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Welcome to

The Georgia Mineral Society

In 1935, a group of people interested in minerals, fossils, gems, and jewelry got together and formed this organization. The original members of the Georgia Mineral Society, Inc. dedicated themselves and this Society to the objective and purpose: "To educate the youth of the state and the members of this society in the field of earth sciences." Since then, our members have been learning, teaching, and having great fun with others enjoying everything this hobby has to offer.

Even if you have no background in geology, gems, minerals or fossils - it does not matter as long as you have an interest! Our membership ranges from the novice to the expert and someone in GMS will be only too ready to share their knowledge. There are many opportunities to learn through the general meetings and the section meetings. The section meetings provide a more in-depth study of our different interests. Because of the friendly membership of GMS, one of us will "help you along" as you learn how much fun our hobby can be.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.gaminerall.org

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THE GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

A NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL
ORGANIZATION



**Objective and Purpose:
To Educate the Youth of the
State and the Members of this
Society in the Fields of Earth
Science.**

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GMS

The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc. is a very active society. We hold several meetings each month, field trips, an annual Gem and Mineral Show, picnics, parties, and much more. When you become a GMS member you have a wide variety of activities to choose from:

General Meeting

The general meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, whenever possible, (except for Monday holidays and the June picnic). The Tips and Trips and the website publish updated meeting times, places and dates. Special programs include the June Picnic and Auction for members, a banquet in October to induct new officers, and a holiday party in December. At the remaining general meetings, a guest speaker presents a program on one of the many aspects of our hobby followed by a brief business meeting and door prizes. Refreshments are served after each meeting.

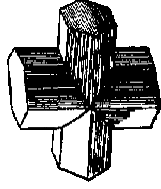
Field Trips

GMS hosts field trips at least once a month. Many months include a Georgia Mineral Society field trip, trips with other clubs, and trips offered through the Southeast Federation DMC. Field trip sites cover the southeast region of the United States.

Fossil Section Meeting

The Fossil Section meetings are scheduled by the section and meeting times and locations are published on the website and in the Tips and Trips. Show and tell discussions may cover fossils from local or worldwide sites. These meetings are excellent for members who wish to expand their fossil knowledge.

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Gem Section

The Gem Section meets the last Monday of the month at the home of one of our members. Meetings are announced in the Tips and Trips and on the website. The current topics cover an in-depth study of gemology.

Junior Section Meeting

The Junior Section, comprised of our younger members, under eighteen, enjoys a special opportunity for learning and fun. Field trips suited for juniors are scheduled alternating months and may incorporate the meeting with the field trip.

Micromount Section Meeting

The Micromount Section meetings are scheduled by the section and meeting times and locations are posted on the website and in the newsletter. The meetings present the art and science of micro-mounting. Most often, the microscopic crystals show their perfect form.

Mineral Section Meeting

The Mineral Section meets bi-monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, whenever possible. Meeting times and locations are published on the website and in the newsletter. The meeting is a more focused discussion of minerals, mineralogy of rocks, care and collection of minerals, and more.

Other Activities

Adopt - A - Highway

Twice annually, the members of the Georgia Mineral Society assemble to collect litter from GA Highway 5 in Ballground, Georgia. In the spring, an Easter Egg Hunt is incorporated into the clean up activities.

May Show

The Georgia Mineral Society presents a Mother's Day weekend show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, Georgia.

Mini-Grant Program

The Georgia Mineral Society sponsors the Holly Camp Memorial Mini-Grant Fund to educators to further Earth Science Education in Georgia.

Georgia Science Olympiad

The Georgia Mineral Society participates in the Georgia Science Olympiad activities.

Public Service/Speakers Bureau

Volunteer members of the Georgia Mineral Society share their knowledge at Scout meetings, schools, public libraries, the Fernbank Science Center and Museum, and through other public programs.

