



Thunder Egg (geology.com)

Meeting Information

June meeting has been cancelled. Greetings everyone, well it is with a heavy heart that I announce that our June meeting is cancelled. Dog gone this pandemic is upsetting our lives, like nothing has before. The board believes it is in all our best interests to not to rush back too soon and to let the situation settle down before gathering again. Better to be safe than sorry, especially when it comes to our health and well-being. With the June cancellation, we will not meet again until September. Hopefully, we will also be able to head out to the fair in October. They already have our setup and are ready for us to attend again.

Prez Box June

Greetings everyone, well our June meeting is cancelled. One meeting cancelled was okay, but 3? I would have never thought it. As all of us never would have thought, nor anticipate what is happening here in the USA and throughout the world. We all must roll with it, adapt, and make the best of what is before us now.

We have missed three good meetings, a club picnic, and several field trips that we all were looking forward too. The picnic will now be in the fall and our meetings will be adjusted accordingly. Hopefully, our field trips will be rescheduled as the pandemic winds down and things get back to the

new normal. So, when we come back in September, our election schedule will be in process and will be planning the National Fair in Perry with our booth. The fair will also require a grab bag stuffing day or two also. There is a gem tree class in the planning stages too. There will be a lot to get excited about this fall and the calendar will get quite packed. We are going to have a board meeting in late August to get all of us back on track. We may not meet for a while, but the wheels still must keep turning to move us forward.

Trying to make the best use of my time has me tumbling, cutting, polishing, sorting, lapping, and cabbing as much as I can. While cabbing, having warm water in the trays is a treat, it beats the cold water and cold fingers. Now that Jay has shown us how to make gem trees, Pam has gem trees sprouting everywhere. Besides rocking I know there is a lot of painting, drawing, reading, and gardening going on too. I think having a garden during this time is extra beneficial. Getting outside for your dose of Vitamin D and breathing fresh air is good for the soul and a real pick me up.

Remember during your collecting adventures, to take a little time to gather extra material for our grab bags. Also take pictures to share on our Facebook page and website. Our Facebook page is interactive with the community where questions and comments are shared.

Everyone please have a safe and healthy summer and come back with a spring in your step and a lot of fond memories.

Stay safe

President Bill

Blast from the past

June 1989

Goodies from the Coral Geode

To preserve fossils: After cleaning, paint the fossil with diluted (half water) Elmer's glue. It dries fast and makes the fossil



look sharp and clean. It can also be washed off if necessary, with no trouble.

The difference between a nodule and a geode is that a nodule has 100% fewer cavities.

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Name of organization:

Mid Ga. Gem and Mineral Society

Year Founded: 1960

Number of Members: 66

The club is a teaching group with members trying to help school children with mineral and fossil collections and identifications. Individual members lend materials for science projects and encourage the interest and participation of young people. Members advocate preservation of wildlife areas, woodlands, and streams. The rangers from Ocmulgee National Monument have given many programs at the club meetings.

Among activities planned during the year are field trips to area Kaolin mines, and to other states. The local club has an annual show at the Westgate Mall. This year's show is planned for May 19-21.

Member Bill Christy and his son labored long to bring zygorhiza, a fossil whale, to the Museum of Arts and Sciences. (In the picture that accompanied the article Tony Antonio was working on crafts at a table with someone looking on.)

Note from Editor:

This is the 60th year of the club and if you have any information that would go well in "Blast from the Past" please send it in. The club has a rich history that we need to preserve.

Special Note:

Despite hopes that the COVID-19 situation would be resolved by the end of May, the state of Mississippi is still limiting the size of gatherings, and social distancing recommendations are still in place. So, out of concern for field trip attendees, the property owner, and their own club members, the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society has made the difficult decision to cancel their May DMC Field Trip and reschedule it to May 2021.

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The Club meets on the First Monday of each Month, at The Museum of Arts and Sciences, in Macon, Georgia.

Except: No meeting January, July, and August. The annual Christmas Party is the first Monday in December. September the first Tuesday of the Month

Purpose: To promote the earth sciences, the lapidary arts, and the collection, study and display of rocks, minerals, and fossils; to promote the public awareness of these efforts in educational and recreational activities.

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