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WELCOME AFMS DELEGATES AND GUESTS!

We are happy you have chosen to be with us for our Annual Show. We are honored to serve as host for both the National and Regional Show and hope your stay with us is enjoyable.

On the following pages you will find the schedule of events and field trips at the show.

The host hotel for our show is Comfort Suites Kingwood. Please reserve your rooms by September 17 and ask for the HGMS rate. (Also on this website is a list of other accommodations in the area. All are within 10 minutes of the show).

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance.

We look forward to seeing you in Humble in September, 2008!

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Schedule of Events

The Houston Gem & Mineral Society is excited to be hosting the 2008 AFMS/SCFMS Annual Show and Convention in Houston, Texas on September 26–28, 2008. The Show and Convention will be held at the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas. Below is a schedule of events for the 2008 Show and Convention and ongoing attractions that you won't want to miss!

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

12 noon to 6 p.m.	Registration begins	<i>Comfort Suites</i>
1:00 p.m.	Uniform Rules Committee	<i>Comfort Suites</i>

Thursday, September 25, 2008

8:00 a.m.	AFMS Delegate Sign-in	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>
	Show setup begins – All exhibits must be in place by 8 p.m.	<i>Humble Civic Center</i>
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	AFMS Annual Meeting	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	AFMS Scholarship Committee Meeting	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	ALAA Conference	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>

Friday, September 26, 2008

8:30 a.m.	Judges Meet	<i>HCC Ticket Room</i>
9:00 a.m.	Show Opens, Judging begins	<i>Humble Civic Center</i>
Morning	Public/Private Schools' Earth Sciences Program	
12:00 noon	AFMS Officers' Luncheon	<i>Café East</i>
Afternoon	Home Schoolers' Earth Sciences Program	
2:00 p.m.	AFMS Cut Stone Scholarship Auction	<i>HCC Scout Room</i>
6:00 p.m.	Gem & Mineral Show Closes	

Saturday, September 27, 2008

8:00 a.m.	Editors Awards Breakfast	<i>Humble City Cafe</i>
9:00 a.m.	Gem & Mineral Show Opens	<i>Humble Civic Center</i>
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Texas Facetors' Guild Symposium	<i>Comfort Suites</i>
10:00 a.m.	Scout Merit Badge Program begins	<i>HCC Scout Room</i>
11:00 a.m.	Exhibitors and Judges Conference	<i>Octavia Fields Library</i>
2:00 p.m.	SCFMS Annual Meeting	<i>Octavia Fields Library</i>
6:00 p.m.	Gem & Mineral Show Closes	
7:00 p.m.	AFMS/SCFMS Awards Banquet	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>

Sunday, September 28, 2008

8:00 a.m.	Rollin' Rock Club Meeting	<i>HCC Hospitality Room</i>
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon	Texas Facetors' Guild Symposium	<i>Comfort Suites</i>
10:00 a.m.	Gem & Mineral Show Opens	<i>Humble Civic Center</i>
11:00 a.m.	Scout Merit Badge Program begins	<i>HCC Scout Room</i>
5:00 p.m.	Gem & Mineral Show Closes	
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Remove display cases and dealer move-out	

Field Trips

Meet at the Information Booth just inside the Humble Civic Center front entrance 15 minutes ahead of departure times.

8:00: Friday, September 26 - Whiskey Bridge

Maps will be included in the information packets picked up at registration. This is a “type-locality” for mid-Eocene invertebrate fossils. Vehicles will caravan to the site where you will meet your trip leader, Owen Martin. It’s about a 2-hour drive from HCC to the Brazos River bridge at Hwy 21. Owen’s cell phone # is 713-591-1529.

10:30: Sunday, September 28 - Houston Museum of Natural Sciences Tour and HGMS Clubhouse Tour.

Museum Tour will include the permanent exhibits on gemstones and minerals as well as the special exhibit “Dinosaur Mummy CSI: Cretaceous Science Investigation.” If 20 people or more sign up for the tour, the discount price is \$9; if fewer than 20 sign up, each must pay full admission price of \$15. There is a McDonald’s in the museum, or you may pack a lunch. Vehicles will caravan to the site.

After the Museum tour, you have two choices. You may return directly to the Humble Civic Center, or you may go to the HGMS Clubhouse for a tour of our facilities and then back to the HCC. Light refreshments will be available at the clubhouse. See maps that will be in your info packets.

1:00: Sunday, September 28 - HGMS Clubhouse Tour for those who would like to tour the HGMS Clubhouse but not the Museum. Light refreshments will be available at the Clubhouse. A map will be included in your information packs.

Ongoing Activities

Fossil identification
Gemstone identification
Mineral identification
Dino Dig
Silent Auction

Special Exhibits

Bureau of Economic Geology
Fluorescent Display
Houston Geological Society
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Mad Science
Proctor Museum
Rock Food Table

Ongoing Demonstrations

Casting
Cutting Cabochons
Dinosaur Modeling
Faceting Gemstones
Flintknapping
Jewelry Making
Working with Precious Metal Clay

Consult www.HGMS.org for updates on convention information.