



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. We will likely be using Hope Church for all of our monthly membership meetings thanks to the good work of Mandie Wenzel and the executive board in developing a Memorandum of Understanding between CGMS and the Church. We welcomed a new President, Patricia Stidom, at our January meeting. She started the year with a very good meeting that was well attended and made special by a very good presentation by Walt Kubilius on quartz veins and pegmatites. The program for the February meeting will be "Show & Tell." Bring something to share with the club.

Casey Tyler, our fieldtrip coordinator, is working on some special fieldtrips for our club members. One is a local quarry trip with the Aiken club and the other is a trip to Mt. Ida Arkansas for quartz crystals. He will share information on these trips at our February meeting.

Angela and I visited the Etowah Mounds State Historic Park and the Tellus Science Museum a few days ago and found both to be well worth the trip. The Tellus museum was the perfect combination of a rocks and minerals display and fossil history. As we were perusing the mineral collection, we noticed that specimens were either donated by or on loan from friends of our club including Chester Karwoski and Kim Cochran. Also, the places that we have been on fieldtrips were well represented. A museum with a personnel touch!

As previously stated in the January newsletter, several of the committee chairs have requested to be replaced including the positions of membership and show chair. These are important positions for our club and the board will be asking for volunteers from the club members. Please consider volunteering for these positions. The best way to be a member is to participate in the club activities!

Congratulations to Patricia Stidom and Carol Elliot for winning the SFMS workshop volunteer drawings. Finally, if you know anyone who wants to join the club, there is a membership form at the end of this edition.

Stay in touch,
Ron Ahle

NEXT MEETING

February 17, 2025

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

The February 2025 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. Use the side door (close to the main part of the parking lot). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not come into Hope Church before 6:30 pm, as we are not allowed in before that time.

PROGRAM:

Show & Tell Bring a rock that you have found or bought, or a piece of jewelry. This includes items you have found on field trips, made in a lapidary class, or from your collection. Certificates will be awarded to the prettiest and ugliest items. Bring those fossils, crystals, or jewelry.

Patricia & Tom Stidom will provide door prizes. Loree & Banks Ratchford will provide refreshments.

Executive Meeting

February 24, 2024

Dinner: 6 pm, Meeting: 7 pm

Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd.,
West Columbia. Members are welcome to attend. Only executive members can vote.

About the Programs

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For **March**, Ron Ahle will give our program. Ron, a retired biologist from South Carolina Natural Resources, is going to talk about the evolution of plants as indicated through the fossil record. He will talk about the earliest plants from pre-cambrian seas to the amazing diversity found today. Ron has visited many fossil sites where plant impressions and fossils are found and will show a few of the fossils he has collected.

In **April**, Kim Cochran will give us a mineral presentation. His talks are very informative and usually involves hands on specimens. For **April**, Cindy Lee will give a presentation on shells and in **June** we will have a silent auction of items from collections that were donated to the club plus an opportunity for members to sell items from their own collections.



Pecopteris fossil fern frond from collected on a CGMS fieldtrip to Durham Coal Mine in Northwest Georgia
(Ron Ahle collection)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2025, Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on January 20, 2025, at Hope Church. President Patricia Stidom called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Patricia welcomed new members and thanked Sue Shrader for the door prizes and Angela Valvasori for snacks. Patricia introduced the guest speaker, Walt Kubilius. Walt gave a fascinating presentation on quartz veins and pegmatites. Thank you, Walt, for the fantastic presentation!

After the presentation, Patricia introduced the 2025 officers:

Membership: Sheila Frame, who would like someone to take over the position

Programs: Sue Shrader

President: Patricia Stidom

Vice President: Jim Cobb

Treasurer: Angela Valvasori

Secretary: Sophie Grimsley

Sunshine: Abby Gates.

Newsletter: Ron Ahle

Workshop: Gary Hert

Faceting Guild: Tom Daniels

Website: Steve Coker, who would like someone to take over the position

Field Trips: Casey Tyler

Librarian: Sheila Frame

Historian: Unfilled

Show Committee Chair: Angela Valvasori, who would like someone to take over the position

Angela gave the 2024 show report:

Attendance: Total attendance was 1,214, which was 70 less than last year, and a slight downward trend from previous years. When show attendees were asked the question "How did people find out about the show?" the majority selected "Word of Mouth" at 38%, "Came Before" received 21%, and next largest categories were Internet (13%) and Facebook & Club Website (14%)

Financials: Show income, including dealers, admissions, geodes, salted mine, and grab bag/T-shirts was higher than last year and resulted in a net gain.

After the show report, Angela did the lapidary class scholarship prize drawing for show volunteers. There were two drawings, one for volunteers at the show, and one for those who volunteered to help plan the show. Alternates were drawn in case the winner cannot go. The following were the results of the drawings:

Show Planning drawing winner: Patricia Stidom; Alternate: Ron Ahle

Show Working drawing winner: Carol Elliot; Alternate: Madeline Wenzel

Winners have 2 years to use their certificates! Congrats!

Patricia passed around sign-up sheet to bring refreshments and/or door prizes for future meetings.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (cont)

Old Business: Dee provided amethyst as door prizes a few months ago and agreed to provide information about where they were found to those interested (*see news worth digging up*).

Field Trips: There is a Graves Mountain field trip Saturday, February 8th at 10 am. It involves a hike, so wear good shoes and bring something to carry rocks back. (*The trip was cancelled*). Ron also mentioned that there is a Dixie Mineral field trip to Hiddentite, NC on February 14th. It costs \$20 per person. Both trips are mentioned in the Rocky Trails.

Membership: You need your membership card to go on field trips. Please renew your membership for the year.

Workshop: The workshop is open at the storage facility. Give Gary Hert a call if you want to use the equipment. It is \$5 per hour to use the shop. If you send an email or text to Gary, include CGMS in the title or he will assume it is spam.

Door prizes were given out after the after the business portion of the meeting concluded. Please sign up to bring door prizes in the next few months if you are able.

Patricia Stidom adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sophie Grimsley

Social media Helps our Club Stay Social!

CGMS website: www.cgms.rocks

Facebook, Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066320452494>

Facebook, Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322192978738281/>

Instagram: [@cgms_rocks](https://www.instagram.com/cgms_rocks)

Please like/follow our Facebook and Instagram pages and share posts to increase our reach on social media.

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2025, Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly board meeting on January 27th, 2025, at Grecian Gardens at 2312 Sunset Blvd. President Patricia Stidom called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. Members in attendance were Patricia Stidom, Tom Stidom, Jim Cobb, Angela Valvasori, Ron Ahle, Steve Coker, Cheryl Coker, Sheila Frame, Gary Hert, and Sophie Grimsley. Patricia and Angela have not heard from Hope Church regarding our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) suggested changes.

Patricia went through a roll call of attendance and listed our officer positions.

Sunshine: We might need a new Sunshine person. Sheila said that she would be happy to help with sunshine if someone took over membership. **Historian:** We are looking to fill the position.

Membership: There are 99 members, 76 adults and 23 juniors. Sheila Frame would like to step down as membership officer and will think of some people who may be willing to take over.

Librarian: Sheila Frame is starting to catalog the books. **Rookie Rockhound:** This position is open and may be good for someone who has kids.

Special Committee for Workshop Location: Cheryl Coker and Gary Hert are currently on this committee. Tom Stidom will be joining the special committee. Tom Stidom is considering getting a grant for the club for the workshop. The source of the grant could be government, but the club would need to provide a mission statement and past years of taxes. Previously, the committee found that for the grant process a grant writer would be needed. Most grant sources previously found were not good fits for purchasing real estate. Tom Stidom stated that he has some grant experience and knows someone who may be able to help us put together a better grant without hiring a grant writer. Steve Coker suggests applying to any grant we qualify for. The grant should be a group grant, not individual because we are a nonprofit organization. Cheryl Coker reiterated that she believes the grant route is a great idea, that in the past they never got to the application phase but that she is excited if it could move forward. Angela stated that the objective in Section 1 and 2 of our constitution would be our mission statement. Patricia said Sheila's welcome letter for the club's new members would make a great mission statement. Grant forms also want a history of the club and Sheila's letter includes that.

Treasurer: Angela gave a financial report and stated that we need to do a financial audit. The financial audits are done yearly, which entails going through the annual report, bank statements, and making sure everything is accurate. Angela suggested Pat Carter as a possible individual who could do the job. Tom asked Angela how much the club pays per month for the storage unit. Angela replied.

Programs: Sue Shrader, Program Coordinator, was not in attendance. Patricia said she had not heard about any planned programs. Angela has been in touch with the state geologist, and they said they cannot do February but when they get off the busy season in the spring they would be happy to present to the club. Ron commented that we need to be able to post programs more than one month in advance. Some people to reach out to for speakers may include the USC Geology Department, SCANA, or other club members.

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

Sunshine: If someone can take over a membership Sheila is willing to help with Sunshine. Gary mentioned he ran into Abby, and she is doing well. Terri Tokaz had surgery and is also doing well. Sue Shrader had knee and hip replacement and is recovering.

Newsletter: Ron asked if anyone got 2 emails or copies of the Rocky Trails. Ron may need to be split up into two batches in order to send properly. **Social Media:** Angela would like someone to take over the Instagram account. Maybe we should ask some of the younger members. **Historian:** We need to fill this position.

Auctioneer: Ron says there are several collections worth of stuff that can be auctioned and this could fill a month if we do not have a program. Jim stated that he is always impressed with the quality of the specimen Ron collects for the auctions. Patricia Stidom said that some churches can be particular about things like auctions taking place at their property, but Hope Church did not address this in their MOU. Ron and Angela emphasized that this has not been a problem at Hope Church before and should not be an issue going forward. **Librarian:** Sheila is cataloging the books. Lots of good books on cabbings and faceting are in the club storage. We gave away a lot of the magazines at the show.

Old Business: There is a Google Workspace for the club and there are alternate emails for the board members if they do not want to use their personal emails. Angela will take care of the account handoff and send out an email about it. The Google Workspace also holds the documents like Historian information. Sophie stated that she can also add meeting minutes to the Google Workspace once she gets an account.

New Business:

- Ron stated that we need to have a Christmas party and a picnic every year. In the past five years or so we have not been good at planning. We should embed this function into one of the committee chair positions, and if it is not part of the position then we should create a social committee chair to make sure these events happen. The picnic is usually in the spring, and in the past we have gone to Sesquicentennial State Park. If we want to do so this year we need to plan it now. Sheila mentioned that the spreadsheet she sends out includes the interests' people have. This may be a good way to seek out volunteers.
- Patricia mentioned that if you need to send her any documents, please send them to the following email: pbstidom@yahoo.com
- Angela brought up the Bylaws review. The constitution states that reviews are made in year that end in a zero or five. A three-member committee makes reviews of the bylaws. Ron and Jim both volunteered to be on the committee. Sophie also volunteered to be on the committee. Any changes made will be approved by the board and membership.

Patricia Stidom adjourned the club meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sophie Grimsley

[Columbia Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting Minutes about the Memorandum of Understanding with Hope Church- Monday January 13, 2025](#)

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held a special meeting on January 13, 2025, over Zoom. President Patricia Stidom called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present on the call were Patricia Stidom, Sophie Grimsley, Jim Cobb, Casey Tyler, Ron Ahle, Angela Valvasori, Steve Coker, and Sue Shrader.

This meeting was called in order to discuss the terms in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by Hope Church to the club regarding a space to hold general club meetings for the year 2025.

Patricia Stidom went over a few points in the MOU:

- The club members cannot arrive before 6:30 pm.
- The suggested donation per meeting is \$50.
- **Insurance:** We have insurance through the Southeast federation, but we would need to adjust the language in the MOA to match our current coverage.
- The MOU may require background checks for all who are instructing minors but does not specify who in the club would need them.

Both Ron and Angela agreed with the points that Patricia made, especially regarding the background check language. They emphasized that we do not instruct children, and any children present are with their parents or guardians. The board agreed that this clause be removed from the MOU.

Patricia reiterated that the major issues with the MOU were the insurance, background check, and fee clauses, and that all were discussed during the meeting. She emphasized that paying for background checks does not make sense; there is no set list of names for them to be conducted on, and no children are left alone at the meetings. She stated that if a minor is present, a parent or guardian must be present at all times.

Sophie stated that she will make notes of all suggestions made over email and during the Zoom call. She will send out a draft of the MOU with suggested changes for board members to review. After this, the call was concluded.

Respectfully submitted by Sophie Grimsley

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.

Hours of Operation:
Mon: CLOSED.
Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

Planetarium Theater Shows

Coastal Predators: A 4D Experience®

It is the greatest gathering of ocean predators on the planet. Dolphins, sharks, whales, and seals converge to feast along the breathtaking South African coast in one of nature's most amazing events. Coastal Predators: A 4-D Experience is an astonishing underwater Armageddon. Each year billions of sardines are pushed into the shallows as the ocean's most incredible animals forego natural instincts towards each other to come together for a common quest. Without the annual sardine run, the lives of the animals caught up in the drama hang in the balance. Stunning visuals and high-octane action with 4-D effects bring this great spectacle to life as you dive into this feeding frenzy of epic proportions.

Marian McPartland: Under the Stars | Thurs., March 20

Tickets: \$30 General Public & \$24 Museum Members

A decade after the passing of jazz legend Marian McPartland at the age of 95, her influence continues to resonate. The State Museum and the ColaJazz Foundation invite you to an evening celebrating the beloved host of NPR's "Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz." A jazz trio will perform a selection of her own compositions alongside works by the jazz giants who inspired her.

Turtle Odyssey 4D

Discover the unique traits and fascinating behaviors of one of Earth's most ancient and majestic creatures: sea turtles. Join baby Bunji, an Australian green sea turtle, as she navigates the dangers of life at sea, growing into a thriving adult along the way. The remarkable reptile encounters sharks, octopus, whales and more on her beautiful journey thousands of miles through the depths of the oceans in Turtle Odyssey 4D.

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.

News Worth Digging Up

Provided by Dee Iurcovich

Amethyst mines in the Thunder Bay, Canada area (June – Sept weather depending)

Amethyst Mine Panorama

500 Bass Lake Road

Shuniah, Ontario

- Entrance fee which is good for a year.
- Pay by weight.
- Water hoses available to wet the stones.
- Pieces of Amethyst on surface for picking. (most of the door prize pieces are from this mine)
- Hills for digging.

Website: amethystmine.com

Blue Point Amethyst Mine

5 Road North

Shuniah, Ontario

- Pay by bucket.
- Owner does **NOT** pick through piles brought up from blasting.
- Surface picking and digging.
- Club Mine digging by arrangement.
- Aura and red amethyst found.

Website: bluepointamethystmine.ca

Diamond Willow Rock Shop & Pick Your Own Amethyst

Pearl, Ontario

- Business collects from diggings before open for picking.
- Cleaning station available.
- Pay by bucket.

Website: none found

Other attractions:

Kakabeka Falls

Oliver Paipoonge, Ontario

Terry Fox National Historic Person Plaque

1350 King Road, Thunder Bay

- Nice spot to see sleeping giant.
- Rest area

Website: terryfox.org

Note: You must have a passport, and felons will NOT be able to cross the border into Canada. If there are any questions about your ability to cross, call the Canada Border Services Agency: 506-636-5064.

**Graves Mountain
Rock Swap and Dig
March 7th - 9th, 2025
Lincolnton, Georgia**

As of this posting, the dig is scheduled for March 7-9, 2025. No reservations are needed. If something changes, it will be posted on their website.

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.

Graves Mountain has been a mecca for rockhounds for years. It is probably the most famous collecting site in Georgia. It is a premier location for large, multiple twinned rutile crystals; rutile, lazulite, pyrophyllite, kyanite, hematite, pyrite, ilmenite, muscovite, fuchsite, quartz crystals, and microcrystals. You can either surface collect or dig for minerals. There are also many boulders to bang on so you may want to bring a sledgehammer and a chisel.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be set up for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to set up 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. There will be an area in the parking lot for vendors to sell and trade minerals. If you would like to set up 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.

<https://www.gamineral.org/ft/commercial/ftgravesmain.html>

Contact Information:

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 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.

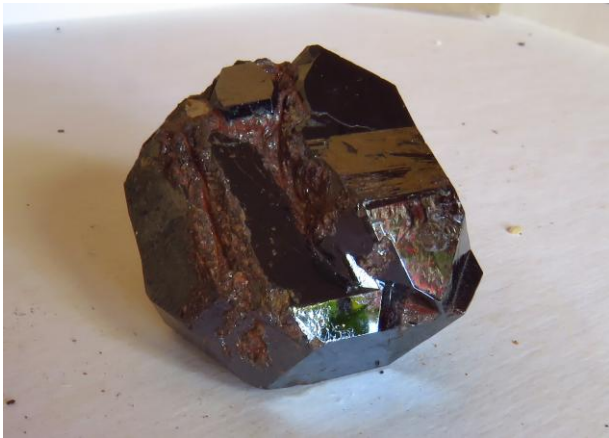
Motels and Camping:

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

Minerals Found at Graves Mountain



Rutile twin & Lazulite crystal collected & photographed by Ron Ahle

News From SFMS from Cindy Reed, SFMS Loadstar Editor

Happy New Year! Here's the link for the January edition of the SFMS Lodestar.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kBU9bQwi5c864NE_SequktajquqMjYym/view?usp=sharing

Rockhound Roundup info and app can be found on page 21. We have several great articles this month. So be sure to check them out.

There is an updated summary flyer of the classes offered during the SFMS workshop week at William Holland. You can find more info and registration at <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/> We're still waiting on the dates for Wildacres.

AREA SHOWS

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

February 22, 2025—LAKELAND, FLORIDA: Annual show; Bone Valley GM&FS; 9:00 - 4:30
Naro Mayo Hall, 500 3rd Street N.W., Winter Haven, Fl. 33881; Email: BoneValley.info@gmail.com;
Website: www.bonevalley.net/

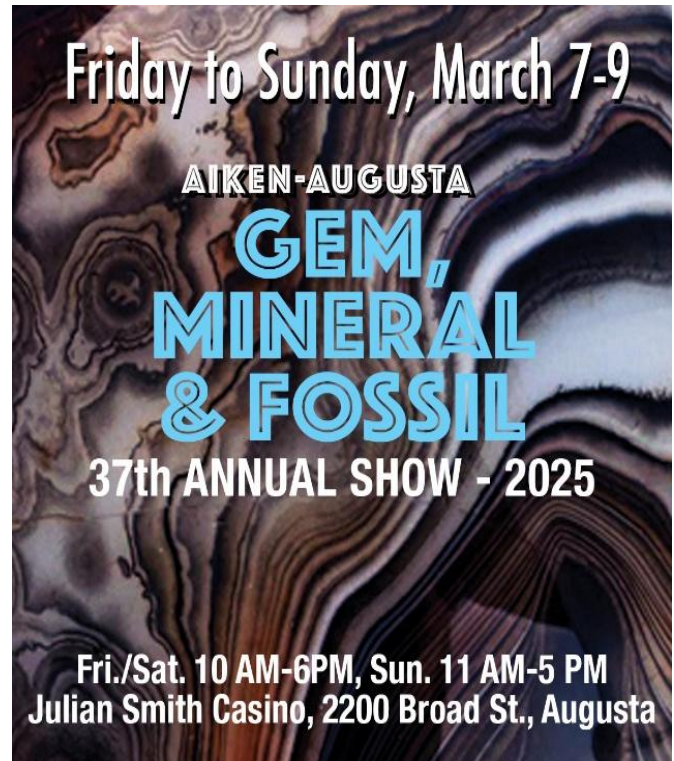
February 28- March 2 2025...ATHENS, GEORGIA: Annual show; Southeastern Mineral
Specimens; The Classic Center, Grand Hall 8, 300 N. Thomas St; contact Mark E. P. Woods, (706)
296-9467; Email: imineral@bellsouth.net; Website:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/854813666398350>

February 22-23, 2025—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral
Society; Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi Street Leslie A Lane, (601)
344-8171; Email: rock2lanes@gmail.com; Website: www.missgems.org

March 8-10, 2024 —AUGUSTA, GEORGIA: Annual show; Aiken Gem Mineral & Fossil Society
and Augusta Gem & Mineral; Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$4
adult, \$6 weekend pass, children under 12 free with adult, cash at door only, please; Grab bags, Geode
sales & cutting, Treasure Dig, Member displays • Lapidary demos • Hourly door prizes • Educational
resource End-of-show GRAND PRIZE on Sunday ! (Attendance not required to win.) Vendors offer an
array of common and rare fossils, minerals, gems from around the world, lapidary supplies, beads, and
jewelry findings, as well as handcrafted to exquisite jewelry from pennies to thousands of
dollars. There's truly something for everyone at low, low prices!; contact Debra Baer, (803) 295-7897;
Email: debbie.aikenrocks@gmail.com; Website: <https://aikengmfs.org/>

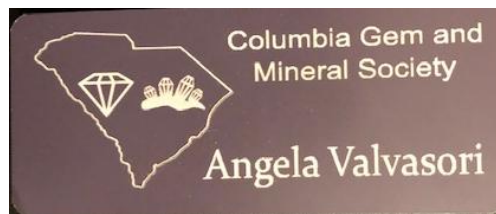
March 15-16, 2025...GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Gaston Gem and Mineral
Club; Gastonia Farmers Market, 410 E Long Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; contact Bob Winstanley; Email:
GastonGemAndMineral@gmail.com; Website: gastongemclub.weebly.com

March 14-16, 2025...MARIETTA, GEORGIA: Annual show; Bellpoint Gem Show; Cobb County
Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway; Fri. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; contact BJ; Email:
mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com



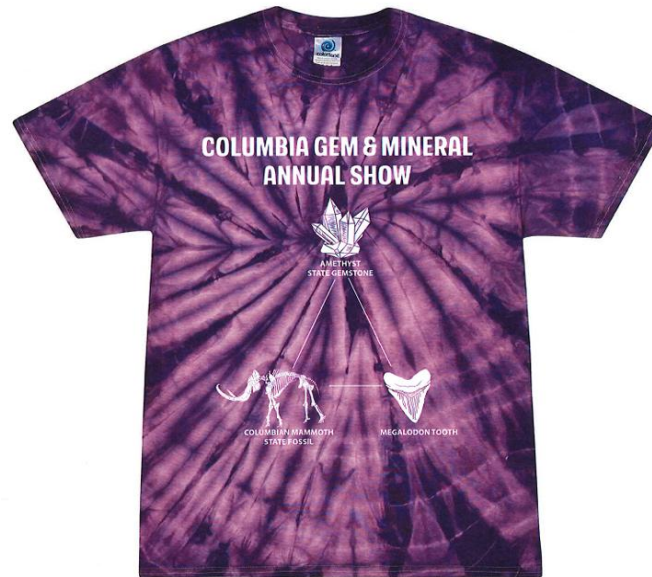
CGMS Name Tag

Would you like to have a CGMS name tag? They can be obtained at Irmo Trophy. An example is shown below. If you would like one, please contact Irmo Trophy by email so they have the correct spelling of your name and tell them you are requesting a Columbia Gem and Mineral Society name tag. The cost is \$7. **Irmo Trophy Co.**, 803-798-3735; 5430 Old Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212 irmotrophy@gmail.com



The Club is selling T-shirts at meetings this year!

We have two colors available, one tie-dyed (seen below) and one black. We have sizes ranging from medium to XXL currently available. If you can't make it to the meetings and would like to get a T-shirt, contact one of the officers in the club. We have limited supplies so don't wait!

**12,000 Year History Park: Spring 2025 Tours**

February 15: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

February 22: Colonial Congaree Fort I Tour, 1:00 PM

February 23: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 2:00 PM

March 1: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 1:00 PM

March 8: Native American Lifeways Tour, 1:30 PM

March 15: No Tours

March 16: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 2:00 PM

March 22: Colonial Congaree Fort I Tour, 1:00 PM

March 29: Native American Lifeways Tour, 10:00 AM

April 6: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 2:00 PM

April 12: Native American Lifeways Tour, 1:30 PM

April 19: Colonial Congaree Fort I Tour, 1:00 PM

April 20: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 2:00 PM

April 26: Native American Lifeways Tour, 10:00 AM

May 3: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 10:00 AM

May 10: Native American Lifeways Tour, 1:30 PM

May 17: Colonial Congaree Fort I Tour, 1:00 PM

May 18: Civil War Battle of Congaree Creek Tour, 2:00 PM

May 24 No Tours

May 31: Native American Lifeways Tour, 10:00 AM

Red text indicates Sunday Tours

Tours start at entrance to park just beyond the Cayce Tennis Center, 1120 Fort Congaree Trail in Cayce. Free parking at dirt lot to left just past the Tennis Center.

For any updates, please visit our website at cayce12000years.com or follow us on Facebook!; (803)-739-5385.

Columbia Gem and Mineral Society



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Year _____

(Membership Year runs January 1 – December 31)

<https://www.cgms.ocks>

Check one: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual	\$25 _____	\$13 _____
Family	\$30 _____	\$15 _____
	Jan 1	July 1

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Email Address: _____

For those with privacy concerns: If you do not 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: _____

Child: _____ Birth Date: _____

Child: _____ 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 Chair__ Publicity__ Sunshine__ Rookie Rockhounds__

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 collect minerals and/or fossils? _____

What lapidary skills and interests do you have? _____

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.

2024 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President..... Patricia Stidom.
Vice President..... Jim Cobb.
Treasurer..... Angela Valvasori.....
Secretary..... Sophie Grimsley.....

COMMITTEES

Membership open
Auctioneer..... Ron Ahle.....
Club Liaison..... Jim Cobb.....
Faceting Guild..... Tom Daniels.....
Facebook..... Sue Shrader
Field Trip..... Casey Tyler.....
Historian.....open
Librarian.....Sheila Frame.....
Newsletter Editor..... Ron Ahle.....
Program..... Sue Shrader.....
Show..... open
Sunshine Abbie Gates.....
Website..... Steve Coker.....
Workshop..... Gary Hert.....



CGMS Website

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Webmaster: Steve Coker

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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