

THE MOUNTAIN GEM
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Official Bulletin
Of
Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina

A schedule of our monthly meetings is on the back cover of *The Mountain Gem* as well as on the Society's webpage. Meetings are held at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, Highway 441 South, Franklin, N.C. Visitors are always welcome.

Forms for membership can be obtained by attending a meeting of the Society.

Dues are \$20 for first family member with \$10 for each additional member. Members under 18 years of age dues are \$5. Membership is from September to September. Non-member subscriptions to *The Mountain Gem* are \$15.00 per year.

Membership privileges include newsletter and attending Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips.

The objectives of this society shall be to effect a close association of those persons who are interested in the study of gems, rocks and minerals and the arts and sciences related to them. We are a working organization that operates and maintains the Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum.

The Society and Museum are self-supporting on a 100% volunteer basis.

School tours are always available by contacting our Education Chairman, Diane Aiello at 828-371-2436 or 828-524-3307.

Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. Please remember us when planning your estate.



**Franklin Gem and Mineral
Museum**

25 Phillips Street
Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 828-369-7831
In the Old Jail House
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www.fgmm.org
www.facebook.com/franklingems

July Meeting

Date: July 21, 2016

Day: Thursday

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Robert C Carpenter Community Building
on 441 South

Program: **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Larry Carby, will speak on the process of mounting freeform and calibrated stones, fossils, shells, etc. using the bevel mount method as taught to him by Joe Muncher with sterling silver channel wire and balls.

August Birthdays

6 – Garrett Morgan

29 – Theresa Holland

31 – Arlon Eldridge



August Anniversaries

9 – Doug & Jane Morgan

14 – Gary & Susan Gaetano

20 – Jerry & Diane Mason

25 – Phillip & Theresa Wheaton

27 – Tom & Sandy Gadsden

31 – Scott & Sherry Newton



Member News

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan Bohmann for a speedy recovery. She was recently in a serious automobile accident.



Al Pribble, President



As I write this, one of our members is in the hospital in Asheville recovering from a serious automobile crash.

Joan Bohmann was care-flighted to Mission on Thursday morning. We are all thankful that she is not as serious as we originally thought, but she is in considerable pain with several broken ribs and a possible concussion. Her car was totaled. It certainly reminds us how fragile life really is.

July is a very busy month for those of us in the Gem & Mineral Society. We have another show scheduled for the 28th through 31st. I want to thank Doris Smith for working to fill in the blanks on our work schedule this month and to all the members who made her job easier by filling in so many of the dates on the sheet at the last meeting.

Our meeting this month is the Ice Cream Social and we say thanks to Bi-Lo for donating the ice cream. I told Arlon that he should have asked for Blue Bell but I doubt that he did. (You know how Texans are – everything better in Texas). I say that with tongue-in-cheek because I don't really know of any place that is better to live than North Carolina.

One of our visitors to the Museum recently asked why NC had so many beautiful rocks and Tennessee didn't have any. Without really thinking I said "NC is God's country, He likes us better." That ended the conversation. Well? What would you have said?

Until next time, - Get out and find some of those beautiful NC stones and

Rock Hound On.

**THURSDAY AUGUST 11th is
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Minutes – May 26, 2016 – General Meeting

Gem & Mineral Society Of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Marsha Harmon, on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 6:30 PM in the Robert C. Carpenter Community Center meeting room.

Minutes – Al Pribble asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 2016 General meeting minutes as printed in *The Mountain Gem*. Fred Plesner moved that the minutes be accepted as printed and Denis Bernard seconded the motion. Voted on and passed.

Membership – Ellen Crawford reported 52 members and 9 guests present. We have two new members this evening: Ellen Williams and Tom Parker.

Vice President – Marsha Harmon stated that members are doing much better in recording their volunteer hours.

Treasurer's Report – Assistant Treasurer Marie Tsacrios reported \$1,921.43 net income for the past month.

Museum Manager – Tom Marsh indicated that everything is going well at the museum but stressed the fact that we continue to need members to sign up as hosts. Tom reminded everyone that he and Elena Marsh will provide host training and to please contact him if you have never hosted previously and he will make arrangements for that. He reported that Jane Morgan is now working as a State of Franklin employee and has to resign her previous positions. Sande Lolli has agreed to take over the position of Program Chairman.

Curator – Ralph Crawford said that there have been many specimens donated recently. He is looking to find a more expedient method of getting the information to Secretary, Susan Fritz, so that thank you letters can get mailed out.

Curator Emeritus – Fred Plesner mentioned we have a very busy calendar for the month of July and help from everyone will be appreciated.

Publicity – George Fritz thanked Tom and Elena Marsh for passing on valuable information as regards publicity. Al Pribble reported that Channel 13 was in the museum this week and will air a segment on July 25 at 6:15 AM. Al said they went to three different museums in Franklin.

Gift Shop – Elena Marsh reminded us of the ice cream social next month and asked that everyone bring their favorite topping to share. Arlon Eldridge will bring the ice cream that is usually donated by Bi-Lo. Elena asked everyone to please take their topping home with them at the end of the meeting. She stated the gift shop was doing very well and averaging around \$150/day. She mentioned that on July 4 the museum will be open for business manned by Ron and Anamay Rossomando, Ralph Crawford, Tom Marsh and herself. The Cowee Founder's Day Festival will be on August 20 where we will have a table set up. She thanked Linda Behr, Jane Morgan and Anamay Rossomando for providing our refreshments tonight and gave a big thank you to everyone who signs up to host.

Education – In the absence of Diane Aiello, Marsha Harmon reported there were 140 individuals who came to the museum in tours during the past month and that the museum received \$95 in donations as a result. There are two more tours scheduled for the month of July. Marsha thanked all those who served as tour guides.

Calendar - Sherry Newton asked that members please take four hours one day a month and volunteer to host at the museum. We have been very busy since opening all week for the season. She will be making phone calls to fill empty slots. Clipboards were passed around for sign up.

Field Trips – Marsha Harmon stated there were five members who visited the Little Pine Garnet Mine. She reported that on Saturday, August 20, we will be hosting the DMC/SFMS field trip at Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. The museum will be open an extra two hours until 6:00 PM that day.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Diane Mason reminded everyone of the Wire Wrap I class to begin September 10. She has three spots left. Please contact Diane if interested. There is also information on the bulletin board at the museum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arlon Eldridge said that elections are coming up at next month's meeting and nominations from the floor will be taken. Please contact Arlon if you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot.

Arlon Eldridge said that the geode that was on display at Entegra Bank sold for \$199. There is a photo taken by Ron Rossomando of the entire display on the back table if anyone would like to see it.

Elena Marsh announced that Sherry Newton, who has had previous retail experience, will be assisting with the gift shop. Elena stated that Sherry also assisted with the display at Entegra Bank.

Susan Fritz reminded everyone that she also serves as the Sunshine Lady and to please contact her if you know of someone who is ill or if there has been a death in someone's family; that way she can get cards in the mail.

Ellen Crawford announced that the deadline for *The Mountain Gem* is Thursday, July 7.

John Hayes told the group that for door prizes this evening the first ticket drawn will be the winner of a moonstone pendant that was wire wrapped by Jane Morgan. The pendant is on display on the back table.

Garrett Morgan then drew tickets for door prizes. Marie Tsacrios had the winning ticket for the moonstone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Al Pribble at 7:00 PM.

Refreshments were served following adjournment and prior to the evening's program.

The guest speaker this evening was introduced by Elena Marsh who read a brief biography of the speaker, Sharon Fouts Taylor, Executive Director of Mainspring Conservation Trust (formerly LTLT). Interestingly, we were informed that many years ago Sharon Fouts Taylor was a recipient of two of our scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fritz, Secretary



Marie shows winning moonstone pendant.



Elena and Sharon Fouts Taylor.

Photos by Ron Rossomando

Educational tour group.



Brenda Isaacs, new member.



Tom Parker & Ellen Williams, new members with Al.



In the Jail.

Photos by Ron Rossomando

Gift Shop

Elena Marsh - Gift Shop Manager

Our museum and gift shop have been extremely busy this past month – sales have been extremely good. Anamay and I have a hard time keeping up with stocking our shelves and display cases.



Scottish Tartan Day (June 18) was amazing. Many thanks to all the members who came in that day to host, cut geodes for the children, manned the sand box, helped with the outdoor table – many hands allowed all of us to enjoy the day.

Appalachian Days will be July 16, before you receive this newsletter – and although we will not have any outside activities, we expect many visitors who will be in town to enjoy the other festivities that our local businesses will be providing.

Since the July gem show will be at the end of this month, Anamay, Sherry and I will be very busy checking out all the vendors, making purchases, taking inventory, pricing and putting out new stock as soon as we can. This is our time to buy for the rest of the year since this is the last show that has wholesale purchases. Hours will be long for us during this show.

Thank you to every host that comes in to volunteer. We get many great reviews on our Facebook and TripAdvisor websites. If you haven't checked those out lately, please do.

Cy Amrich has done an amazing job to highlight our museum and activities and we thank him for doing that.

Please remember to sign up to host for August – being open 6 days a week allows for so many of you to spend some volunteer time in the museum, a way of giving back to the club and every other member. THANK YOU!!!!

See you in the museum soon - Elena

Field Trip News for July

Marsha Harmon - Field Trip Coordinator

Lake Holland - Assistant



It has been a very busy summer with hosting, tours and everybody's pitching in to get the Museum taken care of properly. **You have been helping out at the Museum?** Those who have been are greatly appreciated, especially our new members.

Some of us have even been able to go to Little Pine Garnet Mine on June 25. Our last general meeting provided opportunity to display some of our finds on the back table. Most of the really good finds were located in the creek or nearby.

Our **August 20th, Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine trip** plans are coming along well. It is the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin's turn to sponsor the Dixie Mineral Council. This is a program, of the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. We are founding members and really want to put on a great trip!

We will be providing a bucket or two of natural Cowee material, flume/equipment, food/water and fixins. **All for only \$15.** Members only. The Museum will be open from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Also, local entertainment (pickin on the square) - 6:30 PM and the (12th annual Folk Festival) will be going on.

Franklin members are encouraged to volunteer either at Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine, Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum, or the 12th annual Folk Festival before participation in the field trip! We are hosting and expecting 50+ participants!

Needed: burger flippers, parking assistants, flume assistants, ticket/information assistants, food runners, and host at various locations. Sign up list will be located on the back table of the museum before the posting of this newsletter!

Questions? Call Marsha Harmon VP/Field Trip Coordinator, Lake Holland Treas/Ass't. Field Trips, or Museum.

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee

An Official Field Trip of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.

Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine
Franklin, NC

Saturday, August 20, 2016

9am-6pm EST

Fee Site (RSVP)

Free food and free area entertainment

Trip/History: Gem mining has been evident in Macon County since 1870. Called corundum, the minerals found commercial value that Tiffany's found interesting. In the 1890's American Prospecting & Mineral Co. and US Ruby Mining Co. worked to find the source. In the early 20th century they left the area and now Franklin's nickname is: The Gem Capital of the World. The source of the minerals has not yet been found. The Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine has been in operation since 1984 and is still under the same ownership today. It is located right off Hwy 441 N. three miles from Franklin, NC.

Collecting: You can find anything from ruby, sapphire, garnets, amethyst, topaz, smoky and rose quartz. The flume is 150-foot-long, covered and lighted for your comfort. Food, clean restrooms and water comes with your native bucket, all for \$15. **Free parking and pets are welcomed, but must be kept on a leash at all times.**

Fees: \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. This fee includes one bucket of natural material, use of 150-foot flume and equipment, food (burgers, dogs, salad, fixings), entry into the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum, 25 Phillips St. from 12 pm until 6 pm, and free local entertainment near the Museum (12th Annual Folk Festival open all day and Pickin on the Square - 6:30 until) bring a chair for the square!

RSVP: All the participating club field trip leaders, send me a list of your total collectors and those staying for lunch by 08-17-16. Send to marsha.harmon@frontier.com or call 828 369-7262, for food count representation. Thank, but just want to make sure we have plenty of food for you. **Note:** GMS members planning to attend, please RSVP to fieldtrips@gamineral.org with the number of participants and how many would like lunch.

Bring: Old clothes, rubber gloves if you want (water is cold), cushion or old towel to sit on, tennis shoes/boots and a plastic bag for muddy shoes/clothes.

Accommodations: There are many clean and comfortable motels as well as camp sites and rentals available. Franklin Chamber of Commerce www.franklin-chamber.com (828) 524-3161 Visitors guide can be downloaded

Additional contacts: Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum www.fgmm.org (828) 369-7831 Monday – Saturday 12pm – 4pm or leave message Marsha Harmon VP/Field Trip Coordinator marsha.harmon@frontier.com

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose:

To collect field trip information from its member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

WEBSITE ADDRESS: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm

DMC EMAIL ADDRESS - sfms-dmc@amfed.org

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Beer Bottles and more...

Fred Plesner - Curator Emeritus

I have been asked about some of the historical items we have on display in the North Carolina Room at the Gem and Mineral Museum and their significance. Those items include the following:

1. *A beer bottle.* During the period between 1972 when the county closed the Old Jail and 1974 when the Franklin Gem and Mineral Society opened the Gem and Mineral Museum in the building it was essentially trashed by the community. The old steel doors were removed by the people who ran the Bulgin Forge and used as rebar in a slab that they were pouring. Homeless people sheltered in the building and the town drunks hung around the place. No doubt some of the towns teenagers visited and nobody really knows what went on in the place. The one thing we know for sure is that they left piles of trash and among those items was a beer bottle. A souvenir (if you will) from a dark period in the buildings past.
2. *A horseshoe.* The horseshoe was dug up in the back parking lot a few years ago when a water line to the adjacent building (Goshen Timber Frame) needed some repairs. There used to be a shed (formerly used as a stable) behind the Old Jail. It was standing as late as 1947 when the prisoners escaped through the back upstairs window. How old is that horseshoe? We don't know, but we do know that the sheriff, his deputies and the jailor as well as a number of prisoners all rode horses back yonder in those early days of the Old Jails history.
3. *A burnt doorknob and an old lock.* These items are from the fire set by prisoners in 1896 in an attempt to effect an escape. The fire burnt the roof off the building as well as causing other fire damage to the building. The jailor released the prisoners and told them to report back later. He then set about trying to remove his furniture from the building. The present metal roof is a result of repairs made to the building at that time.
4. *A brick.* This brick was supposedly fired in 1832. So, just what is its connection to the Old Jail? From the information that I have been able to dig up, the early day prisoners were forced to work at making brick at a kiln near the end of Iotla Street and the Depot Street Extension. This brick is presumed to be a brick fired by prisoners.
5. *A piece of coal.* Where the coal was mined is unknown but it is from the coal pile used to fire the Old Jails boiler. It was retrieved by Ray Behr when our new garden area was put in alongside the sidewalk on Phillips Street. The Old Jails boiler room is now a storage room behind the Fluorescent Room and the Old Jails backdoor from the boiler room was closed up when the annex was added in 1947.



Historical Note: The Happy Miner

Ron Rossomando, Historian

Did you know that the Happy Miner first appeared on the cover of our October 1974 newsletter?

The Happy Miner was created by Ed Lindner and his brother-in-law, Frank Hiedt. Ed was a graphic designer from Chicago and the husband of Society President Elizabeth Lindner.

They printed 4000 cover pages and contributed them to the Museum. The Society paid for the plates and postage. The Happy Miner remained unchanged until 2013 when John Hayes added color to the Miner.

What's the Birthstone for July?

The ruby, birthstone for July, is among the most highly prized of gemstones. Large rubies are harder to find than large diamonds, emeralds and sapphires. As a result, rubies' value increases with size more than any other gemstone. Rubies arouse the senses, stir the imagination, and are said to guarantee health, wisdom, wealth and success in love.

Along with its close relative, the sapphire, the ruby is a form of the mineral corundum, which is normally drab and grey in color. Red gemstone corundum is called ruby. All other gemstone corundum colors – orange, yellow, brown, green, blue, purple, violet, black, and colorless – are called sapphires.

The Mogok valley of Upper Burma is famous as the source for the finest and rarest rubies of all, known as "pigeon's blood" for the stones' intense red color. Another major source of rubies is Thailand, well-known for dark, brownish-red rubies. Both Thailand and Burma regard the ruby as their national stone.

In the Orient, rubies were once believed to contain the spark of life – "a deep drop of the heart's blood of Mother Earth," according to ancient Eastern legends. Ancient Asian stories tell that the ruby was self-luminous. They called it "glowing stone" or "lamp stone." It's said that an Emperor of China once used a large ruby to light his chamber, where it glowed as bright as day. Brahmins – Hindu priests of the highest caste – believed that the homes of the gods were lit by enormous emeralds and rubies. Later, Greek legends told the story of a female stork, who repaid the kindness of Heraclea by bringing her a brilliant ruby – a ruby so bright that it illuminated Heraclea's room at night.

Ancient Hindus, Burmese, and Ceylonese regarded sapphires as unripe rubies, believing that if they buried the sapphire in the ground, it would mature to a rich red ruby.

In the Middle Ages, rubies were thought to bring good health, as well as guard against wicked thoughts, amorous desires, and disputes. Rubies, along with other types of red stones, were said to cure bleeding. And it was believed that the ruby held the power to warn its owner of coming misfortunes, illness, or death, by turning darker in color. It is said that Catherine of Aragon, first wife of King Henry VIII, predicted her downfall in seeing the darkening of her ruby.

Because of their rarity, there are very few famous large rubies. In his 13th-century books of his travels, Marco Polo relates the tale of a magnificent gemstone – believed to be a ruby nine inches long and as thick as a man's arm – belonging to the King of Ceylon. Kublai Khan, the Emperor of China, offered an entire city in exchange for the enormous stone, to which the King of Ceylon replied that he would never part with his prize for all the treasures of the world.

The word *ruby* is derived from the Latin "ruber," meaning red. This name was once used to describe all red stones, including red spinel, red tourmaline, and red garnet. Many famous rubies in history turned out not to be rubies after all. For example, the famed Timur ruby – given to Queen Victoria in 1851 – was later found to be ruby spinel.



www.earthsky.org/earth/july-birthstone

www.americangemsociety.org/en/july-birthstone

From the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies Gem and Mineral Shows



July 28, 29, 30 & 31, FRANKLIN, NC

Macon County Gemboree; Robert C Carpenter Community Bldg; Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; \$3 Adults; \$1 Senior Citizen Day Thursday & \$1 Macon Co Residents Day Sunday

Other Events

May 28 to October 15, Saturdays, FRANKLIN, NC

Pickin' on the Square; fun, free, weekly entertainment on just about every Saturday night throughout the summer; bring family, friends and a chair; 6:30 PM open mike; around 7:30 PM entertainment

July 21 to 31, 2016, WAYNESVILLE, NC

Folk moot (Meeting of the People) USA, North Carolina's Official International Folklore Festival, is a two-week celebration of the world's cultural heritage through folk music and dance

July 28, 29 & 30, 2016, FRANKLIN, NC

Franklin Faceters Frolic (FFF9); 9th annual Frolic; FunFactory at 1024 Georgia Rd; FREE; Thursday, Friday & Saturday dealers open 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Equipment & Supplies, Classes, Discussions, Pretty Stone Contest; contact Norm Holbert; franklinfacetersfrolic.com

July 31 to August 7, 2016, SPRUCE PINE, NC

32nd Annual Spruce Pine Grassy Creek Gem & Mineral Show; Parkway Fire and Rescue at 12966 Hwy 226 South; Fundraiser for new equipment; Daily 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM; FREE

August 4, 5, 6 & 7, SPRUCE PINE, NC

Spruce Pine, NC Gem & Mineral Festival; 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Final Day 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM; 12183 S. 226 Hwy; \$3 Adults; \$1 Senior Citizen Day Thursday

August 20, 2016, FRANKLIN, NC

12th Annual Franklin Folk Festival; "A Celebration of Appalachian Heritage"; Cowee School, Arts & Heritage Center, 51 Cowee School Drive, Franklin, NC; (800) 932-5294; 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



THE MOUNTAIN GEM

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Month	Board Meeting	General
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July	19	21 Ice Cream Social
August	23	25 Elections
September	27	29 Banquet
October	25	27
November	15	17
December	13	17 End of Year Party

Monthly General Meetings: 6:30 PM the last Thursday of the month in the West Large Meeting Room of the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road Hwy 441 South

Meeting changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Board Meetings: 6:30 PM
At the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum
All Board Meetings are open to the members

If you wish to submit something before the Board, contact the President prior to meeting.