



# Rocky Trails



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The Newsletter of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

Welcome to all current and new members. We will continue to have our general meetings in person at Hope Church. Again, please thank Mandy for making these arrangements!

It saddens me to inform you that one of our new active members, Carl Sorensen, has passed suddenly, leaving us in shock and dismay. I know I speak for all of us when I say we will miss him dearly. A special note of thanks to all of you who reached out to Carl's wife, Ann, to express their condolences to this tragedy. Please everyone keep Ann in your hearts and prayers during her time of mourning.

Some of you may know that Carl was planning some fieldtrips for the club and one was actually scheduled for this month. If you turn to page 7 in this newsletter, you will find details of this trip. I have decided to run this fieldtrip in honor of Carl and invite you to attend.

Be sure to note upcoming events. Of special interest is the Dixie Mineral field trip to the Hogg Mine near La Grange Georgia. The Hogg Mine has been a favorite of Rockhounds for many years and can be a very good fieldtrip to attend. Personally I have collected beryl, rose quartz and black tourmaline at this site. The rose quartz is known to have rutile inclusions and can be gemmy in quality. Check the pages within this newsletter for more details on this trip.

We are currently planning to have our 2022 annual show (see fliers on page 17 of this issue of the RT). It is time to think about volunteering for the show and the show committee folks are asking members to bring rocks, minerals and fossils to the general meeting to be donated for grab bags at the show. On a final note, be sure to attend the general meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> to hear John Narang's presentation on gems. He definitely knows the business.

Stay in touch and don't take any risks. *Ron Ahle*

P.S. We still need a president!

## **NEXT MEETING**

**July 18, 2022**

The July 2022 CGMS meeting will be held at **Hope Church** located at 2609 Seminole Road. It is off Broad River Rd. and is 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.

### PROGRAM:

John Narang will be giving a presentation on colored gemstones, their supply, varieties and quality factors. John Narang is a 2007 Graduate Gemologist from the Gemological Institute of America. He has over 15 years of searching out gem material, assessing value, turning rough into polished gems, and trading in the world of colored gemstones.

Door Prizes will be provided by Gary and Pat Hert.

## **Executive Meeting**

July 25, 2022

Dinner: 6 pm, Meeting: 7 pm

Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia.

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

### In Remembrance

Our good friend and fieldtrip coordinator, Carl Sorensen, passed suddenly on July 6<sup>th</sup>. His passing causes great sorrow for all who knew him and especially for his wife Ann. He was only a member of the club for a short while, but managed to endear himself to all of the folks who knew him, with his kindness, his smile, his willingness to be involved with the club's functions and his sharing. At the time of his passing, his involvement with the club included fieldtrip coordinator, part time secretary, shop committee, and provider of door prizes at club meetings. I'm sure I speak for many of us in that I was really looking forward to getting in the field with Carl and cultivating a new "Rockhound" friendship. We will miss him! Below are excerpts from Carl's "Notice of Death" to give an idea of who Carl was.

"Although his time with us was cut short, Carl lived more during his short life than many of us ever will. Carl was born on July 27, 1981 and grew up in the abundant nature of Bemidji, Minnesota. Here he developed a passion for nature and all things great and small. You could say he was Paul Bunion to those who were blessed to know him. This passion led Carl to pursue a career centered on helping those around him. Carl held a B.A. in Psychology from Bemidji State University and an M.A. from Minnesota State University. His brilliance and passion for helping others made the pursuit of a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of South Carolina a natural choice. His passion was most evident in his choice of a dissertation project—developing a physical education program for children with neuro-developmental differences. Carl was a published scholar with seven publications in peer-reviewed journals and multiple scholarly presentations. He was an excellent teacher and over the past several years has supported a number of evaluations of real-world programs through his work at the Institute for Families in Society. Carl was always willing to help and his insights, care, thoughtfulness and wisdom will be sorely missed. Carl is survived by his wife, Ann Marie (Verkler); his parents, John and Mary Sorensen and siblings Heather and Chris. He also leaves behind his faithful four-legged friends, Beebee Kidden, Farley, Eli and Journey. God Speed, Carl."

### **Social Media Helps our Club Stay Social!**

To access our web site, 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.rock](http://www.cgms.rock)s**

To join the discussion with other CGMS members on [Facebook](#), look under the Community tab, where you will find the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society Member Group. When you ask to join the Group, please be sure to agree to follow the rules: Be Kind, No Hate Speech or Bullying; and No Promotions or Spam. Please feel free to add photos of your interesting finds, share your Jewelry making, or your field trip experiences.

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### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### **June 20, 2022 Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.**

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on June 20, 2022 at Hope Church. Vice-President Tom Daniels called the meeting to order. Tom introduced himself and thanked members who provided snacks and door prizes for the meeting. He also acknowledged Ron Koenig for volunteering to give the meetings presentation.

**The remaining minutes of the meeting will be provided in next month's Rocky Trails.**

### 2022 GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The folks need help with the show. They are asking that members bring crystals, fossils, tumbled stones, and small rocks to the July 18 meeting for the show grab bags. Currently, the club is in short supply of items for the grab bags that are sold at the show. We will be having a grab bag workday in the fall and welcomes volunteers to assist. Other areas the show folks are looking for assistance include the following positions. Thanks in advance for helping with the show.

#### Show positions:

Publicity - Help Sue

Front Desk - Set up and organize the front desk for admissions, information, grab bags and salted mine. Keep track of attendance and coupons, collect door prizes, announce hourly door prizes, perform Grand Door prize drawing at the end of show.

Show Cases - Repair if needed, replace light bulbs, assemble, and set up.

Grab Bags - Obtain rocks (mostly donations) and have fall grab bag workday to prepare grab bags for the show.

Salted Mine - Obtain rocks (mostly donations) and setup salted mine at show.

### EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

#### June 27, 2022 Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its executive board meeting on June 27, 2022 at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. Vice-President Tom Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance were Vice President Tom Daniels, Sheila Frame (membership chair), Catherine Sawyer (member at large), Jim Cobb (Liaison officer), Gary Hert (workshop foreman) and Benira Sutphin (auctioneer).

**Membership:** Sheila announced that the club currently has 106 members.

**Show:**

Tom opened the meeting with discussions on the club show. Dee Iurcovich (who is the show chair) developed a website for the show with a share drive. The email for the show info is [cgmstr0cks@gmail.com](mailto:cgmstr0cks@gmail.com). She also mentioned that contracts have been sent out, have 2 confirmations back so far.

**Program coordinator:**

The board discussed a dino dig presentation in September by Catherine, Jimmy, and Susan.

**Field Trip Coordinator:**

Carl is working with Amos Cunningham on a couple possibilities for the fall, suggested a spot in Laurens or Ray mine as upcoming field trip options. Carl talked to the folks at Martin-Marietta, but needs some coaching because they are currently hesitant to allow the public into their pits due to a fairly recent drowning. Martin-Marietta didn't say no, but will definitely need significant reassurance.

**Rocky Trails:** Ron asked and reminded the board members to send information to him during the first week of each month to be published in the Rocky Trails. This would include things such as field trip reports and announcements, program descriptions and other contributions to the newsletter.

**Workshop:** Gary Hert asked the board for authorization to purchase geodes (\$2500), cutting oil, miscellaneous supplies. Sheila made a motion to authorize Gary for purchases, Tom seconded, and a motion passed to authorize \$2500 for geodes, oil, and other mineral cutting supplies. The board discussed purchasing property for the work shop. Tom described decision-making process for purchasing property for workshop where consideration would be given to rural, commercial, agricultural zoned land. Gary (our shop coordinator) stated that he would prefer a location within 10 miles of his house but also acknowledged that he won't always be the Shop Coordinator and stated that his preferences should not determine a property purchase. A workshop subcommittee was formed with board members Tom Daniel, Carl Sorensen, Gary Hert, Jim Cobb, and Catherine Sawyer as members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Carl Sorensen*

## McKissick Museum

### Hours

McKissick Museum is free and open to the public Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**McKissick Museum** [www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum](http://www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum);

### Exhibitions:

## **Exhibition Opening Reception for Sewn Through Time: Sweetgrass Basketmakers Reimagine a Tradition**

**Thursday, August 25, 2022 AT 5:30 PM – 7 PM**

Join us for the opening reception and meet Guest Curator Kennedy Bennett. A South Carolina's Lowcountry native, she will share how she came to study and write about a tradition that continues to evolve in the community where she grew up.

Light refreshments will be served.

The reception is free and open to the public.

This exhibit will open August 11, 2022 and run through December 10, 2022

## **Catesby in the Carolinas**

**March 21 to August 13, 2022**

McKissick Museum, along with the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, the A. C. Moore Herbarium, the South Caroliniana Library, and the Mark Catesby Centre have come together to create a two-part exhibition centering around Mark Catesby and his monumental work, Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands (1729-1747). "Catesby in the Carolinas" highlights artifacts from all five collections with exhibit spaces in McKissick Museum and the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections.



**Meteorites**

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

**Southern delta Aquariids**

**Next period of activity: July 18th, 2022 to August 21st, 2022**

Peak night Jul 29-30, 2022

The Delta Aquariids are another strong shower best seen from the southern tropics. North of the equator the radiant is located lower in the southern sky and therefore rates are less than seen from further south. These meteors produce good rates for a week centered on the night of maximum.

**South Carolina State Museum**

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

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

Advance online ticket purchases are encouraged, especially if you wish to see planetarium and/or 4D shows. Face coverings are encouraged throughout the galleries and in the planetarium, 4d theater and observatory.

**Hours of Operation:**

Mon: CLOSED.

Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

**Planetarium Theater Shows****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. 25 mins. Tues- Fri: 11:30 am.

**Black Holes**

Unimaginably powerful, relentless, and invisible, black holes are some of the most fascinating and extreme objects in the universe. They warp space and time, swallow up stars, and can grow to monstrous sizes. How do they form? Where are they found? What would happen to you if you fell into one? Go on a mind-bending journey that brings you face to face with these strange and enigmatic denizens of the cosmos. 35 mins. Tues. – Fri: 4:00 p.m., Sat: 11:30 a.m., Sun: 4:00 p.m.

**We Are Stars**

Go on an epic journey through time and space to explore our explosive origins and discover how we are connected to the cosmos. Watch the history of the universe unfold, from the big bang to the formation of the very first atoms to the very first stars. See how stars forged the elements that eventually came together to form planets and the complex molecules necessary for the evolution of life on Earth. 25 min. Tues-Fri 1 pm.

**Virtual Museum: E-Learning Resources**

The museum has e-learning resources including **Virtual Exhibits** and **New Video Resources**. One of the current videos is "All About Ammonites". Museum staff will be updating this page regularly with new content and resources.



### CGMS Name Tag

Would you like to have a CGMS name tag? The *Trophy and Gift Shop* in Cayce has the template, shown below, for the CGMS name tags. If you would like one, please contact them by phone or via their website, tell them you would like a CGMS name tag and provide the name you want on it. The cost is around \$10.

Trophy and Gift Shop: 911 12<sup>th</sup> St., Cayce SC; 803-796-7710; trophyandgiftshop.com.

We also have patches for \$10. Contact Angela if you would like one.



### Fieldtrip News

It is with a heavy heart that I report on fieldtrips. Our Fieldtrip Coordinator, Carl Sorensen, was busy lining up some trips for us before his untimely death and I would like to report on what he was doing. First, he had come up with a very interesting trip for July 16<sup>th</sup> to Little River Park in Laurens, SC. The plan was to meet at the Parking lot off of East Main Street at 10:00 am and continue until around 4pm. Carl found garnet and quartz crystals in a creek that feeds into the Little River there and he reported that corundum had been found in that area as well. In honor of Carl, I am going to lead this fieldtrip which will be moved To Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> **(MARK YOUR CALENDERS)** using the same directions as he outlined above. This will be surface collecting only and you may need to bring shoes you can wade with and possibly screens.

Carl was also looking into arranging our Dixie Mineral fieldtrip for December. He told me that he had talked with someone at the Martin-Marietta quarry and she told him that MM is very hesitant to allow the public into their sites due to an incident in which someone jumped their fence and drowned in the quarry. She did not, however, say no. What she said was that the club would need to get in contact with someone at the Corporate or District level and explain that we are an Educational Nonprofit, explain the insurance that we carry, and assuage their anxieties about us visiting. The Martin-Marietta quarry would make an excellent choice for our club to host a Dixie Mineral fieldtrip. Our club should pursue this option further.

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle*



## Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) Workshops

On an annual basis, the SFMS holds Federation Workshop Weeks at William Holland and Wildacres for everything from beading classes to lapidary classes to silver classes. Come to one of the Federation Weeks to enjoy the mountains, learn from knowledgeable teachers and make new friends! CGMS is a member of the SFMS, therefore CGMS members may attend SFMS Workshops.

### SFMS Wildacres Classes

#### Week 1

August 22-28, 2022

Casting  
Cabbing

Metal Mania  
Wire I & Beyond

Chain Maille  
Silver I+

Special Projects



#### Week 2

September 12-18, 2022

Casting  
Silver III Inlay

Metal Mania  
Chain Maille

Flint knapping  
Acid Etching & Enameling

Silver II Filigree



## News Worth Digging Up

**‘Huge new fossil species uncovered in Canada’**

Half-billion-year-old critter belonged to an extinct group of animals.

*Author:* Lauren Fuge

*Source:* Cosmos

*Date:* September 8, 2021

Paleontologists have dug up a new animal species from the Cambrian era, more than 500 million years ago, from a Burgess Shale quarry in Kootenay National Park, Canada.

Remarkably, *Titanokorys gainesi* was about half a meter long (1.6 feet) – which is giant compared to most of the other, pinky-finger-sized species alive at the time. “The sheer size of this animal is absolutely mind-boggling,” says Jean-Bernard Caron, from the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Canada. “This is one of the biggest animals from the Cambrian period ever found.”

This new fossil, *Titanokorys*, belongs to a group of very early arthropods called radiodonts. Radiodonts include some of the earliest large predators on Earth. It had compound eyes, a tooth-lined mouth, “flaps” for swimming, and spiny claws to capture prey. “These enigmatic animals certainly had a big impact on Cambrian seafloor ecosystems,” says Caron. “Their limbs at the front looked like multiple stacked rakes and would have been very efficient at bringing anything they captured in their tiny spines towards the mouth.”

To learn more about *Titanokorys* as well as other Cambrian species go to:

[https://cosmosmagazine.com/history/huge-new-fossil-species-titanokorys-uncovered-in-canada/?utm\\_term=Autofeed&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR3XFbaD\\_CStQMrjGDTgVqn1hQ5Hpd0TQ73Wutm9NKzLXNws1hpg0kyTfbo&amp=1&fs=e&s=cl#EchoBox=1657498175](https://cosmosmagazine.com/history/huge-new-fossil-species-titanokorys-uncovered-in-canada/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR3XFbaD_CStQMrjGDTgVqn1hQ5Hpd0TQ73Wutm9NKzLXNws1hpg0kyTfbo&amp=1&fs=e&s=cl#EchoBox=1657498175)



View of *Titanokorys gainesi* from the front.

Credit: Illustration by Lars Fields, © Royal Ontario Museum

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**Graves Mountain  
Rock Swap and Dig  
November 7th - 9th, 2022  
Lincolnton, Georgia**

As of this posting, the dig is on for October, 2022. No reservations needed. Current covid safety precautions must be observed. Masks must be worn when at food and vending booths. Social distancing must be adhered to. If something changes, it will be posted here.

The mountain will be open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All attendees must stop at the welcome table to sign a liability release and make a contribution/donation to help with the cost of providing porta johns and golf carts. The dig will end and everyone must be off the mountain by 6:00 p.m. each day.

There will be an area in the parking lot for vendors to sell and trade minerals. If you would like to setup a booth, contact Jr. at the phone number listed below. Hot food and drinks will be available for purchase on the mountain all three days.

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

THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL CLUBS and ROCKHOUNDS!

**GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!**

Park your vehicle in the designated area at the end of the paved access road. 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. ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash. The caretaker, Jr. Norman has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work. Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. **(HAND TOOLS ONLY!). STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS! NO RAPPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING! NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA!** (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!) **EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY 6:00 p.m.** (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

**DIRECTIONS:** From Washington Georgia, drive east 11 miles on SR-378, look for mine entrance on right. From the Hardee's in Lincolnton, Georgia, drive approximately 5-1/2 miles west on SR-378. Look for the sign at the entrance to Graves Mountain on the left side of the road.

Motels and Camping:

Cullars Inn, Lincolnton, Georgia, 706-359-6161  
Soap Creek Lodge, Clarks Hill Lake, Lincolnton, 706-359-4100  
Elijah Clark State Park, 706-359-3458 / 800-864-7275

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**19th Annual Western North Carolina  
Rockhound Roundup  
July 24th – 31st, 2022  
Hosted by: M.A.G.M.A. and Jacquot & Son Mining**

This event will be based at Camp Stephens. This property is located just outside the city of Asheville off of Interstate 26. The camp is just 3.5 miles from the Interstate but located in a secluded wooded area on the French Broad River. There is room for many RV's and tent campers. There is a large indoor pavilion/building with two bathrooms, two showers, a kitchen, electricity and water for the outside campers and inside the pavilion. Campers will be able to swim, fish, canoe, snorkel, etc. in the river. The camp area is completely wooded so there is plenty of shade. Three miles from the camp are numerous gas stations, a mall, restaurants, movie theater, motels/hotels and more.

Campers are welcome to begin arriving Sunday morning to set up camp and get ready for the week's events. Do not arrive before Sunday morning on the 24th as other people will be using the camp before we arrive.

This is the yearly gathering of our club and we welcome all to come join us for a week of fun. Rockhounding, swapping, selling, trading rocks and minerals. Good food and great people!

**Agenda:**

We have coordinated this event to coincide with the numerous gem and mineral shows that are taking place in Franklin, North Carolina and groups will be visiting the shows daily. Throughout the week, we will conduct field trips to a selection of local mines and gem shows in the area. Instructions and directions will be provided for everyone, so no one gets lost during the trips. There will be fee discounts for attendees collecting at the Crabtree Emerald Mine and other mines in the area.

There will be tables setup (first come, first serve) at the pavilion for people to sell and trade their rocks, minerals, gems and jewelry. I suggest bringing your own tables to be sure you have what you need to sell.

Saturday the 30th; THE FEAST! Everyone should bring a dish or desert and something to drink. If you need to cook something for the meal, you should start cooking around 1:00 to be ready to eat around 3:00.

Fee for Roundup: \$100.00 per person, this covers all 8 days of the Roundup. Full use of the camp area and facilities. Kids 12 and under are free. Vendors who wish to set up and sell at the pavilion, add \$50, so, \$150 for 8 days. If you plan to only attend a few of the days, the cost will be \$20.00 per day.

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Send check or money order to:  
Richard Jacquot  
PO Box 542  
Leicester, NC 28748

Accommodations: Camping on the Camp Stephens property is included in the above cost.

Directions: Take exit 33 off of Interstate 26 just outside of Asheville NC. Go west on Brevard Road/Hwy. 191. Drive 3.5 miles to Clayton Road on the left, turn left and drive 2/10ths of a mile to the entrance to Camp Stephens on the left. I will have a large MAGMA Roundup sign at the entrance.

This roundup is open to all clubs and anyone visiting the area from out of town who would like to attend. You do not need to be a member of any club to attend. We welcome everyone. Remember to bring plenty of rocks and minerals to trade, sell, and show.

For more information, contact Rick Jacquot at: 828-779-4501 or email [rick@wncrocks.com](mailto:rick@wncrocks.com)

## **AREA SHOWS**

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

**July 20-24, 2022, Franklin, NC:** Annual show; Echo Valley Gem Show; Echo Valley Showplace (across from GLW), 6456 Sylva Rd.; [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com) : [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**July 27 – 31, 2022, Franklin, NC:** Highlands Road Gem Show; 1602 Highlands Rd. Franklin, NC 28734 [www.franklin-chamber.com](http://www.franklin-chamber.com)

**July 28 -31, 2022 ...Franklin, NC:** G&LW Watauga Festival Center. 6295 Sylva Rd. Franklin, NC [www.glwshows.com](http://www.glwshows.com)

**July 29-31... Franklin, NC:** Macon County Gemboree; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00 Adults; 12 & Under FREE; Gold & Silver Jewelry, Rough and cut gemstones, Repairs, Fine jewelry, Beads, Findings, Specimens, Demonstrations, Door Prizes given hourly each day; e-mail: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**July 31-August 7, 2022: Spruce Pine, NC:** 38<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 9 to 6 with FREE ADMISSION. Contact Us: [grassycreekgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:grassycreekgemshow@gmail.com)

**August 4 – 7, 2022 Spruce Pine, NC:** NC Mineral & Gem Festival, Spruce Pine Commons Shopping Center 12085 NC Highway 226 S , Spruce Pine, NC 28777 [www.ncgemfest.com](http://www.ncgemfest.com)

**October 7, 8, & 9, 2022...Lincolnton, GA** Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig <https://www.gamineral.org/ft/commercial/ftgravesmain.html>

**November 18-19 2022...Columbia, SC** 54<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show 2022 Columbia Gem and Mineral Society Jamil Temple 206 Jamil Rd. Columbia, SC 29210 [www.cgms.rocks](http://www.cgms.rocks) Sue 803-736-9317

## 2022 ASHEVILLE, NC GEM SHOWS



### Dates:

March, 18th – 20th, 2022  
June, 17th – 19th, 2022  
September, 16th – 18th, 2022  
December, 9th – 11th, 2022



### Hours:

Friday and Saturday 9am – 5pm  
Sunday 10am – 4pm



### Location:

Camp Stephens  
263 Clayton Road  
Arden, North Carolina 28704



Free Admission  
Rain or Shine



Indoor and Outdoor Vendors offering:  
Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Artifacts, Rocks,  
Meteorites, Trinitite, Silver and Gold Jewelry,  
Crystals and other hobby related items.



Sponsored by M.A.G.M.A. and Jacquot & Son Mining  
For more information on the show and vendor spaces,  
Call Rick: 828-779-4501 or Email: [RickJacquot@gmail.com](mailto:RickJacquot@gmail.com)  
[www.AmericanRockhound.com](http://www.AmericanRockhound.com)

**MOUNTAIN AREA GEM & MINERAL ASSOCIATION**



Columbia Gem & Mineral Society 

2022 Please Copy 54th Annual

# Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show

Nov. 18, 10 to 6  
Nov. 19, 10 to 6  
Nov. 20, 12 to 5

Jamil Temple  
206 Jamil Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29210



**Adults \$5.... Children 16 & Under Free**  
**All Military & Dependents Free**



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**Monthly Meeting**

Except for January, the meetings are held the third Monday of each month. Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm; Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**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.

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