



# Rocky Trails



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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We had a very enjoyable 2017 with the club picnic, workshop drop-ins, many great presentations during meetings, and a very successful show. Many members made fantastic contributions of time and effort to make the functions of our club so successful. Already in 2018, members got together at the workshop to systematically go through hundreds of pounds of specimens that were donated to the Aiken and Columbia Clubs. Stay tuned for future news on the specimens in the donation. In our first club meeting of the year we were lucky to have a wonderful presentation on the rising of the Hunley. It's a great start and we are looking forward to continuing to have a great 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members who have joined the club since our show. I can assure it is a lot of good folks! Just as a reminder, for everyone who has not paid your annual dues, they are due by the end of March. Also if you have friends who would like to join the club, there is an application form in this newsletter.

Until next time,  
Ron Ahle

P.S. The Club's new website is  
[www.cgms.rocks](http://www.cgms.rocks)

## NEXT MEETING

**February 19, 2018**

### PROGRAM:

David Hanes "The Dinosaur Hunter"  
*The dinosaur fossil discoveries from Prentiss County in Mississippi* give us a brief look at the diversity of dinosaur species that roamed the barrier island chains of ancient Mississippi. The associated reptilian and invertebrate fossils found along with the dinosaur fossils indicate that Cretaceous dinosaurs lived near the inland sea, which was filled with an incredible diversity of life. David will also bring some fossils and bones.

### REFRESHMENTS

Susan Richardson

### DOOR PRIZE

Ron Ahle

## LAPIDARY WORKSHOP



The workshop is open and the hourly rate for using one of these machines is \$4.00/hour. If you are interested in using one of these machines, call Gary Hert @ 794-9362. The Club has a 24" flat lap polisher that is available for rent. Please contact Gary for details.



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.



**Club workshop informal get together**  
**Lapidary Workshop**  
**Cayce, SC 29033**  
**Tuesday February 27, 2018**  
**5:00 to 7:30 PM**

**Bring your own food and drink. It can be pizza, sub sandwich , or something you have made. Come out to eat and talk about whatever. The workshop has paper plates, cups , & plastic forks knives.**

**Call Gary 803-794-9362**  
**gchert@hotmail.com**

**if you want to use the saws or the capping machines**

**Bring something to work on while you are there. Bring anything you have found , made or bought .Drop in and visit the workshop! If you plan to be there**

**call Sue 803-261-9317**  
**ashrader@mindspring.com**



**Sunshine**

Ms. Shellie Theresa Newell.....January 18, 1952 – January 9, 2018  
On January 9, 2018, Shellie Theresa Newell, of Graniteville, SC, passed away unexpectedly after an injury suffered from a fall at her home. Bubbly, optimistic and outgoing, Shellie was the type of person who never met a stranger. Shellie is also a member of the Columbia Gem & Mineral Society.

Beloved president, newsletter editor and friend to all rockhounds, Shellie Newell, Aiken Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Society president and newsletter editor. Shellie was a longtime club member and a dynamic force in the life of the club. We will always remember her energy, enthusiasm, giving personality, and good will.

### Field Trip to Graves Mountain

April 27-29, 2017 Graves Mountain, Lincolnton, GA Rock Swap & Dig

Collecting Rutile, Kyanite, Lazulite, Iridescent Hematite, Pyrophyllite, Pyrite, Ilmenite, Fuchsite, Barite, Sulfur, variscite, woodhouseite, crandallite, strengite, phosphosiderite, cacoxenite, blue quartz, quartz crystals, etc.

Friday April 27, 8AM to 6 PM

Saturday April 28, 8AM to 6PM

Sunday April 29, 8AM to 6PM

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during April and October. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. 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. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

**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.

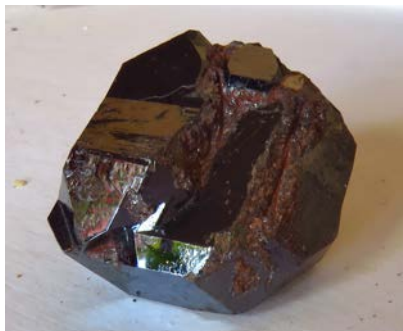
Contact Information:

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

**DIRECTIONS:** From Columbia, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left.

Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. - The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

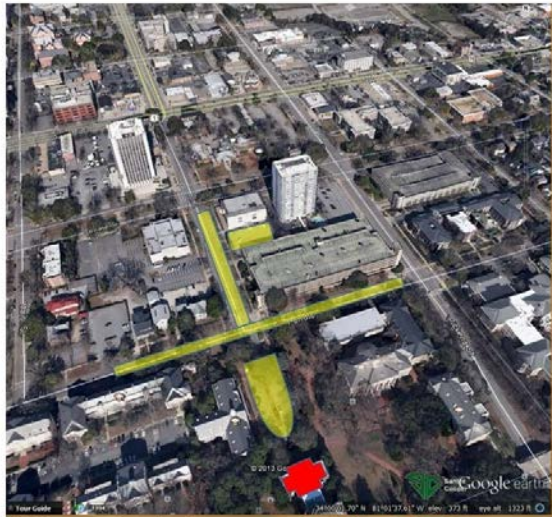
**THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL  
NO NEED TO SIGN-UP, JUST SHOW UP FOR ALL "ROCK SWAP AND DIGS"!**



Rutile



Lazulite



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

### [McKissick Museum](#)

**McKissick Museum:**

[www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum](http://www.artsandsciences.sc.edu/mikissickmuseum); phone 803.777.7251; College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina; 816 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29208

**Natural Curiosity:** The University of South Carolina and the Evolution of Scientific Inquiry in the Natural World is an ongoing exhibit in the 3rd floor gallery. Humans possess a fascination with the natural world around them. From the 32,000-year-old cave paintings of horses in France to the giraffe stickers today's children paste into their activity books, we can see that humans are eager to see, touch, collect, and understand nature. Ongoing, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gallery.

Chris CiCiMurri Curator of Natural Science. 803-777-2823; [cicimurri@sc.edu](mailto:cicimurri@sc.edu)

### [South Carolina State Museum](#)

Boeing Observatory Public Solar Observing Times:  
Mon. – Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m....Saturday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m....Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m....Sunset to 8 p.m. during Second Shift Tuesday each week.

**Meteorite Times Magazine** is an on-line bi-monthly magazine devoted to every area of meteorite interest. Readers will find it full of meteorite articles, images, and stories about the people of the meteorite community. It is brought to you by [The Meteorite Exchange, Inc.](#) Read and learn about meteorites through the eyes of meteorite collectors, hunters, dealers, and researchers, as they study, hunt for, photograph, and collect meteorites from around the world. Join us six times a year for new issues full of meteorite information, news, and photography. Back issues from the last 12 years are always available for further study also.

[www.scmuseum.org/](http://www.scmuseum.org/) 803-898-4921 301 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29201



## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

### January 15, 2018 Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society met on January 15, 2018 at the CGMS workshop at Zorbas. Members and officers present were Jimmy Armstrong, Ron Ahle, Laura Tesh, Sharon Sterrett, Angela Valvasori, Susan Bloodworth, Jim Cobb, and Dan Elswick. President Angela Valvasori called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Committee and Officer Reports** Jimmy thank everyone for coming and addressed the passing of Shellie Newall, dual member of the CG&MS and the Aiken Rock Club. Laura Tesh, Ron Ahle, and Angela Valvasori agreed to serve on the audit committee. Laura asked for approval for awards to be paid for Science Fair Awards in March, \$100.00 for Jr. and Sr. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards, \$50.00 for Jr. and Sr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Awards, and \$25.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards, total \$350.00. Board voted to approve payment for awards. Laura Tesh also asked for approval to donate \$300.00 to the McKissick Museum, which the board voted to approve. Laura also mention that she had packet of sew-on G&MS patches. Suggestions were to use them for door prizes or sell them to members.. Sharon passed around flyer to be passed out at the Aiken Show to promote the CG&MS Show. Corrections to the flyer included the address, indicate military free, and mention door prize. A discussion ensued about the show opening time on the Sunday and it was decided to stick with 11:00 am.

**Sunshine:** Sheila Frame is improving daily from eye surgery, and Sue Schrader is recovering nicely from hip surgery. Shellie Newell passed away. **Newsletter:** Ron Ahle indicated that there was not a newsletter for January, but there would be one for February. He asked that all information for the newsletter be sent to him by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. **Liaison,** Jim Cobb, talked about Shellie Newell's contributions and accomplishments. He also said that the Aiken Club's Show was to be held March 9-11. **Historian,** Angela Valvasori, indicated that she would develop guidelines for the historian. Laura Tesh suggested that we have a display at the CG&MS Show to highlight memorable events or acknowledge people for the year. **Facebook Communication Coordinator,** Dan Elswick, said that, little by little, more people are viewing the CG&MS Facebook Page, but would like to explore more possibilities to see the page be more interactive, rather than just a bulletin. He has put up Hunley Submarine on Facebook.

**Workshop:** The contract for the Workshop will terminate in May of 2019. Board Members discussed options to provide workshop going forward. The board members discussed the possibility of buying property and putting up a warehouse for the workshop. Laura Tesh gave information about possible property available for purchase in the area. The Board Members agreed to look at reasonable properties and complete further research. Jimmy Armstrong said he would contact the mayor of Cayce to explore support for the club setting up a workshop. Ron said one options might be at a strip mall. Sharon Sterrett suggested we look at condemned property.

**Old Business:** Board Members discussed the need of organizing and identifying mineral specimens and fossils donated to the club. The Board Members wanted to donate some specimens to the McKissick Museum. Additionally, some specimens are to be designated to the Aiken Club. A work day to organized specimens, to identify better specimens, and store specimens in better containers was conducted on January 27, 2018.

Jimmy Armstrong asked for motion to adjourn meeting which ended at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Bloodworth

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### January 22, 2018 General Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held the monthly club meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, January 22, 2018, at the McKissick Museum at 816 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29208 on the USC campus. Because of the Martin Luther King Holiday the General and Board Meetings were reversed. President Jimmy Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and introduced the guest speakers: Jim Spirek, Joe Beatty, and Carl Naylor.

Jimmy announced a work day at the workshop on Frink Street in Cayce for Saturday, January 27, at 9:00 to organize the collection donated by Max Smith family. He also announced that an audit committee, Angela Valvasori, Laura Tesh, and Ron Ahle, had been create to audit the accounting books for 2017. Jimmy then informed the club members that the contract for the workshop ended in December, with an extension until May 30, 2019. He said that the club would be investigating possibilities to purchase property and building for the purpose of providing the club with a permanent workshop. Jimmy said he also had talked with the Mayor of Cayce to get support for having the CG&MS have a permanent club site and workshop.

**Refreshments** were supplied by Dave Dunlap and Sharon Sterrett.

**Chair Reports: Membership:** Susan Bloodworth said we had 70 paid 2018 members so far, and that members could pay membership fees up until March. Additionally, Susan said she would provide Membership Cards for those who wanted one. **Program:** She passed around refreshment sheet and door prize sheet for volunteers. Sue announced that Dave Hanes would be the next presenter for the February CG&MS meeting. **Sunshine:** Abby Gates, Sunshine, said Sue Shrader now has a new hip. Sue Shrader passed around a short biography on the life of Shellie Newell who had passed away earlier this month. **Liaison:** Jim Cobb announced that the Aiken August Gem and Mineral Club would be having their show in Augusta on March 9-11. **Faceting Guild:** Fred Meetze said he would be offering both faceting and metalsmithing classes for those who would interested. **Historian:** Angela Valvasori said she would organize Rocky Trails and club files to be stored and maintained at the workshop.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Adjourn:** The club meeting was concluded and door prizes, donated by Jimmy Armstrong, were drawn.

**Program:** Guest speakers: Jim Spirek and Joe Beatty presented a fabulous presentation with slides on the retrieval of the H. L. Hunley Submarine from the ocean floor in 1995. It was a gift to hear and see the magnitude of the efforts that were put forth for this unbelievable undertaking. The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society members were so appreciative of this presentation.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Susan Bloodworth*



## Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve  
DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee  
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An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Ga Gem & Mineral Society (Macon, GA) (HOST)  
An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**  
**10:00 AM Eastern Time**  
**Clarksville, GA**  
**Fee Site (\$10.00 per person)**

**TRIP:** This site is located in a band of kyanite bearing material. The material has been moved around so the kyanite is not in situ. Small blades are easy to find, but digging and some perseverance is required to find the larger specimens. This site is a fun and productive site for all ages.

**COLLECTING:** Kyanite blades and cobbles, small mica books, and graphite specimens (rare). The kyanite ranges from gray to pale blue and may contain graphite. Some of the blades can be polished and, because of the graphite, they have a curious depth and shimmer when they are polished.

**BRING:** Small blades can be found weathering out onto the surface. Bigger blades and cobbles are found by digging 8" to 24" deep. You will need scratching tools and baggies for surface collecting, and a shovel and pick for digging. **All holes must be refilled.** This site can be muddy at times, so a change of clothes would be good too.

**CHILDREN:** This field trip is suitable for children but they must be supervised at all times.

**PETS:** Because this is a working farm, pets are not allowed.

**FACILITIES:** There are no bathroom facilities at the site, but there is a McDonald's Restaurant in Clarksville and also restrooms at a public park a few miles from where we will be collecting.

**SAFETY:** There are electrified fences on the farm so **do not** touch any fences. Field trip leads will open and close gates. This is a working farm and there may be animals present

– **do not** approach any of the animals. **Do not** enter pastures where animals are present.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:**

We will be meeting at 10:00 am Eastern time

Ingles Market (the only Ingles in Clarkesville)  
199 East Louise Street (US Old/Historical 441)  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

Coordinates: 34.603124,-83.517801

- 1) **From Atlanta**, take I-985 North towards Gainesville
- 2) I-985 will transition to GA 365/US 23
- 3) Continue on GA 365/US 23 to GA 197
- 4) Take GA 197 north to Clarkesville (about 3.5 miles)
- 5) Ingles is on the right, we will meet in the parking lot close to the highway.

**CONTACT:** Jay Batcha: cell: 478-957-5002, home: 478-784-1965



Kyanite blades



Kyanite cobble and blades



**Historian's Summary of the Year 2017**

The **Columbia Gem and Mineral Society** was established in 1965, making 2017 the Club's 52<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Officers** for 2017 were;

- President - Jimmy Armstrong
- Vice President - Ron Ahle
- Secretary - Sharon Sterrett
- Treasurer - Laura Tesh

The **Committee Chairs** were:

- Membership - Susan Bloodworth
- Newsletter Editor - Ron Ahle
- Programs - Sue Shrader
- Show - Mike Montebello (chair), Sue Shrader (committee member), Sharon Sterrett (committee member)
- Sunshine - Abbie Gates
- Workshop - Gary Hert
- Club Liaison - Jim Cobb
- Auctioneer - Benira Sutphin
- Faceting Guild - Fred Meetze, Sr.
- Website - Mike Montebello
- Facebook - Dan
- Historian – Angela Valvasori
- Librarian – Sheila Frame

Field Trips and Rookie Rockhounds positions were vacant.

By the end of November, the Club had 104 **members**: 88 adults and 16 children. Membership dues were \$20 per individual and \$30 per family for renewing members. A surcharge of \$1 was applied to new members.

**Rocky Trails:** The CGMS newsletter, the Rocky Trails, was issued each month except January and September in 2017. The newsletter was emailed with the exception of eight members who do not have email. A copy was mailed to them.

The **50<sup>th</sup> Annual CGMS Show** was held at the Jamil Temple on November 17, 18 and 19. The show was well attended. With attendance of 1644, the attendance slightly exceeded 2016. Revenue significantly exceeded 2016 due to increase in income from the increased attendance, an increase in dealer's fees, very successful geode, grab bag and salted mine income and a slight decrease in expenses. The Club members held the traditional dealer's dinner on Thursday night (Nov. 16) which is much appreciated by the dealers, opened the show on Friday at 10 and closed it on Sunday at 5 pm. More than 30 dealers offered mineral specimens, gems, fossils, jewelry, beads, and more. Members and the McKissick Museum set up a total of six display cases exhibiting fossils, minerals, CGMS Show History, the South Carolina amethyst and blue granite and the grand door prize quartz cluster. Club members demonstrated their areas of expertise in faceting, polishing, jewelry making and copper-smithing. The geode cutting saw was busy out front, with CGMS families giving the booth a family feel. The grab bags and salted mine were a hit with the children. Door prizes donated by the dealers were awarded hourly and the quartz cluster grand prize was awarded at the end of the show. The success of the show is attributed to the efforts of show committee Sue Shrader, Mike Montebello, and Sharon Sterrett in making the arrangements, advertising, arranging for volunteers, and much more; to Gary Hert for obtaining the geodes and overseeing the geode cutting; and to all the Club volunteers. It is their hard work that makes the CGMS Show one of the best in the southeast.

**Monthly Meetings** were held on the third Monday at McKissick Museum, USC. Refreshments and door prizes were provided by members and educational programs were given by guest speakers. Executive Board Meetings were held on the fourth Monday at Grecian Gardens. In January, the Executive Board Meeting was held on the third Monday and the General Meeting on the fourth Monday since the McKissick Museum is closed on Martin Luther King Day.

- January: Member Show and Tell.
- February: Jerry Lipsky from Aiken, SC spoke about corals.
- March: Kim Cochran spoke about the geology and historical origins of birthstones.
- April: The scheduled speaker did not show up and was later rescheduled for May. In keeping with the topic of jewelry, Sue Shrader asked members wearing jewelry they made to stand up and tell the membership about the pieces they were wearing.
- May: Mana Hewitt spoke about her jewelry making. Her interest in metal led to an interest in jewelry as narrative sculpture. The imagery is associated with the figure, technology, and the environment. Her works are composed of multiply layered etched sterling, cast figures, found objects and resin.
- June: Ron Ahle gave a presentation on the glaciers of Alaska, with photographs from Ron and Angela's trip.
- July: Jimmy Armstrong and Catherine Sawyer brought fossils and artifacts they found in 2017 diving in the coastal South Carolina Rivers and talked about the items and how they discovered them.
- August: The meeting for August 21 was cancelled because it coincided with the full solar eclipse. Since Columbia was a prime location for viewing the eclipse, with many celebrations, the McKissick was closed. Columbia, SC was one of the prime locations for observing the eclipse because totality lasted approximately 2 minutes and 20 seconds, one of the longest durations in the country. It did not disappoint!
- September: David Barbeau, a geologist with the University of South Carolina, spoke about zircons, and zircon
- Geo-chronology.
- October: Chis Cicimurri, Curator of Natural Science, McKissick Museum, University of South Carolina led a walk through new exhibits in the Natural History gallery, which now features touchscreen interactive displays. The museum has a large collection of fossils and minerals.
- November: Election of officers was held. A presentation on the history of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society was given by Angela Valvasori, Club Historian. The CGMS is in its 52<sup>nd</sup> year.
- December: The Christmas party was held in lieu of the General meeting.

**Workshop**: The workshop on Frink St. In Cayce, SC was available for use. The hourly fees were \$3/hour for non-machinery use and \$4/hour for machinery use. In 2017 the Club initiated an option to prepay hours at \$25 for a 10 hour block. The Club library is housed at the workshop. Informal get-togethers were held at the workshop on May 23, July 12 and September 19, 2017 for members to use the saws, cabbng and polished equipment and share tips and techniques for jewelry making and lapidary work. An inventory of the workshop contents was completed.

**Classes** taught:

- Glass Fusing Class taught by Sue Shrader, Saturday February 25 at the CGMS Workshop
- Sheila Frame taught a Pendant Wrap Class using both a braided and Viking Knit style on October 28, 2017 at the CGMS Workshop.
- Pat Hert taught Kumihimo braiding.
- SFMS Classes: The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies has a Workshop Program available to CGMS as a member of SFMS. The programs are week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors. They are held at William Holland and Wildacres.

**CGMS Field Trips:**

- The sole **CGMS field trip** of 2017 was the CGMS sponsored official DMC field trip (a requirement for membership in the Southeast Federation) to Diamond Hill on January 28, 2017. We arrived at the mine on a brisk 32 degree sunny morning, eager to collect quartz of the white skeletal, clear, smoky and amethyst variety. More than 60 Rockhounds came from all over the southeast: South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and even Virginia. About 17 members from CGMS came and collected.
- **Field trips** sponsored by the **Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.** were also available to Club members.

Other notable activities for the year were:

- A new CGMS **website** was built by Mike and Stacey Montebello as the old one had become unstable. The new web address is: CGMS.rocks.
- CGMS supported the **61<sup>th</sup> Annual Region II Science and Engineering Fair** held at the Carolina Coliseum to promote the earth sciences. Judging was on March 10, 2017. Jimmy Armstrong, Susan Bloodworth and Dave Dunlap judged the Junior Division and Jimmy Armstrong and Dave Dunlap judged the Senior Division. Jimmy Armstrong presented three awards for each division at the Awards Ceremony on March 19.
- CGMS had a more active presence on **Facebook** in 2017 to promote the Club.
- 500 **Business cards** were designed and printed for Officers to hand out at events.

The **annual picnic** was held April 30, 2017, at the Club workshop. Members enjoyed a potluck, rock swap and the workshop was put use with members cutting rocks using he rock saw with the assistance of Gary Hert and polishing specimens. The **Christmas Party** was held on the afternoon of December 10 at the CGMS Lapidary Workshop. Food, fellowship and a gift exchange were enjoyed by all.

*Prepared by Angela Valvasori, Historian.*

[Scholarship Committee, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Raffle](#)

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the SFMS replaced the stamp collecting program with a drawing to raise funds to provide full Scholarships to the SFMS Workshops. THE SFMS is asking all member clubs to participate in two ways. The first way is to donate an item to be a drawing prize. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of the club donates a prize. All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each prize should be identified, include the value of the item (we request that prizes have at least a \$25 value), identify who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar

The second way to participate is to sell the drawing tickets. Each member club is being sent 100 tickets for the drawing. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. For CGMS, Sue Shrader will be in charge of selling the tickets. The drawing for the prizes will be held at the Annual Meeting.

Photos of the donated prizes will be available starting with the March Lodestar, and shortly on the website. <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/Lodestar%20February%202017.pdf>

Please help make this program a success. Let's see how many SFMS Workshop Scholarships we can create for 2018.

## **AREA SHOWS**

**March 2-4—Athens, GA:** Annual show; Southeastern Mineral Specimens , The Classic Center; 440 Foundry Street, The Pavilion; Mark Woods, (706)-296-9467; darklighter@bellsouth.net; Web site: <https://m.facebook.com/SoutheasternMineralSpecimens/>

**March 9-11—AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:** Annual show; Aiken and Augusta Gem and Mineral Societies, Julian Smith Casino; 2200 Broad Street; Fri. 10-6; Admission \$3 or \$5 for a weekend pass, Children under 12 free; Display cases, Ongoing demonstrations of lapidary arts, Treasure dig for children of all ages. All specimens in the grab bags are individually labeled; contact Chris Glass, 7 Knollwood Blvd, North Augusta, SC 29841, (706)-284-9239; e-mail: [crismineral@gmail.com](mailto:crismineral@gmail.com) \_\_ Web site: <http://agams.club> or <http://www.aikengmfs.org>

**March 17 - 18, 2018...Dothan, AL** DOTHAN GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Hosted by the Dothan Gem and Mineral Club

Houston County Farm Center

1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, AL

Jeff DeRoche, show chair, 334-673-3554 [www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com)

**March 16-18—Arden, NC:** Annual show; M.A.G.M.A., Camp Stephens; 263 Clayton Road; Richard Jacquot, , (828)-779-4501; e-mail: [rick@wncrocks.com](mailto:rick@wncrocks.com) ; [www.americanrockhound.com](http://www.americanrockhound.com)

**March 23-25—Marietta, GA:** Annual show; Damian w/ Bellpoint Promotions, Cobb County Civic Center ; 548 S. Marietta Pkwy; Damian Belgali, GA, (678)-852-8273; [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**March 24-25—Lexington, KY:** Blue Grass Gem And Mineral Club, Clarion Hotel; 1950 Newtown Pike; Allen Ferrell, (859)-277-2469; [kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com](mailto:kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com); [www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://www.bggamc.homestead.com)





**Columbia Gem and Mineral Society**  
**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
(Membership Year runs January 1 – December 31)  
<http://www.cgams.org>



Check one: **DUES CURRENT MEMBERS**

Individual \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES NEW MEMBERS ONLY (Prorated Quarterly)**

Individual \$26 \_\_\_\_\_ \$21 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family \$31 \_\_\_\_\_ \$24 \_\_\_\_\_ \$16 \_\_\_\_\_ \$8 \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan.1 April 1 July 1 Oct.1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email 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 Rockhounds \_\_\_\_\_  
May we call on you to work with a Board Member on a committee or project? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Previous Membership in another Mineral Society?**

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 at Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd., and West Columbia. Meal is at 6:30pm. Meeting is at 7:00 pm.

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