



Rocky Trails



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The Newsletter of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed our silent auction at last month's meeting. Items from the Lou Dezseran collection made the auction a special event for our members as well as a good fund raiser for the club. If you did not get any specimens from the Lou Dezseran collection, another opportunity will be presented in the October Meeting in the form of door prizes. Another reason for coming to the October Meeting is to hear our speaker, Daniel Morgan, share some of his wire-wrapping artistry.

On the subject of donations, the club has been receiving some genuinely nice donations in recent years that have been greatly beneficial by providing us with a revenue source and critical materials for our show (i.e., door prizes, grab bags and salted mine). A special thanks goes out to Mr. Bobby Horton, Sylveen and Kevin Cook, and Ronnie Belleggia for their recent donations of lapidary equipment, rocks, and minerals. Also, thanks to McKissick Museum for giving us part of the Lou Dezseran mineral collection. Also, thanks to Catheryn Sawyer and Jimmy Armstrong for making the Max Smith fossil donation possible. Lastly, thanks to all who contribute materials for the show.

I am happy to report that the club has taken steps to enter the digital age through new technologies. A special thanks to Angela Valvasori for setting up a system that allows the club to receive money at the show, at silent auctions and for membership dues via credit cards. Shiela Frame and Angela have also set up a cloud-based Google Workspace for the club to store documents and important information that will be available to the club officers.

The club's show is only a month away and we are still accepting volunteers. Please look on page 4 for general information about the show and page 5 to sign up. Please consider helping with the show and please distribute the show flyers. Also, if you are intending to contribute specimens for the Salted Mine and/or the Grab Bags, please bring them to the October 16 meeting. Finally, thanks to all who have been working on the 2023 show. It means a lot to the club!

Ron Ahle

NEXT MEETING

October 16, 2023

Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm.
Meeting at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at **The McKissick Museum** at USC.

PROGRAM:

Program: Daniel Morgan will give a wire wrap demonstration. He is known for his dragons and scorpions. He also has created many of his own jewelry designs.

Door Prizes: Minerals and fossils from the Ronnie Belleggia and Lou Dezseran donations as well as selected specimens provided by Ron Ahle.

Refreshments: will be provided by Jim Cobb, Sue Shrader, Adam Parris and Sheila Frame.

Parking is available beside the McKissick Museum where Bull St. runs into Pendleton St. See map on page 10. If you need to use the elevator, ask someone to open the door on the street level by the parking lot. Go down the hallway to the elevator to the first floor.

Executive Meeting

October 23, 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

September 18, 2023, Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on September 18, 2023, at McKissick Museum. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Jim Cobb thanked Terri Tokaz and Sue Shrader for door prizes and Chris Glass, Sharon Sterrett and Dave Dunlap for refreshments. Jim asked for introduction of new members and visitors. The door prize and snacks sign-up sheet was passed around. Ron Ahle agreed to provide door prizes for the October meeting.

Membership: Sheila Frame announced that the club now has 116 members, 95 adults and 21 juniors.

Show:

- Sue Shrader passed around show flyers so members could continue promoting the CGMS Show in November. Sue said she was posting show info on Facebook.
- Terri Tokaz asked for volunteers at the front desk and at the geodes. She passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for members. She reminded members about the William Holland/Wild Acres scholarship drawing for volunteers.
- Sheila Frame passed around a sign-up sheet for contributions of primarily vegetables and casseroles for the show dealer's dinner.
- Sheila mentioned that folks would be meeting to make grab bags. She also mentioned that the show meeting would occur on October 2nd at Hope Church. She conveyed to the membership that most of the planning has been completed.

Programs: Program for the September meeting is a silent auction that includes specimens from the Lou Dezseran collection. Ron Ahle organized and ran the auction. **Field Trips:** Sheila Frame reminded folks that there will be a fossil-digging field trip at Cross Quarry in September. Close toed shoes will be required for admittance into the Quarry. **Workshop:** Cheryl Coker suggested that we need more funding to get a proper location for a workshop and is looking for assistance in identifying grant money.

Sunshine: Member Jason Dolinski's mother passed away and our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time. **Rocky Trails:** Ron asked members for input for the Rocky Trails in the form of announcements and/or informational articles. **Web Site:** Steve Coker said that he was working on setting up automated pay site at our web location.

Treasurer: Angela introduced the club's Square account with members in attendance and informed that it would be used at the show and the evening's silent auction. **Historian:** Angela told the members that she was working on documenting the Lou Dezseran collection. **Librarian:** Sheila said she would be going through the club's books and documents soon.

Since there was no new business or old business, Jim proceeded to the door prizes followed by the silent auction. At the conclusion of the silent auction, Jim adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2023, Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society held its executive board meeting on September 25, 2023, at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. In attendance were Jim Cobb (President), Ron Ahle (Secretary), Jonathan Wenzel (Vice-President), Cheryl Coker (Shop), Steve Coker (Web), Sheila Frame (Membership), Sue Shrader (Programs), Terri Tokaz (Show Committee) and Sharon Sterrett (Show Committee). Jim thanked everyone in attendance and asked the Board members to consider serving on a nominating committee for 2024 officers and committee chairs. Jim thanked Ron for his work on the silent auction.

Show: Sharon stated that we still need more vendors because 7 vendors from last year are not returning this year leaving 16 vendors so far. Sharon informed the Board that we need fossil dealers. Terri Tokaz passed out the volunteer sign-up sheet and stated that we still need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday. Sue said she was securing advertisement in local free papers: Free Times, Lake Murray News, The Gazette, and others. Sue passed out show flyers. Angela reminded the Board that a show preparation meeting with Jamil needed to be scheduled.

Program Coordinator: Sue Shrader announced that Daniel Morgan will be giving a presentation on wire wrapping at the October meeting. She is also lining up some program speakers for next year including Bailey Parker to speak on the Gills Creek Watershed, Scott Howard, and Chris Judge. Angela contacted Riverbanks Zoo for our club to give educational programs in the gardens.

Fieldtrips: Sheila said there was going to be an open house fieldtrip to the Martin Marietta Mine in Cross, SC on September 30th. **Membership:** Sheila Frame announced that the club now has 116 members, 95 adults and 21 juniors.

Treasurer: Angela stated the silent auction was a success with 36 items sold including many specimens from the Lou Dezseran donation. Angela worked on reviewing existing accounts with our bank and determined that no changes were needed at this time. Angela set up online bill paying for Ample Storage. **Website:** Steve agreed to put "Square" buttons on the website for membership renewals and donations. He also said he would talk to Wix about getting our website reassigned away from Mike Montebello. Sue said she was adding information about the show to Facebook and was planning show boost advertising on Facebook. **Sunshine:** Dave Schuetrum had surgery and Jason Dolinski's mother passed away.

New Business: Ron acknowledged Ronnie Belleggia for his donation of fairy crosses and Diamond Hill quartz. Angela suggested that we need to document donations. Steve Coker suggested we try offering lifetime memberships as another source of revenue. Cheryl Coker suggested establishing a go-fund-me page to increase revenue for the workshop. Sheila said she was still working out the bugs in our Google Workspace account. Angela asked the board why we charge extra for new club memberships. Sharon said it was in the by-laws which could be changed next year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle

55th Annual CGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Show Reminders to All Members:

1. We need thumbnail size rock specimens for the Salted Mine and larger specimens (1-3 inch) for the Grab Bags. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. You may give donations to Susan Bloodworth at the October 16 meeting.
2. We will need volunteers to work at the Salted Mine and Grab Bag Stations at the Show. Volunteer Signup sheets will be provided at the meetings and there is one below.
3. The club will host the popular Dealers' Dinner on the Thursday night after the dealers set up their booths. The club will furnish meats, plates, and utensils. Volunteers are needed to contribute salads, side dishes, drinks, and ice. These contributions should be brought to Jamil Temple no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, November 16, 2023. The dealers very much enjoy and appreciate this after a hard day of setting up their booths and it provides an opportunity for club members to meet and eat with the dealers.
4. On the following page is a volunteer sign-up sheet. This gives each member an opportunity to sign up for time slots and volunteer stations. Please consider your options and sign up.

Columbia Gem & Mineral Society 2023
Non Profit Educational Organization



55th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show
Nov. 17, 10-6
Nov. 18, 10-6
Nov. 19, 12-5
Jamil Temple
206 Jamil Rd.
Columbia, SC 29016

\$6 16 & Under, Military Free
With ID Card

www.cgms.rocks
803-736-9317

\$1.00 Off

Photo by Sue Shrader

Non Profit Educational Organization

2023 Show Help

Work wherever needed.

I can work from _____ a.m./p.m. on Friday or Saturday or Sunday.
I would like to help with _____ (Please list an area).

Front Desk, Admission

Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
10:00 to 2:00 _____	10:00 to 2:00 _____	12:00 to 2:30 _____
2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:30 to 5:00 _____

Membership, Door Prize, Etc.

Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
10:00 to 2:00 _____	10:00 to 2:00 _____	12:00 to 2:30 _____
2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:30 to 5:00 _____

Geode Booth

Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
10:00 to 2:00 _____	10:00 to 2:00 _____	12:00 to 2:30 _____
2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:30 to 5:00 _____

Grab Bags

Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
10:00 to 2:00 _____	10:00 to 2:00 _____	12:00 to 2:30 _____
2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:30 to 5:00 _____

Salted Mine

Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18	Sunday, November 19
10:00 to 2:00 _____	10:00 to 2:00 _____	12:00 to 2:30 _____
2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:00 to 6:00 _____	2:30 to 5:00 _____

Work wherever needed.

I can work from _____ a.m./p.m. on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.
I would like to help with _____ (Please list an area).

Demonstrating

I would like to demonstrate _____
(List: faceting, bead stringing, etc.) from _____ a.m./ p.m. on Fri, Sat, or Sun.

Display Case

I would like to fill a display case (please list items to be displayed below).

Dealer Dinner: Thursday 5:00PM **Help or and bring item of food** _____

Set Up and Take Down

I can be at the Jamil Temple at 9:30 on Thursday morning, Nov.16, to **Set up** _____ yes.
I can help with **Take Down** beginning at 5:00 on Sunday _____ yes.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____ E Mail _____

Please bring to the Club Meeting

Or Mail to: Columbia Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 6333 Columbia, SC 29260

2023 CGMS Gem & Mineral Show Volunteer Instructions

The following information is being provided for folks who are either considering volunteering to work at the show or have already volunteered. Volunteer hours will be tallied, and for every four hours worked, your name is entered in a drawing for a lapidary class scholarship at William Holland or Wild Acres. Hours are tracked by signing in and out.

The following description of the duties will help you decide what you would like to volunteer for and what will be expected from you. A more detailed description will be provided prior to the Show, and someone will be available to help during the Show.

Front Desk Instructions – Collecting Admissions

1. We accept cash, check, or credit cards. The Treasurer provides a cash box. The Treasurer, Angela Valvasori, will help with credit card payments, using Square.
2. The daily admission fees are as follows:
 - a. \$6/person for people over 16 who are not military and do not have a \$1 off coupon. Children 16 and under are free and do not need to show ID. Military (active and retired) and military spouse and children are free with military ID. Ask to see ID.
 - b. \$5/person with a paper or electronic coupon. One coupon per person. Put paper coupons in the basket. Have them show you the electronic coupon on their phone.
 - c. On Friday only, we also offer a 3-day pass. Give them the printed pass.
3. In the provided notebook, note the number of military and dependents entering, number of electronic coupons and number of 3-day passes sold. These are used to calculate attendance.

Front Desk Instructions – Tickets and Door Prize Forms

We use the tickets to allow people to exit and return on the same day, and we use the ticket start and end numbers to count attendance each day.

1. Mark the starting ticket number and ending ticket number in the notebook.
2. Give each adult one ticket. The tickets come in identical pairs. Give the attendee one ticket and put the other ticket in the bin.
3. Hand each adult a door prize form. Ask them to fill it out at the table and put it the door prize form box. Tell them there is a drawing every hour and they must be present to win. Tell them there is a grand prize drawing at the end of the show and they do not have to be present, we will call them.

Front Desk Instructions –Door Prizes

1. Ensure the microphone is working and extra batteries are available.
2. Ensure there are sufficient door prizes ready to start the day. Put door prizes in the large jewelry case, with the door prize form that identifies the item and who donated it.
3. Vendors and club members donate door prizes on a voluntary basis. Some vendors bring their door prizes to you. If more are needed, you can ask other vendors if they would like to donate a door prize.

4. Conduct Door Prize drawing hourly, starting one hour after the show opens. After the drawing, collect the cards from the box and bundle them together. They will be kept for the grand prize drawing.
5. Announce the door prize winner using the microphone and tell the winner to come to the door prize desk to collect the prize.
6. The grand door prize is Schorl (Black Tourmaline) donated by Cannaco Collections and is in a display case. Conduct the drawing for the grand door prize at the end of the show using all the door prize cards. A person does not have to be present to win. Call the winner and arrange for them to pick it up.
7. Ask a vendor if they are willing to donate a grand prize for next year.

Front Desk Instructions –Grab Bags

1. Collect money for the grab bags. The cash box is provided by the Treasurer at the start of the day. The cash box is shared with the salted mine. We also accept checks and credit cards. The Treasurer, Angela Valvasori, will help with credit card payments, using Square.
2. We have \$1, \$5, and \$10 grab bags. They are arranged on the desk and a sample of each is displayed. Replenish grab bags as needed. Grab bags are made up prior to the show.
3. Help people identify the minerals and fossils in their grab bags, if asked.

Front Desk Instructions –Salted Mine

1. Collect the money: \$1 for 2 scoops and assist the kids scooping and screening. Provide the kids with a bag for their finds.
2. The cash box is provided by the Treasurer at the start of the day. The cash box is shared with the grab bags. We also accept checks and credit cards. The Treasurer, Angela Valvasori, will help with credit card payments, using Square.
3. The salted mine is set up on Thursday to be ready to go on Friday morning. Replenish the salted mine with fresh material as needed. The material is under the desk.

Instructions – Geodes

1. The volunteer options are: (1) selling the geodes, (2) cutting the geodes, (3) cleaning the geodes, bagging them, and giving them to the customers. Select one station. The geode station is outdoors so dress for the weather.
2. Selling the geodes: The uncut geodes and samples of cut geodes are placed on the tables.
 - a. Price is \$1.25/ounce. Customer selects uncut geode. Weigh geode, calculate price and collect money. The Treasurer provides the cash box. We also accept checks and credit cards. The Treasurer, Angela Valvasori, will help with credit card payments, using Square.
 - b. Tell the customer how long it will take to cut the geode (cutting crew will tell you as time varies depending on backlog) and where to pick it up. Write the customer's name on the paper bag and give it with the geode to the cutting crew.
3. Gary Hert will train the cutting crew. This involves operating the cutting saw.
4. Gary Hert will also train the cleaning and bagging crew.



CGMS 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.

[McKissick Museum](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/mckissick_museum/)

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

Physical Exhibits:

Needlework: Women's Unspoken Art Form May 15 to August 31, 2023

More than a required skill for girls and women in the 19th century, hand sewing was an act of creative expression. From functional household textiles, to clothing, to home décor accents, small embellishments made a big statement as an indicator of women's artistry and imagination. This exhibition asks viewers to closely examine the quality of the needlework, rather than the type of textile, on display.

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

I received an email from Chloe Pedersen, a youth services librarian and educator, who has been running a fun educational mineralogy and geology project for a small group of students. One of her students, Anna with help from her mother found an informative web site on “Geology for Kids - Rocks, Minerals, and Precious Stones” and we appreciate very much her sharing with us this highly informative website. The website uses educational resources from many Universities and institutions to educate people on every aspect of geology. Although the website is great for students, if you go to the website, you will discover it is not “just for kids”! Once you start exploring the website, it is like having a book you cannot put down. A description of the website is as follows:

Rocks, Minerals and Precious Stones

Source: briteco

Author: Dustin Lemick

Date: March 11, 2022

The author has provided an easily readable text on the science of geology. The site explores how people can learn about the history of the earth by studying rock formations. The author gives good descriptions of the three types of rocks, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic using the American Museum of Natural History as a resource. The author provides links to in depth information on minerals, “the fundamental components of rocks and found everywhere.” The author also provides links that explain how minerals form and how to use their characteristics to identify them. Further information is provided on the various uses of minerals. This leads to the next major subject which is precious stones. The author describes precious stones as “some of the world’s most beautiful and valuable objects.” Web resources that provide descriptions of some of the more common gemstones are identified in the text. The author provides links to the geochemistry and formation of gemstones, the geology of gem deposits, and how to explore for gemstones. He also explores the science of gemology and the importance of gemstones in human history. Additional information shared at the website include the 20 best rocks and minerals books of all time and information on careers in geology.

You’re probably thinking, wow, that’s a lot of information at one website! You are correct. Check it out at <https://brite.co/education/rocks-minerals-and-precious-stones/>.

CGMS Now Accepting Credit Cards

CGMS now has a Square account and can accept payment of membership dues or silent auction items by credit card, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

This will be of benefit at the Show, with many patrons now preferring to pay their entrance fee or geode purchase with a card rather than cash.

Meteorites 2023

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

Orionids

Active from September 26th to November 22nd. The Orionids are a medium strength shower that sometimes reaches high strength activity. In a normal year, the Orionids produce 10-20 shower members at maximum. Peak Night: Oct 20-21, 2023. The moon will be 37% full.

Southern Taurids

Next period of activity: September 8 to December 2, 2023.

Northern Taurids

Next period of activity: October 13 to December 2, 2023.

Meteoritetesting.org

Do you have a meteorite or suspect you have a meteorite and want to be sure or to learn about its composition? The New England Meteoritical Services can help. The Testing Program is an educational outreach for universities, museums, planetariums, mineral societies, and the general public. It offers a quick turnaround of your samples at a low cost. Details on the website.



Photo by Ron Ahle

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2023 Please Copy 55th Annual

Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show




Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00 Jamil Temple
Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00 206 Jamil Rd.
Nov. 19, 12:00 - 5:00 Columbia, SC 29210

Adults \$6... Children 16 & Under Free
All Military & Dependents Free

With ID card

 www.cgms.rocks  **\$1.00 Off**

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[South Carolina State Museum](http://scmuseum.org/events/upcoming-events/)
<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.

(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.)

Event:

Fright Night Laser Lights

Fri., Oct. 27 from 6 - 10 p.m.

Enjoy a night at the State Museum featuring special laser shows choreographed to iconic tunes in the museum's 55ft digital dome planetarium.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pink Floyd's iconic album, *Dark Side of the Moon*, and enjoy your favorite songs from the popular series, *Stranger Things*! This special Halloween event also features a local food truck and a cash bar with beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

Come dressed in your most creative costumes and join us for an evening of frightful fun!

Planetarium (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. 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: This full dome planetarium 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.

Public Observatory Times (weather permitting)

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

Night observation: Currently not available.

Due to ongoing roof maintenance the observatory may not be accessible on certain days and times.

Call the museum for up-to-date information on observatory availability.

CGMS Name Tag

Would you like a CGMS name tag? They are available at Irmo Trophy for \$7. If you would like one, please email Irmo Trophy, tell them you are requesting a Columbia Gem and Mineral Society name tag and provide the name you want on it.

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



Would you like to customize your wardrobe? CGMS also has patches available for \$10.

AREA SHOWS

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

October 20-22 - Knoxville, TN. 31st Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. **Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society.** opens October 20th at 10 am at the Rothchild Conference Center at 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. Show times are from 10:00 am to 6 pm October 20th – 21st, Friday and Saturday; from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 22nd. The Gem Show is open to the public and has an admission fee of \$8 a day for adults or \$15 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free. The Gem and Mineral Show will have many vendors that offer great products including a wide variety of jewelry, rare fossil and mineral specimens, meteorites, gems of all colors, shapes & sizes, lapidary & jewelry equipment, and much more. Link(s): <http://www.knoxrocks.org/gem-show>

October 21 to 22, 2023 – Saint Lucie, FL. 46th annual club show of the **St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club, MidFlorida** Event Center 9221 SE Event Center Place, Pt. Saint Lucie FL 34952 Our 46th annual club show. Featuring rocks, minerals, jewelry, and gems. Displays and demonstrations by club members and kids' activities. This year we will be hosting the SFMS annual meeting. Link: www.slrockandgem.org

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Exit 106 off I26

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale
Geodes sold & cut

Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations

Education for the whole family

South Carolina amethyst on display

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

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

All military & their dependents free with ID Card

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 an affiliate of the American Federation of Mineralogical Society Inc.

2023 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE

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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 RockhoundOpen
Show.....Mandie Wenzel (Show Organizer)
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
PO Box 6333
Columbia, SC 29260**