



The Rockhound

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The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM

4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach FL 33405 (at the Science Center)

October Program - Teachers Show and Tell

This month we are going to hear about the different classes that are offered. The teachers will also bring samples of their work so members can get a better idea of what to sign up for. Don't forget the holidays are coming up and you might want to make a masterpiece for that special someone.

Junior Rockhounds Program - Fossils

We were lucky receive a donation of several fossils recently, so this month we are going to continue our discussion of fossils and distribute the specimens we received. So, the question for this month is "how are fossils formed?"

Take a look at this video and see if you know how fossils are formed...and found!

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/tdc02.sci.life.evo.becfossil/becoming-a-fossil/>

President's Message

Welcome back to any "Snow Birds" ! We hope you had a great, not-so-hot summer.

We will continue to have our monthly General Meetings at the Science Center for a few more months while they are renovating the Garden Club.

Again, it's that time of year for selecting the **Slate of Officers**.

Anyone interested in **ANY** of the positions please contact **Lo Rain**.

She can answer your questions or you can ask of the Officers if you would like more information about each position. Final nominations and elections will be at the December meeting.

Also, our annual show is coming up fast! We **ALWAYS** need "volunteers!"

Please contact **Dianna Ray at with any questions**.

The field trip to Sarasota on **Saturday, October 31**, information is on **page 3**.

See you at the meeting!

Rock on!

Michelle Renne' - Prez

October Birthdays



Kelly/Eric Azor ♦ Erik Berman ♦ Linda/Rick Byrnes ♦ Linda Hersh
Ellen Jean ♦ Deborah/Jeff Kachman ♦ Kathleen Krailler
Arlene Lazzaro ♦ Susan Merz ♦ Peter/Donna Parviainen
Janet Smirnow ♦ Cassandra Stryker

You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old. ~ George Burns

Door Prizes... Raffle Items

Raffle Items For This Month:

Clear quartz crystal
Magnetic bead necklace
Unidentified crystal
Beaded stretch bracelets
Herkimer diamonds
Larger cabochons
Crystal beads for jewelry
Gypsum satin spar
And more surprises!

*Come to the meeting by 7:30 PM to get a free ticket
for our great door prizes!*

Door Prizes For This Month:

Mineral specimens
Small cabochons
Other surprises!!!

*We always appreciate your kind donations of hobby
related items to use for extra door prizes and raffle
items! To donate...just drop them off at a meeting!*

Keith Kline, Raffle Coordinator

Sunshine Committee

Feel better to these people who were in the hospital:

Janis Perryman
Michelle Renne's mother
Jackie Tufford's mother

Call **Lo Rain** and let her know who needs a little
sunshine sent their way!

sad News

Condolences to the families of:

Ed Flashenburg, who has passed away
Kelly Azor, her brother has passed away

MICROMOUNTERS

Our group *usually* meets the first Thursday of the
month from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

Bring a microscope, minerals, questions, and
(maybe a yummy treat?). We always have lots of
giveaways. We will teach you to identify minerals
and how to mount micro-minerals.

Please RSVP KC Foster
katrinkaper@yahoo.com

Club Purpose

To associate persons of the Palm Beach area of
Florida who are interested in earth sciences, to
work together as an organization in the
gathering, cutting, displaying, and studying of
rocks, shells, artifacts, and any kind of scientific
objects of interest to the individual and the
organization, to promote community interest in
these objects.

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Upcoming General Meeting Events

October General Meeting 2015

October brings Halloween, so if anyone wants to dress up, it will be like the Night at the Museum movies since we're meeting at the Science Museum again!

Save the Pirate costumes for January or just wear orange and black. We hope to see a lot of our snow birds back. We missed you!



Pirate Party January 21, 2016 General Meeting

**Yo Ho Ho but no Rum! Auhhhh Well, we'll have a great time anyway!
So save the date and get your costume together because anyone wearing a costume gets a try to find something real in our treasure chest!**

Well, shiver me timbers, that's exactly what we've got right here, if you can find your way. We hope you have the right map!



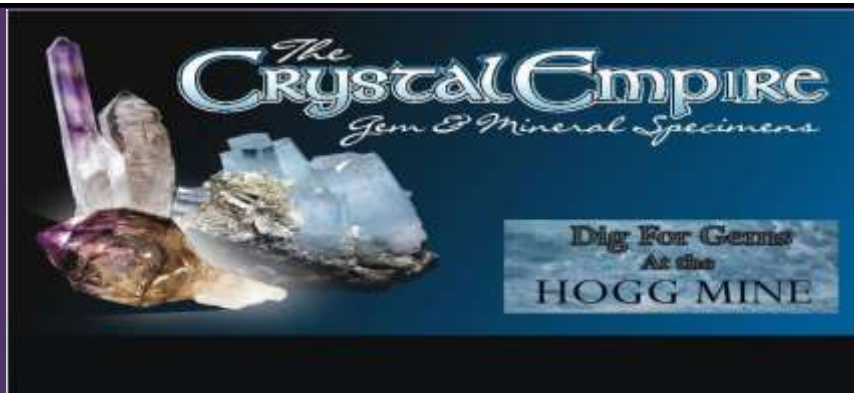
Let's Go Mining This October!

Hogg Mine in La Grange, Georgia has dates open for members to sign up for a dig.

Please check out the website for further information about the mine at:

www.Hoggmine.com

Club member Shir-Lee Rosenberg has spoken with Chris Painter at Hogg Mine about Machine Dig Dates.



Below are the dates and cost:

Oct. 23rd , Oct. 24th , and Oct. 25th .

\$150.00 per day with a \$100.00 non- refundable deposit.

He only allows about 30 people per day so you need to book early!

To register:

Please go to the website and mention member Shir-Lee Rosenberg from the club!

If interested and have further questions, please call or email at:

Shir-Lee Rosenberg
ShirleeSellsFloridHomes@gmail.com



FIELD TRIP!

Saturday, October 31, 2015

I rescheduled the trip.

He is getting another huge container from Morocco in October!

PANGAEA INDUSTRIES – Moroccan fossils

Check out their site at www.fossilsplus.com

8124 Blaikie Ct., Sarasota, FL 33420

Owner -Joe Aronson



We are meeting there about 10 am.

They will be open just for us!

Any questions call Michelle Renne'.

I need to know by Monday, October 5 how many are coming.

If I don't have at least 10 people I will reschedule.

DIRECTIONS:Take I-95 to Blue Heron Blvd. west to 711 (Beeline Hwy) to the end in Okeechobee. Left on to SR 70 W. Follow that through Arcadia to Betts Rd (780 W). Make a left to the end then left on Verna Rd. to the end then right on Fruitville Rd., right on Sarasota Center Blvd., then right on Blaikie Ct. The store is on the right.

October 24-25, 2015

St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club Annual Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show

Martin County Fairgrounds

<http://www.slcrockandgem.org/>

Oct 31-Nov1, 2015

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Sat & Sun 10-5

Strawberry Festival Expo Center, Plant City, FL

<http://www.tampabayrockclub.com/annualshow.html>

Visit the American Federation Website for details...for SFMS sponsored shows

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/club-shows-123.html>

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/>

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/club-shows-123.html>

<http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/clubs/florida.shtml>

September 2015 Show Committee Report

We have had our show meeting on the 21th.

The show committee volunteers for this year are:

Barbara Ringhiser, Dianna Ray, Kelly Azor, Lo Rain, KC Foster, Deb Slutzky, Michelle Ren , Peter Parviainen, Jenny Wright and Jen Martin.

We always have room for more people on the committee.

As expected vendors status continues to change.

The good news is that we only have 1 vacancy for a less desirable booth. We've changed the layout a little and have been able to add a few additional spots. So this year we will have over 80 vendors!

We have paid half of the Expo center deposit and will pay the rest soon.

We have signed the contract, so we are all set. The prices have gone up some but should not be a problem. Storage unit costs have also gone up.

But with the increased entry fees and additional vendors we should still make out ok.

The holiday dinner will be at Atlantis country club again this year.

Don't forget if you volunteer for 4 hours at the show the dinner is free!!!

See Diana to sign up.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/19 at 7:30 at the shop.

Everything else is proceeding as scheduled.

2016 show:

We are still looking for ideas for the show.

Please email me with any ideas for the show.

Jeff Slutzky

Show Chairman

Show Email: show@gemandmineralsociety.org

VOLUNTEER TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW!!!

November 21st and 22nd, the weekend of our annual show, will be here before we know it!! That means it is time to start thinking about volunteering NOW. Here's a list of volunteer positions and the duties required. YOU can make a difference! Without you, our society members, it would be impossible to fill the many time periods necessary to make the 2015 show the best show yet! Over 100 volunteer shifts need to be filled.

The club cannot run without the proceeds from the show!!

PLEASE LET US COUNT ON YOU.

THURSDAY Set-up crew - NOVEMBER 19TH

Approximately 6 people are needed to move tables around and set up each booth area. We will be supervising Fairgrounds help in the placement of tables according to our floor plan. Also, we will be able to do the Society's setup on Thursday. We have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where unloaded materials go at the fairgrounds. Materials such as our display cases, from the storage unit, must be loaded in the rented truck, and brought to the Fairgrounds, unloaded and set-up. We will also be setting up the flume.

FRIDAY SET/UP/SUNDAY TAKE DOWN - NOVEMBER 20th and 22nd

As many volunteers as we can get are needed to set-up during the day on Friday and to take-down after the show from 5:00 PM on Sunday. Friday, the display cases need to be assembled, as well as many odds and ends jobs too numerous to go into here. On Sunday, after the show is over, everything must be packed up, loaded in the truck, and delivered back to the storage area. Again, we have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where materials go to be loaded into the truck. We also will need some people to go to the storage location to direct the hired help on where to put the unloaded materials.

TICKET TAKERS, NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

Two people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include taking tickets at the entrance doors, tearing the ticket in half, depositing one half in the box, and giving the second half to the guest. This position requires either sitting on a stool or standing. Requirements include a pleasant, friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind personality. At times, ticket takers are very busy. This is a very important position because ticket takers are the "first impression" that people get of our society.

INFORMATION TABLE - NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

Three people are necessary for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include answering questions concerning the show, checking in volunteers and giving them their badges and providing information about our society's activities. Information attendants should be able to direct visitors and provide information about everything from who is in charge, to where a particular dealer is located. This position requires sitting at the information desk. The ability to be pleasant and helpful, without getting flustered, is important.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE DRAWING - NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

Two people per 2-hour time slot are needed. Responsibilities include encouraging people to purchase tickets for the prize drawing of the many items available. It is extremely important to be friendly, inviting, cheerful, and encouraging without being insistent. This position requires some standing. The main objective is to point out the items that may be won with only a \$1.00 ticket. **PLEASE DO NOT SHOP OR SIT DOWN AND EAT DURING YOUR SHIFT.**

SHOW SECURITY - NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

Two to four people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities are to observe people, watch for those acting in a disorderly manner (for example, drunk, smoking, or shoplifting), and report it to Show Chairman, Committee Chairperson, Fairgrounds Security, or Armed Security. Show Security guards should NEVER confront or accuse anyone. They ONLY report the incident. Greeting the public in a friendly manner is also important. This position requires walking around or standing.

DEMONSTRATIONS- NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

People are needed to demonstrate their skills during each 2-hour time slot. The area is large enough for several demonstrators to present simultaneously. This is the opportunity to greet the public and show-off by participating in beading, stained glass, wire wrapping, chain making, or any other lapidary skills. If you are interested in volunteering to demonstrate at the show, please contact demonstration coordinator Kelly Azor-Anderson at 561-635-7619

LUNCH ON SET-UP DAY - NOVEMBER 20th

Lunch will be served to the dealers, society members, and fairgrounds workers on Friday, set-up day. We need someone who will shop for the supplies (we have a list - sandwich makings, drinks, salad, plates, utensils, donuts, coffee, etc.) Everyone makes their own sandwiches. You would be advanced funds for shopping. Serving is buffet style. We need a couple of volunteers there to oversee the buffet between 9am and 5pm - 2 hour shifts.

MINING / FOSSIL DIG/ GEODE CRACKING/SPINNING WHEEL GAME NOVEMBER 21st and 22nd

We need the following people *for each 2-hour time slot* to run the mining area effectively. Duties include:

- 2 people working together to collect money and use a Square for credit card payments, enter inventory on an iPad and give out tickets
- 1 person for cracking geodes
- 1 person for working the Spin-the-Wheel game and keeping the table stocked with prizes. The game involves a table marked with squares that correspond to numbers on the wheel. The player wins the prize in their square if its number matches the number on the wheel.
- 1 person to identify fossils and gemstones at the flume area. Volunteers will be briefed on what fossils and gemstones are available in the dig and mine. There will be cards available with fossil samples and rough gemstone samples to aid in identification if participants request the information
- 1 person to help visitors select geodes
- 1 person to make bucket bags and fill buckets as needed
- 1 person to help the flume use, moving used gravel, handing out screens etc.

This is a very active area and these volunteer positions are not sedentary positions.

In all positions, we need volunteers who, when their area is slow, are willing to assist in extra busy areas in order to keep the lines moving.

The form can be turned in to any of the persons listed below, in whichever manner is easiest for you.

Turn the form in at any upcoming Membership Meeting, by email, phone or mail.

Dianna Ray

Countrycutie29@aol.com

Jeff Slutzky

show@gemandmineralsociety.org

Barbara Ringhiser

bar5678@aol.com

By Mail:

GMSPB Volunteers

PO Box 18095

West Palm Beach, FL 33416-8095

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

BEST TIME TO CALL: _____ EMAIL: _____

POSITIONS INTERESTED IN: _____

(Use additional sheet in necessary)

Please circle the shifts for which you are available:

Thursday, Nov. 19 (set-up)	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-5pm
Friday, Nov. 20 (set-up, lunch)	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-5pm
Saturday, Nov. 21	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-6pm (3 hours)
Sunday, Nov. 22	10 - Noon	Noon - 2pm	2 - 5pm (3 hours)	5 - ?pm (take down)

SHOP TALK

Open Shop Schedule

Open shop fees: \$5 for 3 hours, or \$7 for over 3 hours.
No charge to visit the shop to use the library.



Cabbing Open Shops

Monday afternoons (starting August 3) 10:30am-5pm, Samantha Lazzaro*

Tuesday nights 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Laura Simmons*

Thursday afternoons 12:30-3:30 PM - Shop Steward, Dennis Rietwyk*

Friday nights 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Susan Cairl*

Metalworking/Enamel Open Shop

Metalworking open shop is usually scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10 AM - 4 PM.

See the open shop schedule and call Michelle Renné to confirm the open shop.*

Metalsmithing, Chainmail, Jumpringer & Viking Wire Weave open shops
contact Laura Simmons.

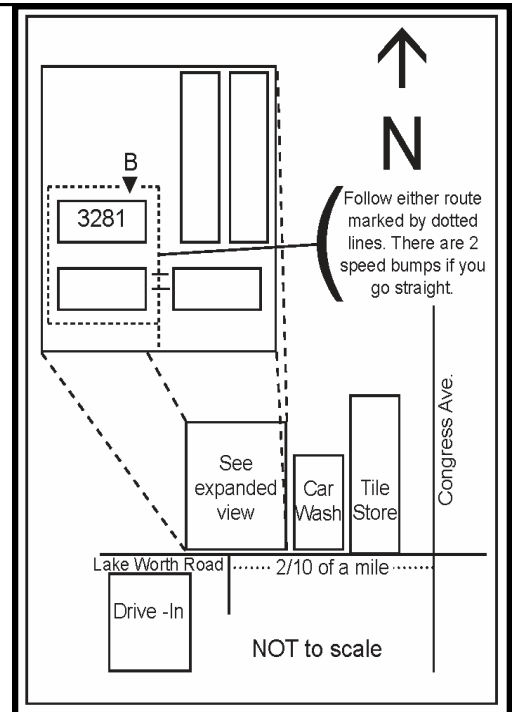
*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

SHOP REPORT

Special bulletin: We have an Intarsia machine and Flat Lap available for use at the shop! To use these machines, members must be certified to use the cabbing equipment in the shop. Just ask the shop steward on duty to get the machine out for you. Some additional instruction will be given by the shop steward.

- ◆ Please remember to sign a new liability waiver on your first visit to the shop and get a copy of the new shop rules.
- ◆ When visiting the shop for any reason, always sign in and out of the log book and fill in all information completely including date, times, reason for visit and any fees paid.
- ◆ Drinks and food are allowed in the shop, but please clean up after yourself and do not leave food or wrappers in the shop.
- ◆ Feel free to bring a project to work on, socialize, use the library, or watch a tutorial on the TV....just have fun!

The street address of the shop is:
3281 Lake Worth Road, Suite B, Lake Worth, FL 33461



October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	2 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	3
4	5 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro	6 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	7 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	8 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	9 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	10
11	12 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro 	13 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	14	15 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM 	16 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	17
18 Open Shop** 10AM—4PM Metal Work & Enameling ONLY Michelle	19 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro	20 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	21	22 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	23 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	24
25	26 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro	27 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	28	29 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	30 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	31 

****CALL BEFORE GOING TO OPEN SHOP!!**

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November 2015

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1	2 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro	3 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	4 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	5 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	6 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	7
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AVAILABLE CLASSES

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE/TIME/NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Introduction to Chainmail ◇ How to Use the Jumpringer ◇ Introduction to Metalsmithing ◇ Viking Wire Weave 	Laura Simmons 407/234-0444	\$30 + \$10 materials fee \$10 + \$5 materials fee \$50 + \$30 materials (copper) or \$60 materials (silver) \$30 + \$15 fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$60 + \$10 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cold Connections Class Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Explosion Pendant ◇ Fold Forming Bracelet w/Beveled Stone Setting ◇ Scrapbook Bracelet (rivets) ◇ Metal Etching & Air Chasing Bracelet ◇ 3D Pendant w/Druzy Stone Slice NEW! 	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$40 materials fee \$40 + \$40 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Embellished Multi-Metal Jewelry	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$20 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Enameling	Samantha Lazzaro 561/372-2359	\$40 + \$50 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Flat Lap	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$40 + \$10 supplies fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Fused Glass (Beginner)	Harriet Flashenburg 561/733-1466	\$50 + \$50 materials fee	Four afternoon sessions Class taught in season only. Contact instructor to arrange.
Gem Tree	Dianna Ray 561/707-6753	TBD	Contact instructor to arrange.
Metalsmithing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Alien Prong Ring 	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Fan Bracelet Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Sculpture Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Junior Membership—\$10.00
(Under age 18)
Single Membership—\$20.00
(Over age 18)
Family Membership—\$30.00
(Includes 2 adults and children under age
18 in a single household)

*Membership expires on December 31st
each year and is due by the end of
February of the new year.*

To renew your membership, make your
check or money order to:

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm
Beaches, Inc. and mail to:

Membership Secretary
Gem & Mineral Society
P.O. Box 18095
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-8095

NAME TAGS

Available from:
Ace Marking Devices (\$12.00)
3308 S. Dixie Hwy.
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
561/833-4073

SHOP FEES

Up to 3 hours shop time - \$5
Over 3 hours shop time - \$7

SEE CALENDAR FOR OPEN SHOPS

SHOP STEWARDS

Head Shop Steward:
Susan Cairl

Laura Simmons
Dennis Rietwyk

Shop Phone:
561/585-2080

2015 OFFICERS

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Show Chairman*	Jeff Slutzky

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Hostess	Samantha Lazzaro
Jr. Rockhound Program	Larry Deaton
Librarian	Shop Steward on Duty
Programs	Amber Griggs
Raffle Coordinator	Keith Kline
Refreshments	Arlene Lazzaro
Sunshine Committee	Lo Rain
Social Events	Debi Kachman

*Denotes a Voting Member of the Executive Committee.

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Link to our **smile.amazon.com** account:
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6196330>

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Send comments or submissions to newsletter@gemandmineral.cc