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# 2008 It's Showtime!

*(and Show-UP Time!)*

**WC McDANIEL:** It's 9:00 am Saturday, April 26 and Midsouth rockhounds are lining up to enter the Pipkin Building for the 29th annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. As the doors swing open to the best show in the Midsouth, patrons will see twenty-nine dealers occupying 224 tables, the MAGS collections, exhibits and demonstrations. Let's go on a tour!

Patrons start their show tour at the ticket/information booth. At this location they will purchase tickets, register for the grand door prize: A Treasure Chest of specimens similar to those collected on the TV show "Cash and Treasures." Specimens include a Herkimer diamond cluster, copper splash, North Carolina emerald specimen (in matrix), Lake Superior Agates, fire agates, Oregon petrified wood and gold flakes. They also can check out the MAGS shop with grab bags (a \$3 bargain), t-shirts, cookbooks, patches and stickers. Patrons also can check hourly door prizes and obtain information about the club. Leaving the booth they will head to the northwest section to check out dealers.



Dealers located in the northwest section include: McNeil Minerals (minerals), The Treasure Chest (jewelry, beads), GP Rock Co. (jewelry, beads), Boutwell Tumbled Stones (rocks, minerals), Eagles Nest (minerals, jewelry), Christopher's Crystal Mine (minerals and rocks), a new dealer Gone Fishing Fossils (fossils and rocks), and the Geode Gallery (geodes, minerals).

Continuing our tour, patrons will head to the southwest section and check out more dealers: Geodoite Minerals returning after an absence (minerals), EarthCrafts and Stones (fossils, petrified wood), Roy Hulbert (minerals), Custom Creations (jewelry, beads), Butterflies by God (fossils) - Larsen's Minerals (minerals), Jim's Minerals (minerals, petrified wood) and a new dealer Bob's Jewelry (jewelry and on site lapidary work).

In addition to the dealers this section will contain most of our exhibitor's, club demonstrators and club booths. Exhibitors include the University of Mis-

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## President's Corner



**SANDY WARD** As the entire newsletter this month is dedicated to the Show, I don't have too much to add that hasn't been said already. I would like to encourage each of you to give a little of your time to volunteer for the Show. It's always a lot of fun and the shifts speed by. Coordinate your shift immediately before or after whenever you were planning on visiting the Show anyway. I promise you will enjoy it! If you wish to volunteer, see Cornelia at the upcoming Membership Meeting, or give her a call. A tremendous amount of work goes into putting this Show together. I want to extend a thank you to everyone on the Show Committee for all of their tireless work in pulling it all together.

*Sandy*

**Your invited  
To the  
MAGS show dinner**

**Friday April 25 6:30 pm Pipkin Building  
catered by Leonard's Barbeque**

**Members are requested to participate by bring a  
covered dish or dessert  
New this year- each member is requested to bring a  
12 pack drink, water or tea for the dinner and  
use on Saturday and Sunday**

# New Contest!

Last month's Westminster Dog Show served as an inspiration to focus on a way to increase our membership meeting displays. Beginning in March, a specific type of material and location will be featured in the "Best of Show and Found Display Contest".

To display and compete each member is requested to:

1. Bring a single specimen from the location listed in the table on the right (collected on a MAGS field trip or at the same collection site at another time).
2. You must have found the specimen yourself.
3. Specimen must be in original form or, if changed/modified, only through lapidary or prep work.
4. Juniors and adults are combined for this contest.
5. One winner will be selected. Winner will determine by members using a point rating from 3(high) to 1 (low).
6. Winner will receive a certificate and entry into the Best of Show event in December.
7. A special prize will be awarded to the Best of Show winner at the December Christmas Party.

## MAGS Best of Show and Found Display Contest

Month	Type of material	Location(s)
March	Druze	Missouri
April	Petrified Wood	Mississippi, Tennessee or Arkansas
May	Quartz Crystal	Arkansas
June	Fossil	Vulcan or Dale Hollow
July	No display-mineral sale	
August	No display- rock swap fund raiser for the shop	
September	Agate	Gravel bars or pits etc.
October	Fossil	Frankstown or Birmingham Ridge
November	Geode	Ledbetter or Pharis farm
December	Winners from the previous seven months	Winners from the previous 7 months compete for "Best of Show and Found"



### Announcements & Tidbits

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

**Bebe Buck and her son, Connor Buck**, are our newest MAGS Members. Welcome! We look forward to meeting you at upcoming meetings and field trips.

#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

The Membership Directories will be printed and distributed at the May Membership Meeting. If you have any changes to your contact information please be sure to email your updates to the editor

of the newsletter at [mags-newsletter@comcast.net](mailto:mags-newsletter@comcast.net) by **April 20th**.

#### MAGS APRIL FIELD TRIP!

Reserve **April 19th** on your calendars! MAGS will be going to Birmingham Ridge near Tupelo, Mississippi. The drive from Memphis is only about an hour and a half. The group will be meeting at rest stop close to the site around 9am and then everyone will convoy onto the private land where we have received permission to "hunt." We will be looking for 95 million year old

shells! There's no need for digging because you can just pick the material up and with the recent rains, the job should be even easier! There will be details provided at the upcoming membership meeting on Friday night or you can call David Day a call at (901) 387-2347.

**MEMPHIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**29<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-America Mineral Fossil Jewelry Show**

**Sat. April 26 9-6 v Sun. April 27 10-5**

**Pipkin Building- Midsouth Fairgrounds**

**DEALERS-**

1. Boutwell Tumbled Stones-Indiana
2. Stones and Bones- Georgia
3. Treasure Chest-Missouri
4. Austin Gems-& Beads-Arkansas
5. Larsen's Minerals-Texas
6. Butterflies by God- Missouri
7. Earthworks and Stones -Tennessee
8. McNeil Minerals-Mississippi
9. FossilMall -Arkansas
10. G.P Rocks –West Virginia
11. B& J Enterprises -Alabama
12. Volunteer Gems-Tennessee
13. J.R. Rocks-South Carolina
14. Mineral House- Ohio
15. Javed's- Georgia
16. Mo- Rocks- Missouri
17. Rock Barrell-Tennessee
18. Eagle’s Nest-Mississippi
19. Geode Gallery-Illinois
20. Christopher’s Crystal Mine -Florida
21. Roy Hulbert Minerals- Missouri
22. Fantastic Stones- Louisiana-
23. Jim’s Minerals-Tennessee
24. Nature’s Bazaar-Georgia
25. Gone Fishing Fossils-Georgia
26. Geodite Minerals-Tennessee
27. Bob’s Jewelry-Kentucky
28. Custom Creations-Mississippi  
Gems and Crystals-Georgia

**GRAND DOOR PRIZE**

A Treasure Chest of specimens similar to those collected on the TV show “Cash and Treasures”  
*Specimens include a North Carolina Emerald in Matrix, Oregon Petrified Wood, Copper Splash from Michigan, Lake Superior agates. Herkimer diamond cluster mounted in a caliper, Fire agates and Gold*

**DEMONSTRATIONS**

Richard Gunter- flint knapping  
Mike Baldwin- Fluorescents minerals, geodes  
Sherri Baldwin- Fossil cleaning and prep  
Jerry Seamens- beading  
George Everett -wire wrapping  
David and Beth Day- lapidary

**EXHIBITS**

Delta State University  
Mike Howard -Arkansas State geologist  
Memphis Stone and Gravel Company  
Selected specimens from the Charlie and Emily McPherson collection  
The MAGS Collection:  
The Frank Theibold Mineral Collection  
The Roger Van Cleef Education Program  
Fluorescents Minerals  
Rock Food Table  
Boxed Mineral and Rock Display

**CLUB BOOTH**

Grab Bags(only \$3 bucks a great bargain)  
MAGS- t-shirts, stickers, patches, cookbooks  
Door prizes every hour and sometimes more

**ROCKZONE**

Gem Dig -cost only \$.025 for a three minute hunt for rocks, crystals, fossils and special prizes. “Rocks Around the Clock”  
Best bargain and activity for kids in the Mid-South

**MAGS MEMBERS PROMOTE THE SHOW**

Distribute poster size flyers  
Distribute postcard size flyers  
Provide show committee information about promotional opportunities  
Pack Grabs  
Donate Material to the gem dig. Need crystals

**MAGS MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW**

Thursday- show move in/setup  
Friday-Show move in/setup  
Friday night show dinner  
Saturday- 2 hour shifts Ticket/Info Booth, or ROCKZONE  
Sunday- 2 hour shifts Ticket/Info Booth or ROCKZONE , show move out

# April Birthdays

## April's birthstone is diamond.

**SHELBY HARTMAN:** Diamond is the hardest substance found in nature. A "10" on the Mohs scale of hardness, it is actually FOUR times harder than

the next hardest mineral (corundum). Diamond conducts heat better than any other substance, FIVE times better than the second best conductor (silver). Diamonds are found in a kind of rock called "kimberlite," which comprises the core of certain volcanoes over especially thick portions of the earth's crust. Rollers are used to crush the kimberlite but the diamonds are so hard they emerge from this process unscathed. Typically a single carat of diamond is recovered from a ton of ore. Diamonds are found in many areas of the world, primarily in Africa, Russia, and even in Arkansas in the United States!



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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Louis A. Waddell   | 20 Jim Parsons      |
| 1 Steven Hajdu       | 21 Megan Oldfield   |
| 1 Frank Walker       | 22 Carlene Bell     |
| 6 Chris Whitley      | 22 Ruth Rice        |
| 7 Steve Eddlemon     | 23 Marilyn Shiffman |
| 7 Michael Kingsley   | 23 Elissa Powell    |
| 11 Ruth Ault Carr    | 27 Kathy Bullard    |
| 11 Dr. James Prather | 30 Betty Marler     |
| 15 John H. Gary III  | 30 David Waddell    |
| 15 Mark Oldfield     |                     |
| 17 Kenneth Pulley    |                     |
| 18 Lucy Pulley       |                     |
| 20 Joi Bennett       |                     |

## 2008 Dates to Remember

Month	Board Meeting	Membership Meeting	Due Date for Newsletter Submissions
April	Apr 03	Apr 11	Mar 23
May	May 01	May 09	Apr 20
June	June 05	June 13	May 25
July	July 03	July 11	June 22
August	July 31	Aug 08	July 20
September	Sep 04	Sep 12	Aug 24
October	Oct 02	Oct 10	Sep 21
November	Nov 06	Nov 14	Oct 26
December	Dec 04	Dec 12	Nov 23

## Web Site Statistics for March 2008

a brief look at our website ([www.memphisgeology.org](http://www.memphisgeology.org)) from 1/21/02-3/26/08

### Total Visits & Hits

Total visits to web site	305,361
Total hits to web site	1,136,488
Visits in past 30 days	7,517
Hits in past 30 days	33,232
Average daily visits (past 30 days)	250

### Top page views past 30 days

homepage	619 hits
Space geology-eris	505 hits
rocknews1005	477 hits
explorer0907	356hits
rocknews0208	329 hits

Note: A visit is every time someone comes to our web site. A hit is every page viewed once a user enters our web site.

## Show Volunteer Report

By Cornelia Mc Daniel

The success of our annual show depends vastly on the important volunteer services that MAGS membership provides. This past month has resulted in a moderate volunteer increase. **There are still gaps that require vital attention.** We have come down to the final weeks before the show on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

As reported in March, I was drafted by the 2008 Show Committee, and agreed to become the coordinator of volunteers for this year's show. Following the Membership Meeting, additional members stepped up to add their personal contribution to the roster. During March, volunteer response has incremented on the Thursday/Friday requirements from 25 % to 54 %; the Saturday requirements from 2 % to 45 % and the Sunday requirements from 25 % to 38 %.

This means that many of the positions still remain vacant, with the most critical gaps in the ROCKZONE and Hospitality. Neville Mayfield has stepped forward to lead the ROCKZONE this year and will gladly accept any assistance filling those empty positions.

I will have the volunteer sign-up sheets at the April club meeting and will be ready to answer your questions and sign you up for some of the very important tasks that still need to be assigned. If you do not make it to the club meeting, you can call me at 901.274.7706 or email to [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net) to volunteer.

The club thanks you and I thank you.

### The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

**DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee**  
**An Official Field Trip of Northeast Georgia Mineral Society, Cornelia, GA (Host)**  
**An Official Field Trip of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society**

**9:30 AM on Saturday, April 19, 2008**  
**Chunky Gal Mountain, Corundum Knob / Clay County, North Carolina**  
**NO FEE**

**COLLECTING:** Ruby corundum (pink to red), Spinel (black to brown "galaxite" and magnesio-chromite), Sapphirine, Talc, Serpentine, Brucite (white to blueish chalky chunks), Tremolite, Actinolite, Smaragdite (chrome-emerald green amphibole), Pyroxine (chrome diopside/sparse green micro-crystals of weathered amphibolite matrix), Fuchsite and Dunite.

**BRING:** If you wish to screen sediments (this is "blind mining") for home washing/tumbler cleaning, you will need shovels, 3-5 gallon buckets or 2-3 gallon plastic bags (like those from the market), 1/4 inch (6mm) screens, hand shovels, gloves, and goggles. Most of the above minerals will be found this way. If you wish to collect smaragdite with ruby, sledge hammers, chisels, 3-5 gallon buckets, gloves and goggles (eye protection) will be needed. Please make sure your "tetanus" shots are up to date. Please wear boots/hiking shoes. This is tick country so check yourself carefully! DEET sprays are recommended. This is rattlesnake country. **DO NOT STEP OR PUT YOUR HANDS WHERE YOU CANNOT SEE!**

**DIRECTIONS:** At the intersection of US-64 and US-441 (southwest of Franklin, Macon County, NC), interested parties/individuals will take US-64 west (toward Murphy, NC) to the Buck Creek Road turnoff (north). All field trip/DMC members will meet here, because the entrance to Chunky Gal is unmarked. The Buck Creek Road turnoff is 17.5 miles west of Franklin, NC. In accordance with SFMS/DMC rules, all participants must meet at the meeting site, and then we will proceed to Chunky Gal, which is one mile further west on the road. This is a "free site" for collecting in the Nantahala National Forest, **BUT DO NOT DIG ANY DEEPER THAN 18 INCHES**, under Nantahala National Forest Rules (Chunky Gal has been designated as a "rockhound collecting site).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Franklin, NC is the best bet for lodging and restaurants, especially on US-441, US-64, NC-28.

## Youth Program Presentations

April	Native American Culture	Nancy Folden
May	Fossil Study	Ron Brister
June	Soap Sculpture	David Day
July	Crafts	The Lybanons
August	Indoor Picnic/Rock Swap with Adults	
Sept	Study of Mining	Alan Parks
October	Civil War Artifacts	Lou White
November	Fossil & Mineral ID	Idajean Jordan
December	Holiday Party with Adults	

## Do You Know What's in the MAGS Library????

**RON BRISTER:** I encourage the members to take a minute either before or after the Membership Meetings and scan the MAGS book collection. We have quite a number of fascinating books available to the membership to check out. Listed below are a number of books pertaining to the topic of *Lapidary*. See me at the meeting to 'check them out'-literally!

Call No.	Author	Title
138	Quick	Gemcraft: How to Cut and Polish Gemstones
131	Sinkankas	Gem Cutting
383	Cox	Advance Cabochon Cutting
364	Downing	Opal Cutting Made Easy
384	Dake	The Art of Gem Cutting
167	Liepeer	Gem Cutting Shop Helps
149	Sperson	Art of Lapidary
132	Zeitner	Gem and Lapidary Materials
385	Soukup	Facet Cutter's Handbook

## Club Room Update

**W.C. McDaniel:** Several sessions have been scheduled for equipment orientation which will cover trim and slab saws, grinding and polishing units, safety and shop usage procedures. Advance registration is required. Cost is \$10. Limited space

Saturday April 5 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 16 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 16 5:30p.m.—7:30 p.m.

### CLUB TICKETS

The club tickets are designed to promote the show and increase attendance.

Each club member may obtain club tickets. No limit. You **must sign your name** to each ticket. Pass out the club tickets to anyone you wish.

They bring the ticket to the show and are admitted free.

At the close of the show those club tickets will be tallied and if any of your club tickets were used you will be asked to pay the show \$1.00 for each ticket.

If you passed out tickets that were not used you pay nothing.

## Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

CLUB TICKET

ADMIT ONE

**MID-AMERICA MINERAL, FOSSIL, JEWELRY SHOW**

April 26, 9 am- 6 pm --- April 27, 10am-5pm

Pipkin Building, Fairgrounds

*(Valid only if signed by a current club member)*

Over 30 dealers, exhibits, demonstrations  
Kids area with Gem Dig & "Rocks Around the Clock"  
Information: [www.memphisgeology.org](http://www.memphisgeology.org) 901.274.7706

## February 2008 Board of Directors Meeting Notes : CAROL LYBANON

The MAGS Board of Directors met January 31, 2008, at the Blue Plate Café, 5469 Poplar Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. Those present were: Sandy Ward, Lybanon, Matthew Lybanon, David Day, W.C. McDaniel, Ron Brister, Pam Gurley, Cathie Jacobs, Mike Baldwin, James Butchko, and Carl Warren. The minutes from the January Board & General Meetings were reviewed and approved as submitted. Treasurer's Report: Mike Cannito (not present) sent in a proposal to use the club savings account, rather than cashing in a CD and possibly paying an early withdrawal penalty, to fund the club room. The proposal was tabled until the next meeting. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted, subject to audit. Field Trips: Barry Burns reported that the February field trip will be an indoor activity, sorting the Frank Theobold Collection again. It is scheduled for February 16, 9:00-1:00, at Grove Presbyterian Church. The March field trip will be to the Union Chapel Mine, date TBD. The April 19 field trip will be to Potosi, MO. Barry is looking into a quartz trip for May. Adult Programs: W.C. McDaniel welcomed Carl Warren to the Board. Carl will take care of door prizes and other things at Membership Meetings. Dr. Michael Gibson will present February's program, on stromatolytes; also fossil identification. The March program will be a tumbling symposium. The April program will highlight the show. In May Barry Gilmore will present a program on opals. The June program, by Mike Howard, will be on the visual and physical properties of minerals. Youth Programs: On February 8 Alan Parks will talk about West Tennessee geology, and the next day there will be a field trip to Reelfoot Lake. Other people have volunteered to conduct some of the youth programs, but Mike Baldwin has not made up a schedule yet. Library: Ron Brister submitted an end-of-year printed inventory. We have 676 books. Thirty of them are not cataloged yet because there is no room for them in our library cabinet. W.C. McDaniel suggested that we could store some of the books in the club room. Ron said he would see if there is enough room at the church for a new rolling cabinet, and if there is Sandy Ward will ask the church for permission to store another cabinet. Webmaster: Mike Baldwin reported that Shelby is working hard on the February newsletter, but it isn't available yet to put on the website. The site is still getting around 1250 hits per day. Membership: The Board approved a new application, for Bebe Buck and son Conner. Rock Swap: Cathie Jacobs asked for volunteers to host 2008 rock swaps. Sandy Ward said she will send e-mails to the membership, asking for volunteers. Show: Three dealers who have been to previous shows are not coming this year; so far we have two new dealers, and other dealers have asked for more space. We will continue to recruit dealers until show time. W.C. McDaniel will get the show postcards printed. The Show Committee is filling grab bags. Robert Duncan, who joined the committee, is cleaning material for the grab bags. Charlie McPherson's estate is interested in showing some of his collection at the show. Old Business: Lapidary Shop Report—W.C. McDaniel said that equipment orientation classes will be scheduled soon. Other classes are going well. There are two

wire wrapping classes scheduled, both full. The beading class is not full. So far we have taken in \$614 in fees, with \$100 due. W/C. McDaniel submitted a proposal for categorizing the MAGS Frank Theobold Collection into three groups (keep, sell, further review) and to begin dividing the collection into these groups on February 16, with the objective of having our first sale at the July Membership Meeting. A motion to accept this proposal carried. There was some discussion that we should make up more than one assortment of minerals, so that they can be used in the community. Ron Brister suggested donating some specimens to the Pink Palace to go into "suitcase" displays for the museum's circulation program, which Ron says is heavily used by schools and similar organizations. We could also set up short-term displays at libraries or schools. New Business: Mike Baldwin asked for volunteers to judge the science fair. An 8th grade class in Germantown Middle School would like for us to present a program on rocks. Carl Warren volunteered, and Mike will also ask Alan Jacobs. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

## February 2008 Membership Meeting Notes : CAROL LYBANON

The MAGS Membership Meeting was held at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church on February 8. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M., with 57 members and 5 visitors in attendance. The visitors were: Brent Milton, Mark Erickson, John Matthew Erickson, Maci Twombly, and Faith McCormack. Pam Gurley welcomed visitors and the new Members, Bebe and Conner Buck, who received a new member packet. Members were reminded that the show will be in three months. Field Trips: Barry Burns announced upcoming field trips for February-May. He asked for a show of interest in a field trip to a fluorite mine in Kentucky. The mine charges \$20 per 5-gallon bucket. Since it is more than a 4-hour drive from Memphis, Barry would like to know if there is enough interest to pursue this idea. Another potential field trip would be to LaGrange, GA, a site for tourmaline and rose quartz. That site also is a long distance from Memphis. Some of our members said that we need to schedule some closer trips between weekend trips. Show: There are 11 weeks before the show. James Butchko announced that we need more material for our gem dig, and asked for donations. He also announced that there will be a new fossil dealer at the show. Cornelia McDaniel was announced as our show volunteer coordinator. She asked that each member put away some time to help at the show. There are signup sheets at the back of the room. Lapidary Shop: W.C. McDaniel said that both wire wrapping sessions were full, and that the drawing for the stained glass piece will be at the end of tonight's meeting. New Business: Don Mowery, an Episcopal priest who has a radio show, saw an article about MAGS in the Commercial Appeal. He asked Sandy Ward to come down on February 25 and tape an interview. Sandy Ward, Alan Parks, W.C. McDaniel, and Karen Schaeffer will do the interview. Sandy would like to coordinate the airing of this interview with the show, so we can get some good advance publicity. Program: W.C. McDaniel introduced Dr. Michael Gibson, who gave a very interesting presentation on stromatolytes. Then W.C. McDaniel announced the program schedule for March-August. Displays: Melba Cole brought a beautiful piece of amber she bought in Tibet containing a scorpion. Marilyn Shiffman won the drawing for the stained glass piece. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.



*(It's Showtime! Cont'd from front page)*

Mississippi, Delta State University, Mike Howard State geologist for Arkansas and Memphis Stone and Gravel Company. Club demonstrations include Beth and David Day-lapidary, George Everett-wire wrapping, Richard Gunter-flint knapping, Indian pottery and Jerry Seamons-beading, Mike Baldwin will demonstrate and exhibit the MAGS collection of fluorescent minerals, Roger Van Cleef education program and geodes and Sherri Baldwin will demonstrate fossil cleaning and prep.

Take a pause and check out the middle section containing parts of the MAGS Collection: the first public showing of our mineral collection (Frank Theobald) and the very popular Rock Food Table—a table full of rocks and fossils that resemble various foods: jade that looks like English peas, calcite that looks like cauliflower, Brazilian agate that looks like a T-bone steak and a full course of delectable delights.

Heading to the southeast section patrons will see dealers Stones and Bones (fossils), J.R. Rocks (jewelry, minerals), B&J Enterprises (jewelry, minerals). Austin Gems& Beads (beads) and Rock Barrell (rocks and minerals)

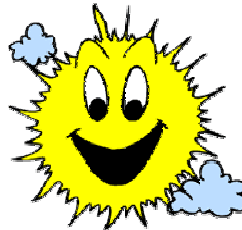
Continue the tour by heading to northeast section of the building patrons will find dealers Mo- Rocks (rocks, petrified wood), Natures Bazaar (beads), FossilMall (fossils), Gems and Crystals Unlimited (jewelry), Javeds Direct Gem Import (jewelry), Volunteer Gems (minerals), and Mineral House (minerals)

A couple of side tours include the Rockzone and an exhibit of selected specimens from the estate of Charlie McPherson including many of his drawings. The Rockzone is devoted to kids and includes the best bargain (\$.25) in the Midsouth, a three minute gem dig loaded with rocks, crystals, fossils, minerals and marbles to turn in for larger specimens. Also the 'Rocks Around the Clock' returns for a spinning good time.

For this tour to be successful and for the patrons to have a great time it will require an active and involved MAGS' member. YOU. We need YOU to volunteer to work the ticket booth, or the information booth or the Rockzone. In addition, help is needed Thursday day and late afternoon to help organize the building and pack the grab bags. On Friday day continuing help with building organization is needed and Friday night pre and post show dinner help is needed. Stay around on Sunday night and help pack up the show and then you can go home and play with your new purchases.

As you leave say thanks to the Pipkin Building and look forward to the Agricenter in 2009.

## Sunshine Report



*If you have any announcements to include in the sunshine report, please contact Pam Gurley at 324-7235*

*Our condolences to Nanette McDougal Dykes for the recent loss of her mother.*

*There are no illnesses reported.*

*Pam Gurley*

### 2008 Adult Program Presentations

**April 11, 2008**

**"The Greatest Show on Earth"  
The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-America Mineral Fossil  
Jewelry  
Members get ready for the show**

**May 9**

**Barry Gilmore  
"Opals"**

**June 13**

**Mike Howard, Arkansas State Geologist  
"Introduction to the Visual and Physical Properties of Minerals"**

**July 11**

**MAGS Mineral Sale**

**August 8**

**MAGS Annual Indoor Picnic and Rock Swap**

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DUES: \$20 (Family); \$16 (Single); \$8 (Junior)

## APRIL 2008

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- April 3**                      **6:30 p.m.**                      **Board Meeting: Blue Plate Café, 5469 Poplar Avenue**
- April 11**                      **7:30 p.m.**                      **Membership Meeting, Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, 5535 Shady Grove Road**
- April 19**                      **TBA**                              **MAGS Field Trip to Birmingham Ridge near Tupelo, MS**
- April 19**                      **9:30 am**                        **DMC Field Trip to Chunky Gal Mtn, Clay County, NC**
- April 26-27**                      **Mid-America Mineral Fossil Jewelry Show**



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