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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.

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.

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Phone: 828-369-7831

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American Federation (AFMS): www.amfed.org
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www.fgmm.org

General Meeting

Date: June 26, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Day: Thursday
Where: Community Center
on 441 South

Program: ***Local Indian Artifacts***
Presentation by Richard Hassell and
Lon Peden

**Arlon Eldridge, President**

I would like to thank everyone again for their hard work and dedication as our season has now started and we need all the help we can get.

We will be discussing what we all should be looking forward to for the next 4 or 5 months. See everyone at our next meetings

July Birthdays

2 – Fred Plesner
4 – Ina Raye Muncher
5 – Lee Burley
8 – Marty Martinez
12 – Jake Barr
15 – Rhoda Haber
16 -- Sonja Eldridge
16 – Sharon John
16 – Albert Moccia
18 – Marilyn Kolle



Ray Behr is accepting students for faceting II.

Signup sheet is located in museum meeting room on bulletin board or you may call him at home.

349-0827 or 342-6360



No anniversary celebrations to report.

Thank you **Claudette Rollins** for taking on the role of Membership chairman. Claudette is willing to learn the software for this job.

Linda Behr, as editor, will continue mailing and emailing the newsletter to the members. Please let her know where to mail the newsletter.

You can let Claudette or Linda know if there are any changes in the mailing address. Refer to inside cover of newsletter for contact information.



Minutes – May 27, 2014 – General Meeting

The Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Arlon Eldridge, at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Center building meeting room.

Minutes - Arlon asked for any corrections or additions to the April minutes and there were none.

Membership – Tonight we have 37 members and 12 guests present.

Vice President – Ray Behr apologized to visitors and explained that normally we meet in the larger room but the Sheriff's Department is meeting there tonight. Things will be back to normal next month.

Treasurer's Report – Norm Holbert reported for Marie Tsacrios.

Museum Manager – Al Pribble reported there had been three incidents of swarming insects at the museum and that Terminex is working on taking care of the problem. He stated the new a/c compressor is on the way and will cost us \$1800 versus \$8000 for repairing the system. He reported that the wheels on the Pixie grinder had been replaced.

Al asked that if you are hosting and someone comes in wanting to leave their brochures that "you are to take their phone number only" (not the brochures) and tell them that the museum manager will get in touch with them. Give Al their phone number.

Curator – Fred Plesner said that at the recent gem show he was given an Ethiopian opal and a garnet from Somalia to add to our museum collection.

Publicity – Fred relayed that we recently had a tour for 100 first grade students and that The Macon County News printed an article and pictures regarding same. Our State magazine mentioned our museum in one of their recent publications. The Methodist church is sponsoring Wacky Wednesday on June 18 and he will take specimens to show.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh thanked each member who hosted last month. During the gem show the museum was open from 10 until 4, which produced sales of \$300 in that one day. She thanked new member, Virginia Bennis, who assisted with planting some new plants around the museum. Anamay Rossomando is back from Florida for the summer and will be helping Elena. She reminded us that the new t-shirts are available for purchase at the museum; \$12 for members and \$15 to the public.

Education – Diane Aiello reported we had a tour recently consisting of 100 first grade students from Hayesville. Two more are scheduled: one on June 31 for cub scouts and their parents and another tour scheduled in July for which she needs hosts. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for that tour.

Old Business – Copies of the amended budget were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Arlon asked for a motion to accept the budget as amended. Norman Holbert made the motion, which was seconded by Marty Martinez. Voting was unanimous and the motion was carried.

Mother's Day Rock, Gem and Arts Show – Norm told us that last year with the Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the show, there were 12 vendors; this year we had 24 vendors. We realized a profit of \$3620. He gave special thanks to Fred Plesner and Jack Jungles for their continued very hard work and gave a big thank you to those who came and did demonstrations.

New Business – Arlon introduced Al Pribble's grandson who will be working with Arlon at the Cowee mine this summer.

John Hayes reported that two members will be teaching cabochon classes this summer: Laura Anderson and Deborah Wright.

John Hayes acknowledged Virginia Bennis and awarded her a certificate for having successfully completed the cabochon class.

John said there will be a special opportunity for members in June and July to make a 13 x 22 mm jade cabochon. Polishing will be in August. The cost is \$10 and there is a sign-up sheet available at the membership table. **Cont'd to next page**

General Meeting cont'd

John reminded everyone of the field trip to Ellijay on Sunday, June 1, to look for sapphires. Everyone will meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot at 6 p.m. and will car pool to the site. He said he will be available for any questions after tonight's meeting.

Arlon reported that we have acquired a new membership chairperson – Claudette Rollins – who will be replacing Linda Behr. He thanked Linda for her many years of service in this regard.

Dean Plesner spoke of Gail Anderson, daughter of recently deceased Jan Robles. Gail is selling jars of tumbled rocks (1½ pounds) for \$10.

Ray Behr announced that Chick Snyder, wife of Life member Dave Snyder, had recently passed away.

Linda Behr announced that the deadline for the newsletter will be June 13.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Garrett Morgan drew the tickets for door prizes that were won by six guests and five members.

Refreshments followed (thank you Elena, Tom and Dean). For tonight's program, Marty Martinez presented a video on The Good Enough Silver Mine in Tombstone, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Laura Anderson,
Virginia Bennis
and Deborah Wright

Gift Shop

By Elena Marsh



If this tourist season continues as it has started, the museum will definitely see many more visitors, both local and from other states and countries. This means that the gift shop will be a focal point of interest after the museum tour. Anamay Rossomando and I have worked very hard in selecting choice items for purchase, with prices unmatched by other shops in the area.

The museum continues to need two hosts each day for the six days a week we are open. Please remember this -- there are people in officer and duty positions for the museum BUT the club belongs to each and every member. This means that each member should participate in helping to keep the museum open each day that it is scheduled to be open. That means people need to commit to host at least one day a month. Please find time in your busy schedule (and we all have busy schedules!) to help keep the club and museum going.

On the front page of each newsletter, the statement – 'We are a working organization that operates and maintains the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum' is underlined.

When the monthly signup sheet is passed around during our club meeting, please don't just pass it on, take time to select at least one day that you can volunteer. Laura Anderson (calendar chairman) and Al Pribble appreciate you. Anamay and I appreciate you and we know the visitors who come to see the museum appreciate you. Please don't let visitors find a 'closed' sign on the door because of lack of volunteerism on our club's part. We all know how disappointed and upset we feel if we go somewhere to see a museum or a store that is scheduled to be open and is closed – let's not leave a bad impression of our museum and club in anyone's mind.

For those members who continue to commit time to host each month, thank you!! It is greatly appreciated.

See you in the museum soon! Elena



Eleven Gem & Mineral Society members on a night excursion with black lights in hand
(John Hayes – photographer)

One of the Last Prisoners

By Fred Plesner
For the Franklin Gem & Mineral
Museum



One of the last prisoners to be held at the “Old Macon County Jail” was a murderer. I have been able to find only one mention of the event in the local paper and I can only assume that the town would have been abuzz with the news for several weeks on end.

William Frank Guffey, a Macon County farmer, was charged with the killing of his 16 year-old-step-son, Lawrence Deitz, at their home on October 2, 1970. At the time of his arrest William Guffey admitted to the shooting and made no attempt to resist arrest. Some concerns had been locally expressed about when the case would be brought to trial but the matter was resolved during the December 1971 term of the Macon County Superior Court.

During the trial, Guffey, through his attorney, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder and the plea was accepted by the state. Judge Fred H. Hasty then pronounced a sentence of “Not less than 17 years nor more than 20 years.”

Member News

Reporting by Linda Behr

Tartan Day at the museum was a very, very busy day. I apologize for not taking any pictures of the hosts. We had Tommy and Elena Marsh on the outside with items from our gift shop. Ron and Anamay keep the gift shop going as well as hosting in the museum. Faithful Fred Plesner was slicing geodes with the children. One didn't want to do it earlier but came back later in the afternoon after seeing her brother slice one. The tent was put up after the sun came out. A welcome relief for the gift shop workers. Ray Behr stayed upstairs most of the time. Linda Behr helped in the museum as well as Christine Hubinger. Al Pribble and John Hayes were anywhere needed. Everyone kept very busy with the visitors.

We have some sad news. Chick Snyder has died. She was in the comfort of her home with Dave. These two are Life time members. She was the gift shop manager for many years while Dave ran the museum as a manager.

Wally and Doris Smith are here but arrived to many problems with their home. It may be awhile before we see them at the museum.

Marilyn Kolle has returned and living in her camper at Corundum Hill Campground. Her phone number is still the same.



**Rednecks have the lowest stress rate because
they do not understand the seriousness of most medical terminology**

Via Internet

Medical Term

Redneck Definition

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



Memorable Quotes

Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music.
Ronald Reagan

I've had a few arguments with people, but I never carry a grudge. You know why? While you're carrying a grudge, they're out dancing.
Buddy Hackett

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.
Abraham Lincoln



July's Mystical Birthstone - Ruby
By Ted Robles for *The Mountain Gem* June 2007

"Ruby," the name for the red variety of the mineral Corundum, is the July birthstone in several classifications. Chemically, it is Aluminum oxide, the red color being caused by a Chromium impurity. Mineralogically, it is in the hexagonal system, hardness 9, Specific Gravity 4.0 ± 0.1 , no cleavage, transparent, translucent, or opaque, depending on the concentration and type of impurities, adamantine luster, infusible and insoluble, fluoresces red under long-wave ultraviolet light. The phenomenon known as "Asterism," caused by parallel bundles of rutile fibers along the crystallographic "c" axis gives rise to attractive and desirable stones known as "Star" rubies, while the transparent purplish variety known as "Pigeon Blood" is the most sought after, some specimens being more valuable than diamonds of similar carat weight.

There are probably more legends associated with Rubies than with any other gemstone; so many in fact that space prohibits listing of them; however, most of them revolve around the alleged self-luminescent property of the gem, which East Indian myth tells us lights up the home of the gods.

Most rubies come from Burma or India, while some are to be found in China and Sri Lanka. They have been found in Montana, and among the finest originate near Franklin, North Carolina, which fact has caused the local Chamber of Commerce to proudly call Franklin "The Gem Capital of the World."

Most of the mystical properties of Ruby are, as one would imagine, associated with energy, particularly sexual, since it is a strong "Root Chakra" stone, imparting positive energy to the center at the base of the spine. It is alleged to bring Joy, Love, Wealth, Power, and Sexual Prowess, strengthening physical and emotional love. It is alleged to be protective of worldly goods, hearth and home and children, and strongly protects against psychic attack. Intensifies pre-existing emotions, whether positive or negative, and will redound to the punishment of one who attempts to use it for negative purposes.

In healing, it is alleged to aid in control of blood sugar, stimulation of circulation, reproductive organ infections, clots, aids in treatment of any and all circulatory disorders. It furnishes energy after becoming exhausted, and warmth when chilled. In other properties, it is supposed to aid in visualization and motivation for success, and is a stone of great virtue in that it promotes healing on all levels, being possessed of intrinsic power and strong energy.

In short, it is a useful stone that should have a place among anyone's collection. While large, flawless, transparent gems can carry the price of a house, it is not necessary to be a millionaire to afford rubies; smaller stones, or opaque cabochons are also quite handsome, and well within the reach of most people's purses, while those who are fortunate enough to find them in a local deposit around Franklin might cut them personally. They are stones worth having.

Sources:

Prinz et al, Simon and Schuster's Guide to Rocks and Minerals New York, 1978

Verrill, A. H., Grossett & Dunlap, New York, 1939

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www.peacefulmind.com/stones2.htm

**Museum
cleaning in
April**



Program Report

By Rex Larkin

We started off May's program(s) with a short presentation by Will Heierman, from Houston, Texas, who visits the local Cherokee Mine (a club member) in May and June. Mr. Heierman spends some summer months in Montana near the Missouri River. This evening he brought some corundum, sapphires and rubies from his collection, which also included specimens from the now defunct Jacob's Mine, one of my favorite hunting spots in Franklin.

Mr. Heierman also brought from his larger collection samples from: Kashmir, Cambodia, and Malawi; gold nuggets from Montana; ruby crystals from South Africa; and rutiled cabochons from North Carolina. Will has over 4,000 specimens in his collection and we were privileged to see some excellent samples. We appreciate it, Will.

The main program was presented by Marty Martinez. It concerned a Tombstone, Arizona trip that Marty, Arlon, and his son-in-law made together in February 2013. Incidentally, after his program, in a futile search through the wilds of cable television that didn't show unkempt men and fat children in front of storage units, I came across a show about the Tombstone mines, and it was excellent.

Anyway, the main founder, if you will, of the Tombstone Mine, Ed Schieffelin, was quite an adventurer. The name Tombstone was used by him because the locals said that was all he was going to find, and it would be his. This era was in the 1860s, and the lower Arizona territories were still dangerous frontier: Apache attacks by Geronimo and other bands made for many deaths of miners and ranchers. Not many people know that Geronimo wasn't captured, I believe until the 1890s.

Schieffelin partnered with his brother Al and a mining engineer, Richard Gird, in a handshake deal that made all three of them multi-millionaires after all was said and done.

In a quixotic quest, (for Ed was always the world-wanderer) his winding up in Arizona, and finding the mother lode, was estimated at between \$600 million and \$2.3 billion, depending on whose figures one chooses. Marty and Arlon's program showed the haunting aftermath of those finds; the incredible working conditions-carving out rock in candle-only light, the claustrophobic conditions, the ten-hour six-day workweeks; though the money was good for its time (\$4.00 a day) and Tombstone aboveground, held its own worldly fascinations. It was in their film, and the Discovery Channel footage, that one saw the incredible determination of men in pursuit of wealth. Old artifacts are still strewn about the mines, and many of the tunnels are left unexplored today, when the mines hit the groundwater level some 500 feet down, mining activity for all practical purposes ceased. Rumor has it that there is a possibility of some mining being resumed today, and of course, Tombstone is a thriving tourist town now.

This program was fascinating because of its depth; not only did we learn about the methods, mainly by hand, of mining but also about the inventions of all those years and improvements. Three hundred miles of tunnels, 2,000 mines, \$25,000 dollars per day spilled out of this dream formed initially by a trio of men. All this knowledge interspersed with facts from Marty and Arlon made for a great show.

Good job, guys.

**Pictures by
Al Pribble**



**Museum Cleaning
Workers in April**



LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS? - HECK NO! ARACHNIDS!!!

Mel Albright, Chair, Safety

http://www.amfed.org/a_safetyAFMS1.htm#Spiders

Arach-what? Well, Spiders, if you weren't scared by the motion picture starring a few million of them. Spring and Fall are prime times for people and spiders to interact - not always to the spider's advantage. Spiders love warm, indoor places - quiet ones - and wood, brush, and rock piles.

Shoes, seldom used closets, rock storage, under tables and chairs, outdoor stone piles, wood piles (like firewood), debris piles (like from the garden or yard), unused cabins, laundry piles, and the like are the domain of the three spiders that people should look out for. The three are the black widow spider, the fiddleback spider, and, one that may be new to you, the hobo spider.

The renowned black widow is a hairless shiny black spider with a red or yellow hourglass on her belly. (Yeah, I know, I don't wait to turn them over, either.) The females are 12 to 18 mm. in body diameter, so they aren't too hard to spot - except they place their nests under things and out of sight. They rarely kill anyone but their bite may leave you thinking they have. From 10 minutes to an hour after a bite come muscle spasms, burning, cramps, nausea and dizziness. Vomiting may also occur. Stone piles, log piles, rarely used sheds, and other debris piles are favored by this one.

(In the old days), it was on the underside of the outhouse seat - especially dangerous for men.) The fiddleback or (brown recluse) is a pale brown to reddish with a dark violin shape on its back. Its body is 8 to 14 mm. It is the most dangerous spider. Its venom is stronger than pit viper snake's venom. Its bite may cause fever, chills, headache, and sometimes death. The bite may also ulcerate and cause tissue loss that doesn't heal - even causing permanent damage. If you find a bite with a reddish spot in the middle and a whitish halo around it, go directly for medical help. (I've felt this one, so I can say the bite also hurt like heck.) Basement crannies, clothes piles (even in bed with you!), and other dark places are preferred spots. (Mine was under my riding mower seat with the mower in a dark, rarely used barn.)

The hobo spider is an import and has spread from ports. It is considered the most common indoor spider in the U.S. They are brown and their body is from 10 to 15 mm.

They attack where other spiders run. Their nests are funnel shape. Their bite leaves a spot and a halo like the fiddleback's bite and can cause 2 to 6 inch blister that take up to 6 months to heal and sometimes require surgical removal before healing is possible. The bites may also cause short term memory and vision loss, nausea, headaches, and fatigue. In rare instances, the bite can kill. They are most likely to move indoors with you when the weather starts changing in the fall. In the fall, they also mate and are particularly touchy and aggressive. They like wood piles, crawl spaces, barns, haystacks, and undisturbed clutter.

All three occur in every continental state. The fiddleback is most common in the south and the mid-west. The hobo is very common in the Pacific Northwest. The Black widow is everywhere except Alaska.

If you are bitten: Light bites require light use of ice packs and cortisone cream. Bulls-eye bites or those with other symptoms require immediate medical care. If you're bitten, try to kill the spider and take it with you for identification.

Reference: Center for Disease Control; United States Department of Agriculture

Via: January, 2014 *Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club News*



Newsletter deadline is July 3rd, Thursday.
It is earlier due to July Gemboree.
Gemboree Dates: July 24-27;
Thursday through Sunday.
Co-sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce.
Monthly meeting will be July 17.

From Linda, editor: Spider bites can cause life long effects. Do not hesitate to go to the hospital.

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of the Tennessee Valley Rock and Mineral Club (Chattanooga, TN)(HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the Gem & Mineral society of Franklin, NC

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Central Time

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Place: GRUETLI-LAARGER, TN ON THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU

Time: Saturday, August 16, 2014 - 8 :00 AM to 2:00 PM - Central Daylight Saving Time

Meet: Monteagle Tenn , exit 134 on I-24. meeting place is west of I-24 in Piggly Wiggly parking lot , on left approx 1/2 Mile. There is no cell service after we leave the meeting area, late arrivals should call prior to 8 AM to let us know so someone can wait.

Cost: Free

Children are welcome under adult supervision.

What to find: Hunt area is in a wilderness area without facilities, easy access to abundant Mississippian and Pennsylvanian fern and tree bark fossils, some iron impregnated/red specimens are found. Park along road at the site.

WARNING : POISON IVY AND VENOMOUS SNAKES IN THE AREA. BE PREPARED!

What to bring: gloves, buckets, pry bar, trowel, rock hammer, boots, gloves, long sleeve shirt. change of clothes (you may get wet), newspaper to wrap fossils, drink and food. SUN BLOCK and bug spray!

For further information call Jack Weaver 423 596 0640, Charlie Jones 423, 563 4479

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An Official Field Trip of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Jackson, Miss. **(HOST)**

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

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Bayou Pierre River, Copiah County, Mississippi

(Complete information on museum bulletin board or from editor at themountaingem@fastmail.fm)

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

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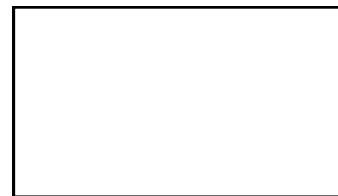
To collect field trip information from its member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

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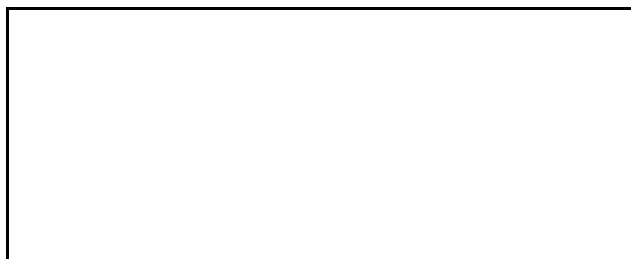
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June Program: Local Indian Artifacts



Month	Board Meeting	General
June	24	26
July	15	17
August	26	28
September	23	25 Banquet
October	28	30
November	18	20
December	9	13 end of Year party 1—5 P.M.

49th Annual July Gemboree

Gemboree Dates: July 24-27;
Thursday through Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 11 am- 4 pm.
Co-sponsored with the
Chamber of Commerce.

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.