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Dues: \$20.00/yr Individual    \$30.00/yr Family

Purpose: The purpose and objective of this corporation is to stimulate interest in rocks and minerals for furtherance of the activities of the members of this society in the earth sciences; to disseminate knowledge, methods and procedures for the collection, identification, cutting, polishing, setting and mounting of specimens for these activities; to promote good fellowship, proper ethics and conduct in the relationship of the members with each other and with the members of other Earth science societies in pursuit of these activities.

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Bring canceled stamps to the meetings to support the Federation program providing scholarships to Federation workshops at William Holland in Young Harris, Georgia, or at Wild Acres in North Carolina. For every 100 stamps, your name goes into a drawing for a chance to win a scholarship.

Working at club function earns points toward a chance to win a scholarship to William Holland, Stewart and Shirley Roberts Award is for JGMS members with less than 2 years membership. The Bill and Maurine Meadows Award is for JGMS members with over 2 years membership.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There is a lot going on with JGMS and you are a part of it! Now is the time to be counted on and the help and assistance you provide will ensure the effectiveness of all our efforts.

### Upcoming schedule:

JGMS 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Show and Sale. Sep 19, 20 and 21. Move in at 12:00 pm on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Morocco Temple. Volunteers will be needed at 10 am at the Work Shop to move cases to the Morocco Temple and then set them up. Contact Craig Hamilton at 994-4729. Cases will be available for filling from 12-5pm. Volunteers are also needed to assist vendors during the move in, for Ticket sales at the door, and Security. Volunteers need only contact Tom Frame at 318-4605. If you would like to give a demonstration during the show, contact Ed Price at 778-2610. When the show is over Sunday at 5 pm, all cases will need to be emptied and volunteers will be needed to take the cases apart and moved back to the work shop.

JGMS Picnic will be Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-3:30 at Lake Fretwell at the Cecil Commerce Center. Look for a flyer and map in next months issue.

Greater Jacksonville Fair, Oct 29-Nov 9. All Entries both for the Jewelry contest and regular display contest will be Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm in Exhibit Hall A. Volunteers will be needed to sit at our display area during the Fair at a minimum of two hour increments. Admission tickets and parking will be provided only for volunteers. The sign up sheet will be available during our next meeting on Oct 2, Contact Craig Hamilton at 994-4729.

November meeting will be our annual Voice Auction. Donation Items will be needed. I encourage each instructor to provide a very nice item and anyone that has something that they would like to donate is encouraged to do so. We are looking for about 15 items total. All items will be coordinated thru me, Jason Hamilton cell 294-4744.

Respectfully,

Jason Hamilton

## EDITORS PEBBLES



What an exciting and sad month this has been. The newsletter is heavy with sad news about our sick and departed friends. They will be missed. It was very comforting to see so many club members rally around their families. It shows how close knit our club members are as we go about our various club activities.

On the other hand, there is all kinds of exciting news about coming events. Hope you can all find time to participate in the activities. A great time should be had by all. Volunteer to work at one of the activities, and I guarantee you will end up having a ball.

My wife and I are going on vacation during the first week and a half of October. Would love to have a volunteer to take over the news letter for that month. The mechanics are pretty well in place. All you have to know about is Word and Email. Would be happy to educate any volunteer before we go. Please contact me at 992-7162 if you can help out. Otherwise, next month's news letter will be a week late in coming out.

Please keep those articles, paragraphs and pictures coming. Want to keep this letter active, and of interest to society members.

Chuck

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## MINUTES OF THE September '08 MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society was held at the Riverside Christian Church, 2811 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, Florida on August 7, 2008. President Jason Hamilton opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. He welcomed 5 guests and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 77 members and 7 juniors present.

**MINUTES:** The minutes were accepted as presented in the newsletter seconded and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Harriet Rose) No report.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Amy Ellis led the Jrs. in an activity.

**MEMBERSHIP:** There were several membership renewals made during the meeting.

**LIBRARY:** (Lynn Hoffman) Raffle drawing was held – Joann Adams won a JGMS T-shirt.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** David Tuttle passed away August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations to the flowers from the club are welcome or if you wish to donate to support The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for cancer research during the Light the Night Walk (<http://www.lightthenight.org/>), Linda Weinstein will be walking during this event to support her walk go to the web page and look her up. Martha Boatright passed away the morning of September 4<sup>th</sup>. Lenda Cook passed away this past Saturday. Fred Joelner is ill.

**FAIR AND EXHIBITS:** (Craig Hamilton) The fair dates are Oct 29<sup>th</sup>-Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Entries for the fair will be accepted Saturday Oct, 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. The fair has expanded the classes to include silver smithing, beading, intarsia and chain making. Please remember that all parts of the entry must have been made at the workshop. That includes any part of the piece including cabs and beads. These cannot have been bought. See the web site for more information. <http://www.jacksonvillefair.com/pb/4d-gems.html>.

**CLUB SHOW:** (Tom Frame) Show had to be moved due to miss communication between JGMS and Morocco Temple. The new dates are Sept 19, 20 and 21. Most vendors were able to shift, 10 were not able to. Still need help to work the show, set up, and move display cases to and from the show. Advertising has been updated to reflect the new date. There will be demos during the show for chain making, wire wrap, glass beads and silver smithing.

**FIELD TRIPS:** (Mickey Cecil) In September (27<sup>th</sup>) the DMC trip will be to Chunky Gal, NC. In October Graves Mtn. will be open October 3-5, 2008 and the Hogg Mine Rock Swap, Smith's Crossroads, GA will be on Nov 1, 2008. See the web site for more information.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** (Linn Dew) The points system was explained and everyone was encouraged to keep participating to get their points.

**STAMPS:** (Jacki Jordan) Keep stamps coming in.

**EDUCATION** (Jacki Jordan): No report.

**REFRESHMENTS:** (Karyn Bee) Great turn out for gifts. Refreshments and supplies were provided by Geneva Rentz, Joanne Carlson, Jean Wydra, Sheila McGriff, DC Malenfant, Debbie Ritter, Inge Thompson, Susan Weiss, Jackie Jordan, Amy Johnson, Frank Hopkins, Kathy Wright, Yvonne Singleton, Katie Raven Jeri Frantz and April Hardcke.

**WORKSHOP:** (Doug Kryszak) Cabbng machine was fixed, 6" trim saw blade was replaced, fridge was restocked, toilet is on the fritz, floor was mopped (thanks to the toilet issue).

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Call for a new volunteer to do newsletter. Chuck Sederholm accepted following the meeting.

**PROGRAMS:** (Cheryl Ashley) No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Budget – The budget was handed out at the last meeting, was in the newsletter and at this meeting.

**Questions:** Affect the loss of the 10 vendors would have on the budget? **A:** Unknown since we don't know if we will have good ticket sales or any other variables. **Q:** Can a change be made to the budget here and now? **A:** Any change would have to go before the Board first. - A motion to pass the budget was made and seconded. A hand up vote was held with no dissenting votes being cast. The budget will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. \*A motion was made to go ahead and raise the fees of the classes to \$3/hour now rather than wait until January. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*JGMS T-shirts will be available for order at the next meeting. Sizes S-XL will be \$21, 1XL-3XL will \$23. Payment must be made with order shirts will be delivered the meeting following that. There must be a minimum order of 50 to get the above prices. See Lynn Hoffman with questions. \*Anyone wanting a JGMS nametag needs to sign up for one with Lynn Hoffman she will get a price once there is a total number. \*Board Meeting will be on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30, By-laws will be on the agenda. Anyone is welcome to attend.

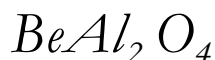
**SHOW AND TELL:** Jean Jason Hamilton, Mary Lou Roberts, Jeri Frantz, April Hardtlee, Mike Reynolds, Alice Gundlach, Arden Sederholm, Peter Cho, Mickey Cecil, Cody Ritter, all shared their wonders with us. Door Prizes were given out. Dr. Mike Reynolds gave a presentation "Return to the Moon". The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Tina Jacobs

David Tuttle died on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. For many years, he has provided material for this page on Mineral of the Month. This month's article on Alexandrite (The most expensive colored gem of all) is devoted to his memory.

## MINERAL OF THE MONTH

### Alexandrite



Alexandrite is a variety of chrysoberyl, as is cymophane with the chatoyant or girasol effect referred to as, chrysoberyl cats-eye. Chrysoberyl comes from the Greek, *chryso* and *beryllos* alluding to the golden yellow color of beryl. Chrysoberyl is not a beryl, it differs in that beryl is a *beryllium aluminum* silicate,  $Be_3Al_2(SiO_3)_6$  and is 7 1/2 in hardness and forms in the *hexagonal* system, with gem varieties, emerald (green), aquamarine (a blue green, yellow green or a blue), morganite (pink), heliodor (yellow) and goshenite (water clear); chrysoberyl is a beryllium aluminate,  $BeAl_2O_4$ , and forms in the orthorhombic system, and is 8 1/2 in hardness.

Chrysoberyl is found in clear grey, greenish yellow, yellow, brown, brownish green, blue green and chartreuse. The last of these colors is noted for its color change, from green in daylight to red in tungsten light, the value depends on how distinct the color change is. The finest Alexandrites are Uralian, showing a strong color change from emerald green in daylight to a rich purplish red in tungsten light, these are almost unobtainable now, though a few spring up from time to time, probably from private collections. The brownish gem come from Sri Lanka (Ceylon), and tend to be a less attractive gem, with less green and more brown in the color change. Brazil in South America and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) in Africa are producing small stones with good color change, but are extremely rare. Other locations are Borneo, Myanmar (Burma), India, Madagascar and a few in the United States.

The Cats-eye chrysoberyl, the variety *cymophane*, produces a sharp bluish to white silky eye on either a yellow or green background, when cut cabochon.

Alexandrite, the variety with the distinct color change, is the rarest of all gems, it is the birthstone for the month of June, and was discovered on the birthday of the heir to the Russian throne, czar Alexander II, June 13th, 1818, and named after him. He gave freedom to more than 40 million Russian serfs, but angered his subjects by later oppressions and was horribly slain by a group of nihilists on the 13th of March 1881, he was succeeded by his son Alexander III, who reigned for 13 more years. The most important alexandrite are owned by the Russian royal families.

The legend holds that alexandrite brings good fortune when the sun is shining and, stimulates pleasure and love at night for all that possess it...

Hardness - 8.5

Refractive Index - 1.74 - 1.76

Birefringence - 0.009 Weak

Fracture - Conchoidal, moderate

Critical Angle - 35°

Faceting Angles:      Culet - 42°      Crown - 39°

Specific Gravity - 3.5 - 3.8

Dispersion - 0.015

Cleavage - Indistinct

Cutting lap - Any grade diamond or Silicon carbide.

Polishing lap - 1 Micron diamond or tin or tin lead lap, linde A or Alumina EF.

Little or no trouble polishing, tin or tin lead laps polish to a high sheen but are a little slower than diamond.

By *Lowell Bailey* (Reprinted from the Cotton Indian Gems Newsletter)

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### In Memory of David Tuttle



David Tuttle passed away on August 22, 2008. He was a long time member of our club, holding many offices both in our club and in the SFMS (past president). He was a prolific writer, authoring multiple books in the Lt. Wilson Mystery Series. For many years, he has contributed the “Mineral of the Month” page to this news letter. Last month he sent me a filler: “Asylum for the Verbally Insane” It appears on page 6. He and his wife Barbara enjoyed taking trips around the United States looking for rock formations and individual rocks. He had a very large number of friends. Ed Price, a good friend, wrote a poem about their friendship. “A Circle of Rock.” It appears on page 7 and was read at his funeral. He will be deeply missed.

### In Memory of Lenda Cook



Lenda Cook passed away on August 30, 2008. She too was a long time member of this club. She was an inveterate collector of beach fossils. Please see her article printed in the August issue of the news letter. In it, she describes her “Long Field Trip”, collecting sharks teeth and other fossils on Fernandina Beach. She was also a crafter. In fact, she contributed one of her fused pendants to the door prizes. I won it, and have been wearing a piece of fused glass ever since. She too will be deeply missed.

The memorial service for Lenda will be a beachside memorial service at 10 a.m. on September 13, 2008 at the amphitheater located at Fort Clinch State Park. Anyone wishing to come will be admitted to the park free. Just tell them that you are there for the memorial service. In lieu of flowers please send a donation in memory of Lenda Cook to Community Hospice of North East Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

### In Memory of Martha Boatwright

Martha unexpectedly passed away on September 4, 2008. She was 84 years young and could run circles around most of us. She was a member of the club for more than 10 years. She is survived by two sons and multiple grandchildren and great grand children. In fact she took care of two of her great grand children this summer. She loved to make jewelry and other craft items. She did beading, wire wrap, faceting, china painting, doll painting and many other craft type activities. She attended William Holland multiple times, and was particularly interested in the Opal classes. She too will be deeply missed.

### Fred Joelner

All opposed – nay! Fred is the fellow who could be counted upon to vote nay on any vote that was taken in the club. He is quite ill. Send him a card.

This has been a sad month for our club. As Ed Price says in his poem, when you see a pretty rock think of an old Rock Hound Friend.

### September Birthdays

Julie Brooke	9/18	Chuck Sederholm	9/3
David Cass	9/25	Rose Shane	9/26
Roger Copeland	9/29	Yvonne Singleton	9/9
Thomas Ford	9/28	Bernice Snyder	9/28
Angela Jordan	9/5	Peggy Spirithawk	9/15
Patricia Livesay	9/23	Shar Wiltz	9/7
Dan Miller	9/12	Martha Winters	9/2
Robert Noelke	9/2	Linda Zeidwig	9/3
Valerie Sera	9/2		

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## Asylum for the Verbally Insane

Contributed by David Tuttle - Author Unknown

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Let's face it -English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;  
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
English muffins weren't invented in England .  
We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that  
quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,  
and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing,  
grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?  
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be  
committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.  
In what other language do people  
recite at a play and play at a recital?  
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.  
We have noses that run and feet that smell.  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the  
same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house  
can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out,  
and in which an alarm goes off by going on

And, in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop?

## A Circle of Rock By Ed Price

What sends the sturdy rock hound out on his rugged quest,  
For that is the question I don't understand just yet?

From such humble beginnings, special gifts from Mother Earth,  
The beauty that can be wrestled from just a pile of dirt,  
Hammer, pick and shovel - it hardly seems like work.

So there they are in situ, I found them with an old map.  
I gather this and that to put it in my rock sack.  
O' I hope I can carry it back.

So for a time they move from house to house until they find a loving home.  
It really is amazing how much these rocks really roam.

So some are mine for a time like Charlie Quartz or Oscar Jade  
Or Mary Pearls that's all the rage, and David Tuttle's rocks are really great,  
They are in the center of my rock circle today.  
And though he left early on the long rock dig,  
He is just up ahead scouting the best places to dig.

So life is just a journey and I'm always looking down  
Not because I'm sad, I am a rock hound.

I am looking for a shiny glimmer that comes from the ground  
To put it in my rock sack, just to keep around.

My circle of friends keeps getting smaller  
A jolly group of rock hounds but really not a clique  
Sharp as crystals with their knowledge and their wit  
They really will be missed.

Though the givers all are gone now, I really won't forget  
Some agate, flint or chert that makes me think of them.  
Though our bodies are just elements, our spirits still live on  
In that bright and rainbow crystal flash that makes me still say, "Awe".

So if you know a long lost rock hound, a friend you won't forget.  
Quietly say their names and bring them home again.  
So the question has been answered, it really is quite clear.  
I'm happy to be a rock hound with my friends I hold so dear.

Some people go through life never picking up a thing.  
No fossil, rock or crystal how sad they might be.  
I wonder if they will ever know just exactly what they missed.

Some say my rock circle looks like a fire pit or maybe, old Stonehenge,  
But to me they're not just rocks; they're really just old friends.

## SHOW SCHEDULE

**Please note that our Club Show dates have changed. It is now scheduled for September 19-21. As a result of the change, there are now vendor tables available. If you would like to sign up for one of these tables, contact Tom Frame.**

## JGMS T-Shirt Fund Raiser

Please remember to bring your check if you would like to buy a T-shirt. Approximately \$5.00 from each T-shirt will go to support our club.

### PRICES:

Men's sizes:

S, M, L, XL	\$21.00
1X, 2X, 3X	\$23.00
4X, 5X	\$27.00

Lynn Hoffmann will be taking orders before and after the October meeting. Remember, we cannot order the T-shirts until we have 50 orders. Thank you for your support!

## ROCK SWAP MEETS

There are two rock swap meets scheduled in the next couple of months.

Graves Mountain Rock Swap

October 3, 4, 5, 2008

Graves Mountain, Lincoln Co., GA

Rutile, lazulite, kyanite, pyrophyllite, pyrite, iridescent hematite, quartz, various other minerals

Hogg Mine Rock Swap

November 1, 2008

Smiths Crossroads, Ga (south of LaGrange)

Rose quartz, schorl (black tourmaline), green and blue beryl

Follow links at <http://jaxgemandmineral.org/trip.htm> for more info on the above two trips as it becomes available.

**DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee  
An Official Field Trip of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Inc. (Franklin,  
NC) (HOST)  
An Official Field Trip of the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society**

10 a.m. until 6 p.m. – Saturday, September 27, 2008  
(Rain date will be Sunday, September 28, 2008)

**BUCK CREEK AREA OF CHUNKY GAL MOUNTAIN RANGE  
NO FEE AREA**

Where: Buck Creek Prospect Field and Creek in Clay County, NC

When: 10 a.m. at the Westgate Plaza, K-Mart and Ingles Shopping lot, to car pool to dig site.

Collecting: Various minerals, corundum (sapphire/ruby), sillimanite, rutile, kyanite, mica, garnet, moonstone, soapstone, and best of all new friends

Fee: No Fee Area

What to bring: food and water, bucket, knee boots, or old shoes; water is about 10 inches deep, gloves are suggested, one shovel for each three people, screens and other tools you would use to dig into the ground and sift material at the creek, ¼ mesh screen works best, a wide mouth bottle for your finds. Some corundum pieces can be as big as golf balls. Please do not use glass containers. You will have to walk about ¼ mile into creek collecting area from where you park. Bring food and water with you. There are no places to purchase food or drink near the mining collecting areas and no bathrooms. Remember, this time of year, snakes may be present. Also suggested is a change of clothes, shoes, boots, since you will be working in dirt and in and near water. This is Forest Service land so you must fill all holes when done, pick up all trash and debris and carry out with you when you leave.

You will have to sign an entrance form, which will free the Franklin Gem and Mineral Society of any mining liability as you normally do at most other mining sites.

Direction: From Hwy 64 and 441 intersections at the Franklin Westgate Plaza (K-Mart)... From the Westgate Plaza, Franklin, NC, K-Mart and Ingles Shopping lot, take US 64 West 16.3 miles to Buck Creek Road. Turn right. Watch for the DMC signs. Go 2.0 miles north on the Buck Creek Road. Park out of the road!!! Walk about ¼ mile to the west along the path to the mine dump. Please carpool if possible. The mine dump is on National Forest Land.

Note: Park well off the road to leave room for private individuals who live beyond parking areas. There will be signs posted for turn off and parking areas will be marked with "DMC."

For more information contact: Tom or Linda Sterrett, [lsterrtt@rosecreekmine.com](mailto:lsterrtt@rosecreekmine.com) or Rose Creek Mine at 828-349-3774.

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"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose: To collect field trip information from it's member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

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7	8 6-9 Silver - filled Hamilton	9 6-9 Silver -filled Hamilton	10 6-9 Silver -filled Hamilton	11 6:30 - 9:30PM Bezel a Cab Ashley	12	13 9:30 - 2:30 Beginner Cab Bee
14	15 6:30 - 9:30PM Annealing /Surface Design Applegate	16 6:30 - 9:30PM Annealing /Surface Design Applegate	17 6:30 - 9:30PM Annealing /Surface Design Applegate	18 Club Show (Move in) 12-5 Move display cases from the work shop at 10am	19 Club Show 1-6	20 Club Show 10-6 9:30 - 2:30 Beadmaking Sederholm
21 Club Show 10-5 Move cases back to the work shop	22 6-9 Open Silver Jacobs	23 6-9 Open Silver Jacobs Open Cabbing Jordan	24 6-9 Open Silver Jacobs Open Cabbing Jordan	25 6-9 Board Meeting	26 5:30-9:30 Beg Silver Hamilton	27 8:30 - 3:30 Beg Silver Hamilton
28	29	30	OCT 1	2 Club Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Fall Picnic

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