attend at no cost, however student must pay their own travel expenses to and from the school. The number of scholarships awarded have steadily grown since this program began, if we continue to receive enough good quality stamps to sell.



Most used postage stamps have some resale value to collectors. Commemorative stamps and foreign bring in the most money; however, other good clean definitive stamps only have a marginal value if they are off paper. One thing to consider when saving stamps is, are they desirable as a collectors item.



The stamp collector is looking for the cleanest well center stamp he can find for his collection. Stamps that are torn, have heavy cancellations so as to make the stamp unsuitable, are discarded and no credit will be given to the club. ([see program rules](#)).

Each club should appoint one member to act as chairperson for the stamp program. This person will act as a liaison between their club and the SFMS program chairperson. They should encourage all member to save their stamps from their home, office or any other source, strip the paper off to not less than ¼ inch nor more than ½ inch around the stamp, (**care should be taken not to cut or damage the stamp**) bring the stamps to each meeting. The chair person should then go through the donated stamps and discard any soiled or damages stamps. When ½ pound or more have been accumulated, forward them to the [SFMS Stamp Chairman](#).

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**MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE FOSSIL ROAD SHOW**

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

Yet another Fossil Road Show is nigh upon us, and the Museum of Natural Science invites you all to attend this year's show. We are grateful for your past attendance and look forward to seeing you again this year.

There will be lots of people present sharing their discoveries and swapping tales about their favorite hobby-fossil collecting. There will be paleontologists and geologists on hand to identify fossils and activities for the children (and maybe one or two for the adults).

We're looking for anyone and everyone to participate, but we also need 6-8 fossil exhibitors. Space is limited for exhibitors, so reserve your table(s) now! If you reserve soon, we hope to have cases for you so that, as an exhibitor, you may have more freedom to leave your table unattended. However, we encourage you to spend the majority of your time at your table so that you can converse with (and hopefully educate) the public (and one another) about your discoveries. But don't feel pressured to exhibit; at least bring a couple of items for identification or just to show off!

Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's show!

Gratefully,

George E. Phillips,  
Paleontology Curator  
Conservation & Biodiversity Section  
[Mississippi Museum of Natural Science](#)  
[Mississippi Dept. Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks](#)  
2148 Riverside Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202-1353

**In honor of Valentines Day**

Since Valentines Day falls in February, I thought it would be interesting to see what we might have in our rock and mineral collections that would put us in the Valentines mood. Search around in those boxes, trays, shelves, or whatever and see if you can find any heart shaped or nice red rocks or minerals for our Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting display. So everybody dig around in your collection and bring something to show. Hey, you might find a real "sweetheart" of a specimen!

**Respectfully, Nancy Roberts**

**NMGMS Officer and Committee Chair Folders**

Since the January 16th meeting of NMGMS was the first one of the new year, we had quite a few things to talk about and in order to finish up and make time for our great program, I forgot to mention a couple of items. Floy Hawkins has been working very hard at putting together some folders for the officers and committee chairpersons, so that they can more easily keep together all of their papers, information, job descriptions, contacts and other pertinent data that they collect during the year while serving in their club position. Hopefully, in having these folders, it will make the transition from one chairperson to the next easier at the beginning of each new year. So, if you are leaving a position, and haven't already done so, please turn over to the new officer or chairperson, whatever papers, notes, folders, information and even ideas that you have pertaining to the committee or office that you held. I ask all past officers and chairpersons to please give any assistance when needed to help out during this transition period. Since we are assigned the library meeting room from noon until 4 p.m., would the club officers and chairpersons kindly come early, so that we can work together on completing these folders?

**Respectfully, Nancy Roberts**

North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society  
2010 Meeting Schedule

**Sat., Feb. 13 Time 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Program:** Beading Workshop  
**Location:** Floy Hawkins' Home  
606 S. Church Street, Tupelo, MS

**Sat., Feb. 20 Time 1 to 3 p.m.**

Hostesses/Hosts: Mary Reed and Susan Curry  
**Location:** Lee County Library  
Program: Mississippian Fossils &  
North AL Geology/ Richard Keyes

**Sat., March 20 Time 1 to 3 p.m.**

Hostesses/Hosts: Floy Hawkins, Bob Marshall,  
and Clarice Turner  
Lee County Library  
Program: NMGMS Members will  
be displaying their projects  
and collections from the past year

**Sat., April 17 Time 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Sat., May 15 Time 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Sat., June 19 Time 1 to 3 p.m.**

**Directions**

**Directions to Lee County Library**

Take East Main Street to Madison St. (near United Methodist Church); turn North; go two blocks to the corner of Madison & Jefferson St. Library is there. **Or** from Gloster Street turn east on to Jefferson St. until you get to Madison St.

**Around the Country**

**Rockhound Shows**



**February 26, 2010, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Show  
& Sale**

**Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil  
Society**  
Sat: 10AM-5PM

**The Stuart Center (Polk County Ag Bldg)**  
1710 US Hwy 17 S., Bartow, FL  
Children's sandbox, demos, raffle and silent auction  
**Show contact:** Jim Reed, Show Chair, 863-644-6665 or  
863-255-5256

**Email contact:** [rocks57@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rocks57@tampabay.rr.com) OR  
<http://www.bonevalley.net>

**February 12-14, 2010**

**Merritt Island, FL.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symphony of Gemstones Show.**

**Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club, Inc.**

**Kiwanis Island Park, 950 Kiwanis Park Rd., SR 520**

**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1-6, 13th and 14th, 10-5.**

**Rough and cut gems, minerals, fine jewelry,  
equipment, supplies, books, beads. Exhibits and  
demonstrations. Donation \$3.00. For information,  
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The Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (MGMS) will present its annual gem, mineral and fossil show on February 27th and 28th. It will be held in the west bay of the Trademart at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson. The hours will be 9 until 6 on Saturday and 10 until 5 on Sunday. The admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. There will be many educational exhibits, displays by the Natural Science Museum, the Mississippi Office of Geology, the Board Certified Geologists, the Mississippi Archeological Society and some of our Universities. There will be several special exhibits, and many Society members demonstrating use of equipment, tools, and techniques to make jewelry and other craft items.

There will be 25 dealers, and among them you can find anything you fancy in the rock hobby.

Please come and join us, we look forward to your company.  
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