



The Helena Mineral Society Newsletter



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From The Editor:

. It's Showtime! HMS' Show is only a few weeks away and I hope you are looking forward to this annual event as much as I am.

We have 25 dealers with a multitude of offerings including mineral specimens, beads, rough and faceted gem stones, rock art, capping rough and slabs, finished cabochons, jewelry, fossils and many, many other items.

Show set up will begin at 1:00 PM on April 1st at the Helena Civic Center, corner of Neil and Park avenues. The Show is Sat. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Set up usually takes about 2 hours. At 5:30,

following set up, there will be a potluck dinner for the set up crew and dealers. Please bring a favorite vegetable dish, casserole or dessert to share. HMS will provide fried chicken, drinks, plates, utensils, cups and napkins.

For new members, if you haven't signed up for a specific duty, just show up and there is always something to do.

If you are working at the show, please park at least one block away or in the parking garage to allow the public easier access to the show. The parking garage is free on weekends.

With your help HMS can make this a better show.

Grab bag filling will take place on March 19 at Wayne and Donna Waters house, 5845 Sahara Court, 458-4919. Bring lots of material for stuffing the grab bags. We don't want to have to do a second filling like we did last year.

I am in need of suggestions for the mineral of the month. If there is a specific mineral you would like to learn more about contact Gary.

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Dr. Ray Breuninger will be conducting a course on collectable minerals in the Helena area at Carroll College. Cost is \$35.00. There will be 4 class dates, April 6, 9, 13 and 16. Times will be 7 to 10 in the evenings and 9 to 12 on Saturdays. Contact Ray at 442-2526 for info or to sign up.

Field trip suggestions are needed. Martin would like to have a tentative schedule available by the mineral show. Contact Martin at 431-8081 with your suggestions.

HMS members will be doing wire wrap demonstrations at the show this year. If you do wire wrapping, and would like to do a demo, contact Gary at 442-1226 or Kathy at 443-1175.

Montana Tech Mineral Museum would like to have a rotating mineral display from clubs around the state. If you have a mineral that was collected with 70 miles of Helena, and would like to display it for one year at the museum, contact Dave Jordan at 443-0348. HMS will put in two cases at this year's show with specimens for consideration.

Upcoming events:

April 1, 2, & 3 HMS Mineral Show
May 7 & 8 Bozeman Mineral Show; May 21, Helena History Fair; June 25, Sally Ann

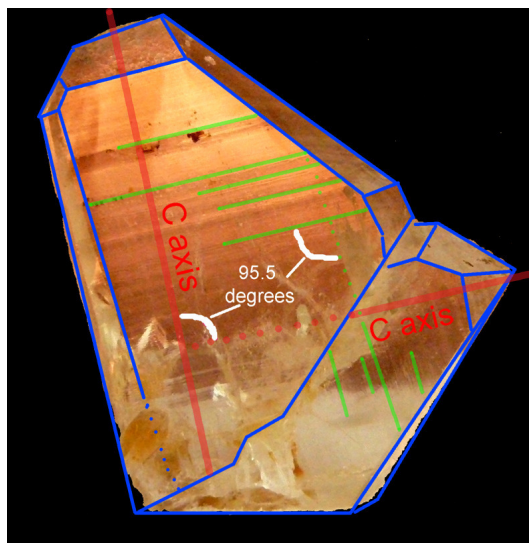
dig and picnic.

Next regular meeting is April 14, 2011

The following are pictures from last month's article by Ray Breuninger that would not fit in the printed version of the newsletter.



Japan Law twin from Sally Ann Claim.
Gary Parisi specimen



Japan Law twin from Sally Ann Claim.
Gary Parisi specimen



Japan and Dauphine twins in Sally Ann quartz.
Specimen of Leland Stanford.



Japan twin in Sally Ann Quartz.
Width of twin 4.8 cm (1.9 in); Leland Stanford specimen.

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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