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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 web-page. 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 FRANKLIN GEM AND MINERAL MUSEUM is under the direction of the Board of Directors of The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Inc.

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

The museum is open May 1 through October 31.

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

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FREE ADMISSION.

Membership in the Society is \$15.00 per person with \$10 each additional family member, and \$3.00 for junior (pebble pups).

Membership is from September to September.

Non-member subscription to *The Mountain Gem* is \$15.00 per year. Donations are tax deductible.

Articles written by members of our club may be borrowed provided credit is given to the author and *The Mountain Gem*.



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2008 (5th) 2010(3rd)



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2006 (1st), 2008 (2nd),
2010(1st)

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Franklin Gem Museum and Society: www.fgmm.org
Email for the Society is: franklingemsociety@fastmail.fm

General Meeting

Date: January 31

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Day: Thursday

Where: Community Center
on 441 South

Program:
A video on gems and minerals



**Lon Peden,
President's Message for January**

I hope all had a great holiday season! A lot is going on within the club, new roof, and new fence and landscaping, cutting the roses and plants. We're getting ready to work on the interior of the museum. All the old and new committees are working on projects. If anyone has new ideas for the betterment of the club, please let us know in writing. We have some new things coming our way! Hope to see as many as possible at the January meeting.

And stay healthy, Lon

February CelebrationsBirthdays

17 – Rex Larkin

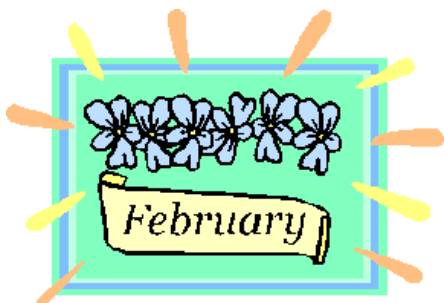
22 – Tom Sterrett

Anniversaries

6 – Wally & Doris Smith

11 – Tom & Elena Marsh

24 – Jerry & Marilyn Kolle



**Newsletter deadline is
February 11th, Monday.
Thanks!
Linda**



**The meeting dates for 2013
are on the label page.**

**The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC
Board of Directors Meeting of December 11, 2012**

The December 2012 Board Meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Lon Peden, in the Museum Meeting Room.

Present were: Lon Peden, Arlon Eldridge, Diane Aiello, Dean Plesner, Fred Plesner, Elena Marsh, Tom Morley, Al Pribble, Linda Smith, Linda Behr and Sharon John.

Absent was: Marie Tsacrios.

Arlon Eldridge reported that we made \$300 from the Gun show and that he donated the \$210 he charged for delivery costs from the Gun show. There will be another gun show in January in when we hope to rent the tables and make income.

There was a tour of 11 children on December 17th at 3:15 p.m.

There is a broken case in the Indian Room. Fred Plesner made a motion to replace the display glass and Tom Morley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Al Pribble will be calling around for an estimate to get the case fixed.

Treasurers' Report: We had a total income of \$606.00, total expenses of \$1900.43, leaving us a deficit of \$1294.43

Diane Aiello made a motion to put Al Pribble in as interim Museum Manager. Arlon Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda Behr made a motion to have Joan Hatch get together with Karen Stiwinter to check out the computer in regards to Quick Books. Arlon Eldridge seconded the motion and the motion passed. *(Editor's addition: Joan is a local accountant who does our yearly income tax. Karen is a local accountant who was asked to help Marie with the Quick Books.)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon John, Secretary

**The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC
General Meeting of December 15, 2012
END OF THE YEAR PARTY**

The December 2012 General Meeting was called to order by President Lon Peden.

Arlon Eldridge reported that we made \$300 from the Gun Show and he donated \$210 to the Museum that he charged for the delivery of the tables.

Treasurers Report: We had a total income of \$606.00, total expenses of \$1900.43 leaving a deficit of \$1294.43.

Al Pribble is now our interim Museum Manager.

Arlon and Sonja Eldridge of Cowee Mountain Mine donated a beautiful Pink Tourmaline Specimen to the Museum that came from Brazil. Thank you very much and it is a beauty!!!

There were many bingo prizes that the members supplied. It was hard to decide what to select when you won. Fun seemed to be had by all.

Sharon John announced that she has a cabochon machine for sale.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon John, Secretary

- The trouble with life is there's no background music.
- Procrastinate Now!

SCRIBE JULY-September 2009



Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old:

- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Change the way you think
- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- Yield

Gift Shop News

From Elena Marsh



As I begin the journey of being the Gift Shop Manager for the museum, I want to thank all the members for all their hard work over all these years to make the museum and gift shop a success. Every time I host, I am thrilled at the number of folks that come in to view the museum and are amazed at what they see in the museum.

Working closely with Doris Smith, I hope to be able to continue making the gift shop a place where visitors can stop, browse and also find and buy that 'I can't live without this' item, to take it home or give as a gift to share for many years to come.

I will be working through the winter months going through all the storage areas to see what items I can put out in the gift shop. I would also appreciate any and all donated rock/gem and jewelry items that can be sold in the shop. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions that you would like to share, I will be happy to speak with you. Please give me a call any time.

Looking forward to continuing in Doris's footsteps to make the gift shop and museum a great place to visit while in Franklin.

Member News

Reporting by Linda Behr



Sharon John has a Cab King Cabochon Machine for sale for \$850. Due to finances, this gently used machine needs to go to a good home.

Willy Carter had been quite ill for some time and had lost an eye as a consequence of his health problems. He now wishes to dispose of his lapidary equipment. He has a Cab machine, saw, band saw, vibrating tumbler, pliers, ring stretcher, faceted stones (mounted and loose), ring mounts, and other equipment. He can be reached at 828-226-1511 in Whittier.

Sharon John has had both cataract eye surgeries done and is doing well.

Dean Plesner had a cancerous growth inside her ear that had to be removed.

Rex Larkin was so sick with bronchitis that he had to spend time in the hospital.

Marie Tsacrios also came down with the flu as well as Jerry and Marilyn Kolle. I'm sure there are more but I don't know who you are.

Tom Sterrett and Lon Peden put up the black iron fence to protect the rock garden and water fountain.

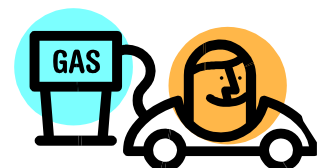
Al Pribble is very, very busy as Interim Museum Manager. Many days you can find him and John Hayes at the Museum busy doing something. Isn't it amazing how much work needs to continue even when the museum is closed.

Did you know that Gary Gaetano keeps the filters clean and does the electrical work?

A warning from the AAA® on E-15 gas in your car.

You are really going to want to watch this for sure!!
Watch video about E15 gas if you have a car older than 2012.

<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2000862202001/>



Tall Tails

By Fred Plesner for
the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum

Way back when and I do mean way back, there were hunters. I am not talking about our pioneer ancestors. Let's think in terms of our Native American ancestors and step back to the end of the last Ice Age about 8,000 years ago or so.

There were mastodons wandering around North Carolina and a good part of the rest of the eastern part of the country and Daniel Boone came upon a pile of Mastodon bones when he visited Big Bone Lick in 1770. This site in what is now Boone County, Kentucky has been preserved as Big Bone Lick State Park and is just south of Florence, Kentucky.

Now let us consider our early hunter. His weapon of choice was a thrusting spear with a clovis point. A clovis point was a spearhead that was knapped from available rock (chert, flint, quartz, etc.) and then fluted on both sides. It was then joined to a short smooth detachable shaft which was then inserted into a longer harpoon or thrusting spear. Our stone age hunter would then run up to his prey and thrust or shove his spear into the animal leaving the detachable head in the animal. Our hunter would then retreat and reload and spring back into the fray. If our hunters were brave and skilled they could bring down their mastodon and retrieve their ammunition.

Consider the size of these beasts. They weighted tons, could stand 8 feet tall at the shoulder and could have tusks that were 7 feet long. Having felled their prey, a fire would be built, the feasting would begin and I am sure that lots of bragging and the telling of tall tales would begin.

The Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum has both a Clovis Point and a Mammoth tooth on display so the next time you are in the museum check them out and let your imagination run wild.

Attributions: The Smokey Mountain News /
Ancient animals of the Blue Ridge / George
Ellison / Oct. 25-31, 2006

Merriam-Webster's Geographical
Dictionary / Third Edition /1998

Shop Safety

By Bernice Achilles, via CFMS

The clothing you wear while working with machinery is also important. Aprons, sleeves, long hair, etc., can easily become caught in a belt that is not properly placed or covered. All belts should be covered in such a way that nothing can get caught in them.

Rings on your fingers can get caught and tear off a finger. Watches can get caught and pull an arm into the machinery. Watches can also become magnetized by subjecting them to the static electricity generated around machinery.

Take the time to thoroughly inspect your shop and look at each piece of machinery critically to see if anyone could possibly get hurt by operating it. Take the time to fix anything that might be a hazard, either to you or anyone who might come into your shop and try to use your machines.

Do you have insurance to cover such things?

Source: Pick & Shovel, 11/2010
Via *Low Country Diggins* November 2012



Lon Peden and Tom Sterrett pictured working on iron fencing.

Bench Tips by Brad Smith

Adjustable Chuck For Dremels®

Many of us have a Dremel® motor tool to use at home or when out to a class or workshop. The one thing that makes this tool much more productive is the addition of one inexpensive option, an adjustable chuck.

The basic motor tool as sold typically comes with a collet chuck. This means you have to use a wrench to change every tool bit, you have to switch collets to use different shaft sizes (3/32 or 1/8 inch bits), and you can't use ordinary drills at all - only the special ones that have a 3/32 shaft.

A simple and inexpensive (\$10) adjustable chuck solves all of this. It's available in most large local hardware stores or model making outlets. Tightening the chuck is done easily by hand to any size shaft. No key is required.

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at
facebook.com/BenchTips/
or see "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon



Thief Swallows \$14k Diamond at Gem Show

A Chinese visitor to Sri Lanka's biggest gem and jewelry exhibition has been arrested for attempted theft after swallowing a diamond worth nearly \$14,000.

The 32-year-old Chinese man had asked the stall owner for a close inspection of the diamond on the opening day of Facets Sri Lanka, an annual exhibition in the capital Colombo.

"He had taken the diamond out of a display cabinet and appeared to be appraising it and suddenly put it in his mouth," said a police officer at the scene, who asked not to be named.

"The owner saw this and alerted us," he said, adding that the man was arrested and taken to Colombo National Hospital where he was to be given laxatives.

Police said the stall owner valued the missing diamond at 1.8 million rupees (\$13,340).

Sri Lanka does not mine diamonds but it has a large gem and jewelry industry and is famed for its blue sapphires.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-09-05/thiefswallows-2414k-diamond-at-gem-show/4245088>

Redneck Medical Dictionary

Rednecks have the lowest stress rate because they do not take medical terminology seriously You are going to die anyway, so live life.

Medical Term

Artery.....the study of paintings

Bacteria....back door to cafeteria

Barium.....what doctors do when patients die

Benign.....what you be, after you be eight

Caesarean Section.....a neighborhood in Rome

Cat scan.....searching for Kitty

Cauterize.....made eye contact with her

Colic.....a sheep dog

Coma.....a punctuation mark

Dilate.....to live long

Enema.....not a friend

Fester.....quicker than someone else

Fibula.....a small lie

Impotent.....distinguished, well known

Labor Pain.....getting hurt at work

Medical Staff.....a Doctor's cane

Morbid.....a higher offer

Nitrates.....rates of Pay for Working at Night, Normally more money than Days

Node.....I knew it

Outpatient.....a person who has fainted

Pelvis.....second cousin to Elvis

Post Operative.....a letter carrier

Recovery Room.....place to do upholstery

Rectum.....nearly killed him

Secretion.....hiding something

Seizure.....Roman Emperor

Tablet.....a small table

Terminal Illness.....getting sick at the airport

Tumor.....One plus one more

Urine.....opposite of you're out

Via Internet

**Frank B. Decaminada**

Frank died on December 25th, 2012. Many of you will recognize him from the SFMS meetings.

Frank B. Decaminada, of Alpharetta, GA, passed away early Christmas morning. After over 35 years with Rockwell International, Frank began his second career in gems and minerals.

He was an avid collector and was involved in the Georgia Mineral Society and Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society as well as other local and national organizations. He was instrumental in establishing the society's scholarship fund. He is survived by his wife Caroline,

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mineral Society's Mayo Educational Foundation, Inc. c/o William Waggener, 4138 Steve Reynolds Blvd., Norcross, GA 30093.

(More information in January's LODESTAR.)



Lucky Prospector Finds Huge Gold Nugget

A gold nugget with an estimated value of more than \$300,000 has been unearthed near Ballarat in Victoria's west.

An amateur prospector found the nugget weighing 177 ounces, or 5.5 kilograms, with a metal detector just outside Ballarat in a popular area for prospecting.

The owner of The Mining Exchange Gold Shop in Ballarat, Cordell Kent, said the find was one of the most significant in his 20 years in the business.

"Over that period the sum total of my finds would be just over 100 ounces (2.8 kilograms)," he said.

"We have 800 prospectors on our books and only a couple of those have ever found a nugget over 100 ounces.

"So there's only been one or two big pieces and they were found a long time ago."

Mr. Kent is seeking a buyer for the nugget on behalf of the lucky prospector, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Both expect the nugget to fetch more than \$300,000.

Mr. Kent said prospecting was becoming increasingly popular with gold valued at \$1,600 per ounce.

"A lot of people think Victoria's goldfields are dead and that there's none left, but he (the prospector) has worked in an area where a lot of people have worked in the past but he persisted and he's been rewarded.

"We are 162 years into the gold rush and it's never totally waned, it's just changed."

The prospector is relatively new to the hobby and was totally overwhelmed when he brought it into the shop, Mr. Kent said.

He found the nugget about 10.30am (AEDT) on Wednesday.

Mr. Kent would not reveal exactly where the nugget was found.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-01-17/lucky-pro prospector-strikes-huge-gold-nugget/4470016>

Lesser Known Laws

Author Unknown

- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people "appear" bright until you hear them speak.
- Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.
- Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability that you'll get it wrong.
- If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, on a hill, in the fog.
- The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first.
- The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- When going to court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people.

Source: SARM

Blue Agate News Needles Gem & Mineral Club
February 2010

American Federation of Mineralogical
Societies web site is at: <http://www.amfed.org>
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical
[ttp://www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms)

SFMS class information, schedules and registration
forms for Wildacres & William Holland can be
found at their website.



Quartz Var. Chalcedony

By - Dave Jacobson

This article will take a look at the cryptocrystalline species of quartz, SiO₂, silicon dioxide, called chalcedony.

These species are favorites among gemologists and lapidaries. These varieties of quartz are typically banded.

The microscopic crystals are arranged in slender fibers in parallel bands. It is common in rounded (mamillary) aggregates and nodules. It has a dull, waxy or vitreous luster. Hardness 6.5 to 7. Specific Gravity 2.58 to 2.64.

Chalcedony is primarily used as decorative stone and in the making of jewelry.

Rock quartz crystal has a specific gravity of 2.65.

Conchoidal fracture. Streak is white. Chalcedony is in the hexagonal crystal system. Actual chalcedony is the white bluish gray variety. It is sometimes almost colorless.

Varieties Of Chalcedony

Agate: All forms with banding (parallel to concentric).

The material can be transparent to opaque. Agate is named after the Achates (Drillo) River in Sicily. This was a major source of the gemstone, per Theophrastus, a Greek philosopher (372 - 287BC).

Bull's eye agate: The banding forms concentric circles.

Iris or fire agate: Iridescent resulting from thin layers of crystallized iron oxide.

Onyx: Black and white banding.

Sardonyx: Brown, ochre and white banding.

Heliotrope or Bloodstone: The variety of chalcedony called plasma with red hematite or jasper spots and blotches. Name derived from the Greek helio, meaning "sun" and "trepein" meaning "turning."

Carnelian: Translucent red brown to brick red material. Color due to hematite. Name derived from the Latin cornum, meaning "cornel berry" or "cornelian cherry"

Chrysoprase: Translucent apple green material. Coloring agent nickel. Also found with serpentine in some areas. Name comes from the Greek chrysos meaning "golden" and prase meaning "leek."

Moss Agate: Translucent light colored material. Black, brown, or green dendritic (branch like) inclusions. The inclusions are usually dark oxides. "Mocha Stone" is the moss agate from the Mocha, Yemen area.

Plasma: Leek to dark green opaque material. Coloring agent various green silicate minerals.

Prase: Transparent leek green material. Color due to chlorite inclusions.

Sard: Light to chestnut brown translucent material. Color due to iron oxides and hydroxides. Sard is named after the Greek Sardis, which was the capital of Lydia in Asia Minor.

Jasper: Massive, fine grained quartz mixed with other mineral material such as iron oxide. Color is typically in varying shades of red. It is a very common sedimentary rock. Takes its name from the Greek iaspis. This word is of oriental origin, but what it signifies is unknown.

Chert: Chalcedony deposited in spaces in sedimentary rock. Common in limestones.

Replacements: Chalcedony is a common replacement for organic matter such as shells, wood and bone. Sometimes this replacement is so perfect that microscopic details are preserved. Some petrified wood is a good example of chalcedony replacement. I have a specimen in my collection, which when viewed under magnification the cell structure of the wood is visible.

Fluorite, calcite, aragonite and many other minerals are also replaced by chalcedony.

One probable source for its name is an ancient town at the Bosphorus. Another source says it may derive its name from the ancient Greek Port of Chalcedon.

The following reference materials were used in preparing this article:

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on the Internet @ <http://mineral.galleries.com>

Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 99

From - The Rockhound Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches May 2009;
via *The Calgary Lap Journal* 6-2009

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin.

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM,
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Vulcan Limestone Mine
Brooksville, FL.

The meeting time will be 8:45 AM as we go into the mine in convoy at 9:00 AM. The gates are locked behind us so don't be late. If you are unavoidably detained, call Fred Hendershot (813-892-5864) or Carolee Boyles (813-431-4304).



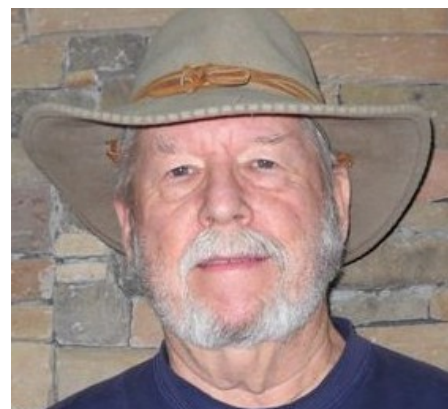
(condensed for publication.)

BE SAFE – BE WELL

Don Monroe - Safety Committee

Final Article

Things change and so is your Safety Committee. I have already discussed my situation with your new SFMS President, and you can expect a new chairman and maybe a new style of safety articles. I have been communicating with you since 2005 and have truly enjoyed the opportunity. I have moved to a new position, and as the new President of the American Federation, I will have plenty to do. I will do a short article each month for the American Newsletter, but they may be a little more formal than what you have become accustomed to.



It is the middle of the Holiday Season, and I want you to not let this be a Slack Time. You have new officers and some new committee chairs, and we must plan for the New Year. In order for our Southeast Federation to continue to grow and prosper there are some things that you can do.

The first thing that comes to my mind is the need to recruit new members at every level. We need more people that will agree to help, participate and do the work of the federation.

We need each member to examine their role in the federation and make sure that what we are doing is for the general good. If there are petty differences, we need to put them aside. We are a powerful group if we work together.

Lastly I encourage all of you to stay in touch. You know how to find me, and if I can assist you or your club or your committee or whatever, contact me. Those of you who are faced with the responsibility of producing articles can call me. I may have something useful in my archives.

My best to each of you.

Don

(*The Mountain Gem* Editor's comments: I have known Don and his wife Ann for many years through the SFMS and have found them to be a wonderful giving couple. They also donate their time to teach at William Holland.

He has now taken on the big responsibility of being the AFMS president. You can read his monthly comments on the AFMS website's newsletter.)

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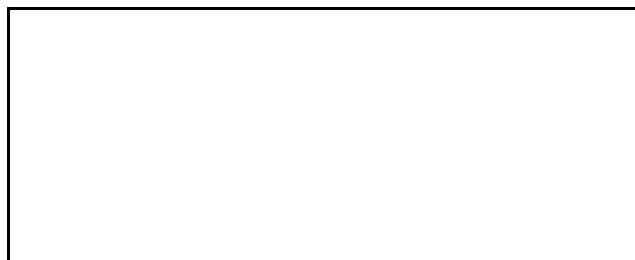
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Board and General Meetings for 2013

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	1 pm-5 pm Saturday	14 End of Year Party

General Meetings: 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month (note changes)
West Large Meeting Room of the Macon County
Community Facilities Building
HWY 441 S

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.

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