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A schedule of our monthly meetings is on the back cover of *The Mountain Gem* as well as on the Society's webpage. Meetings are held at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, Highway 441 South, Franklin, N.C. Visitors are always welcome.

Forms for membership can be obtained by attending a meeting of the Society.

Dues are \$15 for first family member with \$10 for each additional member. Members under 18 years of age dues are \$3. Membership is from September to September. Non-member subscriptions to *The Mountain Gem* are \$15.00 per year.

Membership privileges include newsletter and attending Dixie Mineral Field Trips.

The objectives of this society shall be to effect a close association of those persons who are interested in the study of gems, rocks and minerals and the arts and sciences related to them. We are a working organization that operates and maintains the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum.

The Society and Museum are self-supporting on a 100% volunteer basis.

School tours are always available by contacting our Education Chairman, Diane Aiello at 828-371-2436 or 828-524-3307.



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March Meeting

Date: March 31, 2016
Day: Thursday
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Robert C Carpenter Community Building on 441 South

Program: Ed Dibble, will speak about **Fracking** in North Carolina.

April Birthdays

7 - Laura Peden
 10 - Stephen Dillon
 12 - Dean Plesner
 13 - Jack Jungles
 24 - Dorothy Crawford
 25 - Ted Reckwerdt
 28 - Lake Holland
 30 - Frances Rasmusson

**April Anniversaries**

8 - Lake & Theresa Holland
 26 - George & Susan Fritz



**HAPPY BELATED
B'DAY WISHES**

Sherry Newton February 28th

**Member News**

Congratulations to Grandparents Susan and George Fritz on the birth of their grand daughter.

Congratulations to 1st time Grand Mother Linda Smith on the birth of her grand son, Liam.

Condolences to the family of Pricilla "Pat" Wolfskeil. Pat passed January 20, 2016 at the age of 92. She was a member of the Society and volunteered at the Museum. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

THANK YOU! Arlon Eldridge for donating a big hunk of jade for use by the cabbings classes.

**Al Pribble, President**

I worked at the Museum last Saturday, March 12th, with Fred Plesner and there was a pretty steady flow of customers until about 3:15. That's when we were invaded by a bunch of dirty, boisterous men and women. They all looked as though they had been crawling around in red clay somewhere and they kept talking (all at once) about all the rocks they had found. I am sure if any sane people had been there they would have considered them somewhat daft, but they were really just a group of happy Rockhounds and they had been crawling around in the dirt. The next time you see John Hayes, ask him to tell you how one knows they are a true Rockhound. :->)

On a serious note, however, Marsha herded a group of about 14 of our members to Clarkesville, Georgia for a SFMS sponsored field trip. There were reports of many good kyanite specimen with some really big ones included.

This is one example of the fun times our members are taking part in. We all know that as a working club involved in maintaining a museum there is always work to do, but from time to time there should also be the fun times. Whether you like to hunt stones or cut the ones you find and make them into a work of art or just take them home as a specimen and enjoy the natural look or learn something new in the way of identifying minerals or in how to mount them for show it should be part of our experiences together. But we must not forget that the Museum is vital to our identity and must be kept open.

We will soon be coming to our busy season and will need everyone's help when the time comes. If you are willing to help in any capacity, please let me or Tom Marsh know. We will need help with scheduling workers this summer. This is a tough job if one person is expected to do it alone, as Virginia has done for over a year, but now she needs a break. If two or three of our members would volunteer to help with this responsibility it would not become a burden on anyone.

In the meantime -

ROCK-hound ON!!



Minutes – February 25, 2016 – General Meeting

Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Al Pribble, on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:30 PM in the Robert C. Carpenter Community Center meeting room.

Al Pribble explained that he spoke to our guest speaker, Ken Rush, Director of Ducktown Basin Museum, and they agreed to postpone his presentation this evening because of the inclement weather and poor travel conditions.

Minutes – Al Pribble asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2016 General Meeting minutes as printed in *The Mountain Gem*. Arlon Eldridge moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and Fred Plesner seconded the motion. Voted on and passed.

Membership – The membership chairman is absent this evening. There are 29 members and 10 guests present.

Vice President – Marsha Harmon is absent this evening. Al Pribble reported a field trip to Clarkesville on March 12, 2016. He stated there is a sign-up sheet at the museum for those who would like to participate.

Treasurer's Report – Lake Holland reported a net profit of \$587.55 for the previous month, which Al Pribble mentioned is quite remarkable for January given that the museum is only open on Saturdays.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh said everything is well at the museum.

Curator – Fred Plesner reported the Hampton Inn contacted Elena Marsh and said they would like us to set up a small display for their summer season. Fred took them a geode and brochures.

Publicity – George Fritz reported he will be distributing brochure holders around town.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reminded us that the gift shop has done extremely well, given the museum has only been open on Saturdays, with lots of sales and visitors. She thanked hosts for being there. Virginia Bennis is passing around a sign-up sheet for hosting. Elena thanked those who have brought cabochons in for wire wrapping and eventual gift shop sale. She asked anyone who has cabs they would like to donate in this regard to contact Marsha Harmon.

Education – Diane Aiello reported two tours scheduled: one on April 8, 2016 at 11:00 AM for 16 girl scouts and another tour on May 27, 2016. Diane asked for hosts to sign up to assist. She said she sent letters out to every school in Macon County letting them know that we do free tours and in-school demonstrations.

Door prize ticket numbers were called out by Garrett Morgan and Arlon Eldridge. As one of the door prizes, John Hayes donated and spoke about an amethyst sterling silver tie tack from Brazil that is "jungle cut."

NEW BUSINESS:

Visitor Ed Dibble spoke to the group and said that as a Level II instructor, he is offering classes for TMC, dichroic glass and silversmithing. He passed around samples of his work. Al Pribble said we will offer sign-up sheets for those who may be interested.

Scholarship – Al Pribble told the group that the Board voted to give a \$2,000 scholarship to Leslie Montoya of Franklin. She is a junior at WCU majoring in Geology with a concentration in Solid Earth. She is doing her senior thesis on structural research.

Leslie was introduced and came up to the podium. She told the group that her family used to own the Cherokee Ruby Mine in Cowee Valley. She gave a very interesting talk and topics included how she became interested in Geology at a very young age, what she has done since being in college, an explanation of the classes she is taking, conferences she will be attending and about her senior class thesis. She said that next week she will be

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working as a student researcher for a program that is studying the development of shorelines. She thanked the Society, expressing her gratitude, and said this scholarship will allow her to continue her studies. Leslie was accompanied tonight by her parents, sister and grandmother.

There being no further business, Fred Plesner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Arlon Eldridge. The meeting was adjourned by president, Al Pribble, at 7:00 PM.

Refreshments were served following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Al presenting scholarship check to Leslie



Leslie and Family with Christine Hubinger

Photos by George Fritz

Diamonds:

Diamonds are said to be a girls' best friend. They are also a challenge for geologists.

I was recently given a paper that was printed off the internet. I cannot determine the website or address but it does state that the information was provided by the University of Melbourne.

The story as provided states that geologists and professor David Phillips, Head of the School of Earth Science at the University of Melbourne took a hammer to an eight carat diamond and smashed it to smithereens. This diamond had been donated to the University in the interests of science and was estimated to be worth 7,000 dollars uncut.

Why would you destroy such a valuable stone? Perhaps the question should be, could you do it? Why would he want to do it? There were two tiny inclusions in that diamond.

The two inclusions in question were a rare green mineral called clinopyroxene which contain small amounts of radioactive potassium. Being able to date when the diamond was erupted out of a volcano will hopefully help track down the original source of the diamond and in turn find that all important "mother lode" of diamonds.

The two clinopyroxene inclusions have been sent to the University of Oregon to be irradiated at the University's nuclear reactor. After this process they will be returned to the University of Melbourne where they will be dated on the University's state of the art spectrometer.

Professor Phillips and a team from the University of Melbourne have previously dated clinopyroxene inclusions in diamonds from the Namibian coast to volcanoes more than 700 kilometers away.

If the mother lode can be found it will certainly be worth it but in the interim I, for one, can only wonder what that diamond would look like, if it had been cut.

Fred Plesner

**Club Wire Wrap**

Marsha Harmon - Organizer

The Club Wire Wrap held on February 27th was a huge success. 16 pendants, some with matching ear rings were completed by a handful of our club artist. A separate group of club cabochon experts and club material volunteers had laid the ground to produce materials required for this effort.

We will be setting up a club made section in our gift shop to feature all of these items and a local display of our talents for promotion of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin. All items will be for sale and inspection on your next visit to the Museum.

THANK YOU to all people involved in this effort!



Jane, Marsha and Diane
Photo by Jerry Mason

Gift Shop

Elena Marsh - Gift Shop Manager



The month of March has not disappointed us with strange weather patterns. We can only hope that spring will come sometime soon! I know I am ready for some green spots in the dreary yard and maybe even some flowers too.

The museum is always buzzing with some project, either for with members working on projects or just plain maintenance. I personally want to thank Virginia who is always helping each and every one that needs a hand. Although many of our members and visitors don't see all of the projects that have been completed during the winter months, it is with her continued efforts and work ethic that has allowed many of them to be started and finished.

I will be working with Marsha and the members who are busy making cabochons or wire wrapping those stones to get these items ready to be displayed and for sale in our gift shop.

Everyone has been working so hard to make this first effort a huge success. Many thanks to all who have been a part of this activity.

TEE SHIRTS!!!!!! Club members asked for larger sizes and now they are available – L, XL, 2X and 3X - CLUB MEMBER PRICES ONLY Large \$12, other larger sizes \$15.

I will bring some tee shirts to the next meeting if members would like to purchase them at that time. Guests will be offered them also for sale at regular gift shop prices. The shirts are also for sale in the museum's gift shop.

If you haven't signed up to host on a Saturday in March or April, remember to stop by the museum– come join the fun and friendship that is always displayed there! Caution!!! It becomes addictive!

Stay warm, stay safe, Elena

Notes From The Classroom - Wire Wrap

Diane Mason - Instructor

We are about to begin the beginning WIRE II class. I am doing this step up class because several of these ladies are interested in a heavier WIRE II class. There will only be four (8) eight hour classes. The students have already received their wire list so that they can make a wire order. The returning students are very good and I am expecting some excellent results from them. (just like last time). Classes will again be held in the museum classroom. Dates are: March 4, March 18, April 1, and April 15, 2016. Of course, these are not set in concrete and if someone needs to make up a class we can arrange that.



I have heard from only one person for the fall WIRE I class. Certainly hope there will be several more. Since I donate my time, it is not cost effective for me to drive to Franklin for less than three students. Those dates are September 16, September 30, October 14, October 28, and November 11, 2016 with our closing display at the November meeting. Again, these dates are not set in concrete. In August I will give those who are interested their wire order information.

I am very proud of everyone who has completed my class and am expecting to see them step up and do demonstrations at our Gemborees. They certainly are talented enough to do us justice.

Diane

Field Trip News

Marsha Harmon - Field Trip Coordinator

Lake Holland - Assistant



March 12th Clarkesville, GA report

Our club participated in a Dixie Mineral Council Field trip on March 12th, to Clarkesville, GA. We showed up in full strength with 16 members and ready to collect Kyanite blades and cobbles. Kyanite at this location has a blue gray color due to graphite inclusions. Some began with digging and some started with surface collecting but all found as much material as expected or more! The fun was in listening to each ones plans, of what to do with their new found loot: "these will make great earrings", "this will look great on my patio" and "I'm not sure what I have but I had a great time collecting it"!

Welcome aboard to our 1st time Field Trippers: Charlene & Gary Galbrecht, Sherlene & Stephen Dillon and Diane & Jerry Mason. Picture request by DMC came to Stephen Dillon of his, 30-35 lb. Kyanite cobble with blades protruding in the size of 3-4 inches across with really good color.

A special thank you to DMC, GMS and the property owners for making this possible!

Check out www.gamineral.org for some trip photos!



April 22, 23 & 24 Graves Mountain &/or Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Mine April 23rd

There are two trips being offered with in 28 miles of each other in South Eastern Georgia.

1) Graves Mountain Rock Swap & Dig which is held near Lincolnton, GA for 3 days and is free except donations requested. There are some 12 advertised rocks and minerals to be found there with 3 separate level mines to explore. This area is only opened 2 times a year to the public and more detailed information will be on the back board of the Museum. Open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM all three days and 2 1/2 hours from Franklin.

2) Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Mine near Tignall, GA. A spot our club has not yet visited. On April 23rd at a cost of \$20 for each adult. Some really high grade, dark purple red flash amethyst clusters have come from this mine as well as clear quartz. 8:00 AM showtime and 2 hours 45 minutes from Franklin. This is a DMC trip so we will provide insurance coverage information to you as needed.

Survey from our last trip is mixed as to where to go next but if you express your personal interest and sign up in time, Lake and I can probably find you a couple people of like interest. There are a few planning to go down to Graves on Friday and hit Jackson Crossroads on Saturday. Not sure but looks like required stay over in Lincolnton or Tignall? There are camping and motels available but filling up quickly. *Please pay close attention as to dates, and times you need to show up by, cost and suggested equipment to bring to each dig.

Sign up as soon as possible and read hand outs available.

Your Field Trip Coordinators: Contact Marsha 828 369-7262 marsha.harmon@frontier.com or Lake 828 369-5421 iluvnascar@frontier.com with any questions.



"Laws" of Collecting
Or, Murphy's Law of Minerals

Written by: Wendell Wilson

Everyone knows Murphy's Law..."If anything can go wrong it will." I offer here a few observations relative to collecting.

1. Specimens become more expensive faster than you become more affluent.
2. A specimen being trimmed tends to break through the largest crystal.
3. Untrained observers always wish to touch the most fragile specimen.
4. The one specimen you like best in a collection is the one with the owner is least inclined to part with.
5. Every specimen is dinged; the dings are just smaller on some.
6. In the field, the best crystals are always found on the largest, hardest rock.
7. In the field, the greatest discoveries are always made the day before you arrive, or the day after you leave.



8. During hard times, mineral dealers keep alive by selling to each other.
 9. The best specimens on a dealer's mailing list will already be sold by the time you receive the list.
 10. Specimens and money tend to repel each other.
- Corollary #1.** The specimen you have been waiting years to buy becomes available when you have the least money.
- Corollary #2.** When you have extra money to spend on specimens, nothing worthwhile will be available.
- Corollary #3.** Specimens of a given type will stop appreciating, and will begin to depreciate, as soon as you buy one.
- Corollary #4.** When you wish to sell a specimen, no one will have the money available to buy it from you.
11. If you immediately buy a specimen from a new discovery, better ones will shortly be found and sold for less. If you delay in buying, no more will ever be found, and prices will immediately rise drastically.
 12. If you wish to sell a specimen, no one wants it. If you wish to keep it, everyone wants it.
- Corollary #1.** If you buy a specimen from a dealer, he will continue to tell you how marvelous it is until the moment you offer to sell it back to him.
13. A repaired specimen is worth less only when owned by someone else.
 14. Mineral localities remain open as long as mineral collectors do not visit them.
 15. A specimen which you are contemplating buying will remain unsold until *JUST BEFORE* you decide to buy it (regardless of how long you delay), at which time it will be bought by someone else.

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March Birthstones

The two birthstones for March are aquamarine and bloodstone.

Aquamarine - The name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.



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Bloodstone - The second birthstone for March is *bloodstone*, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the *martyr's stone* as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally, found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.

www.americangemsociety.org/march-birthstones



**From the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies
Gem and Mineral Shows**



April 1, 2 & 3, 2016, HICKORY, NC

46th annual show; Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club; Hickory Metro Convention Center; 1960 13th Ave Dr, Interstate 40-exit 125; Friday & Saturday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM ; Adults/Seniors \$5, Students/Children Free; Club exhibits, feature exhibit NC emeralds, hourly door prizes, kiddie corner, mini mine. Grand door prize; contact Baxter Leonard, 2510 Rolling Ridge Dr, Hickory, NC 28602, (828)-320-4028; gailandbaxter@aol.com

April 1, 2 & 3, 2016, RALEIGH, NC

Annual show; Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Kerr Scott Bldg at NC Fairgrounds; Blue Ridge Road; Friday 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Free Admission; Silent Auction; Rocks, fossils, gems, jewelry; Geode Demonstration; Grab bags, rock candy, door prize tickets, club info, t-shirt sales. Interested in becoming a dealer at this show? Please email the chairperson for more information contact Cyndy Hummel (919)-779-6220; e-mail: mchummel@mindspring.com; Web site: tarheelclub.org

May 6, 7 & 8, 2016, FRANKLIN, NC

Annual show; Franklin Gem & Mineral Society; Carpenter Building; 1288 Georgia Rd (US441); Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Free Admission; door prizes hourly; Finished gold and silver jewelry, silver & gold findings, minerals, fossils, cab & facet rough, demonstrations and much more; contact Norman Holbert, 180 Camelot Estates Road, Franklin, NC 28734, 828 634-0350; e-mail: normholbert@comcast.net; Web site: www.fgmm.org

May 6, 7 & 8, 2016, MARIETTA, GA

The Georgia Mineral Society's 48th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Show; Cobb County Civic Center; 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE; Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday 12 Noon to 5:00 PM; Free Admission; Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show; Door Prizes! Special door prize for students!; contact Shelley Stubbs (678)-612-7293; e-mail: mayshow@gamineral.org; Web site: www.gamineral.org

May 17, 18 & 19, 2016, BOONE, NC

Annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, Boone National Guard Armory; 274 Hunting Hills Lane; Friday & Saturday 10:00 to 6:00 PM and Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM; \$3 Admission Adults, Free Admission for children under 16; Jewelry makers, goldsmiths and silversmiths from all over the U.S. who can reconstruct, repair, design or make original jewelry from customer-selected gems, stones, opals and crystals. Wire wrap, wire sculpture, stone beads, pearls, stone setting, amber, opal, mineral and fossil dealers. Hourly door prizes including a Ring with a precious stone that will be given as a Grand Prize; contact Van Wimmer, Show Director, 5273 Bradshaw Road, Salem, VA 24153, 540-384-6047; e-mail: van@totesshows.com; Web site: www.totesshows.com

May 28 & 29, 2016, BILOXI, MS

37th Annual Harrison County Mississippi Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show; Memorial Day Weekend; Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; JOPPA Shrine Temple; 13280 Shriners Blvd, Biloxi, MS. Booths (10.5' x 13') are still available; William Smith, Show Chair 251-937-3529; www.gulfportgems.org/; GulfportGems@gmail.com



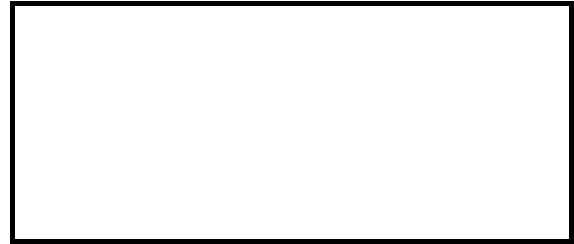
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Spring
Has
Sprung!



Month	Board Meeting	General
January	26	28
February	23	25
March	29 *	31
April	26	28
May	24	26
June	28	30
July	19	21 Ice Cream Social
August	23	25 Elections
September	27	29 Banquet
October	25	27
November	15	17
December	13	17 End of Year Party

***March Board Meeting Only: located at the First Christian Church at 156 Bellview Park Road**

Monthly General Meetings: 6:30 PM the last Thursday of the month in the West Large Meeting Room of the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road HWY 441 S

Meeting changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Board Meetings: 6:30 PM the last Tuesday at the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum
All Board Meetings are open to the members.

If you wish to submit something before the Board, contact the President prior to meeting.

**THURSDAY APRIL 7th is
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**