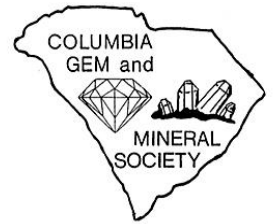




# Rocky Trails



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The Newsletter of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all continuing and new members. Sorry about skipping the June Rocky Trails. Angela and I were in Wyoming during June collecting fossils and memories. In lieu of a June Rocky Trails, I hope that you will come to the July club meeting to experience my presentation on Yellowstone NP (see page 5 for more details). For those of you who did not make it to the June meeting, you missed a very lively show and tell with everything from dinosaur teeth to a geode (brought by Audrey Free) with a human tooth lodged in it (weird eh?). A special thanks to Carol Elliot for bringing dental picks for members in attendance. Angela and I have made effective use of them for prepping dinosaur fossils collected in Wyoming.

Well, we are halfway through summer and its hot. For you who don't like the heat and don't like being cooped up inside, there are some Dixie Mineral fieldtrips where you can get out and beat the heat. One takes you to the mountains near Franklin, NC to collect rubies, sapphires, and garnets. I have been to the listed locations and there is lots of material to collect.

On a somber note, Chris CiCimurri, after fighting a battle with cancer, passed on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She was the curator of the McKissick Museum and a great friend to the club. We will miss her dearly.

The club is looking for help for our 2023 gem show (please look on page 4 for details). Also, a warm thanks goes out to Sue Shrader for helping with advertisement even though she is having an unpleasant recovery from her knee surgery. On pages 9 & 18 are impressive show flyers designed by Sue. Please print them out and distribute them.

Thanks to Jason Dolinski for taking the position of auctioneer. The club is still looking for a fieldtrip coordinator. The fieldtrip coordinator is needed to organize 2-4 fieldtrips per year (some could be shared with the Aiken club) and keep the club informed on the upcoming Dixie Mineral fieldtrips. This year we have already had 3 fieldtrips with potentially more to come. Who amongst you that enjoys fieldtrips would like to help by taking this position?

*Ron Ahle*

## NEXT MEETING

**July 17, 2023**

Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm.  
Meeting at 7:30 pm.

The May 2023 CGMS meeting will be held at **The McKissick Museum** at USC. Parking is available beside the museum where Bull St. runs into Pendleton St. See map on page 10.

## PROGRAM:

**Ron Ahle will give this month's program.** The program title is "Yellowstone National Park; What Could Be Better?" The program will be a review of the history, geology, and natural wonders of the World's First National Park! Ron will share recent photos that he has taken during summer visits over the past two years.

Patricia Stidom will provide Door Prizes.

Refreshments will be provided by Patricia Stidom & Pam Etheridge.

## Executive Meeting

July 24, 2023

Dinner: 6 pm, Meeting: 7 pm

Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd.,  
West Columbia.

Members are welcome to attend. Only executive members can vote.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### June 20, 2023, Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on June 20, 2023, at McKissick Museum. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Jim welcomed new members and guest. Jim thanked Carol Elliot for providing snacks and Susan Bloodworth for providing door prizes. The meeting was well attended.

**Field Trips:** Catherine Sawyer said the fieldtrip to the Martin-Marietta Quarry near the Black River in Georgetown to collect fossils was well attended and a great success. Catherine described some of the fossils that were found on the trip which included a range of things from shark teeth to echinoids. Catherine mentioned that the next quarry trip may occur in September or October. Ron reminded members to check out upcoming Dixie Mineral Fieldtrips.

**Membership:** Sheila announced to the club that we had 107 with more coming. New member, David Shelly was recognized in attendance. Sheila announced that Jason Dolinski had volunteered to be the club auctioneer.

**Show:** Susan Bloodworth talked about the show committee meetings and announced one scheduled for July. She said the dealer contracts were ready to be sent out. The committee is looking to the membership for ideas on publicity. They are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and take down plus they are open to folks volunteering to fill cases. Ron Ahle volunteered do fill a case. A grab bag workshop is being planned for September and donations are being accepted for the bags. Susan announced that the dealer dinner was being brought back to the pre-COVID status and volunteers to provide food and drinks will be needed.

**Programs:** Main Program: **Show and Tell.** Members brought remarkably interesting objects from their collections and came up in front of the group to tell their stories. Ron Ahle will give a presentation on Yellowstone National Park in July and a silent auction is tentatively scheduled for August.

**Shop:** Sheila announced that she would be offering classes in wire wrapping. **Sunshine:** Sue Shrader had knee replacement surgery and has been having difficulty with subsequent infections. She is staying home recovering.

Door prizes were awarded. Carol Elliot made a very generous offer of dental tools to members in attendance. Between door prizes and dental tools, everyone went home with something.

Jim Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle*

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

### June 26, 2023, Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society held its executive board meeting on June 26, 2023, at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance were Jim Cobb (President), Ron Ahle (Secretary), Jonathan Wenzel (Vice-President), Mandie Wenzel (Show Committee), Sheila Frame (Membership), Sharon Sterrit (Show Committee) and Angela Valvasori (Treasurer). Jim thanked everyone in attendance. Jim thanked Ron for supervising the show and tell at the June meeting. Jim also recognized our new auctioneer, Jason Dolinski.

**Show:** Mandie gave an update on the planning meetings for the 2023 show and stated that the next meeting was set for July. Mandie explained that the dealer contracts have been sent out. However, we still have available space, and a request was made to recruit potential dealers from other shows. Sharon mentioned that the cut-off date for getting contracts is August 15<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that a representative from our club meet with Jamil to ensure that everything will be ready when we start our set-up.

**Program Coordinator:** Angela sent a thank you card to Scott Howard for his recent presentation on earthquakes in the Elgin area. Ron said he would be giving a presentation giving a presentation on Yellowstone NP at the July meeting. We are planning to have a silent auction where we could sell recent donations to club later this year. **Fieldtrips:** Sheila reported that the recent fieldtrip to the Martin-Marietta Quarry near Georgetown was well attended and that Eileen Price, a representative from the mine, is working to provide access to another quarry in September. In showing our appreciation for Eileen's work in giving us access to the quarries, the club gave her a free club membership. Ron announced that he would look into a fieldtrip to Morris Island in October. **Membership:** Sheila stated we have 109 members, 88 adults and 21 juniors. As a reminder, May is the cut-off month for renewing membership for receiving the Rocky Trails.

**Treasurer:** Angela announced that she had paid rent on the storage units and that the Square account is set up. **Workshop:** Sheila is having a wire wrapping class. **Historian:** Angela reported that she had moved materials from home out to the shop. **Website:** Sue Shrader is replacing Dan Elswick as the Facebook administrator for our club. **Sunshine:** Complications with recent medical procedures has made it difficult at best for Sue to attend club functions. She is resting at home so give her a friendly call. Tom Cox recently had cataract surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

**New Business:** Mike Lewis sent a notice about getting a microphone for general meetings. Mandie investigated this and reported options to the board. She mentioned that the microphones in our budget might work for meetings, but not at the show. Sheila stated that she had signed us up for Google Workshop. It was decided that members of the board would have access through one common password and that Angela and Sheila would be the administrative officers.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and Jim adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle*

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual CGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Show Planning Meeting

Many show planning meetings have occurred for the 2023 show. So far, the meeting attendees have adjusted income revenues to account for the increased rent at Jamil Temple and developed a working budget. Dealer contracts have been modified and sent out. Plans are being put into action to address advertising and social media. The group agreed to bring back the dealer potluck dinner. Attendees discussed the options for making volunteers working the show more visible such as tee shirts or caps.

The next **show planning meeting** is Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. at Hope Church located at 2609 Seminole Road. Columbia, SC 29210 Easily accessible from I-26 or I-20 (using a map or GPS is easier than giving directions since there are so many ways to get there). Use the side door (close to the main part of the parking lot). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us at these meeting to share your ideas, knowledge, and any insights that will help make our show better! Our desire is to have many hands/minds to help take the burden off the few. And fresh ideas are welcome! This is YOUR show! Please come and help us make it spectacular! If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to be part of the future planning process, please contact Mandie Wenzel at 803-673-4044 (call or text), or [jonathan.mandie.wenzel@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.mandie.wenzel@gmail.com).

### To All Members:

Please remember that we will be needing donations as listed below. Gem and Mineral show for 2023 will be on Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19. Dealers set up Thursday, December 16.

- (1) We need thumbnail rock, mineral and/or fossil specimens for the Salted Mine and larger specimens (1–3-inch specimens) for Grab Bags. Any contributions will be appreciated. Susan Bloodworth will be accepting donations at club meetings. The Grab Bags and Salted Mine help raise money for the club.
- (2) In September, we will have a Grab Bag workday at the Storage Unit on Augusta Highway, and we will need volunteers to help make \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 Grab Bags. More information about the specific time, date, and address will be provided when the details have been worked out.
- (3) We will also need volunteers to help man the Salted Mine and Grab Bag Stations at the Show. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be provided at club meetings.
- (4) The club will host a Dealers' Dinner on Thursday night after the dealers have set up their booths. Dealers and Club Members will share the meal. The club will furnish meats, plates, and utensils, but we will need volunteers to contribute salads, side dishes, desserts, drinks and ice. Contributions for the meal will need to be at the Jamil Temple no later than 5:00 Thursday on November 16, 2023. Sign-up sheets will be provided closer to the show, but please be thinking about what you would like to provide.

\*In the last several meetings, Carol Elliot and the Stidoms have contributed some wonderful rock specimens for the Salt Mine and the Grab Bags. Thank You!

### About the Presentation for the July Meeting

**Ron Ahle will give this month's program.** The program title is "Yellowstone National Park; What Could Be Better?" The program will be a review of the history, geology, and natural wonders of the World's First National Park! Ron will give a brief history of how the park was established and then go into the geology of a super volcano and how it resulted in all the incredible landforms that make Yellowstone magnificent. Ron will also show photos of wildlife in beautiful landscapes. So, if you are interested in seeing what the badger below looks at daily, come to the meeting!



Photo By Ron Ahle

### In Remembrance of **Chris CiCimurri**

It saddens me to report the Loss of Chris. She was incredibly supportive of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society. Always so down to earth and took time to give the club behind the scenes tour of the museum. She was very willing to answer any questions. Always a joy to be around.

#### **Chris CiCimurri**

McKissick Museum staff, Advisory Council members, and the USC community mourn the loss of Christian Maloney Cicimurri, Curator of Collections, who passed away on May 28, 2023.

Christian was born November 1, 1970, in Plainfield, New Jersey. After graduating from Hunterdon Central HS, Christian attended Douglass College, from which she graduated in 1993. During the summer of 1994, she met her future husband, Dave, in Chamberlain, South Dakota, where they spent two weeks digging up fossils of giant sea turtles and crocodile-like marine lizards. They re-connected in Badlands National Park during the summer of 1995. They both attended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, where they each earned an MS in Paleontology. Prior to graduating, Christian accepted Dave's hand in marriage on June 28, 1997.

Christian and Dave moved to upstate South Carolina in 1999, where both worked at the Campbell Geology Museum at Clemson University. In 2011, the family (son Morgan was born in 2004) moved to Columbia, SC, where Christian joined the staff at the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina. From 2011 - 2014, Christian served as project manager for two consecutive Institute of Museum of Library Services' Museums for America grants where she inventoried and cataloged the museum's historically significant natural science collections encompassing nearly 75,000 rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, and modern shells, as well as safely rehoused 700 radioactive specimens. Though there were many crowning achievements in her career, one came in the fall of 2018 when she was awarded \$460,315 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for another Museums for America grant, this time to expand the **Historic Southern Naturalists** project to include holdings at the Charleston Museum. After 18 years in the museum field, Christian accepted her first full-time job as the Curator of Collections for McKissick Museum in March of 2018. Christian curated, cared for, and researched the Museum's collection, and she planned and installed numerous exhibits on subjects ranging from textiles, decorative arts, university history, and natural science. She also taught geology classes for several years as an adjunct lecturer for the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment.

Christian was an inspiration to her students, interns, volunteers, colleagues, and friends. Her encyclopedic knowledge of topics ranging from natural history and geology, such as identifying trilobite fossils and citing the chemical make-up of feldspar, to textiles, for example, dating period clothing and fanciful hand sewing stitches by sight, to quickly gaining mastery of stoneware and silver in the Museum's collection, was incredible. Additionally, she came to be thought of as the foremost expert on the Past Perfect database collections management system in the state of South Carolina. Her willingness to teach and share all that she knew, both professionally and personally, was a gift.

We will miss her smile, her positive and sunny disposition, the seriousness with which she took her work in stewarding museum collections, her versatility, her strength, and her boundless energy that carried her until the end. *Copied from McKissick Museum*



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

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.

### Meteorites 2023

<https://www.amsmeteors.org/category/fireball-sightings/>

#### alpha Capricornids

Next period of activity: July 7th, 2023, to August 15th, 2023. The alpha Capricornids are not a strong shower with a “plateau-like” maximum centered on July 31st. From the equator northward, they rarely more than five shower members per hour.

### McKissick Museum

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/artsandsciences/mckissick\\_museum/](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/mckissick_museum/)

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

#### Exhibitions:

#### Natural Curiosity: The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World

Explore your own “natural curiosity” in this exhibit that highlights the treasures of nature, and the evolution of the field of natural history. Visitors can learn from authentic objects or use newly installed touchscreens to dive deeper into McKissick collections and explore the lives of Historic Southern Naturalists.

### News Worth Digging Up

## Graves Mountain

*Source:* Georgia mineral Society

Graves Mountain is a unique geological formation located in Lincoln County, Georgia.

“Beginning in the 1920's, Tiffany's mined the site for rutile, a substance used for polishing diamonds. At some point thereafter, Aluminum Silicates, Inc. began mining the site for kyanite, a mineral used to make heat-resistant products. Sometime in the mid-1960's, Combustion Chemicals, Inc. was formed to purchase the site and conduct kyanite mining operations. Combustion Chemicals was a wholly owned subsidiary of Combustion Engineering Inc. Combustion Chemicals conducted mining operations until 1984, when it sold the property to Pasco Mining Company. Pasco operated the mine site until November 1, 1986, at which time the facility and all environmental responsibilities reverted back to Combustion Chemicals by their previous purchase agreement. Combustion Chemicals never resumed mining operations. In 1990, it was merged into Combustion Engineering Inc. In 1990, C-E became a wholly owned subsidiary of Asea Brown Boveri (ABB), a Swiss-Swedish multinational conglomerate based in Zurich and one of the largest electrical engineering companies in the world. The merged company spent 1.6+ million dollars in reclamation costs through the late 1990's. Combustion Engineering was also sued by 16 surrounding property owners for acid run off in 1991.” **Reprint From Georgia Mineral Society**

Currently the mine has become a haven for mineral collectors. There are not many places where folks have the opportunity to collect Rutile, Kyanite, Lazulite, Iridescent Hematite, Pyrophyllite, Pyrite, Ilmenite, Fuchsite, Barite, Sulfur, variscite, woodhouseite, crandallite, strengite, phosphosiderite, cacozenite, blue quartz, and quartz crystals. Just ask Susan Bloodworth who “took Julian Shumpert to Graves Mountain for his birthday and his first official dig. To make everything even better, he found the specimen of the day, a peacock ore point. The other diggers oohed over Julian's find. He kept his treasure in his pocket the rest of the day so he could show it to all the other Rock Diggers and at the Rock Swap. This was a wonderful experience for all.”





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**South Carolina State Museum**  
**<http://scmuseum.org/events/upcoming-events/>**

301 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803-898-4921

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon: Closed, Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

**June 4, 2023: First Sunday Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina**

General admission is only \$1 on the first Sunday of every month. For an additional price, guests can enjoy a planetarium show and/or a 4D theater movie.

**Planetarium Theater Shows:** (Advance online ticket purchases are encouraged, especially if you wish to see planetarium and/or 4D shows.)

**Live Sky Experience Travel** through the night sky and take a tour of the constellations, planets and other celestial objects that can be seen in the current night sky from right here in Columbia. Learn how the sky changes over the course of the night and journey through space to get a close-up look at Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars. Show Run Time: 30 mins. Check website for show times.

**MARS: One Thousand One** takes viewers away from planet Earth, into space, and across our solar system to our neighboring planet. This thrilling planetarium experience follows the fictional story of the Mars IRIS 1 mission, a daring 1001-day voyage to fly an international crew to the planet and return them safely to Earth. The crew faces a few dangers along the way, including a solar coronal mass ejection that threatens their safety. And, once on Mars, viewers will see the team work on the planet's surface, exploring the landscape, looking for water, and retrieving rocks in a search for the history of water.

**Habitat Earth** The show features stunning visualizations of the natural world, as it takes you below the ocean's surface to explore the dynamic relationships found in kelp forest ecosystems, travel beneath the forest floor to see how Earth's tallest trees rely on tiny fungi to survive, and journey to new heights to witness the intricate intersection between human and ecological networks. 25 min. Check website for show times.

**Museum Special Exhibit: Apollo 16 & Beyond: South Carolina in Space**

This new exhibition explores the Apollo 16 lunar mission and the historic moonwalk of SC astronaut Charles Duke. In addition to featuring many Apollo 16 objects, the exhibition will also highlight South Carolina scientists and engineers who have contributed to the field of aerospace research and exploration.

**Penguins 4D** Narrated by award-winning actor David Tennant, this fascinating film takes viewers from the freezing Antarctic to the scorching tropics as it follows the story of one of nature's most devoted parents – penguins! Featuring 3d visuals and immersive effects.

**Public Observatory Times** (weather permitting)

Solar Observing: Mon: Closed, Tues. – Sat: 12 to 5 p.m., Sun: 1 to 5 p.m.

### SFMS Workshops

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies has a Workshop Program, which offers members the opportunity to gather for week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors. Whether you are a newcomer to the lapidary arts and want to learn the basics or are experienced and want to learn something new or advance your skill, the Workshop Program has something for you. A broad range of courses related to the lapidary arts are taught by qualified, volunteer instructors from throughout the Federation. The workshops are well equipped for lapidary activities such as cabochon cutting, faceting, and silversmithing. Workshops are held at Wildacres, near Little Switzerland in North Carolina, and at the William Holland Retreat near Young Harris in northeast Georgia.

#### Wildacres Classes, Week 1, August 14-20, 2023

Casting	Hydraulic Press/Rolling Mill	Fused Chain
Special Projects	Stained Glass	Wire I/Weaving
Silver I+	Scrimshaw	

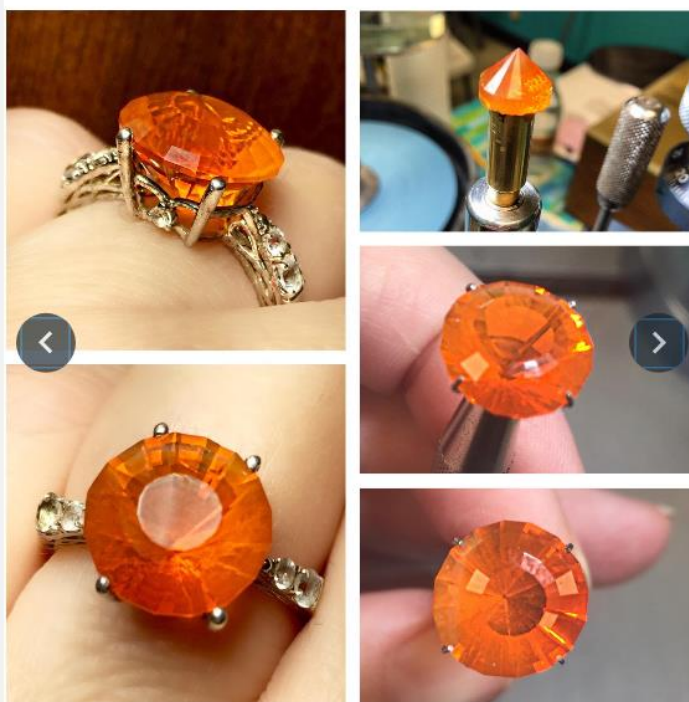
#### Wildacres Classes, Week 1, September 11-17, 2023

Weave-Tap-Drop	Wire I/Weaving	Polymer Clay
Silver II- Inlay with Knives	Chain Maille	Leather Bi-Metal Bracelet
Acid Etching & Enameling	Metal Clay	

For more information or to register go to: [SFMS Workshops](#)

#### Examples of what you can learn

Images by Barbi Beatty



## AREA SHOWS

*To verify the accuracy of a show date, go to the show's website or contact them directly.*

**July 30-August 6, 2023: Spruce Pine, NC:** 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Grassy Creek Gem & Mineral Show  
Organized by: Parkway Fire and Rescue Department Parkway Fire and Rescue (Parkway  
Fairgrounds 136 Majestic View, Spruce Pine, North Carolina 28777) Gem Show hours 10 to 5  
with FREE ADMISSION. Contact Us: [grassycreekgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:grassycreekgemshow@gmail.com)

**August 3 – 6, 2022 Spruce Pine, NC:** NC Mineral & Gem Festival, Pinebridge Center 97  
Pinebridge Ave., Spruce Pine, NC 28777 The Festival features gem, jewelry and mineral dealers  
from across the country showcasing their merchandise to fit every budget. [www.ncgemfest.com](http://www.ncgemfest.com)

**October 6,7 & 8, 2023 (Tentatively) Lincolnton, GA** Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig  
<https://www.gamineral.org/ft/commercial/ftgravesmain.html>

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Geodes sold & cut

Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations

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South Carolina amethyst on display

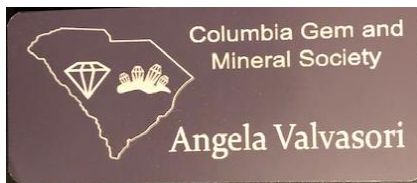
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\$6.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free with adult. 3-day pass - \$10

All military & their dependents free with ID Card

### CGMS Name Tag

CGMS name tags can be obtained from Irmo Trophy. If you would like one, please contact Irmo Trophy by email. Tell them you are requesting a Columbia Gem and Mineral Society name tag and provide the name you want on it. The cost is \$7.



**Irmo Trophy Co.**  
irmotrophy@gmail.com  
803-798-3735  
5430 Old Bush River Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29212

We also have patches for \$10. Angela Valvasori will have them available at the meetings.



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**2023 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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 Vice President..... Jonathan Wenzel.....  
 Treasurer..... Angela Valvasori.....  
 Secretary..... Ron Ahle.....

**COMMITTEE**

Membership .....Sheila Frame.....  
 Auctioneer..... Jason Dolinski .....  
 Club Liaison..... Jim Cobb. ....  
 Faceting Guild.....Tom Daniels.....  
 Facebook..... Sue Shrader .....  
 Field Trip..... Open  
 Historian.....Angela Valvasori .....  
 Librarian.....Sheila Frame.....  
 Newsletter Editor.....Ron Ahle.....  
 Program.....Sue Shrader.....  
 Rookie Rockhound .....Open  
 Show.....Open  
 Sunshine ..... Abbie Gates.....  
 Website..... Steve Coker.....  
 Workshop..... Gary Hert.....



**CGMS Website**

*Please visit our website:*

<http://www.cgms.rocks>

Webmaster: Steve Coker

**Monthly Meeting**

Except for January, the meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the McKissick Museum's Auditorium, on the USC campus. Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm; Meeting at 7:30 pm. Please enter from the Horseshoe entrance.

**Executive Board Meetings:**

Except for January, the meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Meal is at 6:00 pm. Meeting is at 7:00 pm.

**Rocky Trails  
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