



Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

Community Outreach Program COPs

The Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society's Community Outreach Program was developed to connect with the community to provide education in the earth sciences and lapidary arts. A strong portion of this outreach program is to help local schools by teaching a one hour course on General Geology to the 4th and 5th graders in Northeast Florida. Over the past 3 years JGMS has been invited to many elementary schools, both public and private to teach. COPs has also extended its educational basis by attending many science fairs, career days and creating displays for local libraries.

JGMS was founded in 1959. At present we have an active membership of approximately 300 members. Our organization is a place where individuals can learn about rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and the lapidary arts. At our workshop we have weekly classes teaching gem cutting, capping, Silversmithing, bedding, chain making and many other lapidary arts skills.

Our members explore and collect from our lands and JGMS provides access and permission to the hard to find and exclusive locations. JGMS educates its members on collecting from these locations and then bridges the gap with education in the lapidary arts.

JGMS is about sharing the love and knowledge of our earth. JGMS members are ready to support our local educational system in Northeast Florida. We are excited and expecting that by sharing our knowledge of the earth sciences and lapidary arts with our youth will further their studies and possibly a future career in these related fields of employment.

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