



# Rocky Trails



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The Newsletter of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

This year promises to be a very busy year with workshop get togethers, yard sales, and lapidary classes. As you read through this issue of the Rocky Trails, you will find many of these activities happening within the next couple of months. For you newer members, there is lots of opportunity to meet folks and forge new friendships.

As most of you know, the lease on our workshop will be expiring this year and we will have to move to a new location. This will take a lot of work and any help that you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Things have already begun with Sue, Susan and Sheila boxing up the library books. The yard sale will be the next big step. This will give us an opportunity to reduce our inventory while giving members and the general public an opportunity to purchase items of interest and value.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members. I would also like to recognize Dave Hanes for taking over the position of fieldtrip chairman. If you have any ideas for fieldtrips that you would like to take, please let Dave know. We are looking forward to many enjoyable fieldtrips in the coming year. .

On a final note, be sure and come to the February club meeting. Our guest speaker, who is a member of our club, will be giving a presentation on diamonds. John is very knowledgeable on the subject of gems and gives excellent presentations!

Ron Ahle, editor

PS: Consider going to the Aiken Gem & Mineral show in March. If you like hiking and/or birding, this trip could be combined with a visit to the Phinizy Nature Park.

## NEXT MEETING

**February 18, 2019**

### PROGRAM:

### **Diamonds- History, Mine to Market, and Grading**

John Narang is the Artisan and Proprietor of TAJ Fine Jewelry and a CGMS member. He attained his Graduate Gemologist Degree from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in 2007 with certifications in Diamonds and Colored Gemstones. John started his company in 2007 and focuses on making his branded colored stone jewelry, selling loose diamonds and gems, as well doing private client bridal work. TAJ Fine Jewelry also is a jewelry wholesaler and frequents gem and jewelry shows both as a vendor and a buyer. He spends at least 2 months a year in India visiting family and playing with stones in Jaipur. John grew up in Mt. Pleasant, SC and received his BS and MBA from the University of South Carolina. He had a former career as a Technology Risk Manager for KPMG and Ernst & Young in Charlotte, NC.

### REFRESHMENTS

The Wenzel Family

### DOOR PRIZE

Provided by club from the lapidary workshop.

Club meetings are at The McKissick Museum at USC. Parking is available beside the museum where Bull St. runs into Pendleton St. See map on page 10. If you are unable to use the front steps of the McKissick Museum, there is an elevator on the ground floor down the hall from the parking lot. If you need to use the elevator call 803-261-9317 to have the door on the street level by the parking lot opened.



### Social Media Helps our Club Stay Social!

Join us on Facebook, our social media outlet, to learn about activities of the club and to share your club-related experiences. From any Facebook page (not Google), you can search for "Columbia Gem and Mineral Society" to access the club page. Once you get there, you can click on "Like" this page and set your preferences for notifications under the "Following" button. Share the CGMS Events and Posts with your friends! Add photos of club-related topics! Use this page to share your rock and lapidary interests. Anyone can post on our page, just keep it gem and mineral relevant (no profanity or off-topic posts please). Enjoy, this is one way members of our club can stay connected. To access our web site, just type "CGMS.ROCKS" in your internet browser or you can search for Columbia Gem and Mineral Society in Google.

The Club's website is: [www.cgms.rocks](http://www.cgms.rocks)

### Workshop Classes Club Lapidary Workshop

1601 Frink St. Cayce, SC 29033  
Call or email Gary Hert 803-794-9362 to use the rock saws and cabbing machines

Glass Fusing Class taught by Sue Shrader  
Saturday February 24, 2019; 2:00 to 4:00  
\$20.00 Includes supplies to make 3 pieces  
(Earrings and Pendants)



To sign up call Sue 803-736-9317

### MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget your 2019 dues are owed for those who haven't paid yet. For those that have paid, I will have membership cards ready for pickup on January 28th. I will also be providing electronic membership cards for those who prefer.

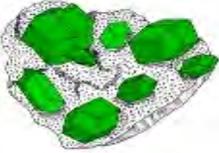
Membership dues: \$25 for individuals; \$30 for a family. You may renew at the February meeting or mail your check to Treasurer Angela Valvasori. Please encourage friends to join! The dues are \$26 for new individuals or \$31 for new families.

### SUNSHINE

Abbie Gates is recovering from a broken knee cap. Hopefully by the time you read this she will not have to wear the cast.

Chris Glass has been moved from the hospital in Augusta to rehab in Aiken near her home. She continues to make rapid progress following her stroke and the surgeries afterwards. She can walk with a walker.

**Columbia Gem & Mineral Society**



**Club Lapidary Workshop**  
**1601 Frink Street**  
**Cayce, SC 29033**

**Saturday March 2, 2019**  
**Time to be Announced**

**Open to all Columbia Gem & Mineral Society Members**  
**Bring your own table and money to set up**

The lease on the club's lapidary workshop is almost up. We must move everything out of the house and the building behind it. The club will have bookcases, chairs and off course rocks. Club members can set up in the front yard to sell anything they want! Bring your own tables and keep up with your own money.



**Columbia Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Workshop Informal Get Together**

**Lapidary Workshop**

**1601 Frink St.**

**Cayce, SC 29033**

***Tuesday February 26, 2019***

***5:00 to 7:30 PM***



**Bring your own food and drink. It can be pizza, sub sandwich , or something you have made. Come out to eat and talk about whatever. The workshop has paper plates, cups , & plastic forks knives.**

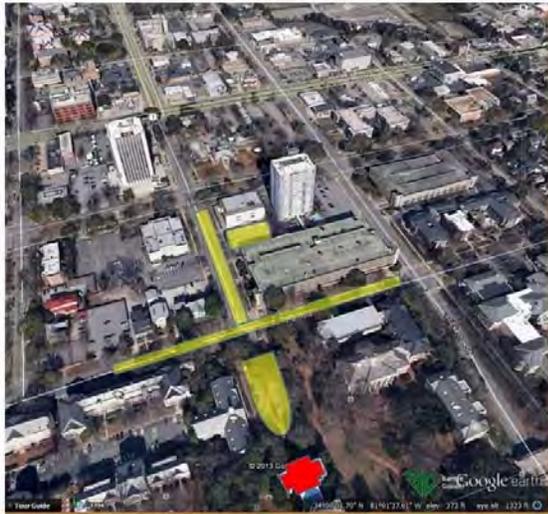
**If you want to use the saws or the cabbng machinesCall Gary 803-794-9362**

**[gchert@hotmail.com](mailto:gchert@hotmail.com)**

**Bring something to work on while you are there. Bring anything you have found , made or bought . Drop in and visit the workshop! If you plan to be there**

**call Sue 803-261-9317**

**[ashrader@mindspring.com](mailto:ashrader@mindspring.com)**



**Yellow shaded areas =suggested parking**      **McKissick Museum (in Red)**



### McKissick Museum

#### **McKissick Museum:**

[www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum](http://www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum); phone 803.777.7251; College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina; 816 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29208

**Natural Curiosity:** The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World is an ongoing exhibit in the 3rd floor gallery. Explore your own “natural curiosity” in this exhibit that highlights not only the treasures of nature, but also the evolution of the field of natural history. Beginning soon after USC was founded as South Carolina College, professors and students alike collected samples of animal, vegetable, and mineral to study and grow their understanding of the world around them. Today, visitors can still learn from these real and authentic objects or use newly installed touchscreens to dive deeper into the collections and explore the Historic Southern Naturalists. Permanent Exhibition. Exhibition hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### South Carolina State Museum

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<http://scmuseum.org/events/upcoming-events/>

South Carolina State Museum  
301 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803-898-4921

#### **Second Shift Twosdays**

Every Tuesday from 5 – 10 p.m.

General admission is 2 for \$10!

The museum is open late every Tuesday! Explore four floors of permanent and changing exhibits, planetarium shows, 4D Theater films, night-sky viewing in the Observatory and more.

Boeing Observatory Public Solar Observing Times:

Mon. – Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m....Saturday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m....Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m....Sunset to 8 p.m. during Second Shift Tuesday each week.

Meteorite hits Cuba with huge sonic boom. The US National Weather Service tweeted that its radar may have detected a huge meteor (a fireball) near Viñales, in western Cuba around 1:21 pm Friday February 1st 2019. Residents in Viñales, Cuba, heard a “large explosion” around this time on Friday afternoon. The explosion has now been confirmed to be from a fireball that produced a meteorite fall. Several pieces of the meteorite resulting of the huge fireball has already been found

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

### January 21, 2019 Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, January 21, 2019, at Grecian Gardens at 2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169. Attending: Jim Cobb, Sharon Sterrett, Susan Bloodworth, Ron Ahle, Gary Hert, Sue Shrader, Sheila Frame, Benira Sutphin Ron Ahle called the meeting to order at 7:15.

**Vice President:** Ron announced there would be a Dixie Mineral Field Trip coming up. Ron said that any information about Dixie Mineral field trips were only to be announced to club members and **not** published on social media. The club's Facebook and Website Pages will need to delete any Dixie Mineral information from the pages before posting. Ron said that Dave Hanes would be the new Field Trip Coordinator, and club members should share any information about possible field trips with Dave.

**Liaison:** Jim Cobb said the Aiken Club took a field trip to Mace Brown to see a fossil exhibit in Charleston and then went to the Charleston Natural History Museum. Ron asked Jim to get this to Dave Hanes, the new field trip coordinator for our club. **Programs:** Sue posed a question about our club's admission price for the Gem and Mineral show. She said our admission charge was in the middle of other club's charges. Most board members felt the prices for admission were okay. Sue said she was working on the year's programs: Dates for Presentations may change, based on best schedule. January: Show and Tell; February: John Narang (Gemologist and club member) would do a Diamond Presentation; March: Ron Ahle would set up an Auction using specimens from the Max Smith Collection; April: Lipsky Presentation on Coral; May: Ron Ahle will present on Rock Art; June: Kim Cochran Presentation. Gary Hert suggested that the March Club Auction take place at the workshop for the March General Meeting. Sue said that after auction and garage sale that she knew someone who may pick up the less valuable rocks for a rock wall.

**Workshop:** Since there will be an auction and garage sale, Sue and Ron said they would be needing some work days. Ron said for identifying auction specimens, he would only need a few helpers. Sue said that she would post a few workdays. Sheila Frame said she would set up time to start packing the library materials. Gary would identify tools that were to be kept by the club and prices for old tools that could be sold for parts. Sue said she would sort through lapidary (jewelry) tools that needed to be kept for the club. The best date for the garage sale was decided as March 2, 2019. Since the club has not been able to find a location for the new workshop, it was decided that by the February meeting, the top three possible storage facilities needed to be identified. The latest date for a contract for a storage unit would be May 1, 2019. There was a suggestion to rent a U-haul for moving day. Sheila said we should be able to rent a 10' by 15' storage unit for \$75.00 to \$100.00 per month. It was suggested that Jimmy be in charge of the Yard Sale and renting the storage unit. Jimmy needed to be asked if he could do these things. For the garage sale, Sue said we would need to pay a fee to do the garage sale and to advertise the garage sale.

**Membership:** Sheila Frame said we have 60 paid members for 2019; 50 adults, 10 children and of the 60 members, 10 were new members. Sheila also said she had the new stamp for membership cards and that she would work on address labels for those whose Rocky Trails were mailed to them. Sheila also had discount cards for Swift Water Beads. **Sunshine:** Chris Glass is in rehab. Stacey Montebello is getting married. Scott Shrader is also getting married. **Treasurer:** New Treasurer is Angela Valvasori. Laura Tess had indicated she would help with transition for new treasurer and that she would help with the 2019 Gem and Mineral Show. Since there was no other business, board members voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Susan Bloodworth*

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### January 28, 2019 General Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held the monthly club meeting on the 4th Monday, January 28, 2018, at the McKissick Museum at 816 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29208 on the USC campus. Vice-President Ron Ahle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Vice-President:** Ron thanked all for coming and thanked Sharon Sterrett and David Dunlap for providing the refreshment and thanked Sue Shrader for providing the door prizes. Ron asked all visitors to introduce themselves and welcomed them to the meeting.

**Programs:** Sue Shrader passed around sign up list for door prizes and refreshments. Sue said she would be offering a glass infusion class on February 24 at the CG&MS workshop on Frink Street. She passed around a sign-up sheet and said she would be emailing more information about the class. Sue said she would charge a fee for the materials and there would be a \$3.00 charge for use of the workshop. Gary reminded everyone that new members have 5 free hours to use the workshop, and that some members have payed or can pay a set fee of \$25.00 and use the workshop for only \$2.00 an hour. Sue reminded members that the club would have to move the lapidary workshop in the spring, and the club would have lots of work to do. In preparation for the move, the club is planning an auction and garage sale to eliminate extraneous materials that need not be stored until the club can find another property to serve as a workshop. The auction will take place during the March Club Meeting. The garage sale will take place on March 2, 2019 at the Frink Street Workshop. Sue told club members that they could come and set up their own items or come and help with the club sale. February 26, 2019: The CG&MS will have a social get-together at the workshop. March 8, 9, & 10: The Aiken August Gem and Mineral Show will take place. Sue announced that one of our members, Ricky Taylor, had opened a rock and mineral shop in Lexington, SC. Sue Bloodworth said that Ricky was hoping to have monthly jewelry making classes in the work area at his shop. Sue then talked about up-coming programs for the meetings: February: John Narang will do a presentation on Diamonds. March: Club Auction of items from the Max Smith Collections. April: Lipsky, May: Ron Ahle will do a presentation on Rock Art. June: Kim Cochran will present on Antarctic Fossil.

**Workshop:** Gary Hert announced that he is available on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays; Members need to call him ahead of time so he can meet them at the workshop. Pat Hert said she could sometimes open shop on Saturdays. Don Burger announced that the owner of the property of the workshop said that when the workshop lease expires, for \$700.00 a month the club could have an extension of rental on workshop until September. Don also said he would check on a few options for a future workshop. Ron said the Board would be working on the future site for a new workshop, but we may need to rent a storage unit temporarily. Ron also reminded all members that they are welcome to come to Board Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Grecian Gardens in West Columbia at 6:00.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)**

**Membership:** Sheila Frame reminded members that she would be collecting club dues. She said we now had 81 current members, but that would be increasing as members paid dues. She also said membership cards were available. She also passed around Swift Water Bead Coupons. **Field Trip:** Dave Hanes said he was working on Field Trips around River areas with fossils, and he was looking at setting up a Springfield Trip. He also wanted to look at a field trip to local quarries, possibly Vulcan Mines. He said that he was checking out Ruby Mines in North Carolina. Ron reminded members to look in Rocky Trails for field trips organized by the Dixie Mineral Association. Ron said in the spring there would be a field trip to Graves Mountain, which was listed in the Rocky Trails. Ron suggested that all members read the Rocky Trails and keep up with upcoming field trips.

**Sunshine:** Abbie Gates said her leg is healing, and soon she would be without a cast. Abbie informed members that Chris Glass was recovering from a stroke, and Jimmy's wife had hand surgery. Also, Sue Shrader was doing better from oral and sinus surgery. **Liaison:** Jim Cobb encouraged all members to support the Aiken/Augusta Gem and Mineral (Sister) Club with their show in Augusta during March 8-10. **Rocky Trails:** Ron Ahle asked all members to send any relevant news to him so he could publish it in the Rocky Trails. Catherine Sawyer passed around a birthday card for our president for members to sign. Since there was no other business, members voted to adjourn. After Door Prizes, Sue Shrader conducted the Show and Tell activity for Most Beautiful and Ugliest Rock.

Winners:

Ugly Rock:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Saluda River Rock owned by Abbie Gates

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Marl from Calhoun Co. top of bluffs and owned by Dave Schuetrum

Pretty Rock

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tiger Eye Collection owned by Charlie Wenzel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wire Wrap dragons and scorpions made by Daniel Morgan

Respectfully submitted by

*Susan Bloodworth*

### Field Trip to Graves Mountain

April 26 – 28, 2019 Graves Mountain, Lincoln, GA Rock Swap & Dig

Collecting Rutile, Kyanite, Lazulite, Iridescent Hematite, Pyrophyllite, Pyrite, Ilmenite, Fuchsite, Barite, Sulfur, variscite, woodhouseite, crandallite, strengite, phosphosiderite, cacoxenite, blue quartz, quartz crystals, etc.

Friday April 26, 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday April 27, 8 am to 6 pm

Sunday April 28, 8 am to 6 pm

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during April and October. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

**Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:** Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events.

Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. (Junior) - 706-359-1544 (his business) or 706-401-3173 (his cell)

**THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL**  
**NO NEED TO SIGN-UP, JUST SHOW UP FOR ALL "ROCK SWAP AND DIGS"!**

Graves Mountain is accessible and open for mineral collecting by colleges, universities, and gem and mineral societies. Groups as small as two INDIVIDUAL mineral collectors can now reserve the mountain!

**DIRECTIONS:** From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left.

Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign



Rutile



Golden pyrophyllite



## Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve  
DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee  
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An Official Field Trip of the Tennessee Valley Rock And Mineral Society (Chattanooga, TN)  
An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
**Ross Creek**  
**Gruetli-Laager, Tennessee**  
**Meet at 9:00 AM Central**

**TRIP:** Day trip to a Pennsylvanian/Mississippian scale tree and tree fern fossil site. Site is easily accessible by auto and is not strenuous. Site is a shallow creek that is wet year round. This time of year snakes and poison ivy are probably not a problem.

**COLLECTING:** Site collecting will include various genus and species of Pennsylvanian and Mississippian Carboniferous plants.

**BRING:** Bring a bucket and digging trowel, a geology hammer, magnifying lens, packing material to protect finds, wet weather gear (especially boots), gloves, and a change of shoes and pants as you will get wet. It will be cold this time of year and you will be on top of a mountain. Bring warm dry clothes to change into. Check the forecast weather for Monteagle, TN.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Parking will be ample and on a dirt road. Depending on the weather it may be muddy. A brief safety/orientation meeting will be held at the meeting site. Samples of collecting material will be available.

**CHILDREN (Yes):** No age limit but must be able to walk on uneven surfaces. Adults are expected to supervise your children.

**PETS (No):** Pets are not allowed.

**FACILITIES:** There are no adjacent facilities for this site. This is a remote site and very primitive. There are no facilities in the area, so bring water and food and first aid/meds if needed. Cell phone reception is unreliable at best.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:**

We will meet at the Hardee's parking lot on top of Monteagle Mountain exit 138 on 1-24 W, 50 minutes from Chattanooga. Meeting time is 9:00 am CST, departure at 9:20 am CST. If you feel you will be late call ahead to Charlie Jones, cell 423 653 4479, or before trip date 423 842 6441, cell service at site is very limited.

**CONTACT:** Charlie Jones, C 423 653 4479, HOME 423 842 6441

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**An Official Field Trip of the Athens Rock and Gem Club (Athens, GA) (HOST)  
An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019  
Stoney Bluff  
Girard, GA  
9:00AM EST**

**TRIP:** This is the Third Bi-annual trip to collect agate about 30 miles south of Augusta, GA. We will assemble in Girard, GA at 9 am in the vacant lot just south of the Post Office (do not park in the Post Office parking lot). The collecting site is only a few miles away.

**COLLECTING:** "Savannah River Agate"

**BRING:** Colorful, agatized material can be found on the surface at the site, but many people usually bring light digging tools and small pry bars to free larger boulders from the sandy soil. Leather gloves and safety glasses are recommended. Bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. **NOTE:** All holes must be re-filled before you leave.

**CHILDREN:** Children are allowed but must have adult supervision at all times.

**PETS:** No pets are allowed.

**FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at this site and the closest facilities are several miles away.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:**

From I-20 in Augusta get onto I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway) and head toward the south end of the expressway. When you reach Exit 9 (Mike Padgett Hwy), exit and head south (most likely Hwy 56 at that point) approx. 15 mi. to McBean, GA. Just beyond McBean turn left onto Hwy 23 and follow it SE about 14 mi. to Girard. GA.

**CONTACT:** Trip chairman: Jim Maudsley 706-353-1792 or [jamesm24@charter.net](mailto:jamesm24@charter.net)

## **AREA SHOWS**

**Feb 16 & 17, 2019: Vero Beach, FL 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem and Jewelry Show.** Sponsored by the Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society. Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4. \$5 Donation at the door. Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Contact: Treasure-coastrockandgem@gmail.com

**February 23 – 24th 2019...Jackson Mississippi 60th Gem Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show**  
**Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society**, Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds  
1200 Mississippi Street; Jackson MS 39202  
rock2lanes@gmail.com  
Club website: [www.missgems.org](http://www.missgems.org)

**FEBRUARY 23, 2019...Lakeland, Florida Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society**  
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801  
Contact Jim Reed, Show chair, at (863) 255-0651 or email rocks57@tampabay.rr.com.  
Facebook: Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club.  
Website: [www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

**March 8-10, 2019 Augusta, GA...29th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**  
**Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St. Augusta GA 30904**

Vendors that offer a wide variety of jewelry, rare fossils and mineral specimens, gems of all colors shapes & sizes, lapidary and much more. Member Show Cases, Lapidary Demonstrations, Educational Resources, Grab Bags, Treasure Dig, Geode Sales & Cutting, Mineral Panning, Hourly Door Prizes and a Grand Prize that will be awarded at the end of the show on Sunday. .

Show Contact: Richard McNutt 706-650-8280  
Sponsoring Clubs: Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society [www.aikengmfs.org](http://www.aikengmfs.org)  
and the Augusta Gem and Mineral Society [www.agam.club](http://www.agam.club)  
Fri & Sat 10AM-6PM / Sun 11AM-5PM  
Admission: \$3 per adult or \$5 Weekend pass-Children under 12 Free with an Adult

**March 8-10, 2019 Tampa Bay, FL**

**The Tampa Bay Fossil Club's Fossil Fest @ the Florida State Fairgrounds!!**

Join us for the best displays of fossils, minerals, gems, artifacts shells, and paleo workshops!!

KIDS GAMES \* FOSSIL MINE \* RAFFLES \* DOOR PRIZES \* SILENT AUCTIONS

Show hours are Saturday: 9:00 am -5:00 pm & Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Show Admission: Adults \$8 – Kids under 12 are free! Parking is \$6 per car, cash only \$12 for RV/Bus

**Launch of American Geode's gem, mineral, fossil show page!**

American Geode's gem, mineral, and fossil show page will be #1 on Google, Yahoo, when people search for gem, mineral, fossil shows. No log-in, signing up, or passwords. American Geode wants EVERYBODY, from academics, to college students, to interior design professionals to come to your shows and to buy at your shows. American Geode works with more diverse crowd than just serious mineral collectors.

Even if your club does not host shows, please visit American Geode for shows to visit when you are traveling on vacation or traveling for business!

<http://www.americangeode.com/shows/>



# Columbia Gem and Mineral Society



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Year \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership Year runs January 1 – December 31)

<https://www.cgms.rocks>

Check one: **DUES CURRENT MEMBERS**

Individual \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES for NEW MEMBERS ONLY (Prorated Quarterly)**

Individual \$26 \_\_\_\_\_ \$21 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$31 \_\_\_\_\_ \$24 \_\_\_\_\_ \$16 \_\_\_\_\_ \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

*Jan 1                  Apr 1                  July 1                  Oct 1*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For those with privacy concerns: If you don't want your home phone or physical address published in the Club Roster please circle or highlight: No phone No address

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:** Spouse and children under 18 yrs. living at the same address.

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB PARTICIPATION:** Please indicate which committee you can help with:

Field Trips\_\_ Membership\_\_ Newsletter\_\_ Programs\_\_ Social\_\_ Faceting Guild\_\_

Workshop\_\_ Show Chairman\_\_ Publicity\_\_ Sunshine\_\_ Rookie Rockhound' s\_\_

May we call on you to work with a Board Member on a committee or project? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (and) mail to: PO Box 6333

Columbia, SC 29260

Previous Membership in another Mineral Society? Club \_\_\_\_\_

Have you held an office in another club? Club/Office \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a rock collection? If so; what? \_\_\_\_\_

What lapidary skills and interests do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

For Club Use

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society is an organization of persons associated together to promote popular interest in and to provide means for the exchange of knowledge of the Earth Sciences – Geology, Mineralogy, and Paleontology – and of the related Arts – Lapidary and other. The Society is a member of the Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies Inc. and affiliates of the American Federation of Mineralogical Society Inc.

### 2019 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**Monthly Meeting**

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**Executive Board Meetings:**

Except for January, the meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd., and West Columbia. Meal is at 6:30pm. Meeting is at 7:00 pm.

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