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A schedule of our monthly meetings is on the back cover of *The Mountain Gem* as well as on the Society's webpage. Meetings are held at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, Highway 441 South, Franklin, N.C. Visitors are always welcome.

Forms for membership can be obtained by attending a meeting. Two meetings are requested before joining.

Dues are \$15 for first family member with \$10 for each additional member. Members under 18 years of age dues are \$3. Membership privileges include newsletter and attending Dixie Mineral Field Trips.

The objectives of this society shall be to effect a close association of those persons who are interested in the study of gems, rocks and minerals and the arts and sciences related to them. We are a working organization that operates and maintains the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum.

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

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Franklin Gem Museum and Society:
www.fgmm.org

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October Meeting

Date: October 29, 2015
Day: Thursday
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Robert C Carpenter Community Building on 441 South

Program: Arlon Eldridge and Al Pribble

Will present an "exciting" program on quartz.

November Birthdays

2 - Charlene Galbrecht
 8 - Janet Hayles
 10 - Diana Jurrs
 17 - Della Samuel
 17- Virginia Bennis

**November Anniversaries**

25 - Steve & Sherlene Dillon

Doreen Freeman (Oct 16) was inadvertently omitted from October Birthday list. Happy Belated Birthday!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

**Al Pribble****President's Message – October**

I hope everyone enjoyed the food and conversation at the Installation Banquet last month. I knew I had a cold and tried to avoid giving my germs to anyone else. It turned out to be pneumonia which I found out the next day. After 5 days on antibiotics I am recovered, but the net effect was that we canceled the trip we had planned and stayed home to enjoy the beautiful weather we are having.

Our installation of officers last month began a new year in the club and there are many things on the table for the Board to look at. Among the items on our slate is the effort to get the state to install signs for the Museum on the highways into town and considering what changes should be made to our Scholarships to increase the impact in the community.

The shows are over for this year and I want to thank Steve Dillon for stepping in and doing a great job as Show Chairman for the October show, and to all the hands that pitched in to help him get his feet wet. Now it will soon be time to for Norm and Steve to start planning for the May Show, which is all ours.

Our Field Trip Committee is still at work looking at new and better places for our 'hard-core' rockhounds to go searching. They will be looking at some sites in Tennessee in November and I have high hopes for that. The classes are proceeding at the Museum and I am sure there will be more after November 1st when the Museum starts winter hours.

For now I am going to cut this off with a thanks to all who worked so hard this year to man the Museum and the shows. But I want to call out a special thanks to our Scheduling Chairperson, Virginia Bennis, for the handling of a very demanding job of getting workers signed up to keep the Museum open all Summer. I know how difficult it can be and the stress it sometimes puts on the person doing it, because I was the one in that hot seat for several months. We had a very busy Summer season and it sometimes required more than the two people we usually have working. Good Job, Virginia!

Until next time – Happy Rockhounding.

Minutes – SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 – General Meeting

Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by President, Al Pribble, on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Robert C. Carpenter Community Center meeting room.

Al Pribble, President, reported that he is still ill and not feeling very well. Tom Sterrett, Vice President, conducted the Board meeting for him on Tuesday night. Al Pribble said that he reported in *The Mountain Gem* that he would be gone for most of the month of October but that trip has been canceled.

Al Pribble said we would have an abbreviated business meeting this evening due to installation of officers and our covered dish dinner. He then turned the meeting over to Vice President, Tom Sterrett.

Membership – Claudette Rollins reported 47 members and 10 visitors in attendance this evening. She reminded everyone that *it is time for annual membership dues to be paid*.

Vice President – Tom Sterrett reported that on Tuesday evening, September 29, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting “Mingle on Main” starting downtown at 5:00 PM. The museum will be open during this time and extra volunteers are requested. A sign-up sheet is on the membership table.

Treasurer’s Report – Marie Tsacrios reported we are “in the black” and doing fine.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh stated that everything at the museum is running well.

Curator/Publicity – Fred Plesner urged members to sign up as hosts or demonstrators for the gem show on October 16, 17 and 18. Hosts for the show will also act as additional security by wearing their badges and constantly wandering throughout, keeping an eye on everything. Sign-up sheets are on the membership table.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reported that everything is going well. She urged members to please sign up to host during the week at the museum, Mingle on Main, PumpkinFest and/or for the gem show. She stated there is so much going on for the month of October that the burden should not be on just a few people, so please sign up for something.

Field Trips - Marsha Harmon reported a field trip to the Lucky Strike Mine (gold mine) on Sunday, October 25. This will be a 1½ hour drive. Please contact Marsha Harmon for further details or to sign up for the trip.

New Business:

Tom Sterrett reported on the upcoming gem show on October 16, 17 and 18. Takedown will be on Sunday, October 18, at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Center beginning at 4:30 PM; help will be needed to take tables down and clean up.

Tom Sterrett spoke about PumpkinFest to be held on Saturday, October 24. Again, extra volunteer hosts will be needed at the museum to help cover extra visitors during this event. He urged everyone to please consider helping out if only for an hour.

Tom Sterrett introduced our new gem show chairman – Steve Dillon. Steve has agreed to be the chairman next year for our gem shows. Tom Sterrett stated that if anyone would like to help Steve, he is certain Steve would appreciate the assistance. Tom Sterrett indicated that Norm Holbert and Fred Plesner will show him the ropes next month during the October gem show. Tom asked him to stand so as to be recognized and thanked him for assuming these responsibilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM by President, Al Pribble. The general meeting was followed by a covered dish dinner and installation of new officers by County Commissioner Ronnie Beale. New officers installed were:

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President – Al Pribble

Vice President – Marsha Harmon

Secretary – Susan Fritz

Treasurer – Lake Holland

Board of Directors (two positions) -

Norman Holbert and Jane Morgan

A big thank you to everyone who cooked or baked and brought delicious covered dishes for our fantastic meal!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Gift Shop

Elena Marsh - Gift Shop Manager



One more month to go before our 'busy season' ends! Hard to believe we are into Fall already and it soon will be winter. Anticipating some great autumn colors on the trees and also looking forward to the festivals in town – a Veterans' Car show will be closing down some of the streets in Franklin on October 17 and the following weekend is PumpkinFest – an extremely busy time for everyone. And of course we can't forget the Leaf Lookers Gemboree from the 16th – 18th.

The museum and gift shop continue to draw many visitors, many of them expressing their wonderful experience with us thru TripAdvisor. Please check that out and read the comments. We've already earned an Excellent rating and have the certificate mounted on the States Room doorway to showcase that.

Although you are probably tired of seeing Christmas decorations already up in the stores, please remember that our little gift shop has some amazing jewelry, specimens and books that would make great holiday gifts for your friends and family. And the prices are exceptionally reasonable – plus you get a 10% discount on any purchases over \$10.

I never want my column to end without thanking each and every member who has hosted in the museum, helped with different events in the community and always being there when needed. The club and museum cannot run with only a few members volunteering all the time – it takes many extra hands, brains, brawn, whatever to keep the museum open, in good repair, with classes going on, with educational tours coming in, and even a neat place to come and hang out sometimes and chat with other members. If you haven't been around lately, stop by and join the fun! It is contagious.

Hope to see you at PumpkinFest or maybe at the Veterans' car show!

Field Trip News

Marsha Harmon - Field Trip Coordinator

On Sunday, October 25 the club will be going to The Lucky Strike Gold and Gem Mine located near Marion, NC. You will be able to learn about and participate in high banking \$60 shared fee/split profits, and/or pan the Second Broad River \$5 per day profits all yours, and/or Gold or Gem mining in the sluice with a per bucket cost. There are clean restrooms and a Miners Dinner or bring your own picnic.

Bring Gold pan and collecting containers if you are panning. Shovel for high banking - if you are doing that. A chair if you are sitting?

We will be leaving the museum at 8:00 AM. Please sign up at the museum ahead of time. Car pools available and some equipment to borrow.

For more information check out www.luckystrikegoldandgem.com or call Marsha Harmon 828-369-7262 / Lake Holland 828-369-5421 (Gold Hunting Master).

The November trip has not been scheduled as of this date.



FROM THE CLASSROOM - WIRE WRAP I

Diane Mason - Instructor

We have now completed two classes in wire instruction. Everyone is excited about the new projects coming down the pathway. All seven students are extremely hard workers and have been very patient both with me and each other.

There have been some sore hands and headaches which is normal and were to be expected. The group has laughed together, at me, and at each other. They are even trying new things on their own at home. All of these signs tell me that the class is going to be a huge success.

This class, however, has not been a place for the dieter. We have eaten cookies, cake, bread, pizza and still have been able to complete all projects on time.

A better group of students I could not have asked for. I am extremely proud of all of them. Marsha has been an A#1 assistant.

They have a test coming up in the next class. They will survive this and I hope I will also.



Cheating Death

Submitted by: Fred Plesner

Many a man has cheated death but in the end we all die and in dying all that can be said is that death was delayed. Such was the case of Jerry Dalton - the central figure in one of Macon County's most celebrated murder trials - who cheated the electric chair twice by breaking jail.

Jerry Dalton's early life was marred by several court appearances on charges ranging from carrying a concealed weapon to petty larceny. Then on November 10, 1918, young Jerry stepped over the line and faced a murder charge for the shooting and killing of Merrill Angel whom he caught with Maude Williams Grant, a young divorcee, who purportedly was Jerry's girlfriend. When Maude attempted to flee the scene, Jerry then shot and killed her also.

From that point on he was definitely courting Lady Luck. He was caught, tried and sentenced to death in the "Electric Chair". Young Jerry Dalton was very fortunate in that he was granted a new trial on appeal for some technicality. Here again he was found guilty and again he was sentenced to death in the "Electric Chair". Jerry was transferred to the Buncombe County Jail where he again side stepped justice by breaking Jail.

Somehow he made his way to California where he lived as a model citizen for several years. Somehow the state of California managed to track him down, arrest him and return him to the state of North Carolina in 1922 where he again avoided those two death sentences by having them commuted to 30 years in prison based on the model life he had lived in California.

Jerry was released from prison after serving his term and never returned to Macon County, perhaps because he never got the chance. He reverted to his original character and died as a consequence of it. He got caught with another man's wife and died because of it. On September 6, 1952, Jerry B. Dalton died at 6:30 AM at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina from wounds received during a gunfight with Frank Pearsall. Frank Pearsall and his brother-in-law, George R. Horne were looking for Frank's wife, who was suspected of having an interest in Jerry Dalton. They came upon Jerry Dalton's parked car and approached it on foot. Jerry Dalton pulled a .38 revolver and shot Frank Pearsall in the chest. Frank Pearsall was carrying a 12 gage shotgun and fired at Jerry Dalton.

Wayne Memorial Hospital stated that shotgun pellets entered Jerry's right lung and tore away part of his right shoulder baring the main artery. Frank Pearsall survived and Mrs. Pearsall was detained as a material witness.

Attributes: The Franklin Press—25 September, 1952



From the Southeast Federal Mineral Society
Gem and Mineral Shows



October 23—25, 2015, AUSTIN, TX

AFMS Convention and Show, hosted by the South Central Federation. More details to come.

October 24 & 25, 2015, STUART, FL

Annual Club Show Sponsored by The St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club; Sat 9:00 AM—5:00 PM; Sun 10:00 AM—4:00 PM; Martin County Fair Grounds; 2116 Dixie Hwy; more information contact show chairman Marcia Robart 772-340-3841; President@slcrockandgem.org

October 31—November 1, 2015, PLANT CITY, FL

56th Annual Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Annual Show Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club's "Hot Rocks, Cool Gems and Fabulous Jewelry"; Sat & Sun 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; Florida Strawberry Festival Expo Hall; 2301 W. Oak Avenue; Adults \$5; Teens 12—16 & Students with ID \$4; Kids under 12 FREE; For a discount coupon, please visit website www.tampabayrockclub.com; Jerri Heer, President jheerx6@aol.com

November 8 & 9, 2015, MELBOURNE, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 41st Annual Parade of Gems; Sat & Sun 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; Contact Show Chairman, Bill Harr; Email, william.h.harr@gmail.com; Melbourne Auditorium; 625 East Hibiscus Blvd; Adults \$4; Children under 12 FREE

November 13—15, 2015, PASCAGOULA, MS

The 26th Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show & The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society; Fri & Sat 10:00 AM—6:00 PM; Sun 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; Jackson County Fairgrounds; 2902 Shortcut Rd.; \$3.00 for adults; children 12 & under FREE w adult; 3 day ticket available for \$5.00; information contact Bill La Rue, 228 229 8781; wildbill2736@gmail.com; website is www.mgcgms.org

November 20—22, 2015, COLUMBIA, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society 47th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show; 10:00 AM—6:00 PM Friday & Saturday; 12:00—5:00 PM Sunday; Jamil Temple; 206 Jamil Road; South Carolina amethyst on display; \$5.00 for adults, children sixteen & under FREE with adult; all military & their dependents are FREE; 803-736-9317; ashrader@mindspring.com; Club website: www.cgams.org

November 21—22, 2015; WEST PALM BEACH, FL

49th Annual Show Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; Sat 9:00 AM—6:00 PM; Sun 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; South FL Fairgrounds Expo Center East; 9067 Southern Blvd.; \$9 Admission; 2 day admission \$12; Free Parking; More Info contact Jeff Slutzky 561-585-2080 or show@gemandmineral.cc

November 27—29, 2015, SALEM, VA

36th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Show; Fri 2:00 PM—7:00 PM; Sat 10:00 AM—6:00 PM; Sun Noon—5:00 PM; Salem Civic Center; 1001 Boulevard; Free Parking; \$4.00 admission good for all three days; CKWLT@aol.com

December 4—6, 2015, MARIETTA, GA

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society; Fri & Sat 10:00 AM—6:00 PM; Sun 10:00 AM—5:00 PM; Jim R Miller Park; 2245 Callaway Rd., SW; New Show Location this Year Only due to Civil Center renovation; Mary Ingram, Show Chairman 770-427-1108; mandmingram@gmail.com

What's the birthstone for November?

November's birthstone, the topaz, was thought to have the power to cool boiling water, as well as excessive anger.



Photo credit: [Orbital Joe/Flickr](#)

The word 'topaz,' birthstone for the month of November, comes from a Sanskrit word meaning "fire." And in ancient lore, the topaz could be used to control heat. It was said to have the power to cool boiling water, as well as excessive anger. As medication, topaz was used to cure fever.

Topaz occurs in a range of magnificent colors – blue, pale green, varying shades of yellow, pink, red, brown and even black. Pure topaz itself is a colorless stone. Red and some pink topaz get their colors from chromium that is substituted for aluminum in the crystals. But most other colors occur due to minor element substitutions and defects in the crystal. Some colors are unstable and can fade away; for example, brown topaz mined in Siberia can be bleached by sunlight. In other stones, color changes can be induced by heating. High energy irradiation and moderate heat treatment of colorless topaz can transform it to blue gemstones.

Chemically, topaz is known as aluminum silicate fluoride hydroxide. Because of strong chemical bonds within this mineral, topaz is the hardest of silicate minerals. Topaz gemstones occur in a large variety of sizes, from tiny crystals to large rocks. The biggest uncut stone, a specimen found in Brazil weighing almost 600 pounds, is on display at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. A famous cut topaz in history is found among the crown jewels of Portugal, a magnificent yellow stone weighing 12 ounces.

This gem, with its lively fire, clarity, beautiful colors and hardness is ideal for jewelry such as clips, necklaces, brooches and bracelets. Pure topaz, when brilliantly cut, can be often mistaken for a diamond. Because of its rarity, topaz is an expensive gem. The most valued and rarest color is red. Imperial topaz-sherry colored varieties of brownish-yellow, orange-yellow and reddish brown-are the most popular topaz stones and command high prices, as do pink colored stones. Light blue and pale yellow topaz are of less value, but are nevertheless stunning in beauty.

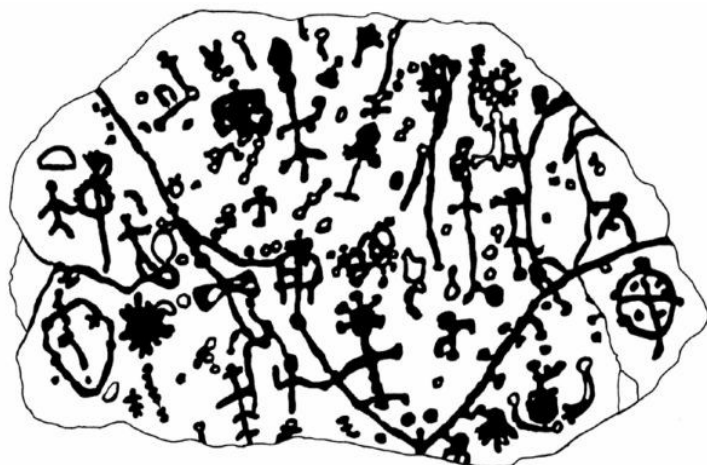
Brazil is the largest producer of topaz, the most notable source being the Minas Geranis region. Gems are also found in Russia, the Ukraine, Pakistan, Scotland, Japan and Sri Lanka. In the United States, the gemstones have been found in Colorado and California.

During the Middle Ages, the topaz was used mostly by royalty and clergy. A 13th century belief held that a topaz engraved with a falcon helped its wearer cultivate the goodwill of kings, princes and magnates.

Topaz was once thought to strengthen the mind, increase wisdom, and prevent mental disorders. It was thought to guard against sudden death. Powdered topaz added to wine was used to prevent asthma and insomnia. A cure for weak vision called for immersing the stone in wine for three days and nights, then rubbing the liquid on the eyes.

<http://earthsky.org/earth/november-birthstone-topaz>

Judaculla Rock



No other rocks in the area have similar markings, although there are many other boulders in the vicinity. Some of the pictographs on it appear to be animals and animal tracks, while others appear to be human figures, suns, and geometric figures.

Judaculla—or Jutaculla—Rock is one of the greatest archaeological mysteries in the United States. The largest petroglyph in North Carolina, and one of the largest in the Southeast, is named for a Cherokee legend about its formation. Judaculla Rock sits in the Caney Fork Creek valley in Jackson County, outside of Cullowhee. The details of the petroglyph's formation, as well as its origin and purpose, are unknown to scientists.

Artist rendition of Judaculla Rock engravings.

The soapstone slab is about sixteen feet long by eleven feet wide. The designs on it appear to have been produced in a variety of manners, including incising, pecking, and smoothing. These methods are evident upon close examination, but are becoming more difficult to identify with the continued erosion of the rock.

In the late 19th century, Cherokee groups were known to hold ceremonial assemblies around the rock. Additional outcrops of soapstone, used by Cherokees then to sculpt pipes, beads, bowls, and bannerstones, are located near the Judaculla Rock. Archaeologists think the Cherokees camped at, or near, the rock when they came to quarry soapstone. Furthermore, due to recent excavations of the areas surrounding Judaculla, scientists now postulate that the rock was part of a larger grouping of soapstone creations.

James Mooney, a researcher at the Smithsonian Institution, recorded the Cherokee legend of Judaculla Rock in the 1880s. According to Mooney's story, a being named Judaculla (called by the Cherokee *Tsul-ka-lu* or *Tsu' Kalu*—the Great Slant-eyed Giant) was the greatest of all the Cherokee mythical characters, a giant hunter who lived on the southwestern slope of Richland Balsam Mountain at the head of the Tuckaseegee River in Jackson County.

Judaculla was very powerful and could control the wind, rain, thunder, and lightning. He was known to drink whole streams down in a single gulp and stomp from mountain to mountain as one might over ant hills. (In fact, according to Sequoyah's Cherokee translation of the Bible, the word 'Goliath' was renamed Judaculla.)

One legend claims that the markings are hunting laws that Judaculla ordered. Another has it that Judaculla jumped from his mountaintop farm and landed partially on the rock, producing scratches, while running a band of American Indians off his land. The seven-toed foot at the lower right hand side of the boulder is said to depict Judaculla's footprint.

The rock was once thought to depict a map of the 1755 Cherokee victory over the Creeks at the battle of Taliwa in what is now Georgia, or perhaps a victory over another enemy, the Catawba.

Archeologists now know that the Judaculla Rock predates the Cherokee habitation of western North Carolina, but its exact time of origin is unknown. It is currently dated from the late Archaic Period, between 3000 and 1000 BCE, when evidence first appears of Native American societies forming mound societies.

The North Carolina Rock Art Survey has organized a Judaculla Advisory Committee composed of site owner Jackson County NC, members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Tribal Elders, the Office of State Archaeology, professors from nearby Western Carolina University, and members of the surrounding community. The Advisory Committee agreed to pursue a formal recording of the petroglyphs along with a condition assessment and conservation plan. You can read about their progress so far in the [Winter 2008 issue](#) of the North Carolina Archaeological Society newsletter.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Month	Board Meeting	General
January	27	29
February	24	26
March	24	26
April	21	23
May	26	28
June	23	25
July	14	16 Ice Cream Social
August	25	27 Elections
September	22	24 Banquet
October	27	29
November	17	19
December	8	12 End of Year Party

Monthly General Meetings: 6:30 PM the last Thursday of the month in the West Large Meeting Room of the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road HWY 441 S

Meeting changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Board Meetings: 6:30 PM
At the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum
All Board Meetings are open to the members

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