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## By Gone And Long Gone Collecting Sites

**W.C. McDANIEL** "Closed" is a six-letter word that conjures up a lot of images, memories, and emotions for rockhounds. Bring up closed collecting sites as a discussion topic and you most likely will elicit a lot of moans and groans, mumbling and mutters under the breath, and hear some great stories that will simultaneously turn you to agony and ecstasy.

Why do sites close and why is it such a hot button issue? In many cases it is difficult to pinpoint specific reasons. Talk to five rockhounds about a certain site and you may get five different reasons or five versions of the same reason. Regardless of the reason(s) of why a site is closed, the closure takes away the opportunity for rockhounds to fulfill fundamental yearnings and needs to collect fossils and minerals. So instead of looking at specific sites and/or reasons this article at looks at some broad reasons and issues facing collecting.

**"Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away"** is a line from a John Prine song about coal mining in the hills of Kentucky. Simply put the county he grew up in, Mullenburg County, was "hauled" away by the coal mining industry. For this article, Mr. Peabody's coal train has two faces, the mining industry and rockhounds. Their impact on collecting sites has been significant.

(see *By Gone & Long Gone* cont'd on page 4)

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**W.C. MCDANIEL** : I can't wait on the arrival of the autumnal equinox in September. In the meantime MAGS' next two events will occur in the cool comfort of the air conditioner.

The August 11 membership meeting will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-Summer's Indoor Rock Swap and Picnic. Please attend and enjoy picnicking and rock swapping in the comfort of the cool air and no mosquitoes.

The August 19<sup>th</sup> visit to the Peabody Place Museum will feature the comfort of cooled air, while we tour the displays of Oriental Jade and Ivory carvings. Please be sure to sign up at the August membership meeting.

In September we will return to the outdoors with a Sunday afternoon rock swap at Lou White's. Our September field trip will be to Crowley's Ridge in Arkansas led by Paul Sides.

A special thanks to Ron Brister for donating the large collection of books and publications that belonged to Roger Van Cleef. Roger was a valuable asset to the club and this donation will continue that legacy.

Also, a special thanks to Nancy Folden for organizing the July tribute to Roger.

Remember the nominating committee will start working in August and I have given them your name and email address as no MAGS' member signed up for the Do Not Call List.

*-- W.C. McDaniel*

## 2006 Dates To Remember

	Board Meeting	Membership Meeting	Due Date For Newsletter Articles
August	03	11	July 22
September	8/31	08	Aug 25
October	05	13	Sept 23
November	02	10	Oct 20



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DONATION

The show has made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis. A percentage of admissions has been donated for the last five years. The House is a home away from home for children and their families who are receiving treatment at St. Jude Hospital.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2007/2008 nominating committee has been selected and will be announced at the August membership meeting.

### ROGER VAN CLEEF FUND

Thank you to Randa Spears and Barry Burns for their July contributions to the Roger Van Cleef Fund. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, please contact Cornelia McDaniel.

## August Roadcut

**W.C. McDANIEL** : Roadcut takes a look at how three of the most enduring and unusual names in rocks got named

Mexican coconuts come from the Chihuahua Desert in Mexico and are some of the most beautiful and well known geodes. The term "coconut" was given to these geodes not because it looked like the fruit but rather they were named after a local Mexican woman who peddled the geodes in town. It was reported she was a bit on the crazy side and was nicknamed "La Cocona." The locals then started calling the geodes coconuts.

Apache Tears are black obsidian nodules found in Arizona and other parts of the United States. The name Apache Tears is associated with the Pinal Apaches. They were involved in an intense fight with the military and suffered great losses. Following this defeat the squaws of the warriors gathered and shed torrents of tears. Because of their intense sorrow, the Great Father turned these tears into black stones. It is said that if you own an Apache tear drop that you will never have to cry again, the Apache maidens have shed their tears in place of yours.

Thundereggs are spherical to egg shaped nodules. They are not geodes. The name "thundereggs" was derived from the Warm Spring Indians of Oregon who lived within the shadows of Mt. Hood and Mt Jefferson. The mountain gods waged war on one another by hurling "eggs" gathered from the nest of thunderbirds. Errant shots fell on tribal lands, thus accounting for their presence.

Sources: *Geodes Nature's Treasures* by Brad Cross and June Culp  
*Zeitner \ Apache Tears* by Delia Gott

## Did you know?



**SHELBY HARTMAN** : The Hope Diamond was cut from a 115 carat rock called the Tavernier Blue. The Hope Diamond is thought by many to curse those who come in contact with it. Legend has it that the original stone was stolen from a statute in India which set the curse into motion. Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI were both once the proud owners of the diamond and we all know the story of their fate at the chopping block! Pierre Cartier set the beautiful blue diamond in its current setting – the centerpiece of a necklace surrounded by 16 white diamonds. The Hope family, the namesake of the stone, sold the stone to Harry Winston who eventually donated the stone to the National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. where it remains one of the most popular exhibits. **SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA ONLINE**

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## By Gone & Long Gone *(Continued from front page)*

The mining industry's primary goal is to extract materials in the most efficient and cost effective manner. It is noted that fossils and mineral specimens are, for the most part, not their priority and the companies are under no obligation to permit rockhounds into their sites to collect mineral and fossil specimens. As this mining process occurs, sites may undergo a variety of changes. Some simply are mined until all the usable material is exhausted and they close. Frequently these sites will be reclaimed. Others shut down or modify their operations for economic reasons, lack of demand, environment and legal reasons, competition or changes in ownership and/or business practices. When these events occur, the impact on rockhounds can be significant. Prime collecting sites are closed, access is limited and another site is lost.

The other face of Mr. Peabody's coal train belongs to rockhounds. Rockhounds have simply closed collecting sites because we have hauled away the mining overburdens and tailings, roadcuts, creeks, gravel bars and private sites to our backyards and rock sheds. The amount of material in some rockhounds' backyards is simply amazing and at times stunning. Was it necessary? Was it done with malice and greed? Answers are difficult but the outcome remains the same. Sites have closed and the habits of some rockhounds contributed to this outcome.

**Chisel Heads, Dead Cows and Chain Saws are not the latest Hollywood movies** but descriptions or labels I have heard or read about that have been applied to the behaviors of some rockhounds. All three of these descriptions can be summed up as rockhounds who either can't read, can't count or just don't care about the eighteen ethical guidelines published by the AFMS. These types of behaviors have had significant and profound effect on the ability to collect. How widespread are they? Once again it's difficult to pinpoint. I am reasonably certain that sites have been closed or severely restricted due to the "collecting habits" of some rockhounds.

The term Chisel Head was applied (by another rockhound) to a couple of rockhounds who made a habit of breaking up large pieces of petrified wood and other specimens with hammers and chisels and leaving the remnants scattered around. These debris fields are unsightly, dangerous and create a bad image of rockhounds.



The term Dead Cow was applied to behaviors of rockhounds who collected in cow pastures. One group left broken geodes all over the field, while another group dug large holes searching for specimens. The geodes were left out in the open and scattered about and the holes were not filled. In both cases the farmers were concerned about the safety of their cows and closed their farms to future collecting.

The term Chain Saw was a term I read about recently that described rockhounds who took out their chain saws and cut down trees to gain access to a collecting site. They did this without the permission of the owner and the site is now closed to collecting.



**The "C" words of competing interest and collateral damage-** Rockhounds in search of collecting sites must realize and accept the fact that the competition for usage of sites is intense and persistent. Competition includes multiple types of commercial, business, government (all levels), regulatory, social and recreational interest. In the pecking order rockhounds are faced with the reality that for the most part we provide little economic incentive and justification to keep a site open for collecting. Collateral damage refers to areas where multiple interests, including rockhounds, share the use of a site. When some of the sites are misused or damaged by these competing interests, property owners may just close off the sites to all users. A couple of examples are recreational users with all-terrain vehicles that simply destroy areas with their off the road activities and rural areas where the locals turn sites into a garbage dump. There are not too many sites that say posted except for rock collecting.

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# August Birthdays

CORNELIA MCDANIEL

- 1 Chris Cozart
- 6 Irma Idell
- 7 Sara Thomas
- 9 Dr. Don Lum
- 11 Paul Sides
- 12 Ron Brister
- 12 Jeri Givens
- 12 David Murray
- 15 Qiaoli Liang Shankman
- 16 Lelitia Brister
- 16 George Loud
- 17 Anna Sisk**
- 18 Mike Smothers
- 19 Ramon Gafford**
- 19 Rachel Huber
- 21 Ariana Enzerink
- 21 Zachary Faddis
- 22 Idajeen Jordan
- 22 Jerome Wood
- 24 Floy Hawkins
- 25 Sherri Baldwin
- 25 Dylan Burns
- 25 Robert Foster**
- 25 Lenora Murray
- 25 Frances Walker
- 27 Tim Long
- 28 Beth Day
- 31 Gerald May
- 31 Frank Schwartz



## The August birthstone is peridot.

August's birthstone is not as well known as an emerald or a diamond, but a peridot is every bit as dazzling.

Peridots are yellowish or olive green by the light of day. By evening light, they can take on a rich, dark-green color, giving them the nickname "evening emerald." This "magic" transformation earned peridots the reputation of having the power to ward off the evil spirits of night. Ancient Romans wore them as talismans, or charms, to protect themselves from danger. Peridot is also known as olivine, the mineral from which it is formed. For centuries, the best quality peridots have come from Egypt. Smaller ones can be found in desert sands in the western United States.

## By Gone & Long Gone (continued from front page 4)

**Howie, Dewey, Cheatum is a fictional law firm that advises the Car Talk show on National Public Radio.** By reputation and perception legal issues are sighted more often than any other as reasons sites are closed. Is that true? Once again we really don't know. Legal issues are wide ranging and could include lawsuits or more appropriately the threat of lawsuits, insurance, family and business issues and disputes, local, state and federal laws/regulations, special interests, social and archeological reasons, and sometimes just the whims and desires of local law enforcement or officials. Also, I suspect some property owners will use these issues, real or not, as way to end the hassle of dealing with rockhounds and the barrage of the requests they receive to collect on their land.

In conclusion the closing of sites and the continued threat, or reality, of future closings will continue to have a significant impact. While recourses are limited, rockhounds make sure our desires and collecting habits (good or bad) don't contribute to this trend.

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## Web Site Statistics

**MIKE BALDWIN :** The totally redesigned MAGS website launched on July 7, 2006. [www.memphisgeology.org](http://www.memphisgeology.org) from 1/21/2002 through 7/21/2006:

Visits	: 143,916	Top pages in the past 30 days:	
Hits	: 550,876	home page	: 725 hits
Average visits/day		rocknews1005.pdf	: 442 hits
(past 30 days)	: 395	Explorer0403.pdf	: 424 hits
Average hits/day		Explorer0403.pdf	: 378 hits
(past 30 days)	: 1,125	rocknews0706.pdf	: 335 hits
		rocknews1002.pdf	: 312 hits

*(A visit is every time someone comes to our web site. A hit is every page viewed once a user enters our web site.)*

# July DMC Field Trip

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc

The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve.

## *DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee*

An Official Field Trip of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS.) (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

8:30 AM EST Saturday, September 9, 2006  
Bayou Pierre River near Utica, Mississippi

The trip will be to the Bayou Pierre River near Utica, MS. You will find beautiful agates, some petrified wood, jasper and chert fossils. At one time, palm wood was plentiful at this site, and some is still found by a few people on almost every trip. We will provide a picnic lunch at the site! One of our members has a summer place on this river, and this will be where we park and have the picnic. We will also have an assortment of beautiful slabs and other lapidary material we are selling to raise money for our new building.

**Directions:** We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Hubbards Truck Stop on Highway slightly south of Utica. You can take Highway 18 from I20 in Jackson, going toward Raymond. You will pass the turnoff for Raymond, and the turnoff for Utica, shortly thereafter, you will see Hubbard Truckstop on your left, at the intersection of Hwy 18 and MS 27. There is a nice restaurant at the truckstop for those who would like to eat breakfast.

**Other Essentials:** We will provide a picnic lunch at the site, but bring plenty to drink and snacks for the gravel bars. You can use a beaver stick, and you will need sturdy shoes you can wade in, and bags or buckets you can put your rocks in. Bring sunscreen and dress according to weather reports, just remember it will probably heat up as the morning progresses.

**Accommodations:** I would suggest a motel in Clinton, MS, which is very near the exit for Hwy 18. West Jackson is a high crime area, so be leery of motels in that area.

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact Janie Hand, 601-825-3989, or fossilfinder2@aol.com

*Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!*

*DMC Program/SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose: To collect field trip information from its member societies, schedule and coordinate field trip dates, disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of the "official" scheduled field trips.*

# 2006 SFMS Shows

## September 2-5 - Hendersonville, NC 24th Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale

Location: Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road

Sponsored by the Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society - Contact Margaret Johnson (828) 692-1249 or email at mgt.j.ed@brinet.com

Hours: 2nd-4th: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. **The summer SFMS board meeting is associated with this show.**



## September 3 - Hendersonville, NC 16th Annual Micromount Symposium

Location: Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues

Sponsored by the Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, (864) 271-3877.

Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



## September 9-11 Winston-Salem, NC 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale

Location: Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds

Sponsored by the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club - Contact:

www.forsythgemclub.com.

Hours: 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 11th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M.

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# Summer Museum Tours

**August 19**

## **Peabody Place Museum**

Opened in 1998, the Peabody Place Museum is home to a world-class collection of 19th century Chinese art. The permanent exhibit at the Museum includes objects created for Chinese nobility during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The collections include intricately carved jade sculptures, crafted enamelware pieces and rare objects carved in ivory. The Museum also has smaller collections of fossils and minerals, contemporary European art glass, Russian lacquer boxes, Judaic art and more.



This tour of the country's largest selection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese Art includes many exquisite pieces of jade, ivory carvings and textiles. It is a group tour and the cost of admission is \$3.00 per person for a group of 10 or more. It is approximately a 45 minute tour. For more information you can visit the website at [http://www.memphistravel.com/peabody\\_museum.asp](http://www.memphistravel.com/peabody_museum.asp). Further details will be announced at the August Membership meeting. PHOTO COURTESY OF PEABODY PLACE WEBSITE

# How to spend a hot week in September...

## Leave Town!

FORWARDED BY MIKE BALDWIN Wildacres Workshop, near Little Switzerland North Carolina, is the perfect place to go during the hot days of September. Located at 3300 feet above sea level and perched on a knob just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wildacres Retreat has all the comforts of home, except TVs, but you'll find out that you can live without them for a week. The dates are **September 18-24, 2006**.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies host three workshops a year at Wildacres, April, August and September for a week each. It's too late to get into the August workshops but we have openings left for September. Some instructors will take more than they normally do to accommodate students. We have classes in Gem Appreciation, Glass Bead Making, Intarsia, Mineral Identification, Opal Cutting, Precious Metal Clay 2 (must have PMC 1), Scrimshaw (a new offering), Stained Glass, Wirecraft (Beginning) and the popular Southwest Silver class has only 3 openings (was full but a family had to cancel). You can get applications in the Lodestar that your club president, vice president and editor receive. You can call the Registrars, Robert and Flora Lee Walker, at 1-423-369-3077 for up to date class information.

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## "The Show 500" in 2007

**W.C. MCDANIEL** This is a year long program to collect rocks and fossils for the gem dig and grab bags for the **28<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil Jewelry Show which will take place April 28 and 29, 2007**. In addition to rocks and minerals, cloth material will be collected to make the grab bags and volunteers will be needed to sew the 500 bags. Each month a targeted donation has been identified. Bring your donations and contributions to the membership meeting according to the schedule shown below:

<b>August</b>	:	<b>Cloth material will be collected, as well as commitments to sew bags.</b>
<b>September</b>	:	<b>Druse quartz, lace agate and barite from Missouri</b>
<b>October</b>	:	<b>Tumbled stones and petrified wood</b>
<b>November</b>	:	<b>Fossils and geodes</b>
<b>Dec</b>	:	<b>Your choice</b>
<b>January</b>	:	<b>Quartz from any locality</b>
<b>February</b>	:	<b>Miscellaneous minerals</b>
<b>March</b>	:	<b>Fossils and tumbled stones</b>
<b>April</b>	:	<b>To be determined based on necessity</b>

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## June 2006 Board Meeting Notes

**SUSAN THOM :** The MAGS board of directors meeting met on June 1, 2006 at the Blue Plate Cafe, 5469 Poplar Avenue, presided by W.C. McDaniel who opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. President W.C. McDaniel recommended James Butchko be reappointed as the chair for the show committee. Motion was presented, seconded, and approved. In attendance were-Mike Baldwin, Melba Cole, Nancy Folden, Shelby Hartman, Idajean Jordan, W.C. & Cornelia McDaniel, Park Noyes, Raynee Randolph, Susan Thom, and Lou White. (1) Treasurer's Report presented by Cornelia McDaniel - treasurer's report was presented, seconded, and approved subject to audit. (2) Field Trips Report presented by Lou White. (a) A possible change in our June field trip to Crowley's Ridge in Arkansas to collect agates, wood, fossils & selenite. Field trip may be changed to 20-mile Creek in Mississippi to search for fossils. (b) Thirty-three members had a good time on the 2-4 day trip with a possible 6 collecting sites on our last field trip to Park Hills, Missouri. Jim Hill had a fabulous collection for sell at reasonable prices. He told W.C. he was impressed with our MAGS group at his home. (3) Adult Program Report presented by Idajean Jordan - Alan Parks will present a power point presentation on mining -- from beginning to end in our local area. The movie will be Ring of Fire. Mike Baldwin & Park Noyes will be cracking geodes. 4) Youth Program Report presented by Raynee Randolph - Youth will attend adult meeting about mines; the program is right in line with the youth program. (5) Library Report presented by Nancy Folden - Ron Brister bought a Roger Van Cleef collection of books. He will donate the collection to the club. Nancy ordered for the club the book --World of Fossilized Woods, Cones, Ferns, and Cycads, in memory of Diane McIlwain.

(6) Web/Editor Report presented by Mike Baldwin - (a) Shelby Hartman, our Co-Editor of the MAGS Newsletter, to become Editor in January. Continue sending articles to Mike. (b) Mike will continue as Web Coordinator; he is launching a updated MAGS website this weekend. (7) Sunshine Report presented by Melba Cole - No report. (8) Membership - 1) Three new memberships were approved: Evelyn Carrico, Mike Smothers and honorary membership given to Betty & Floyd Marler (field trip leaders for May's field in Missouri). (9) Rockswap Report presented by Mike Baldwin - Rockswap this month is at the home of Melba Cole on June 10th. Next month on July 8th (weekend before membership meeting) we will be at Beth & David Day's home. (10) Show Committee Report presented by W.C. McDaniel - (a) Some members need to pay for complimentary tickets. (b) Vendor contracts need to be mailed out this weekend. (11) Old Business - (a) Initial committee meeting on financial procedures to be May 30, 2006. Committee members are Nancy Folden (chair), W. C. McDaniel, Don Richardson, and Randa Spears. (b) Lapidary Day in August, the next Saturday morning after August rock swap. (c) Club no longer interested in purchasing the Arizona petrified wood approx. 250 lbs. 18x24" long. Previously a motion had been carried to purchase it, and a motion was made not to purchase it and the motion was seconded, and approved. Melba Cole offered a piece of her collection for the Memphis Botanical Gardens Prehistoric plant/fossil trail. (d) Church contract is in effect as of May \$150/month. Membership needs to set up and take down the room. Each member is responsible for placing his/her chair up and to clean up after himself/herself. 12) New Business - None. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and the vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## June 2006 - Membership Meeting Notes

**SUSAN THOM :** The MAGS membership meeting was held at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church on June 9, 2006 presided by W.C. McDaniel. There were 56 members and visitors - Kennedi Cable, David & Chase Corlew,

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## *June 2006 Membership Meeting Notes* (continued from page 8)

Camden & Stanton Smallwood, and Graydon Swisher. 1) Welcome new members: Evelyn Carrico and Mike Smothers. 2) The new church contract has been signed--rent doubled. Room conditions are to be returned to original setup as found. Everyone should return his/her chair around the wall and clean up after yourself. Ideajean & Matilda set up the chairs for the meeting; they are exempt from putting chairs back. No horseplay in building. All rooms not used by MAGS should be off limits. 3) Field trip location has changed to Frankstown, Mississippi, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. 4) Shelby Hartman has been named our new MAGS Rockhound News co-editor; she will have the primary responsibilities of newsletter in July issue. 5) James Butchko has been reappointed Show Committee chair for April 28-29, 2007 show. The Show500 program gives everyone a usable timeline for preparing for the show grab bags. 6) The Big Scoop Ice Cream Festival benefiting the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, July 29th at the Agricenter needs volunteers. We will be selling spins for rocks at "Rocks around the Clock" booth; proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. MAGS will also display our rock food table. 7) Rock swap is at Melba Cole's home June 10th. Beth & David Day will host the July 8th rock swap (the week before the membership meeting). 8) Allen & Jean Helt donated an illustrated book on dinosaurs. Club donated book in memory of Diane McIlwain--World of Fossilized Woods, Cones, Ferns & Cycads in memory of Diane McIlwain. 9) At the July 14 membership meeting, MAGS will have a tribute to Roger Van Cleef. A special presentation from Ron Brister who bought a Roger Van Cleef collection of books and will donate the collection to the club. 10) Also, at the membership program in July we will have an auction of fossils, wood, coral and shells! 11) Adult & Youth Program--Alan Parks' power point presentation of mining cycle--from exploration to reclaiming the land. If it can't be grown, it's mined. 12) Door Prize Question winner - Idajean Jordan. 13) Junior Display participants were 1-Rachel Griffin & Alexa Quellette and 2-Lauren Schaeffer (winner). No Adult Display participants. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

## *MAGS Presents the Fifth Annual A Mid-Summer Night's Indoor Picnic and Rock Swap*

SHERRI BALDWIN, MAGS DIRECTOR--HISTORIAN:

**Friday, August 11 • 7:30 P.M.**

Our picnic and swap will be held in lieu of the regular membership meeting.

### **For the picnic (potluck)**

1. MAGS will provide the table coverings, plates and cutlery
2. Board members will provide the drinks
3. Members bring a dish or two and/or dessert to share

### **For the swap**

1. If you want to sell...
  - Wear your selling attire and bring your own table
  - You must donate a nice specimen for a future club auction
2. If you want to swap...
  - Wear your swapping attire and bring your goods
3. If you just want to buy...
  - Wear your spending attire and bring your money.

**Other events and activities • Games • Door prizes • Surprises**

**Mike Baldwin will have a UV light at the rock swap. If you have minerals that you think might fluoresce, bring them and check them under the light.**

The main purpose of Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society is to promote and advance the knowledge of the Lapidary Sciences in the mining, identification, cutting, polishing and mounting of gems, minerals and fossils to the utmost of our geological and lapidary capabilities.

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