



# The Helena Mineral Society Newsletter



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## **From The Editor:**

It has been a crazy two months. Sorry about no newsletter last month, my bad.

A sad bit of news: one of our core dealers was burglarized in Oregon last month. They lost about 50% of their inventory. So, they will not be doing anymore shows. We will definitely miss Montana Gem!!!!!! You can go online to [montanagem.com](http://montanagem.com) and find items they are selling out, those include oak display cases and overhead lighting and table covers. As of the first of the year, you can still get items from them via internet or a PO box. The HMS show will sorely miss Randy and Katey, they always had a smile on their face.

If anyone outside this state has a chance to buy Yogo Sapphires that belonged to their mother or grandfather, a flag is raised. Contact Randy at 406-322-5977. There were exceptional gems in their collection.

Good luck, our friends!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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A big thank you to all that helped at Miss Beverley reclamation and weed spraying.

The HMS Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Anderson Wilke Stevenson Funeral Home, 3750 N Montana Ave. Set up starts at 1:30 PM. Dinner about 3:00. Silent auction will be on going and live auction will start about 4:30. If you have items for either auction, please bring them. This is a pot luck dinner. HMS will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, plates, utensils and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Material is needed for grab bags. Contact Wayne or Gary to drop off.

People are needed to sew grab bags. Natalie Jordan has the fabric, and if you contact her, she will show you how to sew them. Contact her at 443-0348.

About 70 people were at the two day sapphire dig at the Miss Beverly claim. Saturday was the day to be there. Some nice stones were found. A big thanks to Curt and Jan Smith for providing boat transportation.

Now is the time to consider where you might like to go on a field trip in 2018.

November's newsletter will be the last one for 2017. Anyone that has something to be

included should contact me by the end of the month.



Weed spraying at Miss Beverly  
Photo courtesy Jan Smith



Thompsonite from Minnesota  
Photo courtesy Karen Pigman

## Meetings

The Helena Mineral Society meets at the Neighborhood Center, 200 S. Cruse Ave the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. There is no regular meeting for the month of December. See you there! Friends, guests, and new members are always welcome

To place a classified ad, please see me in person at one of our regular meetings or you may e-mail me (Gary) with your information at [gjparisi72@yahoo.com](mailto:gjparisi72@yahoo.com). Ad will run in the newsletter for that month only unless specifically requested to run longer.

### Pictures and Articles Needed:

If you have a picture that you want to share, please send it to me, along with a short description of the activity, where it took place, and when, and I'll put it in the newsletter. If you'd like to share your field trip adventures with those members who are unable to attend, please feel free to contribute to the newsletter. Just e-mail me your experiences, and I'll make sure they're entered. Remember, this is your newsletter, and your contributions make it better.

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