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The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc. is a founding member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. 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 Macon County Community Facilities Building, Highway 441 South, Franklin, N.C. Visitors are always welcome.

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 sciences and arts 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.

The FRANKLIN GEM AND MINERAL MUSEUM

is operated under the direction of the

Board of Directors of

The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Inc.

School tours are always available by contacting our Education Chairman, Diane Aiello.



The Franklin Gem and Mineral
Museum

25 Phillips Street

Franklin, NC 28734

Phone: 828-369-7831

In the Old Jail House

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May 1 - October 31

Monday Thru Saturday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

November 1 – April 30

Only Saturdays: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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Bulletin Awards

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

1996-99 (1st)

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2004 (2nd), 2005 (2nd)

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2010(1st)

American Federation (AFMS): www.amfed.org

Southeast Federation (SFMS): www.amfed.org/sfms

Franklin Gem Museum and Society:

www.fgmm.org

General Meeting

Date: October 17

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Macon County Community Center on 441 South

Adventures in Brazil presentation by Arlon Eldridge and Marty Martinez

Note that this is NOT the last Thursday of the month.



Arlon Eldridge

I would just like to say thanks to all the members who put their trust in me to lead the FRANKLIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY/CLUB for this year. I am looking forward to working with all the officers and members to make this club bigger and better. As everyone knows, we must work hard on our membership to insure we have enough members to work the museum. Also, I would like to thank the manager and committee chairmen for their great work and hope we can do the same this year.

Looking forward to our first meeting.

November Birthdays

8 – Janet Hayles

10 – Diana Jurss

10 – Bill Fisher

17 – Della Samuel



November Anniversaries

1 – Dave & Chick Snyder

19 – Lon & Laura Peden

Help is needed to cover the Gemboree and Pumpkin Fest. Since they are occurring at the same time, we need *everyone's* help.

For Gemboree, contact Fred Plesner or Jack Jungles. Their numbers are on inside cover of newsletter.

For museum,

contact Laura Anderson .371-4816.

The museum will open at 9 a.m. for Pumpkin Fest.



Refer to General Meeting Minutes to find out why these people are smiling.



Minutes of the September 2013 Board Meeting of
The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

The meeting was called to order by Lon Peden, President, on September 24, 2013 at 6:35 P.M. in the Museum Meeting Room. Present were: Lon Peden; Arlon Eldridge; Elena Marsh; Fred Plesner; Tom Marsh; Dean Plesner; Ray Behr; Marie Tsacrios; Linda Behr; John Hayes; Marty Martinez; Susan Fritz; Norm Holbert; Wally Smith and Doris Smith.

Treasurer – Marie Tsacrios reported an Income of \$1829.76 with Expenses of \$896.72 leaving a Profit of \$933.04.

Lon Peden opened a discussion of the SFMS field trip to be held on Wednesday the 25th of September. All facets of the event were discussed and the Board decided to provide hot dogs, chips, and bottled water with a donation jar adjacent to the food.

Installation Dinner – Dean Plesner assured the Board that there would be sufficient food with two turkeys, one ham, and 30 pounds of ribs. Elena Marsh has a list of the other foods that will be provided by the members. There will be two County Commissioners present, Ronnie Beale and Ron Haven, with Ronnie Beale doing the installation of the officers.

Publicity – Fred Plesner advised the Board that there is a Streetfest on Friday night September 27th from 5PM until 8PM with the streets open and music in the square. Fred advised that the Pumpkin Fest this year will fall on October 26th, the Saturday of our Gemboree. We will need extra people in the museum for Pumpkin Fest as well as those during the Gemboree.

Curator – Fred Plesner reported that Rex Larkin would like to donate some specimens for display from the Tampa Bay area. They need to be evaluated by some archeologists, possibly from The University of North Carolina, Asheville.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh questioned the status of business cards. Marty Martinez will ask Tom Morley what he has done about them. Elena and Doris Smith have sent “Thank You” cards to the vendors who participated in the July Gemboree. Elena sent a card to the man who donated a specimen of Lapis to the museum. The owner of Books Unlimited asked Elena if we would participate in a program during the month of October called “Looking for the Black Cat”, which is similar to “Where’s Waldo?” Elena advised that the Rickman’s Store in Cowee is interested in having the museum exhibit some gems and minerals in their apple cellar room. Elena brought up the question of having a locking deposit container for the daily Gift Shop sales receipts.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh, Assistant Manager, reported that new fluorescent lights have been installed in the meeting room and the office. A new outside light has been purchased for outside the front door and will be installed soon.

Publications – Linda Behr advised that the Newsletter deadline would be September 30th because the next meeting will be early to plan for the Leaflookers Gemboree.

County Fair – Ray Behr reported that we had set up a small mining operation, with rocks donated by Arlon Eldridge, for small children. He estimated that there were about 130 children who enjoyed the event.

May Gemboree Committee – Norm Holbert reported that the committee had a meeting to continue the feasibility of acquiring the May Gemboree. He advised that if the club should sponsor the May Gemboree, the committee felt that there should be activities for the kids to create a family atmosphere. There should be more demonstration activities; free admission; a food vendor; more advertising; a silent auction, and crafters to fill up any space not utilized by our other vendors. Lon Peden asked for a vote to officially take on the May Gemboree with the possibility that it may not break even on the first year. The vote was unanimous.

Education – Fred reported on behalf of Diane Aiello that Fred, Diane and John Hayes went to Cherokee School and demonstrated their skills for two fourth grade classes. The children showed a lot of interest in what they was being presented.

The meeting was adjourned by Lon Peden at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Raymond Behr*, secretary

Minutes of the September 2013 General Meeting of
The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fred Plesner and called to order by Lon Peden, President, on September 26, 2013 at 6:55 P.M. in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Membership – Linda Behr reported that there were 34 members, 8 visitors, and 5 new members present.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported an income of \$1,829.76, expenses of \$896.72 leaving a profit of \$933.04.

Lon Peden introduced two special guests, county commissioners Ronnie Beale and Ron Haven.

Lon Peden appointed Tom Sterrett and Rex Larkin to meet with Marie Tsacrios, treasurer, to do the annual review of our financial records.

October Gemboree – Fred Plesner reminded everybody that we would need hosts and demonstrators for the Gemboree and extra people to host in the museum on that Saturday which will also be Pumpkin Fest.

SFMS Field Trip – Arlon Eldridge recognized the thirteen members who volunteered yesterday at the event and especially Marty Martinez who cooked the hot dogs. Arlon reported that there were 22 members of other clubs who had come as far away as Georgia, Tennessee, Charlotte and Winston Salem, NC. Everybody had a great time finding multiple rubies and sapphires.

The installation of officers was performed by Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale.

The following officers were installed:

President - Arlon Eldridge

Vice President – Ray Behr

Secretary – Susan Fritz

Treasurer – Marie Tsacrios

Assistant Treasurer – Norm Holbert

Two Year Board Members – Marty Martinez and Tom Marsh

Returning Board Members – Linda Smith and Diane Aiello.

Everyone enjoyed great food at the banquet table and socialized throughout the evening.

The meeting was adjourned by Arlon Eldridge at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Behr, secretary

Birds & Blooms Aug-Sept 2010

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken."

---James Dent

Coming Events

November 22-24, 2013 Columbia, SC

The Columbia SC Gem and Mineral Society will hold its 46th annual gem, mineral and jewelry show at Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (Exit 106A off I26). Hours: Friday 10am to 7pm; Saturday 10am to 6pm; Sunday Noon to 5pm. 24 Retail Vendors – jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, gold, silver and tools for sale. Lots of fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5 for adults, children sixteen and under are free with adult. All military and their dependents are free. Grand Prize Award – Tourmaline/Topaz specimen from Pakistan (Est. \$450) donated by PAK Designs (Patrick and Anne Kelly). Publicity – Sue Shrader ashreader@mindspring.com (803) 736-9317, Fax (803) 736-2578; Dealers – Sharon Sterrett ssterrett@sc.rr.com (803) 356-1472

Curses

By Fred Plesner for The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin

Do you believe that inanimate objects can be cursed or carry curses? If you do, read on. If not the following story may change your mind.

Diamonds may be found in a variety of colors – red, green, black, yellow, brown, blue and white. Blue diamonds are exceedingly rare and many years ago such a find was made in a mine located on a branch of the Coleroon River in southwest India. A discovery of note made all the more significant by the stone's unique size. It weighed 112.5 carats in the rough. The stone was destined to be set in the forehead of a Hindu Idol and so began the 300 year curse of the Hope Diamond.

The stone was stolen from the idol in which it had been placed by a Brahmin priest who was tortured to death for his crime. The diamond next turned up in the hands of a French diamond trader, Jean Baptiste Tavernier who smuggled it into France in 1642. In 1668 Tavernier sold the stone along with 24 other stones to King Louis XIV for the immense sum of nearly \$500,000 and a title of nobility. He then bought a large estate where he planned to retire and enjoy life with his son. Tavernier's son was such a spendthrift and speculator that the family fortune was soon lost. Tavernier was then forced to sell his estate and at the age of 84 made a long and treacherous trading trip to the Far East in an attempt to regain his losses. Stories claim that Jean Baptiste Tavernier was attacked and killed by wolves on the Russian Steppes but the reality is that he contracted a fever and died.

King Louis XIV designated the stone "The Blue Diamond of The Crown" and had it cut (Indian Style). This preserved its size but did not reveal its true fire and beauty. Several years later King Louis had the stone recut and its weight had dropped to 67 1/8 carats. Again the name was changed and it became known as the "French Blue" or the "Blue Heart."

King Louis XIV allowed one of his favorites, the Marquise de Montespan to wear the diamond, Montespan soon fell from favor within Louis XIV's court and King Louis XIV died a horrible death from smallpox. King Louis XVI inherited the stone and he in turn allowed Marie Antoinette to wear the stone. Both were soon executed during the French Revolution. Nicholas Fouquet, an official of the French government under Louis XVI had been allowed to borrow the diamond for a state ball, but he in turn was later executed by Louis XVI. The Princess de Lamballe, a noble within the Court of Louis XVI had also been allowed to wear the diamond. She was beaten to death by a mob during the French Revolution.

When the French Revolution broke out the Crown Jewels were bought by one Garde-Meuble in August of 1792, from whom they were stolen in September, 1792. Many of the jewels were recovered but not the "Blue Heart" or the "French Blue."

A blue diamond whose color and general description matched that of the "French Blue" or "Blue Heart" next appeared in the hands of a Dutch diamond cutter by the name of Wilhelm Fals, whose son Hendrik Fals, had stolen the stone. Hendrik soon committed suicide in London, England in 1830 and his Father, Wilhelm soon died of grief.

The blue diamond was next owned by a French diamond broker by the name of Francois Beaulieu who would only admit that he had obtained the stone from an unnamed suicide. Beaulieu, however, could not find a buyer for the stone and he was forced to sell the diamond (for a mere fraction of its value) to an English diamond broker by the name of Daniel Eliason. Francois Beaulieu died the very next day of starvation.

Eliason in turn sold the diamond to Henry Thomas Hope, an Irish Banker. Eliason sold the stone for a mere \$90,000, an unusually low price for such a large and rare gem. During the years the Hope Family owned the stone they gave their name to it and in return received their share of the misfortune that was its attendant. Henry T. Hope died without marrying (some may consider this a tragedy and others a blessing). Upon Henry's death it was bequeathed to his nephew, who in turn willed it to his grandson, Lord Francis-Pelham-Clinton-Hope.

The diamond was sold in 1899 or shortly thereafter but not before his wife, May Yohe, a musical comedy actress had spent her vast fortune and left him penniless and in ruin. May Yohe divorced him and married a Captain Bradlee Strong in 1902 only to become a divorcee again. She married a Captain John Smuts in 1913 and soon found herself earning \$2.00 a day as a scrubwoman in a Seattle, Washington shipyard. She was to die in the charity ward of a Boston, Massachusetts hospital in 1938.

The diamond continued to travel and eventually became the property of a jeweler, Jacques Celot; Ivan Kanitovski, a Russian Prince; Lorens Laduc of the Folies Bergere and even by Catherine the Great. The exact order of all this is not known for certain but ruin certainly followed all of these people. Jacques Celot went insane and committed suicide, Lorens Laduc was shot and killed by Prince Kanitovski who was in turn stabbed to death by Russian Revolutionaries and Catherine the Great died of a stroke.

Curses cont'd

The diamond found new owners and in turn left more ruined lives. A merchant named Selim Habib Bey who owned it drowned in a shipwreck off Singapore in 1902. A Greek diamond broker, Simon Montharides acquired the stone and sold it to the Turkish Sultan Abdul Hamid in 1908. Montharides died with his wife and child when their automobile drove off a mountain precipice. A Turkish official tried to steal the stone and the Sultan had him hanged. Abdul was dethroned in 1909 and tried to sell the diamond in France, but was unsuccessful. His wife Subaya eventually stabbed him.

Pierre Cartier, the famous jeweler, bought the gem for \$90,000 in 1909. It was in turn sold to Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLean of the United States. It has been said that Mr. Cartier wanted \$200,000 for the diamond but a more reasonable \$154,000 was agreed upon with the stipulation that if there were a death in the family within 6 months the sale would be nullified.

The death clause was to be in vain even though the McLeans had the stone blessed by a priest and refused to let their children so much as touch the stone. Their son Vincent was run over by and killed by an automobile in 1918, their daughter died of an overdose of sleeping pills, Edward McLean had a nervous breakdown and died in a mental institute. Mrs. McLean however claimed not to believe in bad luck legends and would even wear the stone to the market and baseball games. She freely allowed friends to handle the gem and eventually had it mounted in a platinum necklace with 62 white diamonds. During WW II she would wear it to Walter Reed Army Hospital where she would allow it to be passed from bed to bed as though it was a cheap piece of costume jewelry. Even this bit of generosity could not break the bad luck chain. Mrs. McLean died in 1947, a morphine addict.

Harry Winston, the New York gem merchant, purchased the stone along with other stones in the family estate for \$1,000,000. The famous "Hope Diamond" was then placed on display at his Fifth Avenue Salon in New York City before being sent around the the country to various charity shows. After nine years the "Hope Diamond" was entrusted to the United States Postal Service where it was safely entrusted to the hands of Dr. Leonard Carmichael, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, by postman James G. Todd at 11:00 A.M. on November 10, 1958. The package was insured for \$1,000,000 and \$2.44 was paid for postage and \$142.56 for insurance.

The cutting and re-cutting of this gem during its 300 + year journey is another story.



Attributions: Lapidary Journal Sept. – Oct. 1971

Various undated and unidentified articles

Gift Shop....Elena Marsh

With gift shop sales continuing to do so well, want to make sure I thank each and every host that volunteers! Without you, our museum does not become a destination for visitors of our town and area. I enjoy working with you and hearing about the items that you have sold while you have been at the museum.



A big thank you to Diane Aiello for her generous donation of 2 new pendants which are now proudly displayed for sale in the round case. Also thank you to anyone else who has donated items for me to price and sell in the shop.

It was wonderful to hear that we now have 5 new members of the club. Will be working with Al to arrange time for a hosting class to help them acclimate into volunteering at the museum. Remember that if anyone wants to have a refresher course in hosting, please let either Al or me know and we will be happy to set up a time to meet with you.

The Pumpkinfest and gem show will be here before you know it! Extra help in both areas will be greatly appreciated. Tom and I hope to have a table out front for the Pumpkinfest which should bring more visitors into the museum too.

Could not end this column without a big thank you to all the folks who helped Dean, Sharon John and I during the installation dinner. From comments by many of the club members, think it was the best dinner ever! I know I enjoyed myself and it looked like everyone else did too.

Hope to see you in the museum soon .



As you can see by these few pictures, the officers had a fun time with commissioner Ronnie Beale. Also present was Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Haven and his family, .

Thanks go to Amy Fritz, a new member who has agreed to take the pictures for the newsletter.



All the food was slow

'Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at home,' I explained. 'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. Via Internet





A Glean In Your Eye

By Mel Albright, Safety Chair

http://www.amfed.org/news/n2001_12.htm#safety

Looking for rocks? There's a gleam in your eyes. Doing some soldering? There's a gleam in your eye. Driving into the sun? There's a gleam in your eye. Enjoying the scenery? There's a gleam in your eye. Boy, look at that fluorescent stuff! There's a gleam in your eye.

The SFMS field trip sponsored by our club was a great success in spite of the rain. We had participants from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

Have you thought about what your eyes receive as you follow your hobby? The answer is radiation, of course. Most of that radiation is in the visible light range and gives us no problems if it isn't too strong. But, some is infrared, some ultraviolet A and some ultraviolet B. The infrared is of wavelength longer than we can see. The ultraviolet is of wavelengths shorter than we can see.

But, radiation is all around us as we follow our hobby. The first source is the sun. We all know not to look straight at it. But, sunlight is reflected from any surface other than pure black and pure black radiated infrared when heated.

Infrared energy hurts us by heating tissue. Your eyes are one place. Infrared re-radiates as heat - Darn that tool's hot! Although eye damage is more probable than skin energy, both are possible with visible as well as infrared. These rays can be focused by your eye lens so they cause retinal injury - up to blindness. IR also comes from UV lamps, resistance heaters, and flames (including welding and soldering)

Ultraviolet hurts us causes biological chemical reactions that injure us. Sunburn - eye problems - sensitivity to light - These are some of UV's effects. UV comes from the sun, of course. But it also comes from welding, plasma torches, gas discharge lamps ("black" light, mercury lamps, germicide lamps, welding and soldering torches, and the like). Too much UV can also blind you. Dangerous visible energy may come from the sun, or from welding and soldering flames. The Commission International d'Eclairage (CIE) International Lighting Commission classifies radiation as follows: The numbers are wave lengths in nanometers. 100-280, far UV or UV-b (actinic); 280-315, Middle UV or UV-a (actinic); 315-380, Near UV, black light; 38-780, visible light; 780-1400, Near IR; 1400-3000, intermediate IR; 3000-10,000, far IR; and over 10,000, microwaves.

"Infrared (IR) energy produces harm by heating tissue. Ultraviolet (UV) energy can cause injury by triggering chemical reactions in proteins and other biological molecules. This is termed photochemical injury. UV can also cause harm by heating tissue. Visible light can cause injury by heating, but visible energy with wavelengths below 550 nm can also produce photochemical injury. Although eye injury is more serious than skin injury, the skin and eyes are equally vulnerable to all wavelengths except those between 400 nm and 1400 nm. Energy with wavelengths between 400 and 1400 nm entering the eye can be focused by the lens and reach the retina at the back of the eye; therefore, retinal injury, which can lead to partial or even total loss of vision, is a serious concern at these wavelengths." Source: <http://www.llnl.gov/es_and_h/hsm/doc_11.02/doc11-02.html#26.8>.

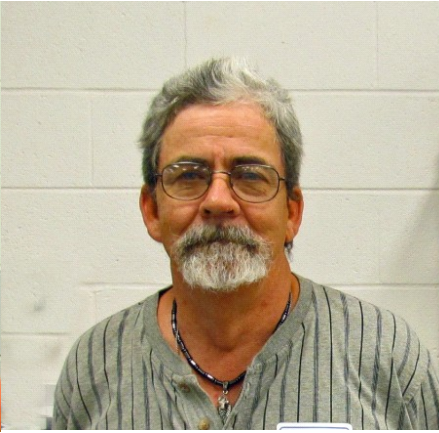
For all radiation - there are safety glasses which will protect your eyes - actinic glasses for UV (see glass-blowing), sunglasses for visible, and darkened glasses for strong visible and IR. IF you are going to have much exposure, be sure to buy and use this safety equipment. Sun-block also protects the skin against UV.

FINALLY, laser light is extremely dangerous to your vision. Avoid being around them if you can. If you must be around lasers, there are safety glasses designed for that. Use them.

PICTURED ARE OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Ivy Mitchell



Jerry Mitchell

Diana Jurss



Amy Fritz



John and Mary
Greist



Paul Anderson

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of the Aiken Gem and Mineral Society (Aiken, SC) (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin,

Graves Mtn. Lincolnton, GA Sat., November 16, 2013 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Graves Mountain, inactive open pit mine, Lincolnton GA.

Collecting: Beautiful lazulite, pyrophyllite, and kyanite; world class rutile can be found rarely. Also pyrite and iridescent goethite. Over 50 different minerals can be unearthed in this extinct volcano and former mine, and now dig site for gem and mineral clubs and other organizations. Georgia Mineral Society has further details and photos on their website: <http://www.gamineral.org/ftcomm.html>

Recommended Tools: Backpack, gloves, sledge, crack hammer, rock hammer, pry bar, shovel, chisels. Some people bring a hand truck to ferry buckets and tools in and out of the mine.

HARD HAT and SAFETY GLASSES are REQUIRED.

Meeting Location: Norman wrecking company building, C.E. Norman Rd.

Directions: From Washington GA, drive 11 miles east on US-378; or from the Hardees in Lincolnton GA, drive approximately 5.5 miles west on US-378. Turn north on CE Norman Road, which is about 0.1 miles east of the Wilkes County/Lincoln County boundary sign. Proceed 0.6 miles north to the garage.

Assembly Time: 10:00 am. Everyone off the mountain by 5:00 pm

FEE: \$5 or more per person donation to Clarence Norman, Jr., the mine's caretaker. All DMC members must sign a liability release at the Norman Wrecking Co. Bldg., before being allowed onto the site.

Children: No children under age 12. Children 12 and over must be supervised by an adult.

Pets: OK

Safety: DMC Members must sign and adhere to the Graves Mountain Code of Conduct (see below).

There are no toilet facilities.

Contact: Walt Kubilius, Aiken GMFS (803) 643-3281 home, (803) 215-9342 cell;
wkkw@bellsouth.net; www.aikengmfs.org

Graves Mountain code of conduct:

- ° Park your vehicle in the designated area (at the end of the paved access road but not much beyond the woods to the right of this road).
- ° ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- ° The caretaker, Junior Norman, has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- ° Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- ° STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
 - ° NO RAPPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!
- ° NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

THE MOUNTAIN GEM

Linda Behr, Editor

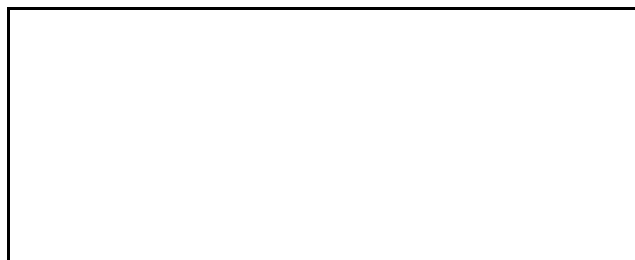
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Franklin, NC 28734



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If your see yellow by your name,
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Board and General Meetings for 2013

MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL
JANUARY	29	31
FEBRUARY	26	28
MARCH	26	28
APRIL	23	25
MAY	28	30
JUNE	25	27
JULY	16	18
AUGUST	27	29
SEPTEMBER	24	26
OCTOBER	15	17
NOVEMBER	19	21
DECEMBER	Dec. 10 is Board Year Party 1 pm-5	Dec 14 End of

24th Annual Gemboree

Oct 25, 2013 - Oct 27, 2013

Friday - Saturday 10am - 5pm;

Sunday 11am - 4pm

General Meetings: 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month West Large Meeting Room of the Macon County Community Facilities Building

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Meeting changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Board Meetings: 6:30 p.m.

At the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum

All Board Meetings are open to the members.