



# The Helena Mineral Society Newsletter



**Gem, Mineral, Geological Education and Experience**

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## Upcoming Events

**Feb 8 & 22**

Grab bag sewing 9:00 am

**Feb 18**

Club Meeting 7:00 pm

**Mar 7**

Grab bag sewing 9:00 am

**Mar 17**

Club Meeting 7:00 pm

**Mar 26**

Grab Bag Filling

**April 2**

Grab Bag Filling

**April 8**

Show set up 1:00 pm

**April 9 & 10**

Helena Gem and Mineral Show

## Helena Gem and Mineral Show

The Helena Gem and Mineral Show will be at the Helena Civic Center on Saturday, April 9th from 9-6 & Sunday, April 10th from 10-5. Club members, veterans and children under 12 are free. \$2.00 admission for everyone else. Most of the dealers will give HMS members a discount when purchasing items from their booths.

Set-up is scheduled for Friday, April 8th at 1 pm. A potluck dinner will be held Friday evening after set-up. Details will be in the February newsletter.

Sign-up sheets for 2 hour shifts are at the monthly meetings for:

- Ball Toss
- Garnet Hunt
- HMS Table
- Membership Table
- Grab Bags
- Silent Auction
- Ticket Sales
- Fluorescent Display
- Table of Beads (new this year)
- Wire Wrap Demo

The club needs sign-ups for set-up on Friday and take-down after the show on Sunday.

Your help and participation are greatly appreciated. You need not be at the show the whole weekend. A two hour shift on either day is a tremendous help. If you will not be at the meetings to sign up, we still need your help. You can sign up the day of the show.

## Grab Bag Sewing and Filling

Volunteers are needed to help sew grab bags for the upcoming mineral show. You are invited to attend a sewing get-together at Dave & Natalie Jordan's house on Feb 8th at 9 am, 424 W Lawrence, in Helena.

Additional sewing get-togethers will happen Feb 22nd and Mar 7th. Please let Natalie know at 444-0348 if you can help. Material for bags is also needed. Non transparent material like printed cotton bed sheets is best. Please no heavy material like terry cloth. The grab bags are an important part of the show and a great draw for kids and adults alike.

Grab bag filling will be done on March 26 and April 2. More details at next months meeting.

## Helena Gem and Mineral Show—Showcase Display

Now is the time to start planning your display case for the Gem and Mineral Show. Here are the showcase winners from last year to inspire you. The inside dimensions are 22 1/2" by 22 1/2" by 26 1/2".

Signup sheets for display cases will be at the next meeting and if you have any questions, call Gary Parisi at 442-1226.



## New Lifetime Members!

Wayne Waters motioned at the January meeting that Andi and Shawn Moore be given lifetime memberships in the Helena Mineral Society. The motion was approved unanimously. To Andi and Shawn Moore - Well done and congratulations. Your dedication and enthusiasm are inspiring.



## Club Meetings

**The Helena Mineral Society meets at the Neighborhood Center, 200 S. Cruse Ave the third Thursday of each 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.**

## Classified Ads

To place a classified ad, please see me in person at one of our regular meetings or you may e-mail me (Sally) with your information at sbrooks245@aol.com. Your 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. Please have all items submitted no later than the Monday following the Club meeting.

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