



The Helena Mineral Society Newsletter



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From The Editor:

. Greetings. There will be no mineral of the month this newsletter. The photo gallery on the web site has been updated with pics from the Gem Mountain and Miss Beverly field trips.

HMS's annual Christmas party will be held on Dec. 12, 2009 at the Hannaford Street Bible Church, 830 N Hannaford St. Set up starts at 4:00 PM and dinner will be at 6:00 PM. This is a pot luck dinner, with HMS providing turkey, ham and a cheese plate. Members should bring their favorite dish to share with others. Plates, utensils and cups will be provided. If you bring a dish that needs a serving spoon, please bring it along.

If you have items to be donated for the live and silent auctions, call President Andy @ 227-2615.

There has been some confusion regarding membership dues. HMS has changed the renewal date from September to April, so, it runs from show to show.

Now is the time to start thinking about field trips you would like to go on next year. If you have any suggestion or ideas, please call Martin @ 431-8081.

As always, Norm's shop is open to all members. Call first and he will be happy to instruct you on making cabachons.

I hope everyone had a fun and exciting collecting season this year. I know some really nice specimens were found by members. Now is the time, with the cold weather upon us, to start creating jewelry items, clean and label specimens and kick back to dream of what treasures lie ahead next year.

Think about what mineral(s) you would like to know about and I will research them for an article in upcoming newsletters.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

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Wire wrapping classes:

If you are interested in taking a wire wrapping class, Call Phyllis for info and dates. 475-3127

A program chairperson is still needed. This position would only involve about one half to one hour per month, and can be done by telephone.

I want to thank Ann Hudson for the fine article she wrote for last month's newsletter. If you have something you would like to write about, a funny collecting story, what you enjoy collecting or something more technical on minerals, please submit it to me and I will put it in the newsletter.

It's not too early to be thinking about HMS's annual show in April. Material will be needed for grab bags. If you have specimens that you do not want, we will gladly accept them. Either call or email me and I will be glad to pick them up or take them off your hands.

If you have pictures that you want published in the newsletter or posted on the website, email them to me or burn onto a CD and get them to me and I will post them.

I have been receiving the Bozeman Club's newsletter via email. If anyone would like to read it, email me and I will forward it to you.

As of November 12, 9 dealers have submitted contracts for the 2010 HMS show.

Some pictures from the annual Sally Ann picnic and dig.



Above photos courtesy Sherry Reynolds

There will be no meeting in December. Come to the Christmas Party and enjoy good food, good friends and chance to make that special purchase.

If I am ambitious enough, there might be a photo update on the web site in lieu of a December newsletter.

Next regular meeting: January 14, 2010

See you there!

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. 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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