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*Garnet - Birthstone of the month*

## **Presidents Message** - by Luther Mathis

. Dear Members,

First let me thank you for the privilege of serving the Club this year ahead. It is my hope that through combined efforts we will have another productive and enjoyable year. Each learning and growing from the experiences that are ahead for us. I will always seek out your much appreciated input because each member is a part of the overall well being and advancement of our goals. Challenges are met and overcome by our hard work and dedication, along with the pleasures that come because of those who are always giving of their valuable time and superb talents.

Thank you,  
Luther

## Officers for 2019

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Board Member – Laura McWilliams

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## NEXT MEETING:

January meeting will be - the 8th - since the first Tuesday of the month is New Years Day. 5:45- 7:45 pm

Location for meeting is [Aulds Branch Library 3950 Wayne Ave, Bossier City](#)

Directions: Hwy 71( Barksdale Blvd) 2.1 miles south of Barksdale West gate, turn left at (Mcdonalds) onto Shady Grove dr. and go down 7 streets to Wayne Ave. and turn left and follow to Library

## Program

### Orthoceras Fossils



## Member Photos

Lyn simms



## Shows

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### January 2019

**25-27—TYLER, TEXAS:** Annual show; East Texas Gem and Mineral Show; Tyler, Texas, 420 Rose Park Dr; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00. Free admission for kids under 12 and scouts in uniform.; Our 23rd Annual Show features outstanding vendors offering gemstones, jewelry, minerals, fossils, wire wrapping, decorator items, geodes, and meteorites. The renowned Rock Food Table will be on display, and attendees can enjoy demonstrations and show cases. Fun for the whole family. ; contact Keith Harmon, Show Chairman, 9116 US Highway 84 West, Rusk, TX 75785; Email: keithharmon19@yahoo.com; Website: etgms.com

### February 2019

**23-24—JACKSON , MISSISSIPPI:** Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society ; Mississippi Trade Mart on State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5:30; Adults \$6, students \$3, scouts and leaders in uniform \$2, and free admission for children 5 and under; More than 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more; demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making; exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations; youth activities; hands-on exploration table; displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work; hourly door prizes, and a grand prize drawing ; contact Leslie Lane, 176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720, (601) 344-8171; Website: <http://missgems.org>

## INFO

First the quick facts: Our Solar System has eight “official” planets which orbit the Sun. Here are the planets listed in order of their distance from the Sun:

**Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.** An easy mnemonic for remembering the order is “My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles.”

If you add in the dwarf planets, Ceres is located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, while the remaining dwarf planets are in the outer Solar System and in order from the Sun are Pluto, Haumea, Makemake, and Eris. There is, as yet, a bit of indecision about the Trans-Neptunian Objects known as Orcus, Quaoar, 2007 O10, and Sedna and their inclusion in the dwarf planet category.

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