

THE MOUNTAIN GEM

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Official Bulletin

Of

Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina

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 \$20 for first family member with \$10 for each additional member. Members under 18 years of age dues are \$5. Membership is from September to September. Non-member subscriptions to *The Mountain Gem* are \$25 per year.

Membership privileges include newsletter and attending Dixie Mineral Council 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.

Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. Please remember us when planning your estate.



Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum

25 Phillips Street

Franklin, NC 28734

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Bulletin Awards

1994 (7th), 1995 (2nd),

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Bulletin Awards

1976, 77, 78, 79, 92, 94, 95

1996-99 (1st)

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2010(1st) 2014 (1st)

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www.fgmm.org

www.facebook.com/franklingems

March Meeting

Date: March 30, 2017

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: **Masonic Lodge at 50 Church Street**

Program: **“Rockhounding in Idaho”**



Tom Sterrett, President

Here it is March already!

My how the winter dragged on (and on...). The club is going fast and furious though. We're getting ready for the May 1 opening at the museum. Our new "Leave a Legacy" campaign is in committee. If you want to help, see me.

Within the county, the Chamber of Commerce is moving to a new location. We have to design a poster for advertising there. Also, the community building repairs are ongoing and scheduled to be completed in July. We will continue to have our meetings at the Masonic Lodge on Church Street until further notice.

Our May show is now next door to the community center at the Macon County Fairgrounds building. Help is needed getting the setup complete. The electrical layout will be crucial for a successful show.

There are plenty of classes at the museum to sign up for. Great field trips are planned for the spring and summer and school field trips are already signed up to visit the museum.

Remember, this is your club, so let's get out and volunteer. Don't forget to shop locally, especially at our museum. There is a 10% discount on purchases over \$10 for club members.

See you at the meetings and as always:
Rock on!



April Birthdays

- 10 - Stephen Dillon
- 11 - Ray Montoya
- 12 - Dean Plesner
- 13 - Jack Jungles
- 20 - Lee Perry Bender
- 22 - Susan Phillips
- 24 - Dorothy Crawford
- 25 - Sean Price
- 25 - Ted Reckwerdt
- 28 - Lake Holland
- 30 - Fran Rasmussen



April Anniversaries

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



The April birthstone, diamond,



in addition to being a symbol of everlasting love, was once thought to bring courage. In Sanskrit, the diamond is called "vajra," which also means lightning; in Hindu mythology, vajra was the weapon of Indra, the king of gods.

***Newsletter DEADLINE
Tuesday, April 11th***

Minutes –January 26, 2017 – General Meeting
The Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Sterrett at 6:35 p.m. on January 26, 2017, at the Masonic Lodge.

Membership: Ellen Crawford reported 29 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes – Tom Sterrett asked if there were any corrections or additions to the last minutes and there were none. Norm Holbert moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and Ellen Crawford seconded the motion. Voted and carried.

Treasurer – Lake Holland reported that we were in the black for the month of December.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh circulated the sign-up sheet for hosting on Saturdays for the month of February.

Workshop Manager – John Hayes arrived late, staying at the community center in case anyone drove there for the meeting, not knowing that the meeting place had changed. Thank you, John!

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reported good sales. She and Anamay Rossomando were in Asheville earlier in January buying new items for the gift shop. She suggested we mention to guests about the raffle item, that we are all volunteers, and that donations help to keep the museum open.

Publications – Ellen Crawford reminded us that the newsletter will be combined for January and February. Deadline for submissions is March 7. Individual monthly publications will start with the March newsletter. Ellen also mentioned that she has updated our information with SFMS.

Field Trips – Marsha Harmon reported on six upcoming field trips this quarter: Diamond Hill, a private mine two hours drive away, a trip to Brookwood, Alabama, two scheduled trips to Chunky Gal and a trip to Hogg Mine in LaGrange, Georgia. She asked to be contacted if anyone is interested. She reiterated that one must be a member in order to participate.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Sterrett stated that we still need someone to volunteer as Calendar Chairperson. Please contact Al Pribble if you can volunteer for this important position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mother's Day Gemboree – May 12, 13, &14, 2017 – Norm Holbert stated that as far as the construction is concerned at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, he has been told that it should be completed by the end of April but this is uncertain at best. Norm will check out the Armory and possible other venues and report back to us.

Tom Sterrett mentioned that the Board is considering renting a small space (\$216 annually) at the new Chamber of Commerce facility in Holly Springs next to Taco Bell.

New Budget – Tom Sterrett presented the new budget on screen and went over every item line by line.

Leave A Legacy – Tom Sterrett mentioned the Leave a Legacy campaign, money that would be utilized for new cabinets and displays in the museum, for anyone who would want to donate money in memory of a loved one or friend. A committee will be formed to coordinate this 3-year program. Brass donation plaques are planned to be attached to the cabinets. \$500 for a low cabinet; \$750 for a corner cabinet; \$1,000 for a medium 5 x 7 cabinet; and \$1,500 for a large 7 x 7 cabinet.

Norman Holbert announced that the faceter's group will meet at the museum on February 19 at 1 p.m.

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There being no further business, motion was made by Al Pribble to adjourn and seconded by Virginia Bennis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by President, Tom Sterrett.

Following adjournment, door prize tickets were called out by Doug Morgan. The program this evening was a mineral identification quiz.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Minutes – February 23, 2017 – General Meeting
The Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Sterrett at 6:40 p.m. on February 23, 2017, at the Masonic Lodge. Tom stated that this was the Society's 45th anniversary.

Membership - Ellen Crawford reported 39 members and 5 guests present.

Minutes – Tom Sterrett asked if there were any corrections or additions to the last minutes and there were none. Norm Holbert moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and Diane Mason seconded the motion. Voted and carried.

President – Tom Sterrett showed the raffle item for this year – a Swiss blue topaz pendant and earrings set. He reported that our museum was voted the best museum in Macon County.

Vice President – Arlon Eldridge is ill and not in attendance this evening.

Treasurer – Lake Holland reported that we were in the red for the month of January, having spent approximately \$500 more than we took in.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh reported that everything is okay. However, spring cleaning needs to be done before opening daily starting May 1st. Help will be required for this cleaning.

Curator – Ralph Crawford indicated that the new microscope was sent back. He is having problems with the computer being compatible with the projector.

Workshop Manager – John Hayes is ill this evening. Cy Amrich mentioned the new Facetron machine that was purchased by Norman Holbert for \$800.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reported winter months have been slow but with decent sales. She thanked everyone who hosted this winter. The raffle item will be placed in the museum round-about display case.

Publications – Ellen Crawford mentioned that we need to get our Pebble Pups activities up and going. We need someone to head up this program. We continue to need someone to volunteer to be Membership Chairperson.

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Publicity - Given that this is our 45th Anniversary, George Fritz thanked the photographer from The Franklin Press for being present this evening as he had requested.

Field Trips – Marsha Harmon again reminded everyone that you must be a member in order to participate in field trips. She has several trips upcoming: Chunky Gal, Hogg Mine and Graves Mountain. She also has brochures on rock hounding in this area. She stated that Vicki Knisley has brought in specimens that she found during the field trip to Diamond Hill.

Programs – Al Pribble reported that next month our program will be a DVD – “Rock Hounding in Idaho.” The Montoya Family is present this evening and Al Pribble said that Leslie Montoya has been accepted at Idaho State and he thought this would be an appropriate video for us to watch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget – Tom Sterrett asked for a motion to accept our 2017 budget as was presented at the last General meeting. Norman Holbert made the motion, which was seconded by several members. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Regarding the Chamber of Commerce space rental, it was decided by the Board of Directors that we will not rent a space but instead will place a poster at their new location.

Mother’s Day Gemboree – Norman Holbert reported that he has investigated the fair grounds as the most likely place to have our gem show in May. Drawbacks are no heat and no air conditioning. One room has 10 x 10 booths. He will take a look at availability of needed amperage and electrical outlets, etc. He encouraged us to please assist with this gem show. We will need hosts; we will need demonstrators; we will need someone to sell raffle tickets; we will need displays of your work. Norm stated he may be calling on folks to help.

Leave a Legacy – Tom Sterrett stated we will need a committee for this program. Ralph Crawford and Tom are looking at display cases.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie Montoya’s father stood and spoke about how grateful the family was for the scholarship that was given to his daughter. Leslie spoke about what she has been doing this past year. We all expressed our pride in her accomplishments. She has applied to and has been accepted by Idaho State.

Elena Marsh reported that Anamay Rossomando had a fall wherein she injured her knee quite badly as well as her hand. She encouraged members to send her a note in the mail.

Tom Sterrett reported that John Hayes was ill with the flu.

Rhonda Blanton announced that she was at a meeting regarding the eclipse that will be able to be seen here in Franklin on August 21 at 2:34 p.m. The eclipse will last for 2 minutes and 36 seconds. Motels are already getting booked and they expect quite a crowd in Franklin for this event. She wanted to put us on alert; we probably need to plan to have more hosts available for the museum for this event.

There being no further business, Jane Morgan made a motion to adjourn and Al Pribble seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by President, Tom Sterrett at 7:30 p.m. after which the membership enjoyed refreshments including a special anniversary cake.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan L. Fritz, Secretary*



Photos by George Fritz and Ralph Crawford

In Memorial – David Snyder

Submitted by Shirley Baughman Former Gem & Mineral Society Member and Officer

On February 25, 2017 Dave Snyder passed away in Largo, Florida at the age of 94. Dave was a long time Life Member of the Gem and Mineral Society and was a driving force for many years in keeping the Museum and the Society going with his many thousands of volunteer hours, along with his wife Chick. Some of you may recall that Chick ran the gift shop. Chick passed in May, 2014.

In about 1988 Dave accepted the position of the Museum Manager and diligently served in that capacity until the spring of 2005 when he decided it was time to step back and let some of the younger, newer members who were interested in the position take over the reins and ensuing responsibility. While Dave served as the manager he saved the Society vast maintenance fees by taking on the majority of needed tasks, instead of paying contractors to take care of necessary repairs and improvements. Some of those tasks include: making roof repairs due to leaks, rewiring the building and putting in needed receptacles, replacing doorways and sills due to termite damage, painting throughout as needed, constructing the majority of the oak display cabinets along with the assistance of Vic Kuhn, installing window AC units for the first time, and Dave also constructed the florescent display case and installed that lighting which has proven to be quite popular with museum visitors. This list is not all inclusive, but covers some of those that stand out in my mind when remembering Dave and his devotion to the Museum.

Dave also served as the assistant manager of the Gemboree and then in about 1993 became the chairman of the Gemboree. Our members realize how important that event is to the club and the hours involved in the planning and work for that project. He also taught wire-wrapping at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, GA.

Dave and his wife Chick maintained their residence in Largo, Florida and also a summer mountain home near Franklin, N.C. Their winter months were spent in their Florida home, but the rest of the year they enjoyed being at their mountain home while spending countless hours working for the good of the Museum and the Gem and Mineral Society. We are grateful for their dedication to our club through the years.

Our condolences to Dave's children and grandchildren. May God bless his soul and comfort you in your loss.



Field Trip

Marsha Harmon - Field Trip Coordinator
Lake Holland - Assistant



On January 28, Vicki, Duane, Cy, and myself met Susan and Steven Martin on a trip to **Diamond Hill**. DMC hosted the trip and the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society sponsored it. Several very large beryl pieces, a double amethyst crystal, a triple skeletal crystal were found with many sightings of clusters gathered by various other clubs. Moderate drusy quartz filled most buckets. Diamond Hill lately requires hard work into fresh dirt.

February 18, **Brookwood, AL**, SE Federation trip sponsored by Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society was attended by approximately 150 from various clubs including 3 of our members. Pudding stone, indian paint pots, agate varied in color, mostly red jasper, petrified wood, blue lace agate, oolite, marine fossils and I even found coal! Areas of mostly pebble shaped rock from potato sized to quarter size, made for great tumbling material and some suitable for cutting.

February 25, Carl, Will, Bobby, Vicki, and myself enjoyed a great introductory trip to **Chunky Gal**. There are several areas available to explore there. We chose to stay mostly on or near the top of the mountain and hunt smaragdite with rubies. Carl took a 10-lb. hammer and got to work on some huge boulders, which we had allowed to intimidate us in the past. Some nice specimens were taken this day.

March 4, Susan, Steven and I enjoyed the **Hogg Mine** in LaGrange, GA. Lots of rose/clear quartz, green mica, some black tourmaline in milky quartz and beryl mostly blue/green/pink was found in open pit mine/dump piles. Some beryl of possible facet-quality was found and the largest I saw was found by a man digging next to me. It was around a 50 cent piece in size, perfectly 6 sided, doubly terminated and about 3 inches in length.

Marsha Harmon [828 369-7262](tel:8283697262) or Lake Holland [828 369-5421](tel:8283695421) - Your friendly Field Trip Coordinators

Gift Shop

Elena Marsh - Gift Shop Manager



Our winter months have been flying but, mainly because it hasn't felt like winter and most of us have been able to get outdoors to enjoy nature and even go out rockhounding.

With the help of Sherry Newton and Mary Bermke, an inventory of items in the gift shop has been started. Although it can never be totally precise with so many different specimens of sizes and shapes, it will give us an idea of what items are in back storage areas for future sales and also the content of the actual gift shop. This helps when gem shows are in town and ideas for future purchases need to be made.

I have been in contact with Anamay several times a week and am hoping she and Ron will be back up here in late spring. Injuries sustained when she fell are healing. I know all members wish her the best of luck as she continues to recover.

Sales in winter vary but the amount of visitors to the museum hasn't stopped. Most Saturdays hosts are chatting with the folks that wander into town and to the museum.

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New members are being trained as hosts and should be able to be ready to assist the club and museum when we open 6 days a week beginning in May. Any new members who wish to stop by the museum on Saturdays and observe the hosting process are more than welcome to do so. If you need to be trained as a host, please contact Tom Marsh at 828-369-8915 to set up a time. Going thru the procedures of opening/closing, sales and register procedures, etc. only takes about an hour.

Thank you all for the help you always provide when asked. Many hands make the task less stressful and gets things accomplished so much quicker.

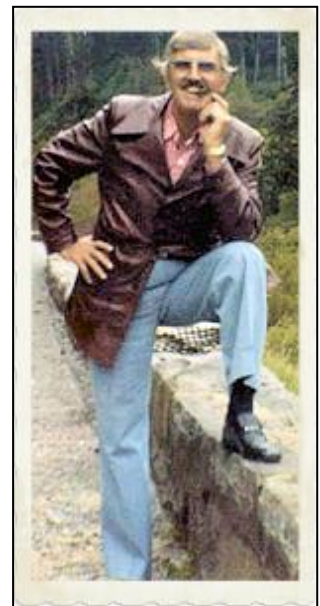
Please stop by the museum any Saturday and visit. You will find it is a neat place to hang out with some great folks! See you there soon - Elena

Archie Campbell – Macon County Gem Mine Owner

Fred Plesner, Curator Emeritus

Archie Campbell is a name that those of us who are older can remember well. For those of you who are a bit younger you can find him on reruns of “Hee Haw” on your television. Archie Campbell wrote, produced and acted in the show and has been quoted as saying that his favorite part was playing the barber.

Archie Campbell was mountain born, bred and educated. Archie was born in Bulls Gap, Hawkins County, Tennessee on November 7, 1914 and educated at Mars Hills College in Mars Hill, North Carolina where he studied Art. He began his career in entertainment at radio station WNOX in Knoxville, Tennessee where he worked with Roy Acuff on a program called Mid-Day-Merry-Go-Round. From Knoxville, he relocated to radio station WDOD in Chattanooga where he worked until 1941 when he joined the United States Navy. After the war ended he returned to Knoxville and the radio medium at station WNOX. From WNOX he went on to help start Knoxville’s first country music television show.



WROL – TV’s “Country Playhouse” ran from 1952 until 1958. From Knoxville, it was on to Nashville and the “Grand Ole Opry” and a recording contract with “RCA Victor” where he eventually had 3 top 30 singles. In 1969 he joined “Hee Haw” on CBS-TV as chief writer and on-air talent.

Like many men who manage to accumulate wealth the wealth is reinvested and frequently new careers are begun as businessmen. Archie Campbell was such a man. Archie was an avid golfer and built one of the nation’s first lighted golf courses. He was also an ardent painter and eventually opened an art gallery and served on the school board in Knoxville where he lived. All this led him into associations with various groups of businessmen.

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Archie Campbell cont 'd from Page 9

The television show "Hee Haw" was very popular and various businessmen convinced Archie to invest in the old "Glory Hole Mine" just north of Franklin, North Carolina. A new venue was planned and the mine was to be used as a means of developing new talent for his "Hee Haw" show. Archie claimed that there was tremendous talent to be found within a 200-mile radius of the new "Lost Mine at Gold City." Plans were made to reopen the mine on Memorial Day of 1970 with Andy Small as General Manager. Andy Small was a fast draw expert and was to be dubbed the "Honorary Marshall of Gold City."

"We expect to find and start several exciting new performers on their way to stardom. ---You know we have eight big saloon shows running with a continuous supply of fresh, new talent – most of them local, and all of them good" stated Archie. Several new features were added to draw the tourist in. One of them was trained animal acts which Archie laughingly dubbed "my competition."

The buildings and mine tours were at the top of the mountain but the gold panning and sluice mining was done at the base of the mountain. The dirt for the mining was trucked in from the Alice Mine now known as the Lyle Kolb Mine which is off Sanderstown Road and on the backside of the property which covered 317 acres. Claims were made that 63 different minerals were found beneath Gold Mountain. It was stated that the Alice Mine which was inaccessible to tourists and had the richest gem ore in the Franklin area which is known as the "Gem Capital of the World." Other attractions included the chair lift to the top of the mountain, guided horseback trips, pony rides for the children, nature trails, mine tours, picnic tables, food and drink establishments and gun fights. There was certainly enough there to keep you busy and entertained.

There were forces at work to bring this entertainment complex down before it could make a fair start. Both Curt Rhoades, the present owner of what is left of the property and Arlon Eldridge, a former manager at the "Lost Mine at Gold City" both attest to poor cost controls and poor management decisions. Arlon Eldridge told me that the cost of running the chairlift alone ran in the neighborhood of \$3,500 to \$4,000 a month and that the cost of the liability insurance matched the monthly payroll which numbered about 30 people.

The bell had tolled and the company filed for bankruptcy in the late 1980's. Mr. Rhoades, the current owner, told me that he purchased 48 acres of the property in 1992 and at the time of purchase he did not receive any of the mineral rights. The remains of the chair lift have been demolished.



From the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies

Gem and Mineral Shows



March 18 & 19, Dothan, AL

Dothan Gem and Mineral Club; Sat 10 AM to 5 PM & Sun 9 AM to 4 PM; Houston County Farm Center; 1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, AL; family friendly event, which includes hourly door prizes and silent auction; Free admission and parking; For more information contact Jeff De Roche, show chair, 334-673-3554; E-mail contact: arlambert@comcast.net; website <http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com>

March 25 & 26, Lexington, KY

Lexington Rock Gem & Jewelry Annual Show; Sponsored by Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club; Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY., Near Exit 115 off I-75/I-64; Sat 9 AM to 6 PM & Sun 11 AM to 5 PM; Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, exhibits, KY Agate, fluorescent displays, hourly prizes; Admission \$2 Adults, \$1 Children, \$5 Max Family; Scouts in uniform free; Contact Info Jane Volk - lexgem-show@outlook.com; Allen Ferrell - kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com, or www.bggamc.homestead.com

April 28, 29 & 30, Lincolnton, GA

Graves Mountain Spring Dig & Rock Swap; FREE; 8 AM to 6 PM; Family fun; GA Mineral Society

May 12, 13 & 14, Franklin, NC

Mother's Day Annual Gemboree; The Franklin Gem & Mineral Society; Macon County Fairgrounds; contact Norm Holbert, normholbert@comcast.net, 828-634-0350; Fri & Sat 10 AM to 5 PM & Sun 10 AM to 4 PM; FREE; www.fgmm.org

May 12, 13 & 14, Marietta, GA

49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show & Auction; The Georgia Mineral Society; Cobb Civic Center; Fri & Sat 10 AM to 6 PM & Sun Noon to 5 PM; www.gamineral.org



Other Events

March 18 to December 16, Franklin, NC

SEBA 3rd Saturday Jam; BlueGrass Jam Session; Historic Cowee School; 12 PM to 3 PM; FREE

March 25 & 26, Cartersville, GA

Tellus Science Museum annual mineral symposium 25th; field trip 26th; pre registration required

May 13, Downtown Franklin, NC

Airing of the Quilts; Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM; FREE



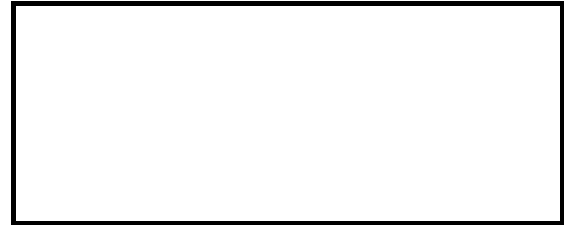
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Month	Board Meeting	General Meeting
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March	28	30 **
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July	25	27 Ice Cream Social
August	29	31 Elections
September	26	28 Banquet
October	24	26
November	14	16
December	12	16 End of Year Party Saturday

**** General Meeting at Masonic Lodge
50 Church Street, Franklin, NC**

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 South

Meeting changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Board Meetings: 6:30 PM
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.