

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

September 5, 2019

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MEETING: It's SHOWTIME! There is no program meeting for the month. Instead the club will have its annual show Sept 6-8 (setup day is Sept 5).



PROGRAM: Annual Club Show



Refreshments: No refreshments are required for September.

2019 Refreshment List

January	Sandra and Stephanie Myers	July	Shelton and Gonzalez
February	Dow and Brouhle	August	Picnic
March	Hebert and Gaskill	September	Show
April	Whicker and Beck	October	Fulcher and Roby
May	Goode and McGilvary	November	Reed and Marion
June	Hyde, Gonzalez & Schlottman	December	Holiday/Show Dinner

If you enjoy the refreshments, please be prepared to take a turn in furnishing them. NOTE: if you volunteer to bring refreshments, please do so. If you are unable to attend for any reason, contact Vickie or Al Gaskill prior to the meeting so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Note: Due to equipment issues in the meeting area kitchen, it will be necessary for the refreshments providers to also bring ice for the drinks, at least for the next couple of months.

Dates To Remember:

September 6-8, 2019 – Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show (Setup Day is September 5)



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS



No Program Meeting for September

There will not be a regular/program meeting for either September.

The September meeting is replaced by the show. Normal meetings will resume in October.



It's SHOWTIME!

By the time that you get this newsletter the 2019 FGMC show will be just days away. As expected, much of this month's newsletter is devoted to show information.

The main show will run Friday through Sunday, with break-down starting at 5 PM on Sunday. Again, any members who can come out and help at any of the phases are encouraged to do so.



Display Cases / Exhibits

FGMC will again provide a large number of display cases for the show. The number of displays presented is another distinguishing feature of the FGMC show.

Members are encouraged to provide exhibits to display in the cases. Displays can be anything desired, particularly given the generic nature of this year's show theme: "*Minerals, Gems, and Fossils of Mexico*".

It is strongly preferred to have as many member displays as possible. Members/families who wish to have more than one display case are welcome to do so.

Display cases are roughly four feet wide, two feet deep, and two feet high (slightly less than this, but not by much). The case fronts are glass. Viewing from other angles is not available. Each display case also has case-top lighting to enhance the display.

Display cases must be set up and completed by the time of the dealer dinner at 7 PM on setup day (Thursday).

Cases cannot be taken down until the close of the show on Sunday at 5 PM. Those with display cases are highly encouraged to remove materials from the cases as soon as possible after show close so that the cases can be broken down to return to storage.

Members who wish to put exhibits in one or more display cases should contact Alex McGilvary.



More Grab Bag Material

At this year's club picnic the club once again assembled grab bags for sale at the show. This year's assembly produced around 1,000 bags – which if history is an indicator will most likely sell out at the show.

However during the process we hit a critical issue – the process ALMOST ran out of grab bag material. There was just enough to get through the final few bags, but not a lot left over.

It is going to be critical over the next year to accumulate more material for future years. It is likely that there will be 750-1,000 bags made each year, and that takes a LOT of samples.



Nominations for 2020

In addition to all of the activities of the show, September is also the time that the nominating committee starts contacting people about running for offices for the next year.

Any member who wishes to assist in the nominating committee should contact President Al Gaskill – before or at the show. Nominating committee members should generally be members who are not running for one of the offices.

Any member who is interested in running for one of the offices should contact any current officer or director. Elected offices are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.

Hospitality Chair, Field Trip Chair, and Newsletter Editor are appointed positions. (Field Trip Chair is normally handled by the Vice President, but can be a separate position.) Anyone interested in participating in one of these positions is also encouraged to contact Al.

Nominations are to be presented at the October club meeting, with voting held at the November meeting.



Share the Fun

There is a sample free ticket on the club's website that can be downloaded/printed and used for admission to the show. The link to the ticket is:

<https://forsythgemclub.com/show>

Feel free to pass the link on to family, friends, co-workers, and anyone else that you think might be interested in attending the show.



Sawtooth Center News

Sawtooth is hosting an Open House on Thursday evening, September 12th from 5-8pm called "Art Trip"! We're opening studios to interested visitors and will have some music, beverages and a general good time! The theme of the Open House is Art Trip and we're inviting folks to take a trip through ALL the studios, have a passport stamped in each, and enter their completed passport in a drawing to win a Taste of Art class!

Also, the evening Cabochon class with Charles Whicker begins a new 4-week section on Wednesday, September 4 continuing through September 25th. There is no one on the list yet 😞 so please consider coming in for a round of creative cabbing! We need two or more students to "go"! Classes are from 6:30 to 9:00 pm for four Wednesdays.

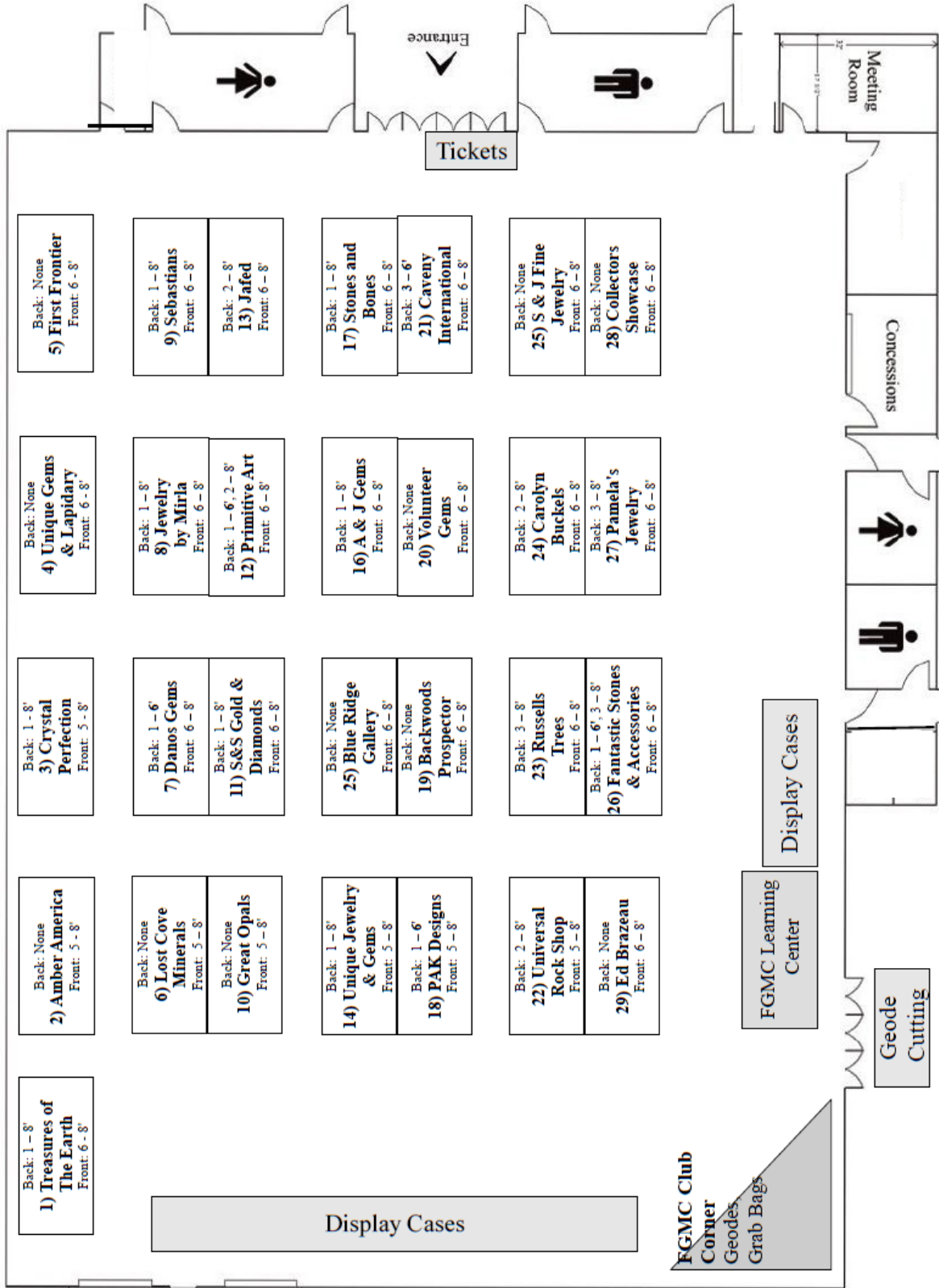
Here's the details on our website:

<https://www.sawtooth.org/class-detail/5600-c-lapidary-cabochon/11345/>

And another round of cabbing and faceting classes will begin in October, registration is available for those classes now also.



Dealer Map for Show



FGMC Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show: 2019



Meeting Minutes

August 2019 FGMC

No scheduled formal meeting

August 17 – Picnic and grab bag preparation – Hathaway Park – 3-7 pm

27 people attended.

Thanks to everyone that donated mineral specimens and helped pack approximately 900 grab bags. These bags always make lots of young rockhounds happy. We all enjoyed the great food at the picnic.

August 24 – Club auction – 12 to 4:30

29 people attended

Approximately 14 sellers from the FGMC, Greensboro, and Hickory clubs participated in the auction. Mineral specimens, jewelry, and equipment were offered for sale.

20% of the final auctioned price went to FGMC and 100% of the final price of donated materials went to the club. Auction proceeds for FGMC was \$472.40.

The attendance was a significant increase from last year.

.Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed, Secretary



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