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Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina

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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AND MINERAL MUSEUM**

is operated under the direction of the
Board of Directors of
Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

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November Meeting

Date: November 19, 2015
Day: Thursday
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Robert C Carpenter Community Building on 441 South

Program: Arlon Eldridge and Fred Plesner

Will present an "exciting" program on quartz.

December Birthdays

3 - Christine Hubinger
 3 - Joan Bohmann
 8 - Deborah Wright
 8 - Linda Sterrett
 14- Doug Morgan
 16 - Gary Galbrecht
 20 - Ray Behr
 22 - Linda Behr

**December Anniversaries**

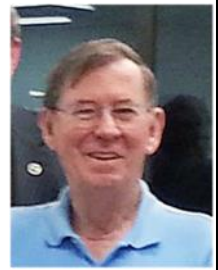
4 - Albert & Sandra Moccia
 8 - David & Linda Smith
 15 - Tom & Diane Aiello

**November Anniversaries**

25 - Steve & Sherlene Dillon



***November & December Newsletters are
 Combined Because of Tight Scheduling
 Due to the Upcoming Holidays***

**Al Pribble****President's Message**

OK! You can all relax and exhale now. The Summer is finally over and we can all sit down and recoup, for a few months anyway. But not too long because the May show will start barreling down after the New Year.

We have had a great year with a huge (or should it be - REALLY HUGE?) number of visitors to the Museum. A lot of changes have taken place this past year and I hope they continue, because changes show we are alive as a Society. I haven't counted the number of new members and older ones who have become active again this year, but I know there are quite a number. I was pleasantly surprised when I went into the Museum and saw Bruce Siegfried hosting. He has been working 2 or 3 jobs for several years and it is great to have him back. It seems that we are getting new members every month, and I am having trouble meeting everyone to get acquainted. To all our newbies, if I haven't introduced myself by the next meeting, then grab me and introduce yourself. I do want to know all our members, even though I will have to ask your name a few times in order to get it into the memory bank.

I mistook a lady at PumpkinFest for one of my neighbors and it turned out she was not my neighbor but she and her husband were members of the Society and she knew me but I didn't know them. Kinda' feels like egg on the face. :(

If any of you have ideas about improvements or you have experience that you think would be useful to the club, please say something to me or Tom Marsh or any of the officers. The more hands there are the easier the job for everyone.

I hope everyone has a great (and safe) Thanksgiving and returns ready for our end of year party in December.

Rock On!

Minutes – OCTOBER 29, 2015 – General Meeting

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Al Pribble, on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Robert C. Carpenter Community Center meeting room.

Minutes – Al Pribble asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September general meeting minutes as printed in *The Mountain Gem*. Arlon Eldridge moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and Diane Mason seconded the motion. Voted on and passed.

Membership – Claudette Rollins reported 29 members and 3 visitors in attendance this evening. Al Pribble introduced George Fritz as a new member and stated that he will serve as our new Publicity Chairman.

Vice President – Marsha Harmon urged everyone to please volunteer to host and assist with various projects. Every time you host, your name goes into a jar out of which the annual William Holland scholarship for one of our club members will be drawn at the November general meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported we are “in the black” for this quarter and that we are doing very well heading into the winter months. Marie placed the Treasurer's report for the previous month as well as the quarterly report on the front table for perusal.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh reminded us that winter hours will be starting as of November and that hosts are needed for when the museum will be open on Saturdays. He stated the museum will be open for a while on Veteran's Day – November 11 – and hosts are needed. On the last Saturday in November and the first Saturday in December Winter Wonderland will be going on downtown and the museum will be open until 8:00 PM each of those nights. Hosts will be required to staff the museum. Sign-up sheets for all these activities were passed around and are available at the membership table.

Curator/Publicity – Fred Plesner reported he found a scale during the gem show that no one claimed and he has brought it to the museum for our use. He also reported that the gem show set up went well. He said that our demonstrators were set up in the same room as the vendors and that seemed to go over very well with the public. Diane Mason asked that next time we set up to demonstrate that we be afforded more room if at all possible. Fred stated that George Fritz will be taking over as Publicity Chairman. During Winter Wonderland the museum will be open both of those Saturdays until 8:00 PM and he urged folks to sign up to host, possibly in two shifts – 12:00 to 4:00 PM and then from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Fred reported that a Mr. Robert Benson from Delaware who visited the museum in September offered to send him more Delaware specimens. Susan Fritz interjected that this gentleman also gave a generous cash donation and that she had written him a letter of thanks for same.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reported that she attended the Asheville gem show to buy products for restocking. She ran into one of our scholarship winners who complimented us and said that the scholarship had made a huge difference in her life. Elena said October was a very busy month and many events occurred - Mingle on Main, Vets Car Show and PumpkinFest. She stated that during PumpkinFest gift shop sales totaled \$650! She thanked everyone who has hosted. She mentioned that if anyone needs training on hosting to please contact her and she will make the arrangements.

Field Trips - Marsha Harmon reported on the recent field trip to the Lucky Strike Mine (gold mine) on Sunday, October 25.

Education – Diane Aiello is absent this evening but at Tuesday's Board meeting she reported that she intends to write a letter to all the schools in Macon County to let them know we can do demonstrations or presentations at their schools and also provide tours of our museum. She is determined to make a bigger effort this year to encourage schools and teachers. The recent cuts in education have affected transportation and field trips, etc. Barbara Rizzo made the suggestion that we contact youth organizations in the county as well.

Minutes cont'd from Page 4**New Business:**

Congratulations to Scott and Sherry Newton who were presented certificates for having completed the cabochon classes. Their stones are on display on the table in the back of the room.

Al Pribble distributed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws to each member present. There was a committee who worked hard on these documents over the summer (Ray Behr, Al Pribble, Cy Amrich, John Hayes and Susan Fritz). Al asked that everyone take the documents home and read them. He stated the By-Laws can be changed at any time but we need to vote on all at next month's general meeting. When approved by the membership, the attorney will then file with the State of North Carolina.

Drawing for our annual raffle took place (freshwater pearl/ruby earrings and pendant set in sterling silver donated by Rose Creek Mine). The winning raffle ticket was Kendra Allender of Pembroke Pines, Florida. A second ticket was drawn in the event Kendra is unable to be contacted. Susan Fritz will call the winner and get the jewelry shipped out to her.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, dates for November have been moved up. Newsletter deadline is Thursday, November 5. Our next general meeting will be Thursday, November 19.

Door prize tickets were drawn by Garrett Morgan.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Marsha Harmon and seconded by Marie Tsacrios to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. by president Al Pribble.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served and then the membership was treated to a very interesting presentation on the history of wire wrapping given by Diane Mason.



Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Gift Shop

Elena Marsh - Gift Shop Manager

Our busy season has come to a close – we seemed to have many more visitors in our museum this year and our sign in sheet, donation jars and gift shop sales definitely prove that. We accomplished a lot and each and every club member should be proud of what we have done and what we continue to do, not only for out of town guests but also for our local community.



I always stop to say thank you to those that host in the museum and gift shop. Our Florida members pulled thru again this season and were seen in the museum some for a day or many times for numerous days. Now it is time for the full time residents who are gem club members to help host each Saturday for the next 6 months (including Nov). Most of our new members have enjoyed learning about our club's history and have been very willing to host, do extra time during festivals and events in town, help with school tours, and take on duties such as coordinating the gem shows. But we still need the members who have been in the club for many years to continue to work with new members in any way possible. Don't rest on your laurels; continue to share your knowledge and abilities with others.

Special thanks always goes out to Anamay Rossomando, my assistant. Even while being in Florida, she still keeps me on my toes. We bounce ideas and suggestions at each other and hopefully, what you see in the gift shop is a combination of both our efforts. We all miss her and Ron and hope they will make it up for Ron's winter break.

Remember our little gift shop for holiday ideas and purchases. It has some amazing jewelry, specimens and books that would be great for your friends and family. And the prices are exceptionally reasonable – plus you get a 10% discount on any purchases over \$10.

Winter Wonderland will be held November 28th and December 5th. We hope to keep the museum open from the regular opening hour of 12 noon until 8:00 PM. Please check the host calendar and sign up if you can spend a little time hosting that evening. That way no member has to stay in the museum the entire time and can enjoy some of the festivities if they choose to.

Hope to see you at some festivity or maybe even in the museum visiting with others! Elena

Notes From The Classroom - Wire Wrap

Diane Mason - Instructor

Well the we are down to the wire for completion of our class. We lost one student this past month. She dropped (not because of ability or talent) but because wire wrap is very time consuming and entails a lot of practice. When we started, I told everyone to please be outspoken about the class and to never be ashamed if this just wasn't for them. That said, it has been a very successful venture.

Thus far, the girls have made three pendants (each a different technique), three pair of earrings (each a different technique) and two very different bracelets. They have used cabochons, faceted stones, and just plain wire. They have only three projects to complete.

We are very much looking forward to "showing off" our completed pieces at the December meeting!

Diane Mason

November Bench Tips

HOMEMADE WAX TOOLS

Save your used X-Acto or scalpel blades for utility work on the bench. They're wonderful for delicate wax work. Use a cutoff wheel or other type of grinding wheel to shape the blades to what you need. For instance, you can carve away excess metal on the spine to make yourself some narrow carving knives that do a great job of detailing small pierced areas of your waxes.

REMOVING A STONE FROM A BEZEL SETTING

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry. Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank. But if the stone is really stuck, there are two other tricks—but each with risks and consequences. The first is to pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade, being very careful not to wrinkle or tear the bezel. If you try this, make sure to pry gently in several passes around the stone. The last solution is to drill a small hole into the bezel setting from the back side so that you can push the stone out. Note that this does leave a hole, but in some cases you can use it to saw out a design under the stone.



Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" by Brad Smith are available on Amazon <http://bradsmithjewelry.com/>



Ghosts / Yes! – No!

Fred Plesner - Curator / Publicity

I am not a believer in ghosts. That being said I will continue with the story.

Recently, I was told by several of our members, that the people who run the Ghost Tours in town now stop at our Museum as part of their tour. I have been writing about the Museum, the “Old Jail”, its past residents and its history for a number of years now and in all that time and research I have never heard about any ghosts at the Museum. Well maybe, just maybe not.

Maurice Phillipi, a member of our society, and a retired marine biologist lived alone. Maurice was our faceting instructor and taught me and my wife, Dean, how to facet. Dean and I made a number of trips to his home to straighten out some of her mistakes. I am saying all this to simply say that he was a friend and he is missed. Maurice committed suicide. Nuff said..

Dean, Myself and Ray Behr were allowed into his home to assess his lapidary equipment, some of which was donated to the Museum. Now that the background has been set we get to the ghost part..

Jan Robles was eccentric to say the least and one wet and rainy day she just happened to be hosting the Museum. Now as heavy as the front door is, according to Jan, it swung open and Maurice Phillippi walked in. Well, was Jan right or are all the creaks and groans that our ladies complain about hearing just an old building settling on its foundation or as Jan believed has Maurice taken up residence.

**In Memory of Amy Ramer**

On March 11, 2015 Amy Ramer, a Life Member of the Gem and Mineral Society, passed away. Amy and her husband Charles joined the Society in 1976 and both were a driving force in keeping both the Museum and the Society going with all their many volunteer hours every week for 26 years.

Amy served as Corresponding Secretary several times and served as the Membership Chair seven times. She also chaired the Museum calendar, headed the committee for the Gemboree hosts and hostesses, was publicity chairman, and helped plan club annual banquets, and Head Start parties. Amy also assisted in publishing the Mountain Gem for many years by compiling the pages and doing the mailing labels. Also, she helped by editing the monthly newsletter when the then editor Eleanor Davis was ill for several months. In addition, Amy and her husband Charles served as Museum hosts each and every week..... both always working hard to benefit the Society in many ways with Charles serving as President, Vice President and Treasurer through the years.

Amy and her husband moved from Franklin in 2002 so they could live closer to their daughter when Amy's husband Charles started to have health issues, but both their hearts and thoughts were still with the Society and Museum that they loved so well. Amy was a sweet and gentle soul who devoted many dedicated years of service to the Gem and Mineral Society and the Museum. I feel fortunate to have known her and having had the pleasure of enjoying her friendship, as many members did through the years past. May God bless her soul.

Submitted by Shirley Baughman

Field Trip News

Marsha Harmon - Field Trip Coordinator

Lake Holland - Assistant



Sunday, October 25 the club participated in a trip to The Lucky Strike Gold and Gem Mine near Marion, NC. We decided that we would investigate the new world of "high banking" where we would share all fees, split any profits and work closely together towards the same goal. The first load (a front loader full of dirt, rock and gold) arrived on site about 3 hours before we stopped for a brief lunch.

High banking in layman terms can be described as a system where shovels of material are placed into a water fed sorter. The first phase eliminates the big rocks, and the 2nd phase tosses the remaining material on a belt. The third phase is where gold sinks into a carpet like filter and the remaining dirt, rocks, and foreign materials are tossed out onto the ground. Once the filter is full you stop the machine and clean out all sand and gold into a bucket for later panning. This gold mining system requires 2 shovelers, 1 person to pick out medium unwanted material from the end of the belt, and 1 person to clear both piles of rocks as they build up. If you look at the pictures of this trip, you will note 4 very hard working individuals, mostly soaked to the bone and understand why there were no breaks except to eat lunch.

It was very hard work but I have to say, I had a great time with this easy to get along with gang. A different group might have come back a member shy and as it went, we continued on through another front end load and even additional gifted material from a guy that had been there for 2 days. Didn't get rich but definitely had a great time! Thank you to Lake and Teresa for helping with the scouting trip and thank you to Paul, Virginia, and Cy for helping us to return with the same number of individuals as we started out with!



December Birthstones

Three birthstones associated with December are Tanzanite, Zircon and Turquoise.

Tanzanite



Discovered in the late 1960s in Tanzania, and found exclusively in this tiny area of the world, *tanzanite* exhibits a rich violet-blue color for which the gemstone is treasured; often it is heat-treated to achieve this color. Colors range from blue to purple, and tanzanites that are medium dark in tone, vivid in saturation, and slightly violet blue command premium prices. As tanzanite can be less expensive than sapphire, it often was purchased as an alternative. However, it has increased in popularity and now is valued more for its own beauty and brilliance than as a sapphire substitute.

Zircon

Derived from the Arabic words *zar* and *gun*, meaning *gold* and *color*, zircon is found in a wide range of colors such as: blue, yellow, orange, brown, green, colorless, and red (the most prized color). For many years colorless zircon was used to imitate diamonds. Folk wisdom grants zircon the power to relieve pain, whet the appetite, protect travelers from disease and injury, to ensure a warm welcome, and to prevent nightmares guaranteeing a deep, tranquil sleep. Major sources of zircon are the Chanthaburi area of Thailand, the Palin area of Cambodia, and the southern part of Vietnam.



Turquoise

The name *turquoise*, from the French expression *Pierre tourques* or *Turkish stone*, originated in the thirteenth century and describes one of the oldest known gemstones. Turquoise varies in color from greenish blue, through robin's egg-blue, to sky blue shades and its transparency ranges from translucent to opaque. Turquoise is plentiful and is available in a wide range of sizes. It is most often used for beads, cabochons, carvings, and inlays. Although its popularity fluctuates in fashion, it is a perennial favorite in the American Southwest.

www.americangemsociety.org/december-birthstones



Scholarship Drawing for All Museum Volunteers

Our next club meeting, November 19, 2015, will include our volunteer's scholarship drawing, to be applied to a SFMS Lapidary Workshop, at either William Holland or Wildacres Retreat — your choice. There were 2,236 hours recorded this year and that equals 548 tickets (1 per 4 hours) in our lottery drawing. Thank you all for helping us with your support of the museum and our club. If you need details on how to become a volunteer, please contact anybody listed under the section of officers in our current bulletin.

There were 6 members that volunteered over 100 hours each but as you know it only takes 1 ticket to win!

Good luck to you all! See you at the next meeting... Marsha

Please Note: There will be no field trips through the end of the year due to the holidays and everybody's busy schedules. Look forward to us resuming in January 2016.

Occasionally a short notice trip does happen and usually I am able to notify the 15 or so club field trip die hards. If you have not been on a trip with us and want to be added to the list, please just let me know.

Also looking for locations of personal interest for next year....

All members of the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC are also members of the Southeast Federation (SFMS) and American Federation (AFMS). Through these sites you can locate very interesting Gem & Mineral information as well as federation field trip activities. www.amfed.org www.amfed.org/sfms

Check them out! Marsha

From the Southeast Federal Mineral Society**Gem and Mineral Shows****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; ashraider@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

December 12 & 13, 2015, FRANKLIN, TN

"Earth Treasures" Show by Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society; Sat 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sun 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Ag Expo Park (about 20 miles south of Nashville); Adults \$4; Over 30 Dealers, silent auction and door hourly prizes; www.MTGMS.org

Other Events:

November 11, 2015; FRANKLIN, NC; Veterans Day Parade; Downtown Franklin; 11:00 AM

November 28, 2015; FRANKLIN, NC; Winter Wonderland; Main Street Downtown; 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Live music, wagon rides, great shopping & more

November 29, 2015; FRANKLIN, NC; Christmas Parade; Main Street Downtown; 3:00 PM

December 5, 2015; FRANKLIN, NC; Winter Wonderland; Main Street Downtown; 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM;

Saturdays November 14 thru December 12, 2015; FRANKLIN, NC; T.M. Rickman General Store; Jam Session; 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

November 13, 2015 through January 3, 2016; BRYSON CITY, NC; 45 Mitchell Street; The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad, "The Polar Express" Train Ride; <http://www.gsmr.com/>

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Month	Board Meeting	General
January (2016)	26	28
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		Ice Cream Social
August		Elections
September		Banquet
October		
November	17	19
December	8	12 End of Year Party

Please let Jane Morgan know what you plan to bring to the Year-End 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.