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Gemboree 2015

It is almost time for the 2015 Gemboree to be held at Jozini. It is organised by the Pietermaritzburg Gem and Mineral Club assisted by the Natal Mineral and Gem Society.



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You can still book at Biweda Nguni which is a bed and breakfast at Mkhuzi Village. The costs are R340 pppn and all the rooms are en suite. The accommodation facilities are upmarket which includes fridges, microwaves, air conditioning etc. This lodge is about 25km south of the Baobab.

Collecting amethyst, agates, spinning quartz as well as a visit to a fossil site are on the itinerary. The Pietermaritzburg Club will accompany us to two dealers.

For the opening ceremony a lamb and pork spit will be served. Orders for braai packs and vegetarian dishes will be taken in advance.

Please bring a chair if necessary.

One of the books to be auctioned is a stunning book called 'Geological Journeys' written by Nic Norman and Gavin Woodfield.

If anybody is still interested in joining this exciting fun-filled outing to Jozini and is a member of a club affiliated to FOSAGAMS, please contact Val Spearman at 082 8289 888.

President - Linda Stone **Vice – President** - Malcolm Jackson **Secretary** - Val Spearman **Treasurer** - Dave de Villiers

Ray Biram resigning as treasurer of Southern African Gems and Minerals



It is with regret that I have to inform you that Ray Biram will be resigning very soon due to ill health as the treasurer of SAGM. For a long time Ray held this position; always committed and excited about his hobby. He was also the president of FOSAGAMS and served many years as the treasurer of FOSAGAMS. All his reports testify of research well done. We wish Ray and his wife, Helen, all of the best on their journey

Photo: Helen Biram

ahead. We will surely miss him.

Open Day

According to tradition we always had the Open Day at Rob Smith's shop. Unfortunately for us, Rob decided to relocate his shop to the Cape.

We have fond memories of the Open Day in his garden where people were selling minerals, objects d'art, enjoying boerewors rolls, and the 'gold rush' to the goods displayed on tables and the auction on aid of the SAGM.



Photos: Linda Stone

Not to forget the social side of the Open Day! Ideas were exchanged, old friendships renewed and new ones made.

We on the northern side of the Vaal River will surely miss Rob. His moving to the Cape will bring joy and various advantages to others there.

We are looking forward to hear about future Open Days in the Cape! The best of luck to Rob in his new location!

ICA Congress Gem Show

This year the ICA Congress Gem Show will be held simultaneously with the ICA Congress in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This will be held from May 15 to 18 at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

The show is being organised in conjunction with the International Colored Gemstone Association's Congress.

Spectacular Ceylon blue sapphires will be the main exhibit at the FACETS ICA Congress Gem Show.

Gemstone companies from Sri Lanka and overseas have booked space to showcase a range of sapphires and other amazing gemstones. A total of 55 booths have been allocated for the show. Main buyers will be ICA Congress participants from all over the world.

Please take note of the following import and export information:

Payment of taxes will be applicable for sold items only and exhibitors therefore can bring their goods without any tax payments. These goods should be declared at the airport customs and cleared through a Facets' official clearing agent who will then take charge of the goods. The goods will be brought to the exhibition where the participant can clear the goods from the customs temporary bond that will be set up at the venue.

Taxes will be applicable for sold items only and the balance items can be carried by the participant.

Detailed documents regarding import and export procedures will be send later on.

Applicable Duties and Taxes for all local sales goods are:

Gems 2% NBT

Diamonds 2% NBT

Jewellery- PAL - 5% of (CIF Value) – NBT – 2% of (CIF+ PAL x 2)

Please note that the number of stalls remaining is limited and therefore you are kindly requested to forward a sum of US\$3,000 as soon as possible.

Final word

See all of you at Jozini! Have a safe journey to the Gemboree!

Regards

Linda Stone

President FOSAGAMS