



Rocky Trails



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We had a very enjoyable picnic at the workshop on April 30th. The weather was very close to perfect. Many folks attended and the food choices were diverse and delicious. Gary had the rock saw running during most of the day cutting specimens that were brought by members. Many members brought jewelry and rock specimens to share, trade and sell. This picnic was a good opportunity for Gary to demonstrate the high quality machines and tools that are available for use by our members. We have everything you need to make beautiful cabochons, cut geodes, or cut slabs for all your crafting projects. We have an 18" slab cutter, saws for small jobs, grinding and polishing wheels for cabling, and other lapidary equipment. I encourage members to take advantage of the opportunity enjoy the shop. It is a lot of fun and the rewards can be astonishing!

Don't forget the club meeting on May 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the McKissick Museum. We will be having a good program for those interested in jewelry making and as always have delicious food and great fellowship. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Until next time,

Ron Ahle

PS. You will see photos of fossils throughout this issue of the Rocky Trails. See if you know what it is and where it came from. If not, ask me at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

May 15, 2017

PROGRAM:

Mana Hewitt will talk about jewelry making techniques and her jewelry.

REFRESHMENTS

Don & Pat Burger

DOOR PRIZE

Fred Meetze

WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar. The club is planning an informal get together at the workshop on Tuesday May 23, 2017. The workshop is located at: 1601 Frink St. Cayce, SC 29033

Bring something to eat and a drink. It can be pizza, sub sandwich, or something you have made. Come out to eat and talk about wherever. The workshop has paper plates, cups, & plastic forks knives. Call Gary 803-794-9362 if you want to use the saws. Drop in and visit the workshop! If you plan to be there call Sue 803-736-9317 ashrader@mindspring.com

If you would like to use the workshop, call or email Gary Hert gchert@hotmail.com 803-794-9362 to use the rock saws and cabling machines.

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.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Mana's work has been exhibited regionally, nationally, and overseas. Her works are included in numerous collections including the SCANA Corporation, First Citizens Bank Headquarters, the Columbia Museum of Art, the South Carolina State Museum, the Lieberman Collection NY, the Federal Reserve Bank, NC, Palmetto-Richland Children's Hospital, and the Tree of Life Temple, Columbia, SC.

Mana Hewitt was born into a nomadic military family traveling the US and Europe until finally landing in South Carolina. With a mother that was an art teacher she was drawn to art from her earliest childhood. She studied at the University of SC where she earned her BA and MFA. Her career has been primarily in education having been a college instructor at Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. Currently she is a Senior Instructor and Gallery Director for McMaster Gallery in the Department of Art at USC.

STATEMENT...I have always been compelled to make things, to experiment with new processes and investigate new ideas. This has led to an ever-expanding number of media that I have employed. My works in metal have led to an interest in jewelry as narrative sculpture. These works explore word play through imagery associated with the figure, technology, and the environment. Composed of multiply layered etched sterling, cast figures, found objects and resin they set the stage for the wearers interpretation of a tale. My goal is to create jewelry items that are aesthetically pleasing and conceptually interesting.

From her website with Mana Hewitt's permission





<http://tellusmuseum.org>

The museum's exhibits open minds and ignite a passion for science. Come see minerals from all over the world, including some that glow! You can stand under a massive *T-Rex* and imagine what it was like when the Wright brothers took their first flight next to our full-size replica of their flyer. Kids can interact and learn in the Collins Family My Big Back Yard and pan for gems and dig up fossils to take home.

RockFest 27 , 2017... Saturday, June 10 & Sunday, June 11, 2017; 10 AM – 5 PM

Suitable for all ages.

Members: FREE; Non-Members: Regular Admission GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL, AND JEWELRY DEALERS from across the country will be set up in the Banquet Room and outside on the back lawn. See rare and exotic jewelry, ancient fossils, and rocks from around the world that you can purchase for your own collection. Many dealers will even honor the Tellus member discount, saving you 10% off your purchase!

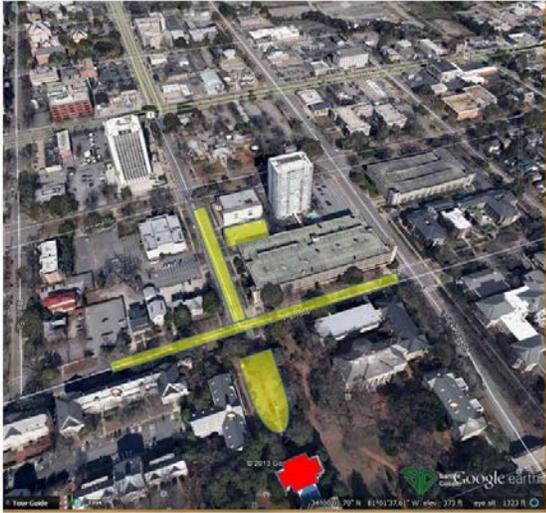
Every day 10 AM – 5 PM; Closed Major Holidays
 Members: FREE; Adults: \$14 + tax; Children (3 – 17): \$10 + tax
 Student with ID: \$10 + tax; Active Military w/ ID: Free
 (1/2 price admission for active duty dependents with ID)
 Seniors (65+): \$12 + tax

100 Tellus Drive Cartersville, GA 30120
 (770) 606-5700 ; I-75 Exit 293; Cartersville, GA

CAYCE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum unveiled its newly renovated exhibit featuring Doolittle's Raid and the Columbia Army Air Base in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Doolittle Raid. The new exhibit features photographs of B-25's training at the Columbia Army Base, photos from the Doolittle Raid, WWII artifacts, and an oral history from Col. Horace "Salley" Crouch, a Doolittle Raider and South Carolina native. The exhibit is part of a larger project to modernize exhibits and promote the museum's importance to the Cayce community.

The museum, to which our club donates, is located in the City of Cayce Municipal Complex at 1800 12th Street. For more information call 803-739-5385.



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

[McKissick Museum](#)

McKissick Museum:

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, 3rd floor gallery.

Chris CiCiMurri Curator of Natural Science. 803-777-2823; 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.

www.scmuseum.org/ 803-898-4921 301 Gervais Street Columbia, SC 29201

Meteor Showers

<http://www.amsmeteors.org>

Eta Aquariids

Active from April 19th to May 26th ... Peak Night May 6 to 7, 2017 The moon will be 92% of 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. 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. 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. From the equator to 25S they can produce rates of 40-60 per hour just before dawn at maximum. The longer nights in the southern hemisphere allows the radiant to rise higher in their sky. South of 25S the radiant altitude actually decreases. 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

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

April, 2017 Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society met on the 4th Monday, April 24, 2017, at Grecian Gardens at 2312 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169. Members and officers present were Jimmy Armstrong, Benira Sutphin, Jim Cobb, Dan Elswick, Sue Shrader, Ron Ahle, Angela Valvasori, Sharon Sterrett, and Laura Tesh. President Jimmy Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Committee and Officer Reports: Jimmy Armstrong reminded everyone that the **Picnic** will be on April 30, 2017 at the workshop. Sue Shrader reported that the May **Program** would be given by Mana Hewitt. In June, Ron Ahle will give a program on Glaciers of Alaska. Dan Elswick will put the information on **Facebook**. Sue Shrader reported she will have a Glass Fusing **Class** in May. It was noted that **Archeology Day**, May 6, 2017, will be at the 1797 Ezekiel Harris House located at 1822 Broad Street in Augusta Georgia. (Visit www.augustamuseum.org for more information on this free event.) **Field Trip** options were discussed. Ron Ahle and Jimmy Armstrong will each try to plan one trip in 2017. Rebuilding the **website** was discussed. Jimmy Armstrong will call Mike Montebello. Dan Elswick asked that people “like” our Facebook page so we can spread our information to others.

Old Business: The Federation Raffle was discussed. See Sue Shrader for tickets. Jimmy Armstrong, Ron Ahle and Gary Hert made a plan to inventory the **Workshop** machinery and tools. The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Benira Sutphin, seconded by Jim Cobb and carried by the board.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Sterrett





GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2017 General Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held the monthly club meeting on April 17, 2017, at the McKissick Museum at 816 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29208 on the USC campus. President Jimmy Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments were supplied by Susan Richardson.

Door prizes were supplied by Sue Shrader.

New Member Kim Hawla was present.

Guests were Mike Frankle, Wendy Frankle, Daniel Brown, Olivia Brown and Dave Graley.

Chair Reports: Susan Bloodworth reported that the club **Membership** had 104 adults. Ron Ahle requested that all information for the **Newsletter** be sent by the first of the month. Ron suggested members look in the Rocky Trails for **Field Trip** information. Sue Shrader will have a glass fusion **Class** in May. Dan Elswick explained how the club **Facebook** worked and its potential to promote the club.

Old Business: Sue Shrader reported the **picnic** will be April 30, 2017 at the workshop from 1:00 to 5:00. The club will supply the paper products. Bring a dish to share. Jimmy Armstrong will bring the ice. Jimmy Armstrong and Dan Elswick will bring tea and sodas.

New Business: Catherine Sawyer asked if there was interest in having a program on the Hunley. The answer was positive.

Adjournment: Jim Cobb made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by John Narang and carried by the membership.

Program: The speaker got her days mixed up and didn't come to the meeting. In her place, Sue Shrader had members wearing jewelry they made stand up and tell the membership about the items.

Door Prizes: Door Prize winners were Jim Cobb, Jimmy Armstrong, Gary Cadle, Catherine Sawyer, Shellie Newel, Valarie Lamott, David Brown, Mike and Wendy Frankle and Benira Sutphin.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Sterrett



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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An Official Field Trip of the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (Florence, MS) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday, June 10, 2017
Hammett Gravel Pit
Redwood, Mississippi (Rescheduled)

Meet *no later than* 8:00 a.m. Central Time
Depart meeting site at 8:15 Central Time in caravan
Collect approximately 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE LIMITED to 100 People

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register by Tuesday, June 5

A waiting list will be established when the attendee limit is reached. Those planning to attend this trip must register with the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society registration contact Rosina Echols: 601-825-5752 (landline) or fieldtrips@missgems.org. Email registration preferred. Please reference DMC Hammett Trip in the subject line; provide your club affiliation and a contact phone number. Those who register via email will receive a confirmation reply.

If your plans change after you register, please cancel so another person can attend.

TRIP: This is an active gravel pit producing sand and gravel for industries. The site has igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. The hunt site includes “oversize” rocks culled from commercial gravel. Citronelle gravel is mined from a layer 40 feet below Ice Age loess soil. The abundance of agate, coral and other fossils made this site a favorite last year.

COLLECTING: Expect to find agates, coral and other fossils, geodes, chunks of petrified wood and Sioux quartzite. A few unusual finds included a magnificent Petoskey stone and a piece of St. Francois Mountain rhyolite.

BRING: We'll hunt around and on tall piles of gravel. Bring a bucket, bag or backpack for collecting as you climb on the gravel piles. A walking staff is helpful but not necessary. Wear close-toed shoes to protect feet. If you need ankle support, wear hiking boots. If you have

allergies or require medication, please bring your medication. Expect heat and humidity. Wear lightweight, loose fitting clothing and a light-colored, wide-brimmed hat if possible. Bring snacks and plenty of water, sports drinks, and/or non-alcoholic beverages. Pack a lunch if you expect to stay until 2 p.m. Bring gloves, hat, sunglasses, bug spray, sunscreen and a chair.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: The collecting area will be limited to specific gravel piles that will be announced on site. Participants must stay off equipment, away from slopes adjacent to ponds, out of ponds and away from loess walls.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: We will not park close to the hunt piles. Unless you are very selective, you will make multiple trips to your auto to deposit your finds to avoid potential injury. Footing on the gravel piles can be tricky. People who have stability issues should stay at the bottom of the gravel piles. It will still be good hunting. Walking and digging on steep slopes can lead to slides. Be aware that gravel slides are possible. Care must be taken when around the ponds. Stay away from the edge of rock piles against the ponds. This is a remote area and there will be little or no cell phone reception.

EXPECT TEMPERATURES IN THE MID TO HIGH 90'S: High humidity can make it more uncomfortable and increase the chance of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. It will be important to drink plenty of fluids. Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink. Take water breaks every 20 minutes. There will be no shade in the gravel pit except man-made shade such as the safety tent.

CHILDREN: Children are allowed - minimum age 8 years. Adult supervision is required at all times. Children may not throw rocks or run at the site, especially on the gravel piles. Care should be taken when around the ponds. No climbing on equipment is allowed.

PETS: No pets are allowed.

FACILITIES: No stores or facilities are close to the collecting site. A portable toilet will be on the site. At the meeting place before the convoy goes to the site, there will be drinks, snacks, some prepared breakfast/lunch food items, and restrooms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The meeting place is nearly midway between Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi. Vicksburg is a historical area with casinos, hotels, and restaurants (I-20 Exits 1 to 5). If you would prefer to stay in the Jackson area, there are a variety of hotels and restaurants available at I-20 Exit 48 (Pearl) or I-20 Exit 36 (Clinton). Clinton will be the closest to meeting place.

IN THE EVENT OF TRIP CANCELLATION: All who have registered will be notified by email or, if the registrant has no email, by telephone. It will be the responsibility of all who register to check for messages. Please note that if the field trip is cancelled, there will not be someone at the meeting place “just in case” someone shows up.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

Meeting location and directions will be provided after registration to those on the attendee list.

CONTACT:

Registration Contact: Rosina Echols — 601-825-5752 (landline) or fieldtrips@missgems.org

Trip Leader: David Kraft – 601-613-7360 or david@truckservicesms.com



**An Official Field Trip of the Forsyth Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Winston-Salem,
NC) (HOST)**

An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00 a.m. Eastern

Earthen Paradise

Prospect, VA

Fee: \$20

TRIP: Earthen Paradise is located in the very Heart of Virginia between the Historic towns of Appomattox and Farmville only a short distance from the famous High Bridge Trail.

COLLECTING: Gemmy blue kyanite, garnet, and black tourmaline.

BRING: Picks, shovels, rock hammers and scratching tools. Screens could also be helpful. Bring plenty of drinks and lunch unless you want to drive a few miles for food.

FEE: \$20 per person / \$10 for children 12 and under.

REGISTRATION: No need to register.

CHILDREN (Yes): Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is at least 18 years old.

PETS (NO): No pets allowed.

FACILITIES: A port-a-potty will be available onsite. Several fast food restaurants are located approximately 10 minutes away in Farmville, VA.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

Address of Earthen Paradise is 599 Browntown Rd. Prospect, VA 23960

From Eastern VA:

Get to Hwy. 460 west and stay on it until the turn off to Rt. 608 (Prospect, Rd.) on your left in the town of Prospect, VA Turn left again at Rt. 677 (Browntown Rd.) on your left and go to the very end of the road.

From Western VA:

Get to Hwy. 460 east and stay on it until the turn off to Rt. 627 (Prospect, Rd.) on your right in the town of Prospect, VA Turn right again at Rt. 677 (Browntown Rd.) on your right and go to the very end of the road.

CONTACT:

Contact Stephanie Myers (witchmyers@yahoo.com) or Jessica Callan (Earthenparadiseinc@gmail.com) with questions.



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

Latest News: Starting with the March Lodestar, and shortly on the website, photos of the donated prizes will be available. Please help make this program a success. Let's see how many SFMS Workshop Scholarships we can create for 2018.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment at 772-532-6432.
<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. *The Raffle Tickets are for sale at the club meetings*

AREA SHOWS

May 12-14—Franklin, NC: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Carpenter Building; 1288 Georgia Road (US441); Norman Holbert, (828)-634-0350; e-mail: normholbert@comcast.net

May 11-14—Franklin, NC: Annual show; Damian Belghali, Echo Valley Show Place (across from GLW); 6456 Sylva Rd ; Damian Belgali, IL, (678)-852-8273; e-mail: mbellpoint@gmail.com

May 12-14—Marietta, GA: Annual show; Georgia Mineral Society, Cobb Civic Center; 548 South Marietta Pkwy., SE; Kathy Wiggins, (770)-375-5907; e-mail: showads@gaminal.org; Web site: www.gaminal.org

May 25-28—SALEM, VIRGINIA: Annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, Salem Civic Center; 1001 Boulevard; contact Van Wimmer - (540) 384-6047; e-mail: vawimmer@verizon.net; www.toteshow.net

June 3-3—COLFAX , NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club, Piedmont Triad Farmers Market; 2914 Sandy Ridge Road;; contact Gary Parker, 6601 Lismore Drive, Brown Summit, NC 27214, (336)-402-5252; e-mail: ggmc.rocks@gmail.com; Web site: ggmc-rockhounds.com

November 17 -19; Columbia, SC 50th Annual Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show ...Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Rd. Columbia, SC 29210; Adults \$5.00, 16 & under Free ; All military free 803-736-9317 ashrader@mindspring.com



WILLIAM HOLLAND SFMS WEEK JUNE 11TH 2017

Join us for the 2017 SFMS week at William Holland. We have an awesome week planned for you this year with a talented group of instructors. Please follow the links below to the website, to download the registration form and Facebook page to read more about each instructor, check out the photo album of their class samples.

We are trying hard to fill all of our classes so we are asking for your help to share this information with your local clubs. Please go to the FB page and share with your local club pages. We really appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you this year for Federation week! The class descriptions, pictures and registration form are on both of these sites.

<http://sfmsworkshops.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Southeast-Federation-of-Mineralogical-Societies-317959434999844>

CONTEST: We are challenging all of the clubs to encourage their members to attend. The club with the most students attending this week will receive the following prize... The group will sit at the front table for the Tuesday night auction. We will supply you with wine, snacks and chocolate throughout the night!

Cab II/Intarsia
Opals I
Polymer Class
Fire Immersion Enamel & Cold Connection
Silver I Inlay
Silver II, South West Jewelry
Wire II & Spoon Jewelry
Casting
Faceting
Beading
Silver I

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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



Check one: **DUES CURRENT MEMBERS**

Individual \$25 _____
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: _____

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? _____

<i>For Club Use</i>			
Amount Paid _____	Check# _____	Cash Received _____	Date Received _____
Club Officer Receiving Payment _____			

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.

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CGMS Website

Please visit our Website:

<http://www.cgams.org>

Webmaster: Mike Montebello

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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