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THE CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

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About our President

- Our president, Lou Harvey, is currently in Sunbelt Nursing Home, which is at the corner of Lake Underhill and Chickasaw Trail. Anyone wishing to visit Lou is certainly welcomed to do so.
- Lou has been our president for 8 consecutive years!

General Meeting Minutes, 01/18/05

-20 attendees at the meeting – 5 guests: Shelly Zimmerman, Raleigh, and Steve & Joy Dubin

-Our club currently has 44 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- All bills have been paid and are current.
- There is income from exhibitors.
- There is income from the two classes held so far.
- The end of the year report will be available at the meeting in February.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

-The club is looking for free sources of advertising. We need free space in which to advertise our club and our new class offerings. If any member finds a publication that is free of charge, i.e. community publication, please collect a copy and give to the secretary.

The showcase in the front of our workshop has been put on hold for the past month or so due to illness. It will be ready to go in the near future, so we need to think about what items we want in our showcase.

Please remember that our club is only as strong as its members, so please bring guests to the meetings, volunteer for projects or needed assistance, plan on being at the 2005 show, etc. If there is anyone that would like to assist with a project, but doesn't know exactly what to do, please let me know and we can come up with something that will fit your schedule. Our club goal is to have our classes and our annual show pay all of the club's expenses throughout the year, so we have to work hard to make this happen.

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The show is still set for April 2 & 3, 2005 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.
- Other vendors are needed. If anyone knows of someone who is interested in becoming a vendor or

dealer for our 2005 show, John Piziak would need the following from the interested party:

Name
Address
Phone
Email address
Company Name
Type of Work or what they plan to sell

- John Luedke is making sure that our show is mentioned in The Lapidary Journal.
- G&LW show contracts have been sent to FBJ.
- February 15 is deadline for payment of vendor tables.
- Our club wants to have a Chinese auction at our show. Any finished products are needed for auction, wire wrapped cabachons, jewelry, etc.

WORKSHOP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- One student for faceting – 3 machines available. Classes are on 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Emilio Garcia, 407.679.1395.
- Cabachon cutting classes are also available. These also take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is John Luedke, 407.351.5569.
- The instructors ask that if you sign up for a class and cannot make the appointment, please call them ahead of time to let them know. This is very important because the instructors will have to be at the workshop for the class and if students don't arrive as expected, then the instructor has incurred expenses in time and travel for no reason.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- The 94th Annual Gem Show is at the Central Florida Fairgrounds is from 3/3 to 3/13.
- The fair donates \$200.00 for participation in the show.
- The club wants to participate and needs several things:
 1. Faceting and cabachon workers are needed.
 2. Displays are needed.
 3. Volunteers are needed to stagger hours at the show. (Susan and Michelle have volunteered thus far, but we need more.)
 4. The booth does not need to be manned full-time although the machines will remain in locked buildings.
 5. Faceting and cabachon workers are needed.
 6. Silver jewelry or any other handmade wares is needed.

The club still needs several items for our workshop on Forsythe road – folding chairs, stackable chairs and stools. Everyone be on the lookout for these items at community sales, thrift stores and the like.

Prizes at the meeting:

1st Door prize: Black Cionite donated by Michelle Bogle went to Chris Callaway.

2nd Door prize: Fused glass donated by Emilio Garcia went to Gene Baney.

3rd Door prize: went to Paul Hayes.

50/50 was won by Jim Johnstone.

WORKSHOP RULES:

Our club has drafted a few rules for our new workshop, and we will be adding to this list as we go along. These are the rules of our new workshop as discussed in our general meetings:

1. Teachers of club classes will receive free workshop time, hour for hour, for compensation for teaching classes.
2. Nobody will be allowed in workshop without a board member and/or instructor present.
3. During classes there will be a charge for the beverages in the refrigerator: 25 cents per beverage.
4. Workshop usage charge: \$5.00 per hour for everyone except teachers that have accumulated free hours for teaching classes.

Notes from the Editor

Our club email address: CFMGS@yahoo.com This is the email address that everyone should be giving out to guests, prospective members and anyone that wants to contact our club! Everyone that has a computer should have received an email inviting you to join the Yahoo Group, CFMGS. Please make sure that you have signed up for the CFMGS Yahoo group. This will be our future mode of communication

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 18, at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

Coming Events

March 3-13:

94th Annual Gem Show at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

April 2 & 3:

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society's (our show) at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

Classified

Our club was contacted by someone who is unable to continue with the lapidary hobby, and is selling his equipment, materials and supplies. I have the entire list of items he is selling, so if anyone is interested please contact me for more information. You can contact him directly as well:

Jim Blackburn
5420 Finley Drive
Port Orange, FL 32127
386-756-8768

Remember, Anna Marie Hansen and Jackie Williams are selling materials as well. Their contact information has appeared in past Thumblickers, but I still have the original letters if anyone is interested in their items. Please contact me if you need to see lists of items that they are selling or need their contact information.

Purpose of the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society

To encourage active participation in all phases of the search for and identification of mineral and gem specimens, including their collection, evaluation, and preservation, as well as to faithfully uphold the policies of the society.

CFMGS Membership and Meetings

Dues single - \$10.00, Couple - \$18.00, Juniors - \$5.00; due October thru December for the subsequent year. Members not paid by January 31 will be dropped from the membership.

General meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

Members will be notified of changes.

Executive Board meetings: 3rd Tuesday before the General meeting.

Contact: Joe Flynn on 407.855.0665

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