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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 web-page. Meetings are held at the Macon County Community Facilities Building, Highway 441 South, Franklin, N.C. Visitors are always welcome.

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

The 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.

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



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Franklin, NC 28734
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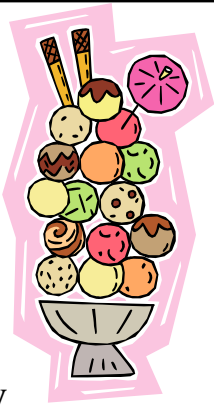
General Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Date: July 18, 2013

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Macon County Community Center on 441 South



Bring a topping for the ice cream and a snack.

This is our fun night!
THIS WILL NOT BE
THE LAST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH AS USUAL

August Birthdays

- 2 – Chester Willette
- 6 – Linda Smith
- 22 – Edward Magness
- 25 – Bill Kennedy
- 25 – Art Zoeckler
- 31 – Arlon Eldridge



August Anniversaries

- 3 – Tom & Linda Sterrett
- 14 – Gary & Susan Gaetano
- 30 – Fred & Dean Plesner

Thank you to Gloria Durfey for donating greeting cards for our “sunshine” lady.



Lon Peden, President

Thank you to all for your interests in the club, without all of you we would not be a great club.

All who want to be on the board or hold some position please contact Tom Morley 1-331-9512 or Marty Martinez at 332-8453.

Rain has really made life miserable the last two weeks, with no stopping in site.

Can't wait for the gem shows and visitors at the museum!

At our July meeting, an ice cream delight, bring toppings and I will help all in consuming the delights!

May all your gems be bright.

As past president, Tom Morley is responsible for setting up the nominating committee for the officers and two incoming board members (refer to inside cover of newsletter for board positions).

These names are presented at the July meeting; nominations may be made from the floor at this time. At the August meeting, a ballot will be presented to members for their vote.

At the September meeting, the new officers are installed.

If you are interested in adding your name to the ballot for one of the BOARD positions, please contact Tom at 1-331-9512 or email him at rocksmarttom@gmail.com. Or call Marty Martinez at 332-8453

Please consider
volunteering.



Minutes of the June 2013 Board Meeting of
The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

The meeting was called to order by Lon Peden, President, on June 25, 2013 at 6:35 P.M. in the Museum Meeting Room. Present were: Lon Peden; Al Pribble; Elena Marsh; Fred Plesner; Tom Marsh; Dean Plesner; Ray Behr; Linda Smith; Marie Tsacrios; Linda Behr; Wally Smith; John Hayes; and Arlon Eldridge.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported an income of \$1,208.75, expenses of \$2,472.03 leaving a deficit of \$1,263.28.

Museum Manager – Al Pribble reported that the museum has had termites swarm in the Fluorescent Room and the Gift Shop. Terminex® has been contacted and will treat the areas under our existing contract at no extra cost to us. This requires the removal of the floor under the fluorescent display case and removal of the sub-floor in that room. Terminex® will need to drill through the concrete floor in the Fluorescent Room and the storage room next to the stairs. We will need help to remove the floor and sub-floor in the Fluorescent Room. The storage room will require some items to be removed to perform the required work. Al and Gary Gaetano will replace two defective ceiling fans in the International Hall and the World Room.

Curator – Fred Plesner has nothing to report at this time.

Publicity – Fred Plesner reported that the trailer tag has been renewed. Fred has a meeting scheduled on July 8th with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the July Gemboree. After lengthy discussion, the Board voted to eliminate the Dealers' Dinner due to a dwindling attendance by the dealers. In its place, the Board decided to provide the dealers with coffee and donuts in the mornings.

Programs – Linda Smith relayed information on the upcoming programs: July, an Ice Cream Social; August, Kim Cochran on Jewels of South America; September, Installation Banquet; and October, Arlon Eldridge on his Brazil trip.

There were no reports from the librarian or workshop manager.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh related that the May sales went well. She met with Ina Raye Muncher and purchased six more of Joe Muncher's books and some of his finished jewelry products for the Gift Shop.

Education – Fred reported that there is a school tour scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th at 1 PM.

Publications – Linda Behr reported that she sent three newspapers a picture and accompanying article about our recent scholarship which was awarded. The deadline for the July newsletter is July 5 which is early due to the early meeting (because of the Gemboree). There was a lengthy discussion on advertising in the newsletters by members and non-members.

Sunshine – Wally Smith relayed for Doris that we had large box of cards donated to the society by Gloria Durey, a Life Member. It was also a sad revelation that Jerry Kolle, a long-time member had passed away and his funeral service would be at Bryant Funeral Home on July 1st at 2 P.M.

T-Shirts - Arlon says that the club T-Shirts should arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday July 2 or July 3.

Grant – Arlon advised that there is grant money that may be available from the county for the organization and he will coordinate the required paper work for application.

The Board has allotted time for Henry Stelling to speak before the Board. He did not appear.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Behr

Absentmindedness

The man of the house finally took all the disabled umbrellas to the repairer's. Next morning on his way to his office, when he got up to leave the street car, he absentmindedly laid hold of the umbrella belonging to a woman beside him, for he was in the habit of carrying one. The woman cried "Stop thief!" rescued her umbrella and covered the man with shame and confusion.



That same day, he stopped at the repairer's, and received all eight of his umbrellas duly restored. As he entered a street car, with the unwrapped umbrellas tucked under his arm, he was horrified to behold glaring at him the lady of his morning adventure. Her voice came to him charged with a withering scorn:

"Huh! Had a good day, didn't you!"

<http://www.innocentenglish.com/classic-old-funny-jokes/best-classic-funny-stories-of-1900s.html>

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2013 GENERAL MEETING OF
THE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY OF FRANKLIN, NC

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Dean Plesner and called to order by Lon Peden, President, on June 27, 2013 at 6:50 PM in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported an income of \$1,208.75, expenses of \$2,472.03 leaving a deficit of \$1,263.28.

Membership – Linda Behr reported that there are 37 members and 14 guests present with 7 new members tonight. The new members are: Deborah Wright; Christine Hubinger; Paul Thomas; Marina Fisher; Edward Magness; Kay Swindle; and David Swindle.

Museum Manager – Al Pribble thanked Doris Smith for her help as Calendar Coordinator during June and asked for someone else to volunteer for the month of July. He stated that we will need additional help in the museum during the days of the Gemboree. Al and Gary Gaetano will replace two defective ceiling fans in the International Hall and the World Room.

Lon announced that Jerry Kolle, a long time member, has passed away and his funeral service is at Bryant Funeral Home on July 1st at 2 PM.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh thanked the people for hosting in the museum. She related that the May sales went well. She met with Ina Raye Muncher and purchased six more of Joe Muncher's books and some of his finished jewelry products for the Gift Shop. Elena said that there will be space available in front of the museum during Heritage Day on July 20th for members to sell their own hand made goods. She advised that there will be classes on hosting at the request of members. Please contact her or Al Pribble for information. Elena has asked for the hosts to please not rearrange items in the Gift Shop, as it complicates her inventory.

Publicity – Fred Plesner spoke about the Heritage Day Festival on July 20th and that tables will be available for members to sell their own goods. The children's mine, next to the museum, will be open during the festival. Fred announced that we were once again invited to participate in a radio program, hosted by Gordon Mercer, to speak about the society and museum. Fred Plesner, Arlon Eldridge, and Ray Behr were asked to talk during the program.

Education - Rex Larkin explained the "Where's Waldo" event being held by 30 downtown businesses to encourage children's reading. We will be participating and placing Waldo somewhere in the museum for children to find. Please leave a note by the cash register where you moved Waldo during your hosting session. The event is being coordinated by Books Unlimited book store. Fred Plesner spoke about the recent activities at the Library by the Gem Society. We had two lapidary demonstrations there for young children and Arlon Eldridge had two demonstrations there on mining. Fred also mentioned that there is a past member who has lapidary equipment for sale, contact him for further information.

Gemboree – Fred Plesner brought us up to date on the July Gemboree. The dates this year are Thursday July 25 through Sunday July 28. The hours on Thursday through Saturday are from 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM. We will need members to host and to demonstrate their lapidary skills during the Gemboree. Fred advised that the board made a decision to eliminate the Dealers' Dinner due to dwindling participation by the dealers. Instead, we will be providing coffee and donuts on the mornings for the dealers.

Nominating Committee – Tom Morley, Marty Martinez, and Robbie Hayles are the committee members who are looking for candidates for all officer positions and two board positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let one of them know.

Web Site – Tom Morley spoke about his recent update of our web site, fgmm.org. We now link to facebook with a future link to be established to twitter. The site is now up to date with our recent newsletters.

T shirts – Arlon advised that he expects the club T shirts to arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday July 2 or July 3.

Program - Linda Smith relayed information on the upcoming programs: June, show & tell on items made recently; July, an Ice Cream Social; August, Ken Cochran on Jewels of South America; September, Installation Banquet. Arlon Eldridge said he will not have a Brazil Program this year due to the recent domestic violence in that country.

Sunshine – Doris Smith said that we had a large box of cards donated to the society by Gloria Durfey, a life member. It was also a sad revelation that Jerry Kolle, a long time member had passed away and his funeral service would be at Bryant funeral home on July first at 2 PM. Doris has sent a card and a large hanging floral arrangement to the Kolle Family.

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General Meeting cont'd

Door Prizes were won by: William Fisher; Sandy Cotty; Izaha Simpson; Laura Anderson; Mary Anne Zoeckler; Fran Martinelli; Ron Rossomando; Norn Holbert; Fred Plesner; and Jeff Sutphin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

A show and tell of members' recently made items followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Behr



Members' jewelry:

Tom Gadsden;
Christine Hubinger
Linda Behr;
Della Samuel;



Dean brought her piece from John Hayes' class.

July Program Report

By Rex Larkin

Our July program theme was to bring in some of our own member creations and, though we had a very light collection, they were very impressive.

Let's start off with Linda Smith, owner of Emma's Place on Georgia Highway. When I asked her why she didn't call it "Linda's Place," she said Emma's Place sounded homier, and she's probably right. Nestled in a 100-year old building, the shop would certainly be worth a trip to visit.

Linda not only brought a comprehensive collection of necklaces, bracelets, pendants, earrings and rings, (many of them created professionally by her) but she also teaches several classes in areas such as bead-weaving, wire-wrapping, and polymer clay, so be sure to check out our own very talented member. *Beautiful collection, Linda.*

Arlon Eldridge, another of our member treasures, brought along a collection of faceted amethyst stones he cut on a Facetron machine. It took him all of two hours on each specimen, and he had a very diverse collection. Arlon not only supplies all of our door prizes—his other contributions are too numerous to mention.

Christine Hubinger, a recent valuable volunteer who showed her collection of silver and copper soldering pieces she made in classes at John C. Campbell School.

Tom Gadsden brought his varied and beautiful collection of cabochons that Della Samuel (a fellow club member) had helped him create. They included sodalite, tiger eye, mahogany obsidian, chrysocolla, and spider jasper. The colors were just awesome.

Fred Plesner had his small collection of see-through geodes. He also had a table set out during our Taste of Scotland set-up, and many passersby stopped to admire them, and then came into our museum.

Della Samuel had a diverse collection of brooches, cabochons, wire wrapped bracelets, pendants, ...too many different stones, many different mediums, all professional, and all beautiful.

Linda Behr had her seed bead cabochons in jasper and blue agate, and several handsome necklaces, a bracelet and a ring. *Good work.*

Doris Smith, who teaches wire-wrapping, had a small part of her collection of wire-wrapped bracelets. She and her husband Wally keep our museum humming, and they are only part-timers.

Thanks to all who brought their treasure to share with us.

The real treasures, of course, are our members.

Gift Shop Report

By Elena Marsh



Hard to believe we have been open 6 days a week for a full month already – been so busy the days disappear as quickly as they appear. With the help of Doris Smith and Anamay Rossomando, the gift shop display cases have been rearranged with new items displayed. My thanks to both ladies for their many hours in helping to making my job a lot easier.

Special thanks to my husband, Tom, for helping with any and all projects that I ask him to do. I take the gift shop manager's position very seriously and want to be proud of our museum and what we display for sale.

Extra supplies such as gift boxes, bags, wrap, larger gem tree boxes, newspaper to wrap bookends in – these can all be found in the cabinets right underneath the cash register. I have labeled the doors of those cabinets to identify what you will find inside. Other boxes can also be found in the cabinet in the back-room bathroom.

If you see any areas that need attention or restocking in the gift shop, please leave a note in my mail box (gift shop mgr) in the back meeting room and I will be able to take care of that issue the next time I am in the museum.

Remember that all members get a 10% discount on purchases. Please check out the new items that are featured in both the round display case and the case nearest the cash register. You might just find that 'I can't live without that' gem!



**Linda
Smith's .jewelry**



**Doris
Smith's
bracelets**

Member News

Reporting by Linda Behr

Several club members attended the memorial service for Jerry Kolle. I learned when I joined this club that we are FAMILY and support one another.

Dean Plesner made another trip to visit her mother in Florida.

Joan Bohmann just returned from a vacation.

Marty Martinez and Arlon Eldridge cancelled their annual Brazil trip. We always look forward to their program on the neat experiences from their visit...plus their neat **rocks** from Brazil.

Mollie Miller has moved to Michigan to be near her family. Her eye sight has regressed so badly that she is unable to do much reading without a powerful magnifier. Mollie has been a member for sooo long and was an active member in helping this club.

Penny Lynn Goldstein has had a setback in her health with her heart, according to her aunt, Rhoda Haber. We wish the very best for Georgia, who accompanies her on the summer visits.



We welcome all our newest members.

David & Kay Swindle



**Marina
Fisher**



**Deborah
Wright**



**Paul
Thomas**



**Edward
Magness**



Christine Hubinger



Quartz—Tramp Material

By Fred Plesner for *The Mountain Gem*

The mineral of choice of our stone aged ancestors and of our present day scientists is Quartz. It has a magical component “Silicon” which makes microwave ovens, radios, watches, computers, VCR’s and all those other electronic devices function. For those of us who are rock-hounds it is its potential for use in jewelry that attracts us.

Silicon, is the base for electrical circuits, diodes, transistors and resistors and when properly etched into silicon chips magic can happen, all we have to do is flip a switch or touch a button. Quartz glass is used to make fiber optic cables that have improved our telephone, photo and computer communications. Its uses even reach into medicine where surgeons can now perform the most delicate operations with the aid a tiny camera on the end of a fiber optic.

It is said that the first known eyeglass in c. 1280 – 85 was a piece of clear quartz polished with a curved top, similar to a lentil bean. They were called glass lentils and over the years the term became lenses. Isaac Newton used crystal quartz lenses and prisms to prove that white light holds a whole spectrum of rainbow colors.

If you like to cut rock (facet, cab or knap) it is hard to beat the many varieties of Quartz. Clear Quartz, Agate, Jasper, Sard, Rose Quartz, Amethyst, Citrine, Flint, Chert can produce items of great beauty and esthetic charm. It does have a darker side though; it is frequently found as a non-ore material in mineral veins and as a consequence was often called “Tramp Mineral” because of the company it keeps. It can be found in Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary rocks of all kinds. The name Quartz is said to come from an old Saxon mining term, Querklufferz, which meant a cross vein ore.

Quartz has even been said to have been the stone of magic. The ancients wore amulets of Agate to ward off storms and spiders and Amethyst was used as a charm to ward off drunkenness.

Truly, we live in an Age of Quartz.



Newsletter deadline for
August will be August 12th.



ROCKHOUNDS ARE FUNNY

Author unknown

The price of a steak may dismay them, and they may often pass it by, then turn around and spend more per pound on a rock! A Rockhound can't eat the rock, but will proudly display it, dust it, brag about it and then saw it up and polish it to perfection.

Rockhounds have been known to move dirty dishes out of the sink so they can wash their rocks. They seem to find rockhounding therapeutic. If they feel droopy or are moping around their house, if you ask them, they'll go rock picking with you because no matter what is ailing them, all the ailments are miraculously gone and they feel much better when they're out amongst the rocks!

Rockhounds will walk for miles in search of a good specimen, climb mountains and go down into gullies. They get hot, tired and bug-bitten but still continue on for that one special rock. Sometimes they will find their best specimen right next to the tire of their car at the end of the day.

Rockhounds are geologist, mineralogist and paleontologist wannabe's. They are interested in everything and are interesting themselves.

They are curious, humorous, talented, skillful and all around wonderful people, who wear old shoes, fantastic hats, worn out jeans, and a big smile!

From the Rockhound Record Nov. 05, Rocky Mountain Federation News—February 2013

Easier Prong Setting

More Bench Tips by Brad Smith are at [facebook.com/BenchTips/](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips/) or see the book "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers.

Easiest way to cut a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the easiest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a cutoff wheel and then do a rough polish with a knife-edge silicone wheel.

Fancy Rivet Heads

For a nice looking rivet head, use brass escutcheon pins. You'll have perfectly rounded heads that are all the same size and shape. The pins are a little hard to find, so try the best hardware stores first. Be sure to get solid brass pins, not brass plated steel. If unsure, test them with a magnet.

The pins are readily available online. Lee Valley Tools has them in 14 - 18 gauge and lengths from 1/4 inch to 1 inch. Go to <http://www.LeeValley.com> and do an item search on "brass escutcheon pin"

For best results, select a drill that gives you a hole with a close fit to the rivet. Trim the rivet to a leave a little less than one diameter sticking out the back side. Place the head on a scrap of hard plastic on the anvil so as to not flatten the head. I prefer a ball peen hammer (with a small 3/8 inch ball) for setting the rivet.



Humor

All Men / All Girls



When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past).

For several weeks after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

It soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

Via Internet



Share your love of rocks with young'un.

Source: The
Clackamette Gem
June 2013

Coming Events

48th Annual Gemboree—Franklin, NC

July 25, 2013 - Jul 28, 2013; Thursday - Saturday
10am - 5pm; Sunday 11am - 4pm
Macon County Community Building

July 26-27—Franklin, North Carolina: Annual Franklin Faceters' Frolic and gem and mineral show; US Faceters' Guild; Fun Factory; 1024 Georgia Rd.; Fri. 9 -6, Sat. 9-5; more than 12 dealers, software, rough, supplies, machines, faceting demonstrations, programs; contact Norm Holbert, (828) 634-0350; e-mail: normholbert@comcast.net; Web site: www.facetersfrolic.org; Join us for "Pizza Meeting & Greet" Friday evening from 6-8 p.m.

August 1-4—Spruce Pine, North Carolina: Annual North Carolina Mineral & Gem Festival; Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce; The Bridge Coliseum; 97 Pinebridge Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12:30-5; adults \$3, seniors \$1, children (under 10) free; minerals, jewelry, gemstones, stones, beads, crystals; contact Patti Jensen, PO Box 858, Spruce Pine, NC 28777, (828) 765-9033; e-mail: pjensen@mitchell-county.com; Web site: www.ncgemfest.com

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips
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Chunky Gal Mtn., Corundum Knob
Clay County, North Carolina

NO FEE

WHERE: Corundum Knob (also known as Chunky Gal Knob), Clay County, NC.

WHEN: 10:00 A.M., August 17, 2013

COLLECTING: Ruby corundum (pink to red), Spinel (black to brown "galaxite" and magnesio-chromite), Sapphirine, Talc, Serpentine, Brucite (white to blueish chalky chunks), Tremolite, Actinolite, Smaragdite (chrome-emerald green amphibole), Pyroxine (chrome diopside/sparse green micro-crystals of weathered amphibolite matrix), Fuchsite and Dunite.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: This is a Forest Service site: surface collecting only, no screening. Watch for fall hazards.

BRING: Rock picks, crack hammers, wedges, chisels, gloves, heavy shoes, bug spray, drink.

DIRECTIONS: Meet at the intersection of Buck Creek Rd. and Hwy. 64 (no sign at Buck Creek Rd. which is 2 mi. east of overlook). From Atlanta take I-75 north then follow I-575 to St. Rd. 5 & US 76. Follow past Young Harris then left on St.

Rd. 17 into NC. In NC changes to Hwy. 69. Turn right on Hwy. 64 to Chunky Gal Mtn.

DMC CONTACT: Kim Cochran at 770-979-8331
Corundum Knob Ruby corundum (pink to red)

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm

NEW DMC EMAIL ADDRESS - sfms-dmc@amfed.org

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."

From your editor:

I receive some really "neat" newsletters via email. We exchange with other clubs and this is how I am able to publish some really good articles in our newsletter.



If you would like for me to share them with you, let me know via email.

Also, the Southeastern Federation's LODESTAR can be downloaded from their website: www.amfed/sfms/lodestar_newsletter.html

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American Federation of Mineralogical Societies web site is at: <http://www.amfed.org>

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www.amfed.org/sfms

SFMS class information,

schedules and registration forms for Wildacres & William Holland can be found at their website. Also, the SFMS newsletter, LODESTAR is obtainable on this same website; look for "newsletters."

The website is packed with lots of information. The Gem & Mineral society is one of the founding members of the SFMS. We are very proud of our association with them.

THE MOUNTAIN GEM

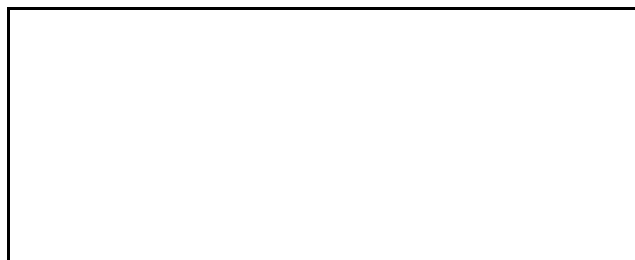
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Gemboree

July 25, 2013 - Jul 28, 2013
Thursday - Saturday 10am - 5pm;
Sunday 11am - 4pm
Macon County Community Building

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Board and General Meetings for 2013

MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL
JANUARY	29	31
FEBRUARY	26	28
MARCH	26	28
APRIL	23	25
MAY	28	30
JUNE	25	27
JULY	16	18
AUGUST	27	29
SEPTEMBER	24	26
OCTOBER	15	17
NOVEMBER	19	21
DECEMBER	1 pm-5 pm Saturday	14 End of Year Party

General Meetings: 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month West Large Meeting Room of the Macon County Community Facilities Building
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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.