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### CFMGS Membership and Meetings

Dues: Single - \$10.00, Couple - \$18.00, Juniors - \$5.00. All club dues are due to be paid between October and December for the subsequent year. Members not paid by January 31 will be dropped from the membership.

**General meetings are held: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 are held: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday before the General meeting.**

### CFMGS Board Meeting, 09/20/05

Board Meeting attendees:

Susan Bucciero, John & Anne Piziak, Emilio Garcia, and Richard Nagel

It was suggested that any member that signs up the most people between Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec 31 of the same year will win a prize. The monetary amount of the prize will be \$25.00

It will be brought up to the general membership that the executive board be changed from 6 members to 9 members. **\*\*THE NOMINATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN OCTOBER.\*\*** Then there will be 9 ballots on which to vote in general elections in November. The new team will take place in January.

The by laws will be revised for November meeting on which to vote yes or no.

From January to April there will be two meetings per month, a general meeting and a show meeting.

Each board member will be appointed as a chairperson in some capacity for annual show. This chairperson will report his or her progress at monthly show meetings.

Gem tree parties will be held each month, which will take place the Saturday following the general membership meeting.

### General Meeting Minutes, 09/20/05

-Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and was adjourned at 8.00p.m.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

-15 attendees at the meeting – all were members.  
-The club currently has 63 members, and there were no new members last month.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- All bills were paid for the month.
- There were maintenance fee adjustments paid due to an increase requested by the landlord. (The building was reassessed for maintenance – an extra amount was required to be paid for last year. The reassessment letter is available for viewing if anyone would like to see it.)
- Revenue from the school was collected.
- A motion was put forth to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put forth by Michelle Bogle.

### BOARD MEETING RECAP

Membership contest will be as follows:

January 1 to December 31, 2006, the member that gets the most individuals to join wins a prize of \$25.00 monetary value.

The executive board needs an extension from 6 members to 9 members. **\*\*THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE NOVEMBER MEETING. THE NOMINATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE OCTOBER MEETING, SO PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.\*\***

The air conditioner may be malfunctioning. It has been decided to repair the A/C this Spring, as it is the club's responsibility. We are looking for a licensed A/C repair service, please let the board know if you know someone.

A motion was put forth to accept the board meeting report. The motion was put forth by Jim Johnstone and seconded by Richard Nagel.

### FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Not too many members attended the Honeymoon Island trip. Some coral and agatized coral were found, perhaps some pieces of petrified reef coral.

A future trip to the Carolinas or to Georgia may be feasible.

Dixie Mineral club has open invitations to other clubs that belong to the Eastern Federation. This would afford our club members to field trip information coordinated by the Dixie Mineral Club. Michelle has left packets of information in the workshop for other field trip opportunities.

### WORKSHOP REPORT:

The Saturday classes are lagging, more students are needed.

John Luedke has started to teach inlay work and Richard has taken over his cabachon students. For inlay classes, the price remains the same for class, however, whatever materials are needed, there will be an additional charge. The inlay classes take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. – 12p.m.

Faceting classes – These classes are full. Faceting classes take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Emilio Garcia.

Cabachon cutting classes take place the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9a.m. to 12 p.m. The instructor is Richard Nagle.

The instructors ask that if you are signed up for a class, and cannot make it, please call them to let them know.

*NEW!* The club has put a calendar on the bulletin board so that students can sign up for classes. Please use this calendar to sign up for classes.

*NEW!* There is a printed calendar at the end of this bulletin for your use with planning your classes.

### SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

New contracts are drafted.

John Luedke has already drafted show advertisements, which will appear in the January issues of the following magazines:

1. Lapidary Journal
2. Rock and Gem and
3. Rock and Mineral

Appraiser and hydro repair are some of the new kinds of vendors that will participate in the upcoming show.

A few members will have contracts for the show.

Other clubs can have tables to advertise their clubs, recruit new members, have demonstrations, etc. The cost will be the cost of tables and chairs only.

There will also be a swap table where clubs can swab materials.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The club is still looking for tapes/videos for viewing at the show.

Jan and Bill Burrage donated one of the two white boards, Richard donated the other. Anne and John Piziak donated the chalkboard. Thanks to everyone!

Gem Tree Party – 8 members attended and 1 instructor. There will be a monthly gem tree party, which will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after the general meeting. It will be about 2 – 3 hours long. There is no charge for the gem tree party, however, each attendee is encouraged to bring snacks enough for everyone. Let's make it a pot-luck gem tree party!

Michelle can donate slabs for gem tree making. She is launching her own website and is offering space on her site to sell any materials you may have.

The 16" saw is now operational to cut slabs or cut geodes open, etc.

The 10" saw to cut small rocks and gems is still operational. Flat lap is now operational for use—it has a 100 grit wheel.

Michelle has found a new website, <http://mineral.galleries.com/minerals/by-name.htm> it lists lots of minerals, photos, and information. Please take a look at the site and let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the bulletin.

### DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Door prize winners:

1. Bill Burrage won an ivory and malachite horn. This was donated by John Luedke.
2. Richard won an 18 ct. gold chain donated by John Luedke.
3. Paul Bordenkircher won a cabachon donated by Emilio
4. 50/50 went to Elsie Williams.

### WORKSHOP RULES:

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

1. Teachers of club classes will receive free workshop time, hour for hour, as 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 machines are for everyone's use at \$5.00 per hour. This is for everyone except teachers that have accumulated free hours for teaching classes.
5. To participate in classes in shop, the participant has to be a member.

The next BOARD MEETING is on Tuesday, 10/18/05 @ 6:30 p.m., and the next general meeting is at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the board meeting at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

### Notes from the Editor

For the benefit of our newest members (and as a reminder to others):

Lynn Cole has set up the club email address:

[CFMGs@yahoo.com](mailto: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 already received an email inviting you to join the Yahoo group, CFMGs. Please make sure that you have signed up for the CFMGs Yahoo group. *If you are new to the club and have not joined the CFMGs Yahoo Group, please let me or Lynne Cole know so that we can get you set up as well.*

-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.

-I am always looking for additions to the bulletin. If you come across an article that would be of interest to the group, please forward to me for input to the next bulletin.

### Classified

Michelle Bogle is selling the following materials:

1. Raw slabs and these are on display at the workshop.
2. 6" slab saw and cabachon machine, which takes inch and half genie wheels. These two pieces of machinery are being sold together for \$150.00

The owner of Ancient Artifacts on Fairbanks in Winter Park has a faceting machine for sale.

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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.

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