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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.

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



The Franklin Gem and Mineral
Museum

25 Phillips Street
Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 828-369-7831

(In the Old Jail House)

FREE ADMISSION

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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American Federation Bulletin Awards

1994 (7th), 1995 (2nd),
1996 (2nd), 1997 (5th),
1998 (5th), 1999 (3rd),
2000 (5th), 2004 (7th),
2005 (2nd) 2006 (10th)
2008 (5th) 2010(3rd)



Southeast Federation Bulletin Awards

1976, 77, 78, 79, 92, 94, 95
1996-99 (1st)
2003 2nd New Editor
2004 (2nd), 2005 (2nd)
2006 (1st), 2008 (2nd),
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: July 17, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Day: Thursday
Where: Community Center
on 441 South

Program:

Ice Cream Social
Club will provide ice cream
and cake.



You may bring toppings for ice cream.

**Arlon Eldridge, President**

From the president

I would just like to thank every one that has worked many hours at the museum. I would like to see more members sign up for this job as our membership is increasing. The same members are doing all the work. Also a special thanks to Elena Marsh and all her helpers for an outstanding job with our gift shop. I think everyone was happy with our program at the last meeting with Lon and Richard, thanks guys.

We will have some very important people from all over the state visit our Museum in August. I will let All Pribble explain about this at our next board and regular meeting.

The tables are now all gone thank goodness. We are still working on our AC. Now that the holiday is gone I will have a little more time to get on this and get it finished.

Hope to see everyone at our next meetings.
Thanks.

Attention Members:

Nominations for 2015 officers will be announced at the July meeting. Any name may be submitted from the floor.

Please contact Lon Peden (371-8450) or Joan Bohmann (524-3107) if you want to be added to ballot.

In August, we will vote for the officers. No nominations may be taken in August since there will be a ballot with preprinted names.

President Arlon has advised us that there is an older issue of The Constitution that we must follow. Therefore we will now vote on a Museum Manager as well as those listed on the inside copy of this newsletter under 2013-2014 Officers and Board of Directors.

In this newsletter, description of the duties of these board positions are from the past. We do not know what the future will hold.

Do not be shy. Please offer to fill a needed position.

Who knows, you might be that very special person to help develop this wonderful society and museum.

According to Arlon, Attorney Richard Jones is working on updating our By/Laws.



Minutes – June 26, 2014
The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Arlon Eldridge at 6:42 PM in the Community Center meeting room. Minutes - Arlon asked if there were any changes or additions to the May 2014 minutes. There being none, they were accepted as printed.

Membership - There were 34 members (3 new members) and 14 guests present.

Treasurer's Report - Norm Holbert gave the report in Marie Tsacrios' absence. In May we had a deficit of \$2208.02 due to show expenses and gift shop purchases.

Museum Manager - Al Pribble sent a museum hosting sheet around for July with emphasis on the Folk Festival on July 19th.

Curator - Fred Plesner reported that he has a large collection of arrowheads to be identified by Lon Peden and Richard Hassell.

Publicity - Fred Plesner also reported that he gave a talk and demo at the Library for approximately 20 children.

Gemboree - Fred passed around a sheet to sign up for hosting and demonstrating at the July show on Thursday through Sunday, the 24th through the 27th.

Gift Shop - Elena Marsh thanked the hosts who were at the museum on Tartan's Day and Fred Plesner with the geodes. She reported there were over 120 visitors to the museum on that day. She was also outside selling items and T-shirts. She will be selling shirts tonight.

Education - Diane Aiello showed some of the Thank You notes from the students at Cherokee school for their demonstrations. Diane asked for people to volunteer to host two school groups on July 31st at 11AM and 2PM.

Publicity - Linda Behr announced the deadline for the newsletter is July 3rd.

Old Business

Arlon announced that all of the old wood tables have been sold and the people should pay for them tonight. New tables will be purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the old tables. Arlon also announced that he expects the AC unit will be fixed next week.

Nominating Committee - Lon Peden reported that they are taking names for the following positions: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; Museum Manager and to Board positions which will be vacated this year. If any member is interested in any of these positions, contact Lon Peden (371-8450) or Joan Bohmann (524-3107). At the July meeting all candidates will be announced, and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will be held at the August meeting.

Field Trip - John Hayes reported that the field trip was enjoyed by all, even the one who fell in the creek. John also reported that he is still working with people on the jade project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM. Refreshments and door prizes followed with a program on Indian Artifacts by Lon Peden and Richard Hassell.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Behr (in the absence of our Secretary, Susan Fritz)

Do you have an extra microwave oven to donate to the museum for our hosts.



John Hayes has tried to glue the broken piece from the door, but it keeps coming off.



President

Preside at all meetings of the organization, preparing agenda in advance of each meeting to provide for the orderly flow of business and items to be brought before the board and/or membership.

Designate appointees for all committee chairmen (i.e.: curator, refreshment, etc.); then present to the Board for their approval in compliance with provisions set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. These chairmen should be in place by October 1st, if possible. Notify the editor so that these names can be entered in the newsletter.

Assist the committee chairmen, when necessary, on the appointing of committee members to their committee.

The President is an ex-officio member of ALL committees, except the Nominating Committee. (Refer to Constitution and By-Laws.)

The President initiates new business to be brought before the board/membership.

Initiates new committees, if and as needed (i.e. Pumpkin Fest, Winter Wonderland (December), parades, etc.), and any special projects not already falling within an existing committee's duties.

Be open to, and try to be aware of all activity within the Society.

Receive Board approval before corresponding as President of the Society.

Present a monthly "Message from the President" to the newsletter editor in a timely manner for publication in *The Mountain Gem*.

Book the meeting room for General Meetings for the year. We presently hold our General Meetings at the Macon County Community Facilities Building located on US 441. It is important to reserve these meeting dates for the year during the end of December or the beginning of January as the rooms fill up quickly. WE RESERVE THE LARGE ROOM with a podium and microphone. This room is on the highway's side. As soon as the yearly dates are reserved, contact the editor so that they can be printed in *The Mountain Gem*.

In addition to the above, it is important the President be aware of any additional provisions set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws; as well as the Standing Rules of the Society. It is helpful to review those documents on a regular basis and to have a copy available for reference if needed at ALL meetings of the Society and the Board.

Should have a computer at home (or assign someone) to access/receive any messages pertaining to the Society via e-mail. Club has an e-mail address. President must be able to fill out any forms from SFMS or can assign someone else.

Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in their absence and, in addition may be assigned specific administrative duties by the President. The Vice President should work closely with the President.

The Vice President notifies each officer and board member of impending meetings.

Refer to President's job for more details.

Each monthly General Meeting and Board Meeting should be attended. If unable, the President must be notified. A quorum is required at each meeting.

Director

The elected Director shall serve a term of two years.

The Director may be called upon for certain projects when necessary.

The Director should attend every Board Meeting and General Meeting. If unable to attend a meeting, the President must be notified. A quorum is required at each meeting.

Secretary

The secretary is responsible for recording each Board and General meeting. These recordings must be kept for at least a year.

After typing the minutes, a copy is e-mailed to the editor. The deadline for publication is printed in the monthly newsletter. A second copy is filed with the treasurer's report, any proposals and any other item deemed necessary from the meeting. These are then filed in the office in the metal filing cabinet designated for "minutes."

Cards with the "little miner" are found in the office computer under "shared documents." These can be printed on cardstock. The Secretary shall be responsible for the mailing of appropriate sympathy and get well cards, thank you notes and any other correspondence as directed by the President.

All records of sending cards to members must be printed in the monthly minutes in the *Mountain Gem*.

The Secretary should attend every Board Meeting and General Meeting. If unable to attend a meeting, the President must be notified. A quorum is required at each meeting.

Be prepared to give a report on any activity at the meetings should the President request.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, and monies from other sources, pay all bills and present monthly financial statements at each meeting of the Board of Directors and at each meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall work closely with the Chairman of the Membership Committee on receipt of dues from members.

The Treasurer shall deposit all monies of the Society in a financial institution designated by the Board of Directors and co-sign checks and vouchers issued for payment of Society obligations as required in the By-Laws. A reasonable amount shall be kept in the petty cash fund for small expenses.

All bills must be paid for with a gem society check and signed by two of the following: Treasurer, President, Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.

The Treasurer must become familiar with the Checkbook Transaction Register in the computer using the Quicken Program. The Treasurer must become intimately familiar with the Society's expense and income categories that have been created in the Quicken Program. All income, expense, and petty cash transactions must be posted with an income or expense category assigned to the transaction. The Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer serve on the Finance Committee and follow the recommendations as outlined in the Finance Committee guidelines.

The Assistant Treasurer will assist the Treasurer when necessary and assume the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer. This includes signing checks and making deposits as requested. These two should be currently up to date with all financial activities.

A review of the books will be scheduled and conducted after each fiscal year. A written report shall be presented to the Board of Directors at its November meeting. A summary of audit shall be presented to the membership.

The Treasurer should attend every Board Meeting and General Meeting. If unable to attend a meeting, the President must be notified with the Assistant Treasurer presenting the necessary report. A quorum is required at each meeting.

A Remembrance of Chick Snyder

By Shirley Baughman

Chick passed away on May 25, 2014 at the age of 91 at her home in Largo, Florida. She and her beloved husband Dave had been married for 71 years and one of the most devoted couples I have ever known. They were not only devoted to each other but they both put their hearts and souls into the Gem and Mineral Club and the Gem Museum for many, many years....probably at least 25 years. As you know, Chick served as the Gift Shop Manager and Dave as the Museum Manager with each giving tirelessly of their time and devotion during those years with the Gem Club and the Museum. Dave served as the Gemboree Chairman for many years and also was an instructor in wire-wrapping at the Lapidary School in Young Harris, Georgia. The Gem Club was very fortunate to have the two of them as such dedicated, hard working members for all those years. Both my husband and I enjoyed and valued their friendship.



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Member news

Reporting by Linda Behr

Wally and Doris Smith had to return to Florida because of Wally's health. While they were here, their son helped dry up all the leaking water from under their home...a real mess. Winterizing didn't work too well for their home.



Sharon John has returned from Beaufort, SC after attending her granddaughter's graduation. She's already busy helping Fred Plesner with the curator job.

Claudette Rollins made a trip to Georgia for her daughter's birthday...a celebration for the whole family. I got to meet her one daughter Claudia at the June General Meeting.

I have been advised NOT to publish health issues regarding our members. What do you think??? Let me know about this issue.

Della Samuel has returned and she and Tom Gadsden were at the last meeting. Tom's wife, Sandy is also joining our club.

Gift Shop

From Elena Marsh

Whew, June sure was a busy month! Visitors to the museum continue to enjoy the specimens the 'old jail' has on display. Thank you goes out to the hosts who volunteer their time to keep the museum open 6 days a week.



The gift shop inventory and displays continue to grow and change as the weeks go by. Anamay and I are anticipating an active shopping adventure when the July gem show rolls into town. Be on the lookout for different selections of jewelry items as the summer continues.

When your relatives and friends come to visit you, delight them with a visit to the museum! And remind them that it is never too early to shop for Christmas!

A Poisonous Affair

By Fred Plesner for the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum

I got the story all wrong and I do apologize for all the errors that I have repeated over and over again. I have often told the story of a woman from Macon County who killed her husband by feeding him an arsenic laced cake way back in the 1930s. There was such a woman but the details were wrong and here is the correct story as detailed in the *Franklin Press*.

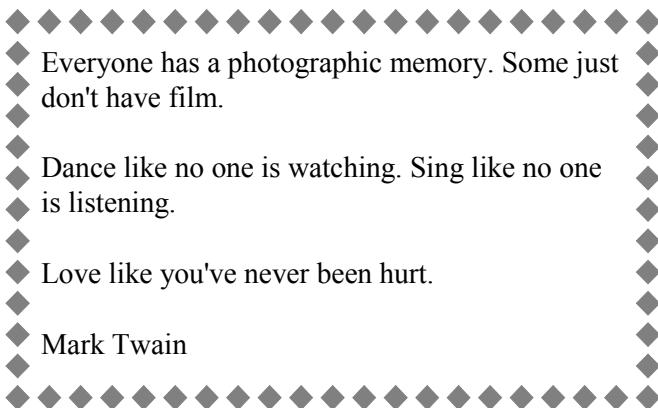
On Friday, December 5th, 1929 Bill Scruggs, a black man, was rushed to the offices of Doctor W. A. Rogers, a Macon County physician. Mr. Scruggs was having difficulty breathing, had muscle spasms and was in great pain. Dr. Rogers, upon examining the man, suspected poisoning and notified the Sheriff's office. Mr. Scruggs died and an immediate investigation into the circumstances was begun and Mr. Scruggs' dog was found dead.

The Following day, Saturday, December 6th, 1929 Minnie Scruggs, daughter of the now deceased Bill Scruggs, and her sweetheart, J. E. Parrish were charged with 1st degree murder for the death of her father. Minnie Scruggs is alleged to have confessed to the county jailer, William Edwards that she and Parrish had put strychnine in salmon Croquets which had been prepared for her father's supper. The table scraps had then been fed to Mr. Scruggs' dog. Minnie later denied ever making any confession regarding her father's death.

A state chemist, in Raleigh, stated in a letter to Dr. W. A. Rogers that a sufficient quantity of strychnine had been found in Mr. Scruggs' stomach contents as well as that of his dog to cause death. Additional tests were to be run to confirm the cause of death.

Minnie Scruggs and her paramour J. E. Parrish were bound over to the February 1930 term of the superior court.

Attributes: *The Franklin Press*
Jan. 16, 1930



Join us for our July ice cream social.



According to the Gemological Institute of America, there is no such thing as a "semi-precious" stone.

If it's from Mother Nature and a gemstone, it is automatically precious.

Source: *Pegmatite*-San Diego, via *Blue Agate News* February 2010

Program Report

By Rex Larkin

Our June program, presented by Richard Hassell and former club president Lon Peden, was on Indian artifacts; and an informative program it was. Not only were we given invaluable tips on finding and identifying artifacts, we were also treated to a wonderful sampling on differing groups, many of them from our own area.

A word here: several years ago. WLOS-TV, on their evening news program, announced a settlement had been found west of Asheville, dating back 10,000 years. For obvious reasons, the site was not identified, pending archeological research, and I have heard nothing since.

Anyway, it would seem that the Cherokee are but one tribe in a long lineage to settle in this area. Our land, especially near rivers, was treasured for proximity for fishing (many of the fish traps, called weirs, can still be found along the “Little” Tennessee river), hunting for the many species of prey, farming, and also for the clay found, which was suitable for pottery.

Patterns were made on this pottery by using wooden paddles. Large bowls, and here Richard showed several excellent specimens, were used for the village; smaller vessels for family use. Since many other tribes predating and along with the Cherokee, including the Cree and the Tasse, there were several distinctive patterns, and these have been very useful in dating these vessels, in addition to contemporary methods.

Also, there was extensive trading between tribes in Alabama and Tennessee, and though not mentioned, tribes in Georgia, the so-called Qualla area.

We see the evolution or the idea that weapons became more refined, sharper if you will, as Native-Americans became more adept at hunting. With the coming of the horse from the Spanish in the 1400s, they could go after more mobile prey, and thus had to have more powerful i.e. pointed weapons to bring them down. By showing the evolution from blunt shapeless objects to the simple beauty of a knapped arrow head and spear point, it made things easier for us novices to find and identify these objects in the wild.

A wealth of information was shared by both Lon and Richard about the ancestors of these lands, coupled with the many excellent examples brought by both men to illustrate their field trips. Richard has not only been doing this for two decades—he has managed through his finds to get others interested. He reckons he has gotten persons to donate over \$30,000 to CareNet, certainly a worthy charity, instead of paying him for what he has found.

In the past, many artifacts were destroyed when there was clearing of the land. Bulldozers were used thus destroying many artifacts; having to glue them for restoration. Now they are carefully removed intact to preserve the artifacts.

Truly, dedicated conservators of everyone’s heritage, both are to be commended, and thanked for sharing their passion with us.



Fire Safety,

Bob Green, Safety Chairperson
May 2014 Lodestar

Special Note: If you have your headlights set on Auto, some vehicles have only the headlights on, no tail lights. We have had a couple of our guys at work stopped by the highway patrol on the basis of no tail lights. The wife and I were travelling in separate cars one day in a drizzly day and the car she was driving had the lights on auto and no tail lights. So check your vehicle.

August Birthdays

3 – Paul Anderson
6 -- Ian Barrier
6 – Linda Smith
6 – Garrett Morgan
11 – Laura Anderson
12 – Amy Barr
22 – John Greist
22 – Edward Magness
25 – Art Zoekler
31 -- Arlon Eldridge

**August Anniversaries**

3 – John and Mary Greist
3 – Tom & Linda Sterrett
9 – Doug & Jane Morgan
14 – Gary & Susan Gaetano
30 – Fred & Dean Plesner
31 – Neal & Nancy Hearn



Newsletter deadline is
August 7th
for the next newsletter.

(Condensed for publication)

Bosch is harnessing the power of zeolites in some of its new dishwashers.

By Tyler Wells Lynch September 26, 2012

So What Is Zeolite?

In the world of dishwashing, Bosch is the only brand to have developed a technology that makes use of zeolites.

Without getting too scientific, here's how Bosch's Zeolite technology works: At the end of a wash cycle, moisture in the wash tub is churned into a container of zeolite "pebbles" beneath the main cavity. There, it undergoes a natural chemical process of adsorption, the byproduct of which is intense heat—enough to boil water. (Bosch reports that simply blowing moist air over a handful of dry zeolite pearls will cause the material to become painfully hot.) The remaining moisture in the wash tub is gradually siphoned out of the tub and sucked in by the zeolite.

The result is an extremely fast dry cycle, less energy consumption, and very dry dishes. Even more amazing is that, when a new wash cycle is begun and the heating element engaged, the adsorbed water is released back into the wash tub, thereby readying the minerals for another dry cycle. So in simple terms, the material is self-replenishing, and it never needs to be replaced. Ever.

It may seem unimaginable that a faster, self-replenishing product with a stronger drying performance is also more environmentally efficient, but it's true. Because the energetic properties of zeolite are the result of natural chemical reactions, no electricity is needed to engage it.

The interior of Bosch's dishwasher with zeolite tech. Zeolite is stored in the glowing-red cavity in the back. You'll never have to touch it.

While Bosch is the only brand to have developed a zeolite patent, they're not Apple—they probably can't afford to put the kibosh on competitors' attempts to create their own version of a zeolite drying system (zeolite detergents have been used in washing machines for decades). So this only strengthens the mineral's prospect as the dishwasher technology of the future—much like enzymes replaced phosphates as the dominant agent in detergents.

Source: http://www.dishwashersinfo.com/Features/The-Magic-Mineral-in-Boschs-New-Dishwasher.htm?utm_source=outbrain_recirc&obref=obinsite

Safety Matters - The Eyes Have It!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair *EFMLS News* -- June -July, 2014

The eyes have it all! They do! They give us depth perception, amazing colors, pattern perception in that pretty jasper slab. Our eyes draw back the curtain on our window to the world.

Judging by experiences with all manner of rock and mineral collecting, it appears that the vast majority of our field identification of minerals and rocks is performed by visual means alone. Indeed, we use our eyes to judge the mating of facets on that stone we are cutting, to lay out the cabochon template on that pretty slab of jasper, to follow the visual clues of the trail as we hike to that long lost rock quarry. There is an endless variety of how we use our eyes in our hobby. Our eyes allow us to enjoy many areas of our rock, mineral, fossil hobby that we might otherwise be unable to pursue.

So, why do I see so many folks pursuing the hobby without protection for the valuable resource that is their vision? I see folks hammering rock, grinding stones, working in dusty environments, spending hours in the blinding bright sun-light, all without benefit of suitable eye protection. It seems strange that folks would so risk the precious gift of sight.

I have heard numerous reasonable-sounding arguments as to why protection was not being used during vision-risking tasks. Excuses such as: "my goggles were accidentally left home"; "the goggles' elastic straps are worn out and no longer hold them in place"; "the goggles are too scratched or hazy to see through"; "the goggles were run over by a truck"; "the lenses keep falling out"; "they are uncomfortable to wear"; and other excuses too numerous to list. Well, trust me on this one, there are numerous solutions to these problems. Goggles are cheap (relative to the cost of eye surgery or vision loss). Lots of places sell goggles. Most hardware, grocery, department stores sell them. One does not need to visit a rock shop to find goggles. Please consider keeping an extra pair or two on hand.



There are replacement lenses available for many styles of goggles. New and replacement goggle straps can be made from elastics found in sewing, fabric and yard goods stores. Store goggles in a protective box or case. Keep them in the collecting bag so they are not inadvertently left home. Goggles are ill-fitting? There are numerous goggle styles. Visit a store and try on various kinds to locate ones you find comfortable.

Can't find well-fitting goggles? There are other ways to protect one's eyes such as face shields, prescription safety glasses, safety glasses that fit over one's own regular prescription glasses, and aviator style goggles -- among others.

Please consider protecting your precious gift of sight. We also hope you use that precious gift to keep reading these safety matters columns.

Your safety matters.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'....

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.

Via Internet

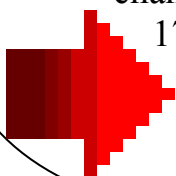
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Meeting date has
changed to July
17th due to
July
Gemboree



Month	Board Meeting	General
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.