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

In the Old Jail House

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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.

Open Year Round For Tours

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**American Federation
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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
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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: August 29, 2013

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Macon County Community Center on 441 South

Our guest speaker is Kim Cochran.

We always look forward to his presentations.

This year he will introduce us to
South American Gems.

This is also election night. Ballots will be available for members to choose their Board Members.

**Lon Peden, President**

First want to thank all who have kept my wife in their prayers, she is doing much better! We are excited to be hosting for the Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip for September (refer to page 11).

Everyone has been working so hard in the club, and for this I thank you!

Elections of officers will be at this regular meeting, please come and vote for your officers. If you don't vote, then don't complain, if things don't go the way you like! We will have two field trips just for the club, in October.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our regular meeting!

From Your Editor

Thank you those members who sent pictures for the newsletter.

I really appreciate it.

Ron Rossomando, Al Pribble,

Doreen Freeman, Susan Fritz are just a few of the submitters. If I forget to give you credit, don't discontinue to send them to me. If I don't use them when you send them, I'll have them for a future issue.

Please keep sending them to me.

We all love to see pictures in the newsletter.

**September Celebrations****Birthdays**

2 – Paul V. Thomas

9 – Marie Tsacrios

16 – James Granato

26 – Frances Martinelli

30 – Denis Bernard

**Anniversaries**

12 - Jack & Brenda Jungles

19 - Robbie & Janet Hayles

20 – Edward & Sandra Magness



New member, Laura Kay Anderson

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



Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies
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.



Newsletter deadline is September 6th.



Heritage Day Hosts



***Humor* Funny Auto Insurance Claims**

As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

I will be posting throughout the newsletter self information for those wanting to be elected for 2014 Board members. Two board members will be elected to serve for two years.

Treasurer**Marie Tsacrios**

I have been acting as treasurer for the club since Bruce Siegfried left, and will be happy to continue doing the job for the next year. I would also be willing to serve as assistant treasurer if anyone would like to take over the job of treasurer. I am currently serving as treasurer for the Western Mountains Reading Council, and will be assuming duties as back-up financial clerk in my job at the Senior Center. I think it is a good thing in any organization for everyone to have a chance to serve as officers if they are willing. It is a great learning experience. You find out what it takes to keep a club and museum like ours going, and you get to work with some fine people.

Board Member Two Years**Tom Marsh**

I am retired from Florida school system and had been a full time NC resident for over four years. Enjoy working on hot rod cars and getting involved with local clubs and organizations. Since becoming a gem club member, have been active in various phases of the club's functions, working with the museum manager and also in the gift shop assisting my wife, Elena, with any projects that may need to be done and also hosting on a regular basis.

If selected to the board, I will work hard to continue to support and improve the club in any way possible.

Secretary**Sharon John**

Hi there every body, my name is Sharon John and I have been a member of the Gem and Mineral Society for several years now and have been the secretary for four or five years. I would like to continue being the secretary till I can't type anymore.

Assistant Treasurer**Norm Holbert**

I first came to Franklin after seeing the movie *The Last of the Mohicans*. I felt a need to see the hills, woods and waterfalls where the movie was filmed. Over the next several years I went mining, collected stones, discovered the William-Holland School, took a faceting class and have enjoyed cutting gemstones over the past fifteen or so years. I even took early retirement (30 years) from teaching middle school science to have more time to cut stones.

I joined a small rock and gem club in eastern Connecticut. I moved to south Florida and joined a great club in St. Lucie County. I was club president for five years. After renting cabins here in Franklin for several years, I bought a get-away place here in Franklin. I sold my place in Florida this past June, and became another "half-back."

**Vice-President,
Ray Behr**

I was born and raised in Miami and moved to Atlanta in 1975 where I retired from BellSouth in 1991. Having visiting Franklin since 1956, Linda and I decided to move here in 1998. I am a Life member with the society. During my twelve years with the club, I have served in the positions of: Assistant Treasurer; Treasurer; Secretary; and held the position of Museum Manager for five years. Prior to leaving Miami in 1975, I served as President of the Miami Gem Society.

Gift Shop

From Elena Marsh



The gem museum and gift shop have been buzzing lately with many guests and visitors. Some days it seems our two hosts need two more on duty just to keep things flowing smoothly. Special thanks to you who encounter such a busy day!

Anamay Rossomando and I were busy at the gem show buying items to sell. We found many wonderful items and some great bargains too - most are already priced and displayed in the gift shop. Handmade earrings and pendants by Anamay are featured. She has spent countless hours working on these and her time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

A big THANK YOU to Marty Martinez for the donation of a large Amethyst geode that is displayed on the shelf behind the gift shop counter! We have gotten many admiring comments about it and hope that it will be going home with a gem collector soon!

We have displayed the picture of our most recent scholarship winner, Kelly Ferri, above the donation box and brochure shelf near the front door. This way guests can see that we do support local students with a scholarship each year. Last year's raffle winner is also displayed. Tom Marsh has found some interesting 'historical' photos of the club and the museum in the storage workroom and has mounted them in various areas of the museum.

So between the updated gift shop area and the displays mentioned above, isn't it time you stopped in the museum to see the changes? Hope to see you also hosting some time soon!



Curator Report

By Fred Plesner

Sharon John, Assistant Curator and I catalogued numerous recent donations and have placed the following new specimens on display:

Case # 5, North Carolina Room ----- Hiddenite Crystal

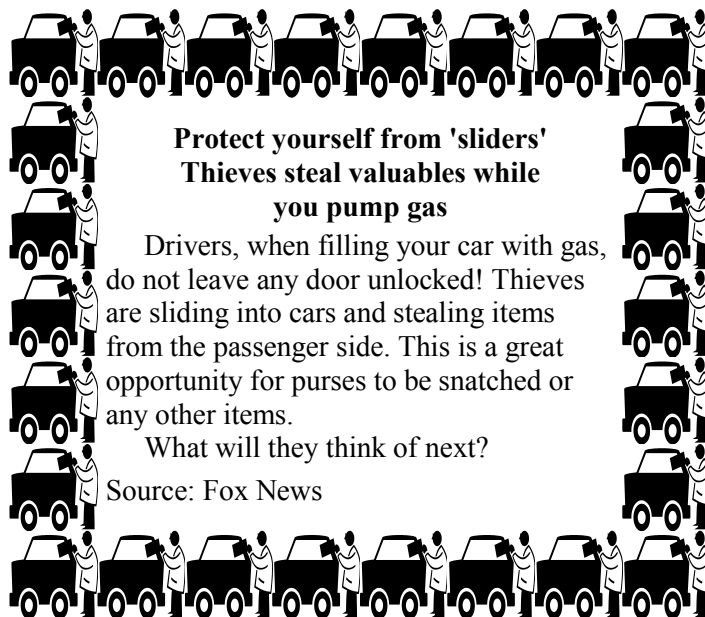
Case # 7 North Carolina Room ----- 26 Carat Faceted Smokey Quartz

Case # 28 Fossil Room ----- Mosasaur Tooth - Placed with other Mosasaur bones

Case # 42 World Room ----- 113 gram piece of polished Lapis Lazuli from Afghanistan

I just returned from the museum, (Saturday) and the following people were there: **Elena Marsh, Tom Marsh, Al Pribble, Christine Hubinger, Rex Larkin, and Ron Rossomando.** A whole lot of cleaning was being done. The upstairs bathrooms were getting some much needed special attention. I think kudo's might be appropriate.

Fred Plesner



Protect yourself from 'sliders' Thieves steal valuables while you pump gas

Drivers, when filling your car with gas, do not leave any door unlocked! Thieves are sliding into cars and stealing items from the passenger side. This is a great opportunity for purses to be snatched or any other items.

What will they think of next?

Source: Fox News

Secretary Susan Fritz

Have collected rocks since I was elementary school age because I liked the feel or look of them. Walking home from elementary school one day in heavily populated New Jersey, I found a really large rose quartz on the sidewalk (?), which I promptly brought home. I thought I had found a real treasure. I also visited the Petrified Forest out West as a young girl and found this fascinating.

As a married adult, have brought small rocks back from each place we have traveled. About 20 years ago I began acquiring and collecting gemstones and also have an extensive jewelry collection, which continues today. I also have a large collection of Southern pottery (North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina). With a preference for natural, untreated gemstones, I believe I just appreciate and enjoy anything that is natural and comes up out of Mother Earth.

I have worked as an administrative assistant most all of my adult life.

I lived in Franklin for 28 years, my husband and I moved here from Sarasota, Florida. Married 38 years. One daughter, two step-daughters, two grandsons.

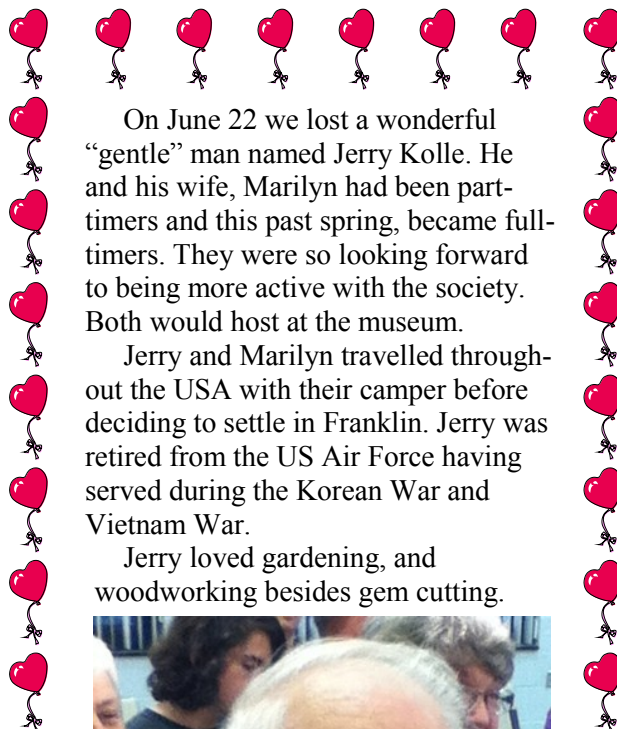
For 12 years worked at Woodridge Psychiatric Hospital, Clayton, Georgia as manager to the Clinical Director. After his move to another state, worked as secretary to two full-time psychiatrists and four part-time psychiatrists in the hospital setting until the hospital closed in 1998.

1998 – Learned the medical transcription business and worked as an independent contractor for several different companies transcribing acute hospital care.

2002 to present – Owner, Valley Transcription Services. Home-based medical transcription business supervising five subcontractors. Daily transcription from 17 medical providers. Clients included three multi-physician family practice clinics, oncology, pediatrics, urology, general surgery and physical rehabilitation. With all physicians by law moving to electronic medical records, am 90% retired now with only one client.

I was secretary/treasurer for our homeowner's association here in Franklin for more than ten years.

I am proud that Franklin has such an interesting and extensive museum! I am also so pleased to be a member of the Gem Society to have the opportunity to learn from and socialize with others who hold a similar interest.



On June 22 we lost a wonderful "gentle" man named Jerry Kolle. He and his wife, Marilyn had been part-timers and this past spring, became full-timers. They were so looking forward to being more active with the society. Both would host at the museum.

Jerry and Marilyn travelled throughout the USA with their camper before deciding to settle in Franklin. Jerry was retired from the US Air Force having served during the Korean War and Vietnam War.

Jerry loved gardening, and woodworking besides gem cutting.



Board Member, two years Tom Sterrett

My name is Tom Sterrett and I am running for a board position with the Gem & Mineral Society. I've had a lifelong love of rocks and minerals and started collecting in my youth. My family and I have been in Franklin for nine years and club members the entire time. As a former president of the club, I want to help the club generate positive interaction with the public, promote learning and education among its members and increase membership and participation in club activities. I believe I will bring a thoughtful and rational opinion to the society and will work to promote consensus among board members. Thank you for your vote.

Minutes of the July 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 July 18, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported an income of \$1,222.61, expenses of \$4,000.31 leaving a deficit of \$1,877.70. In July we paid the museum insurance and the \$1,000 scholarship which led to the deficit.

There were no reports by the Vice President or Secretary.

Museum Manager – Al Pribble advised that we need hosts to sign up for August and people to host and demonstrate at the gem show. Laura Anderson, a new member, has volunteered to take care of the museum hosting calendar for August. Al and Gary Gaetano replaced defective ceiling fans in the International Hall and the World Room.

Education – Lon Peden read a letter from the Macon County Public Library expressing their gratitude for the programs for the children's groups which were both educational and entertaining.

Membership – Linda Behr reported that we have 37 members and 6 visitors present tonight with one new member, Laura Anderson.

Publications – Linda Behr advised that the newsletter deadline is Monday August 12th. We have free exchange newsletters from other clubs available on the table in the rear of the room. Linda thanked Rex Larkin on his great program reports for the newsletter. If a member would prefer their newsletter sent by email, please advise Linda and provide her with your correct email address.

Curator – Fred Plesner received two boxes of mineral specimen from Alan Owen, a life member, who is moving into an assisted living facility in Minnesota.

Publicity – Fred Plesner let us know that he mailed brochures to the I-40 west welcome station on the Tennessee border and delivered some to Smokey Mountain Host welcome station on 441 south. Fred advised that the museum will open at 9AM for the Heritage Day celebration next Saturday and we will need additional hosts at the museum. We welcome any member who wishes to demonstrate their lapidary skills and any member may set up a booth to sell their lapidary projects. Fred reported on the Gemboree July 26th through the 28th. We will need help setting up and could use more people demonstrating.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reported that there have been a lot of visitors with many families touring the museum. She and Al Pribble have had another host training session and they are open to anyone who wishes to participate in the future.

Nominating Committee Marty Martinez advised the board of the slate of officers for election at the August meeting:

President – Arlon Eldridge; Vice President – Ray Behr; Treasurer – Marie Tsacrios; Assistant Treasurer (open); Secretary – Sharon John; Board Member – Tom Sterrett; and Board Member (open).

There were nominations from the floor for: Assistant Treasurer – Norm Holbert; Secretary – Susan Fritz; Board Members – Tom Marsh and Marty Martinez.

Door prizes were won by: Wally Smith; Kay Swindle; Francis Bennett; Amy Fritz; Ron Rossomando; Ray Behr; Christine Hubinger; Tom Gadsden; Gary Gaetano; Norm Holbert; Barbara Crawford; and Martha Ahrens.

The meeting was adjourned by Lon Peden at 7:20PM followed by an ice cream social which was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted

Raymond Behr
Secretary

Board Member, Two years

Marty Martinez

Hi everyone my name is Marty Martinez and I am running for board of directors. I have been a member of the Gem & Mineral Society for a number of years and served on the board once before for a two year term.

Although I have only hosted a few times, I'm completely familiar with the inner workings of the museum and have frequently donated materials for school groups and lapidary classes and for the museum store.

I also co-host each year one program about traveling to Brazil to buy gems. I owned Rose Creek Mine for 17 seasons and have been selling gems and minerals on eBay® as RoseCreekTreasures.com for 15 years.

I'm running for this place on the board of directors because I believe that the Gem & Mineral Society encourages young people in a unique hobby that can lead to a lifelong involvement and I want to be a part of that.

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

The meeting was called to order by Lon Peden, President, on July 16, 2013 at 6:40 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; Doris Smith; John Hayes; Marty Martinez; and Arlon Eldridge.

Treasurer's Report – Marie Tsacrios reported an income of \$1,222.61, expenses of \$4,000.31 leaving a deficit of \$1,877.70. The board discussed having an extra \$100 in the cash register during special events. There was a discussion on how to make money available to Elena Marsh during the shows for gift shop purchases. Al Pribble made a motion which was seconded by Arlon Eldridge to advance Elena \$800 cash for these purchases. The motion was voted on and carried.

Gemboree – Fred Plesner has a meeting set up on July 19th with the Chamber of Commerce. There is still a shortage of dealers. Security has been taken care of with a sheriff's deputy. Fred has distributed all of the copies of the Franklin EZ Guide and needs more.

Publicity – Fred Plesner reported that he sent brochures to I40 at the Tennessee line. He has also taken brochures to Smokey Mountain Hosts on 441 south.

Curator – Fred Plesner relayed that Alan Owen, a Life member, has moved to assisted living quarters and has donated two boxes of rocks.

Museum Manager – Al Pribble reported that the termites in the museum will be treated next Monday the twenty-second of July. There is still a need for a person to be in charge of the museum hosting calendar. During the Heritage Days event, there will be a gift shop items set up under a tent in front of the museum in the driveway. Our club members are allowed to sell their gem related items next to the museum's tent.

Librarian – Dean Plesner said that she purchased a book on Turquoise placed in the library as a memorial book for Jerry Kolle.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh advised the gift shop is out of dirt bags and town maps. She could use some help pricing rocks.

Publications – Linda Behr said that deadline for the August newsletter is August 12th. She said that she is receiving emails relating to the Forestry lands and has been forwarding them to the board members. Linda believes we should have someone to attend these meetings and keep up with what is happening.

Arlon Eldridge submitted the paperwork for the upcoming state grant. The announcements are expected in late September with the disbursement of the monies in October.

DMC Field Trip – Lon has delegated Arlon to be the chairman of the DMC field trip. John Hayes read a letter announcing a DMC field trip at Chunky Gal on August the 17th. This is an opportunity for our members to go see how another club does a DMC field trip.

Nominating Committee – Marty Martinez advised the board of the slate of officers for election at the August meeting:

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The meeting was adjourned by President Lon Peden at 8:15PM.

Respectively submitted,

Raymond Behr

Secretary

Facts

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.



Environmental Hazards

- Bob Green, Safety Committee Chair

This month we are going to digress from the previous articles about being prepared and look at the hazards around you. The topic is the weather.

As all in the Southeast Federation have experienced this spring and start of summer, the weather has been dramatic. Excessive rain, wind, storms and floods have been our constant companions. As a result there have been a number of rescues of folks being trapped by high water and several issues of folks being isolated by roads being washed away or being flooded.

Some of the hazards are widely identified by the Weather Channel and other news organizations, as all say "do not drive through flood waters". These organizations point out that water is about 800 times as dense as air and as a result, a foot of water flowing at about 6 miles per hour is a substantial force and can be extremely difficult to cross. And since cars can actually act like a boat for a period of time, these tend to float when the body of the car gets into the water. So to emphasize what is on the television, be careful with flood water.

Other instances of storm damage and not including tornados and hurricanes are the thunderstorms and the local damage that these generate. Recently in upstate South Carolina, a person was killed when a large limb was dislodged from a tree during a storm. Also seeking shelter under a tree during a thunderstorm can be hazardous if the tree is struck by lightning.

A lot of golfers are keenly aware of this hazard and if caught on the course they do not head for the nearest tree. I was playing golf a long time ago and we were caught on the course, we got into a drainage ditch rather than get close to the trees because of this hazard. We got wet, but it was safer than being near the isolated trees. Lightning did not strike the trees, but we were not taking a chance.

And one last hazard that is not thought of very often in the south caused by the weather is hypothermia. This is when your body temperature starts dropping because you are wet and cold. About 30 years ago, we were in the Seattle, Washington area on a project. One of the engineers we were working with related an experience that he had on Mount Rainer. Now, this is dramatically different weather than we have in the Southeast, but it is worth remembering. He and a group were hiking and were caught in a sudden downpour. The air temperature was about 50 degrees F. He thought little of this and continued his hike. He became disoriented and wanted to get away for his group, he was developing hypothermia.

His friends recognized this and convinced him, not easily according to his friends, that they should head back to the cars. He told us that his friends had to literally drag him back to his vehicle which ultimately saved his life.

Over the 4th of July, I was also drenched and even though the temperature was in the mid sixties, experienced the chills from being wet and relatively cold, so it can happen here in the sunny south in summer.

So, summer is nice, but has many hazards and these should be remembered. Have a plan to address any of these complications. And I guess this is really related to being prepared after all.

****Member News**

Reporting by Linda Behr

- Lifelong member, Claire Miller has move to an assisted living home. This is her new address: 1 Shepherd's Ways Suite 300, Warminster, Pa., 18974. 215-674-1617; she would love to hear from us.
- Lifelong member, Allen Owen dropped by the museum and met with Fred Plesner, our curator. Allen donated boxes of goodies to the museum. He too is moving. He's moving to 2011 Telemark Lane NW, Rochester, MN, 55901.
- Laura Peden has been in the local hospital with a serious condition. She is doing better according to Lon. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- Fred Plesner's scooter was stolen from his carport along with Odie's hat.
- Ray Behr's brother is quite ill so Ray and Linda made a quick trip to Tampa to visit with him.
- Arlon Eldridge has finally a diagnosis with his true illness...shingles. The bad thing is that the shots are making him sick.
- We have heard that both Edgar and Barbara Wing have passed away within one week of one another. We have a library book added to our library for each of them.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips
The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc
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An Official Field Trip of the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC



Date: September 25, 2013

Day: Wednesday

Time: 10 a.m. -

No Fee...really there is no fee

Buckets with local dirt from a great Franklin source will be available.

There will be no digging however; you may bring your own screen.

Mining sluice at this mine will be used for cleaning of dirt

Location:

Cowee Mtn. Ruby Mine

6771 Sylva Rd.

Franklin, NC 28734

828-369-5271

There is shelter as well as restrooms.

We are located only three miles from the town of Franklin with plenty of restaurants.

The Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum will be open during this field trip.



DIRECTIONS:

From Atlanta, GA

-Take I-85N/GA-403N

-Keep left to take GA-365 via EXIT 113 toward Gainesville for 52.7 miles

-Merge onto US-23N/US-441N for 49.9 miles

-Turn Right off of US-23N/US into Cowee Mtn. Ruby Mine

From Charlotte, NC

-Take I-85 toward Gastonia for 70.5 miles

-Merge onto I-26W via EXIT 70 toward Asheville, NC for 57.8 miles

-Merge onto I-40W/US-74 via EXIT 32B on Left toward Canton/Knoxville for 18.3 miles

-Merge onto US-74W via EXIT 27 toward Clyde/Waynesville/Murphy/Atlanta/Maggie Valley for 1.3 miles

-Merge onto US-23S/US-74W for 24.9 miles

-Merge onto US-23/US-441S via EXIT 81 toward Dillsboro/Franklin/Atlanta for 14.5 miles

-Turn left in to Cowee Mtn. Ruby Mine

From Knoxville, TN

-Take I-40E toward Ashville for 91.7 miles

-Take the US-19/US-23 EXIT 27 toward Clyde for .3miles

-Merge onto US-74W for .5miles

-US-74 becomes ramp for .2miles

-Merge onto US-23S/US-74W for 24.7 miles

-Merge onto US-23S/US-441S via EXIT 81 toward Dillsboro/Franklin/Atlanta for 14.5 miles

-Turn Left into Cowee Mtn. Ruby Mine

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New DMC Email Address -

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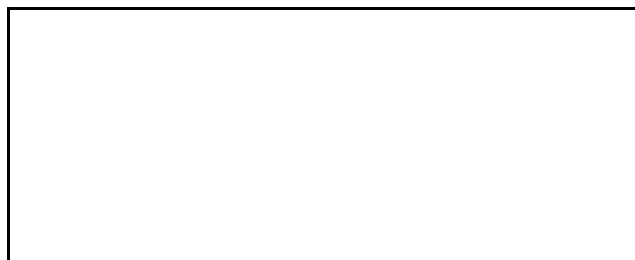
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An evening you won't
want to miss;
Kim Cochran will be
our guest speaker.

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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

24th Annual Gemboree

Oct 25, 2013 - Oct 27, 2013

Friday - Saturday 10am - 5pm;

Sunday 11am - 4pm

General Meetings: 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month 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.