



# The Helena Mineral Society Newsletter



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## From The Editor:

. The newsletter is a little late this month because of the gem and mineral show.

If you missed the show, you missed a great opportunity to see some spectacular displays and vendor offerings.

First off, I want to whole heartedly thank all the club members who helped out at the show and made it a great success. Without your help, our show would not be what it has become. I had several dealers tell me that if they only had one show to do in Montana, it would be the Helena Show. Now that, in my opinion, is a great compliment for our club!

I also want to thank all the vendors for offering a diverse variety of “goodies” to purchase and drool over.

The public attendance was down by about two hundred people from last year, but, all the vendors were happy with their sales and all want to return next year.

I want to thank Kathy Bruce, Tom McCotton, Norman Smith and Phyllis Smith for the wire wrapping demonstrations. It was a big hit among the attendees.

Because club members did a great job of collecting and donating material, this is the first year in about six that that we did not run out of grab bags to sell. Keep up the good work! Also, a big thank you to the people who sewed up the grab bags.

Last, but by far, not least, thanks to the set up and take down crews a great job as usual.

Thank you to all who put in show cases. I had many compliments on the quality of the displays.

The next newsletter will have a new mineral of the month, something we will be collecting on one of the upcoming field trips.

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There will be no wire wrapping classes until October. It's time to get into the field and find treasures to create in the late fall and winter.

Don't forget, when you are out collecting, just because the specimens you find are not worthy for your collection, they are great for grab bags.

Field trips for spring and summer 2009:

April 25- Montana Tunnels, meet at southeast corner Dillard's parking lot, depart at 8:30 am. Bring hard hat if you have one. Limited collecting.

May 16- Summit Mine, Radersburg area, meet at SE corner Dillard's parking lot, depart 8:30 am. Bring lunch, water and collecting gear.

May 30- History Fair, in front of Saunder's Jewelry, walking mall. Period dress. Contact Wayne Waters @ 458-4919 for details.

June 6- Sally Ann clean up and maintenance, meet at parking lot in front of Ben Franklin's, depart 8:30 am. Bring gloves, shovel, water and lunch. Collecting after.

June 20- Sauerbier garnet dig, meet SE

corner Dillard's parking lot, depart 7:00 am. Bring lunch, water, sun screen, shovels, buckets and screens.

June 27- Sally Ann picnic, details to come later.

Sept 12- Miss Beverly sapphire claim, details to come later.

More field trips to be announced later.



Gene Hodge- first place showcase



Gary Parisi- second place showcase



Andy Horton- third place showcase and best calcite showcase



Some of the wire wrapping crew Phyllis and Kathy

## Meetings

The Helena Mineral Society meets at the Mountain West Bank located on Montana Avenue between Aspen and Poplar. Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. There is no regular meeting for the month of December. See you there! Friends, guests, and new members are always welcome

To place a classified ad, please see me in person at one of our regular meetings or you may e-mail me (Gary) with your information at [gjparisi72@yahoo.com](mailto:gjparisi72@yahoo.com). Ad will run in the newsletter for that month only unless specifically requested to run longer.

### Pictures and Articles Needed:

If you have a picture that you want to share, please send it to me, along with a short description of the activity, where it took place, and when, and I'll put it in the newsletter. If you'd like to share your field trip adventures with those members who are unable to attend, please feel free to contribute to the newsletter. Just e-mail me your experiences, and I'll make sure they're entered. Remember, this is your newsletter, and your contributions make it better.

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