



The Conglomerate

Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club

Lexington, KY

From the President

Hello club,

Lots going on this and next month. We have our field trip looking for coral and its not if you find any its which pieces you want to keep. We also need anybody willing to volunteer for our show at the mushroom festival the more the merrier and it'll be a huge help to have as many people as we can.

We also need to get club dues in as soon as possible.

The field trip to UK was great and was filled with a lot of information. Next time we go plan on going you will not be disappointed.

Hope to see all at the next meeting

Daniel

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Secretary's Report by Robert Dalton

Executive Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by Tom Volk at 1:23 pm at the Beaumont Library.

Jane Volk reports that there are four new memberships received since the last meeting of the BGGAMC. Tom Volk asked whether the increase was due to the recent show, but Jane didn't know as she didn't ask.

The Treasurers' Report was given by Jim Donofrio. He reported that the club has \$12,505 and some odd cents in the bank. He also reports that the club made a \$200 donation to God's Pantry.

Lamon Flynn was present at the Executive Board meeting and wanted to know how the club

could get more school children to the shows the club puts on. Jane reported that she was in favor of limiting the number of school children that come through club shows at one time.

Along those lines, Jane reported that vendors have questioned about parent's supervision of their children at shows.

There was a question about offering rest breaks to vendors during club shows and Jane reported that the issue has been taken care of.

Jane reported that she is keeping track of the vendors and money associated with the Mountain Mushroom Festival. Six vendors have already signed up for the Mountain Mushroom

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2011 Mountain Mushroom Show

List of vendors to-date for the show

| Business Name | Sells | Owner |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| None Such Minerals | Crystals, Minerals Fossils & Meteorites | Barry Mercer |
| | Jewelry minerals crafts | Kim & Dan Gray |
| | KY Agate | Lamon Flynn |
| | KY Agate | Rondle Lee |
| Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club | Specimens, jewelry | BGGAMC |
| Dale Burton | minerals fossils Agate etc | Dan Burton |
| Display | Fluorescent Minerals | Danny Settles |
| The Silver Vine | Kentucky Agate | Paul Schroeder |
| Treasures of the Earth | Gem Trees, Wire Sculpture Jewelry, Silver Smith Pendants and Earrings and Tumbled Stones | Rose Wimmer |
| Velima's Crafts | Silver Jewelry, Beads, African Trade Beads and wire wrapped items | Velima Lawson |
| A Jewell | Handcrafted jewelry, slabs, cabs and rough | Allen and Joan Jewell |
| Love of the Mother | Hand-wrapped gemstones, gemstone created Jewelry, bracelets and necklaces | Jennifer Tudor |
| Agate Smiths | Kentucky Agate Specimens, Jewelry, Cabs, Slabs, & Jewelry | Larry Smith |
| The Lapidary Artist | Wire Wrapping demonstrations, slabs for sale, Cabs for sale | Sandy Brandl |
| Wallace White | Fossils, coins and artifacts, guaranteed authentic: Chinese, Egyptian, Greek, Medieval, Pre-Columbian, Roman, etc. | Wallace White |
| Flint Stone Jewelry | Jewelry | Skeeter & Joyce Kish |
| Seipel Earth Energy | Minerals & Crystals | Timothy Seipel |
| D. Kay's Treasures | Rock & Mineral Items & Jewelry | Donna Estep |
| Dixie Euhedrals | Paint Rock Agate, Arizona Agate, Crystals, Minerals Facet Rough, | Rodney Moore |
| Scott Hardy | KY Agate, Jewelry, mineral specimens | Scott Hardy |

Mountain Mushroom Festival

April 29—May 1—Irvine, KY

Gemboree 2011—Lexington Center,

September 17 & 18

Out-state members—please print the flyers and distribute at your local shows or contact [Jane](#) for printed copies. In-state members—flyers and applications will be available at meetings

New Members

Debbie Steuart—Lexington, KY

DeeDee Lanham, Brian; Scottie, & Michael — Lexington, KY

Judith Burgess, Makayla, Erwin & Colton—Lexington, KY

Reminder to Current Members

Member Renewals Are Now Past Due.

All memberships are due

January 1 at \$15/family.

From Vice President Danny Settles, Field Trip Organizer

Upcoming Field Trips

The field trip on March 26, will be to the Springfield KY area for fossils and agatized coral heads. Meet at McDonalds in Springfield at 10AM

- **The April field trip will be the agate hunts on April 26-28.**
- **May field trip will be to Caldwell Stone.**
- **Our picnic will be in June with the field trip to hunt for geodes.**

Meeting Sunday, March 20, 2011— Beaumont Library Branch

1 PM Business/Executive Meeting 2 PM General Meeting.

Bench Tips

By Brad Smith

EMERY BOARDS

The sanding boards for doing your nails are one of my favorite finishing tools. I use the ones with a thin foam core. They have enough resistance to sand just the high points off a flat surface and yet give a little when you're trying to smooth off a curved surface. Plus they're inexpensive and come in a variety of grits. Some grits are so fine they give an almost finished surface. Pick up a few at a beauty supply company or at your local dug store.

DENTAL FLOSS

When testing the fit of stone in a bezel, it's all too easy to get it stuck. Often the only way to free it is to drill a hole in the bottom and push it out with a needle. To avoid this, lay a piece of dental floss over the top before you press the stone in. Then just pull on the string to remove the stone.

Brad Smith is a studio jeweler, lapidary and jewelry instructor in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, CA who enjoys working with sterling silver, exotic woods, ivory and gold. His work is accented with interesting gemstones, and he strives to maintain a balance between the various elements. Brad enjoys field trips to local mines and desert locations and is an active member of the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club.



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Festival with three having already paid their fee while another three have given their desire to participate but have yet to pay the fee.

Jane stated that she would like to see the club promote a rock identification table. Lamon Flynn he would like that to happen especially for those who participate in the Agate Hunt and may want to sell what they have found on the hunt.

The 2011 Gemboree is scheduled for September 17-18, 2011.

The Executive Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

General Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 2:14 pm by Daniel Chumley.

The Treasurers' Report was given by Jim Donofrio. He reports the club has \$12,505.63 as of December 20, 2010.

Daniel Chumley reported that he needs a check

in the amount of \$3,000 to pay for Gemboree 2010. It was brought up that \$1,500 was used to hold the room at the Lexington Center last year. New members to the club were recognized and they introduced themselves. Each of the new members declared that they joined due to the recent Science Fair the club participated in at Bryan Station High School. Daniel Chumley reported that the Science Fair was a great success and that the parking lot was full. He also reports that the next Science Fair will be at Harrison County Schools on March 10th from 5-7:30 pm and invited club members to visit.

Daniel Chumley reported that www.Treasurenet.com is a website that may be of interest to club members as it regards artifacts.

The next club field trip will be the following weekend on February 27th to the Mines and Minerals Building at the University of Kentucky close to the W.T. Young Library off Rose St.

It was reported that the Mountain Mushroom Festival in Irvine this year will be April 29th, 30th and May 1. There will be a Kentucky Agate

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Hunt during three days that week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 26th, 27th and 28th. A sign up sheet was emailed to members earlier in the month. Those participating in the Agate Hunt are to meet at the Estill County Central Office at 9am where they will travel to the south fork to hunt for agates. The cost is \$10 and checks are to be made payable to the Mountain Mushroom Festival.

Daniel Chumley asked club members to volunteer to help at the Mountain Mushroom Festival. They are needed to show the school children around and to keep an eye on the larger displays and tables. School children will be coming to the show on Friday and the club is attempting to recruit parents to participate.

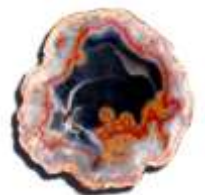
George Moulder gave a presentation about graphite saying how it can be used as a lubricant, withstand heat, and is used in pencils. He brought many samples to give away to those

who would like one.

Danny Settles spoke about coral he got from Fredericktown which is in Nelson County. The club decided to make their March field trip is to the Nelson County site to scavenge for coral. The club decided to meet at the McDonald's in Springfield at 10am on March 26. Members would then travel to the coral site.

It was reported that the May field trip would be back to the Caldwell Stone Quarry in Danville. Lastly, Larry Howard gave a power point presentation on "Blue" which began with how the word blue is used to describe a person's feelings, the color of the sky, and many other things. It progressed to show the various shades of blue and ended with various minerals that are colored blue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm after the monthly raffle. Next meeting will be March 20th at the Beaumont Library.



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