



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. Our second meeting back at McKissick was well attended with lots of great fellowship and a program by Max Mandell in which he shared with us his amazing collection of jade including artifacts and beautiful sculpted and polished pieces that he created. As a bonus, he gave each member in attendance an awesome jade cabochon! Many thanks go out to Max for his generosity and sharing his knowledge. At the April meeting, we will have a presentation by Danielle LoMonaco. She will be showing some of her artistry with Savannah agate. The timing of this presentation couldn't be better with a Dixie Mineral Fieldtrip to Girard, GA for Savannah agate (see page 11 & 12). Go on the fieldtrip, collect lots of agate, then come to the meeting and discover what can be created with what you found! This is one of the fieldtrips where everybody finds agate. For you history buffs, the May fieldtrip will be to collect civil war era slag which is an excellent material for lapidary projects or just as specimens for your collection. Just as a reminder, you must be a member in good standing to attend Dixie Mineral Fieldtrips.

The club is looking for volunteers for our 2023 gem show and is having a series of meetings. Look on page 5 for details about the meetings. Please join us to share your ideas, knowledge, and any insights that will help make our show better!

As stated in the previous message, the club has some open officer positions. Currently we are looking to our membership for volunteers for auctioneer, fieldtrip coordinator and show coordinator. The auctioneer is needed to run 1-2 auctions per year at club meetings. 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. The show coordinator is needed to oversee the actions of putting on our once-a-year show and give updates to the board. If you think you might want to join our Board and would like additional information on these positions, please ask any of the current officers.

If you know anyone who wants to join the club, there is a membership form at the end of this edition.

Ron Ahle

NEXT MEETING

April 17, 2023

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

The March 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:

Danielle LoMonaco will be giving a presentation on jewelery making with an emphasis on working with Savannah River Agate. To read about her many skills and experience go to page 2.

Door Prizes will be provided by Daniel Miller.

Refreshments will be provided Laura Bailey.



Executive Meeting

April 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.

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

April 17, 2023 Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The presentation for the April meeting will be a lapidary arts presentation given by Danielle LoMonaco. Traditionally trained as a fine jeweler, Danielle has specialized in creating custom engagement rings, diamond setting, and jewelry repair for 7 years before she opened her own jewelry studio. She is accomplished in using fine jewelry techniques that bring a high level of quality to her silver work. According to Danielle, all of her pieces feature one-of-a-kind stones and hand-fabricated silver and silver wire. She states the labor is intensive work, often taking many hours or days to complete a single jewelry piece, but it is work she loves.

The presentation for the April meeting will be a lapidary arts presentation given by Danielle. Danielle's jewelry starts with exceptional hand-cut and polished genuine stones from the most talented and reputable independent lapidary artists in the country. She chooses the stones carefully based on their natural beauty, quality, and unique patterns and colors. Some of her pieces feature stones cut and polished from rough rock specimens in her studio. Rare stones, including those that come from mines that have long been closed, are of particular interest to her. You will also find dinosaur bone, fossilized ancient sea life, and rare varieties of petrified wood in her work.

Using these outstanding stones as inspiration, she designs to celebrate their unique characteristics. As a designer she strives to compliment but not overpower the stones in her work, and to create something beautiful, comfortable, and made to last for years to come! Danielle believes that Nature is the ultimate artist, and her job is to create a custom, wearable frame worthy of her artwork.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2023 Monthly Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on March 20, 2023 at McKissick Museum. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Jim announced that it was good to meeting again at McKissick Museum. Jim thanked Susan Bloodworth and Gary Hert for providing snacks and Gary Hert for providing door prizes. He acknowledged new members and visitors in attendance. The meeting was well attended.

Treasurer's Report: Angela reported the club is obtaining point-of-sale capabilities for credit card use at the show and for other functions such as membership dues and silent auctions.

Field Trips: Catherine Sawyer announced that she was working on a fieldtrip to the Martin-Marietta Quarry near the Black River in Georgetown to collect fossils. She mentioned that we would likely share this fieldtrip with the Aiken Club. Ron reminded members to check out upcoming Dixie Mineral Fieldtrips and the Graves Mountain Fieldtrip and rock swap.

Membership: Sheila announced to the club that we had 100 members and reminded members who haven't paid dues that now is the time. The sign-up sheet for snacks and door prizes was passed around.

Show: Mandie talked about the Kick-off show meeting in which 14 members attended. Topics discussed in the meeting included increased rent at Jamil Temple, dealer contracts, communication and transactions with dealers, dealer potluck, volunteer drawing for lapidary schools, advertising and fund raising. *(For more details about the show see page 5 in this issue of the Rocky Trails).* Mandie announced that the next meeting will occur on Monday, April 3, at Hope Church. Gary invited those in attendance to come to the show meeting and share their ideas.

Programs: Main Program: Max Mandell shared his knowledge and collection of jade artifacts and lapidary work. He gave all in attendance a jade cabochon.

Door prizes were given to most in attendance.

Jim Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2023 Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society held its executive board meeting on March 27, 2023 at Grecian Gardens Restaurant. President Jim Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Jim Cobb (President), Ron Ahle (Secretary), Gary Hert (Workshop Chair), Jonathan Wenzel (Vice-President), Sheila Frame (Membership), Mandie Wenzel, Sue Shrader (Programs), Sharon Sterrett, Laura Bailey and Angela Valvasori (Treasurer). Jim thanked the Wenzel's for giving us the opportunity to convene show meetings at their church.

Show: Mandie gave an update on the kick-off planning meeting for the 2023 show. Discussed during the planning meeting were increased rent at Jamil Temple and restructuring dealer contracts. There was lively discussion about how the organizational structure for the show committee should be done.

Program Coordinator: Sue said that Danielle LoMonaco will present on fine jewelry techniques and silver work. She also told the Board that I would be giving a presentation at the July meeting. She also proposed that we have a silent auction where we could sell recent donations to club members. Sheila reminded the Board that we still needed to fill the position of auctioneer. **Fieldtrips:** Ron gave an update on scheduled DMC fieldtrips and Graves Mountain. He also mentioned that the club should have a fieldtrip to Morris Island sometime this year. **Membership:** Sheila reported that we had 100 members. She also mentioned that some members preferred their addresses not be on the rooster and so she proposed to remove the addresses and the board approved.

Treasurer: Angela updated the board on the best choices for point-of-sale options for the club. She reported that First Citizen's bank could provide the services we need, but it would be considerably more expensive than using Square or PayPal. She also researched the differences in technical support between Square and Zettle and found that both were about equivalent. Sue, who currently uses Square for her personnel business, informed the group that the app would need to be updated every six months. A motion was made and approved to purchase of the Square system. Discussion ensued to determine which hardware to buy and it was suggested that we purchase two Square readers and one contactless reader. **Workshop:** Gary had no report and said that he would prefer to not have folks come to his house due to liability issues. Ron mentioned that some possibilities for workshop locations were being looked at and he reminded the group that the old workshop building was still vacant and wondered if we should consider making the owner a rental offer. **Website:** A recommendation was made that the website indicate that our shop is not functioning at this time. Sheila reminded folks that the storage rental could be used at a limited capacity. Another bit of news is that Angela has secured a QR code for our club that will link to the website where people can get show flyers and coupons.

New Business: The club has an email but needs to get the password from Dee to be able to use it. (*We later found out from Dee that the email address is no longer functional*). Ron volunteered to look into a picnic to be planned for May.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and Tom adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Ahle

55th Annual CGMS Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Grab Bags

Bring crystals, fossils, tumbled stones, and small rocks to the April meeting for the show grab bags. The club is low on items for the grab bags that are sold at the show. We will have a grab bag workday in the fall.

Show Planning Meeting

Several show planning meetings have occurred to get the ball rolling for the 2023 show. So far the meeting attendees have made adjustments to income revenues to account for the increased rent that we are being charged at Jamil Temple. Dealer contracts have been modified to create an easier process for setting up the show. Plans are being developed that deal with advertising strategies 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.

Two show planning meetings have been held so far and to sustain the momentum the meetings will continue. The next show planning meeting is on Monday May 1 to be followed up on Monday June 5. Both are at 7 pm at Hope Church. Hope Church is located at 2609 Seminole Road, Columbia, SC 29210. It 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 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 these 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.



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.

Digging Deep: History and Operations of the Cayce Quarry

April 20, 2023 at 6pm

Visitors Center of the Cayce Historical Museum

Presentation by Alex Jolly

Free to the Public



Aerial Image of Quarry-2021



From Weston & Brooker Company 50th Anniversary
Brochure-1962

Ever wondered about the Cayce Quarry? The Cayce Quarry, once owned by the Weston and Brooker Company, is a granite quarry that has been active in the area since 1893. It provided materials to build up the Locks system and paved roads in the Cayce-West Columbia area. The quarry is now operated by Martin Marietta.

Meteorites 2023

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

Lyrids

Next Peak night: Apr 22-23, 2023; Next period of activity: April 15th to April 29th, 2023. The Lyrids are a medium strength shower that usually produces good rates for three nights centered on the maximum. These meteors also usually lack persistent trains but can produce fireballs. These meteors are best seen from the northern hemisphere where the radiant is high in the sky at dawn. Activity from this shower can be seen from the southern hemisphere, but at a lower rate.

eta Aquariids

Next Peak: The eta Aquariids will next peak on the May 5-6, 2023, night. On this night, the moon will be 100% full. The Eta Aquariids are a strong shower when viewed from the southern tropics. From the equator northward, they usually only produce medium rates of 10-30 per hour just before dawn. Activity is good for a week centered the night of maximum activity. These are swift meteors that produce a high percentage of persistent trains, but few fireballs.

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:

The State of the Craft: Sea Grass Baskets on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 12:30-2:30 pm at McKissick Museum. This event will bring the basket makers together with plant specialists who were involved in decades-long efforts to replant and grow sweet grass in the South Carolina Lowcountry. They will discuss where all the sweetgrass has gone and engage community members to brainstorm ways we might collectively work to bring it back.

This program is offered in connection with [*Sewn through Time: Sweetgrass Basketmakers Reimagine a Tradition*](#), on view at McKissick Museum through April 21, 2023. A reception will follow the conversation and sweetgrass baskets will be available for sale. This program is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

USC Class of 2023 Design Portfolio Day

Friday, April 21, 9 am - 12 pm, McKissick Museum 2nd floor lobby

The School of Visual Art and Design's Graphic Design + Illustration BFA candidates are joining the professional ranks! Come get a first look at their portfolios, websites, reels, and more. Join us on the second-floor lobby of McKissick Museum to celebrate SVAD's GD+I Class of 2023.

News Worth Digging Up

A new study on Australian volcanoes has changed what we know about explosive 'hotspot' volcanism

by Al-Tamini Tapu, Paulo Vasconcelos and Teresa Ubide, The Conversation

Source: Phys.Org, March 25, 2023

A “new study published in Nature Geoscience on an ancient chain of Australian volcanoes is helping to change our understanding of "hotspot" volcanism.

“You may be surprised to learn eastern Australia hosts the longest chain of continental hotspot volcanoes on Earth. These volcanoes erupted during the last 35 million years (for 1 to 7 million years each), as the Australian continent moved over an area of heat (a hotspot) inside the planet, also known as a fixed heat anomaly or mantle plume.”

“But it appears the Australian hotspot waned with time. And we have found the volcanoes' inner structure and eruptions changed as a result. Our new findings show hotspot strength has key impacts on the evolution of volcanoes' inner structure, along with their location and lifespan.”

To find out the impact, read the entire article at: [A new study on Australian volcanoes has changed what we know about explosive 'hotspot' volcanism \(phys.org\)](https://phys.org/news/2023-03-australian-volcanoes-hotspot-volcanism.html)

Willard: The Tale of an Enormous Triceratops Skeleton

By Peter Lovisek

Source: Fossil Realm Magazine, March 15, 2023

This article tells the story of “an astounding fossilized *Triceratops prorsus* skeleton recently unearthed in the badlands of North Dakota; a specimen so massive that it may be the world’s largest example of the species ever found!” Willard was found by fossil hunters in Montana in an area with exposure of “the Hell Creek Formation, a celebrated source of Late Cretaceous (68 to 66 million year old) dinosaur discoveries.” It was a truly unprecedented find with the nasal horn and femur undeniably gigantic. Based on the femur and pelvic bone length, the excavation team estimated that Willard would stand two feet taller than any previously discovered skeleton. Being a one-of-a-kind *Triceratops* (who spans 28 feet long and 11.8 feet high) it was named “Willard” in honor of the former landowner.

The article goes on to explain in detail how the bones at the dig site were removed, marketed, and eventually restored for display in Switzerland. The amount of work that goes into restoring a specimen of this caliber is truly amazing! It’s also an example of the valuable collaboration that often occurs amongst commercial diggers, dealers/brokers, and the museum community.

To read the amazing story and see the excellent accompanying graphics and imagery go to: <https://www.fossilrealm.com/blogs/news/willard-s-journey-the-tale-of-an-enormous-triceratops-skeleton>

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

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.

James Webb Space Telescope: the Story Unfolds See strange distant worlds in stunning detail and witness the evolution of galaxies over billions of years as revealed by the most powerful telescope ever built. Featuring groundbreaking images from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope visualized in brilliant 4K resolution, this special live planetarium experience explores the incredible, complex science behind the James Webb mission. *Show Run Time: 45 mins.* Check website for show times.

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.

Virtual Planetarium Sky Tour

Thurs., April 13 and 27th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Facebook Live

Join State Museum planetarium manager, Liz Klimek, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month for a virtual exploration of the stars, planets and constellations you can observe in night-sky.

First Sunday Sponsored by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina

Sun., May. 7 from 12 – 5 p.m.

General admission is only \$1 for guests on the first Sunday of every month! PLUS enjoy 4-D movies and/or planetarium shows, for only \$5 each!

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.

SFMS sponsors four workshops each year. These are held at Wildacres, near Little Switzerland in North Carolina, and at the William Holland Retreat near Young Harris in northeast Georgia.

William Holland Classes, June 4-10, 2023

Cabs 1	Cabs 2	Seedbeading on China Cabs	
Casting	Work Bench Building	Flame Painting	
Silver I+ (waiting list)	Silver II-Panel Bracelet	Silver III - Channel Inlay	
Soft Solder	Weave Tap & Drop	Wire II-Bracelets	Faceting

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	

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



**Graves Mountain
Rock Swap and Dig
April 28th - 30th, 2023
Lincolnton, Georgia**

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.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

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

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



AREA SHOWS

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

April 15-15—MARIETTA, GEORGIA: Cobb County Gem and Mineral Annual Rock Swap; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society; CCGMS Clubhouse, 516 West Atlanta Street; Sat. 10-4; Free; This is a buy, sell or trade event with over 15 dealers and folks tailgating rocks they wish to sell or swap. Bob Hohn; Email: robertchohn@gmail.com; Website: www.gggms.org

April 14-16—RICHMOND, VIRGINIA: Show and sale; Treasures of the Earth, Inc; Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E Laburnum Ave, Old Dominion Building; The Richmond Gem and Mineral Society provides displays of Virginia rocks, minerals, fossils and many dinosaur bones; contact Ellen White (757) 641-2124; Email: Ellen@TreasuresOfTheEarth.com; Website: www.treasuresoftheearth.com

April 22-23, 2023—MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE: Annual show; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society; Memphis Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Road; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 (2 day pass \$8), 12 & Under \$2, Scouts in uniform free; Over 50 dealers and exhibitors selling rocks, fossils, minerals, crystals, gemstones, opals, beads and jewelry. Kids Areas with gem and fossil dig, geode bowling and Rocks around the Clock. Includes the original Memphis Rock Banquet, a full table display of rocks that look like real food; contact WC McDaniel, (901) 490-3575; Email: info@theearthwideopen.com; Website: www.theearthwideopen.wixsite.com

April 22-23—SANDFORD, FLORIDA: Show and sale; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc; City of Sanford Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$5, Kids 6-15 \$2, Scouts in uniform Free; Vendors offering minerals, rocks, fossils, beads, gemstones, hand-crafted cabochons and jewelry, etc. Also available; silent auction, door prizes, demonstrations and family activities; contact Salvatore Sansone, (321) 278-9294; Email: ssfossilhunter@aol.com; Website: www.cfmgs.org

April 22-22—MULBERRY, FLORIDA: Annual show; Imperial Bone Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Downtown Mulberry, Florida, 118 NW 1ST AVE, 1975 South Kissengen Avenue; Lori Serdynski, (863) 370-2709; Email: bartowcon1701@gmail.com; Website: www.BartowCon.com

April 21-23—DELAND, FLORIDA: Annual show; Innovative Gems Expo; Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Avenue; contact Renu Sawhney, (845) 300-3501; Email: ibexpos@gmail.com; Website: www.IBExpos.com

April 29-30, 2023—IRVINE, KENTUCKY: Annual show; SE KY Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club; Estill Co. Schools Central Office, 253 Main St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-3; free; contact David Davis; Email: redandblackrocks@yahoo.com; Website: www.mountainmushroomfest.org

May 11-15, 2023, FRANKLIN, NC: Annual show; Echo Valley Gem Show ; Echo Valley Showplace (across from GLW), 6456 Sylva Rd Franklin, NC contact BJ; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

May 12-14, 2023, MARIETTA, GA: Annual show; Georgia Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; Free; The Georgia Mineral Society's 53rd Annual Mother's Day Weekend (678) 612-7293; Email: mayshow@gaminer.org; Website: www.gaminer.org

CGMS 55th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show 2023

Fri. Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00

Sat. Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00

Sun. Nov. 19, 12:00 - 5:00

Jamil Temple

206 Jamil Rd.

Columbia, SC 29210

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

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.



Columbia Gem and Mineral Society



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Year _____

(Membership Year runs January 1 – December 31)

<https://www.cgms.rocks>

Check one: **DUES CURRENT MEMBERS**

Individual \$25/2 _____

Family \$30/2 _____

DUES for NEW MEMBERS ONLY (Prorated Quarterly)

Individual \$26 _____ \$21 _____ \$14 _____ \$7 _____

Family \$31 _____ \$24 _____ \$16 _____ \$8 _____

Jan 1 Apr 1 July 1 Oct 1

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

Spouse: _____ Birth Date: _____

Child: _____ Birth Date: _____

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 Chairman__ Publicity__ Sunshine__ Rookie Rockhound' s__

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

Make checks payable to: Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (and) mail to: PO Box 6333
Columbia, SC 29260

Previous Membership in another Mineral Society? Club _____

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

Do you have a rock collection? If so; what? _____

What lapidary skills and interests do you have? _____

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

2023 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE

MembershipSheila Frame
 Auctioneer.....Open
 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.....Open
 SunshineAbbie 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.

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