



GEM SCOOPS



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Fossil Talk Rescheduled

President's Remarks

Our April PDGMS program features a talk by Dr. Alan Coulson from Clemson's Environmental Engineering & Earth Sciences Department. This talk has been rescheduled from last January.

Professor Coulson will speak on "From Golden Shells To Frozen Mammoths: How Fossils Are Formed." This petrifying presentation will occur at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. The talk's abstract is: Fossils are abundant in some sedimentary rocks, but the formation of fossils is a relatively rare phenomenon. By some estimates, less than 5% of species are ever preserved in the fossil record. Several criteria must be met in order for fossilization to occur. This talk narrates how fossilization occurs.

Repeating from January's Newsletter, I encourage everyone to bring a couple of fossils to this meeting, especially if they lack identification. While our members are professional gem and minerals identifiers, we seem very fallible with fossils. In fact, I say we've overlooked the fossil aspects of rocks long enough -- when have

MARCH MEETING
WHEN: April 15, 2014
WHERE: Charles K. Cheezem OLLI Education Center
SPEAKER: Dr. Alan Coulson, Clemson University
TOPIC: From Golden Shells to Frozen Mammoths.

How Fossils are Formed--Fossils are abundant in some sedimentary rocks, but the formation of fossils is a relatively rare phenomenon. By some estimates, less than 5% of species are ever preserved in the fossil record. Several criteria must be met in order for fossilization to occur. Come and learn how it happens, and view samples. Refreshments are served. Visitors are always welcome.

you gone into a rock store that didn't sell fossils? It's time that we leveled the playing field.

On other issues, please bring the rings that you made in Fred Sias' lost-wax casting workshop last month for show and tell. Not all of us have seen the finished products yet! Also, the 2014 Macon County Gemboree Rock, Gem, & Arts Show (most of us call this the Mother's Day Rock Show) will take place in Franklin, North Carolina on May 9 - 11, 2014. Show hours are 10 am - 4 pm daily at the Macon County Community Building (1288 Georgia Road; US 441).

Robert

Remembrance

Last month we lost two important members of the PDGMS. Bob Perry, Life Member, left our area and moved nearer his daughter after years of active participation in the Club. Bob held various offices in Club and was known for his skill at Mineral Identification. After his retirement from Clemson he often visited local schools to spread his enjoyment of rocks and minerals.

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MAY MEETING

The next meeting will be on May 20th.

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Rememberance (Cont.)

Linda Redmann was the PDGMS Secretary for several years. She was instrumental in arranging and serving as hostess for speakers who were invited to speak to our club

Their Obituaries follow:

Linda Louise Redmann (1945-2014)

Linda Louise Redmann died on Wednesday, March 5. She was born May 7, 1945 in Geneva, Illinois and raised on a farm near Crystal, North Dakota.

A memorial service to celebrate Linda's life will be held at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, SC at 11:00 am on Monday, March 10, followed by a reception. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Crystal, ND.

Linda was the daughter of the late Arthur Joseph and Margaret Anne Schulz Redmann. She is survived by a brother, Earl Redmann of Aneta, ND. She was preceded in death by a brother, Allen Redmann.

Linda graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1967. She earned an MS in Home Economics in 1974 and a PhD in Higher Education in 1980 both from the University of Arizona.

She joined the Clemson University faculty in 1979 as an Extension Residential Housing Specialist working with the Cooperative Extension Service where she retired as Professor Emerita of Family and Youth Development in 2000.

Robert Lindsey Perry (1923-2014)

Robert Lindsey Perry, 91, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014, at Presbyterian Community in Lexington, SC.

Mr. Perry was born in Columbus, GA, a son of the late Thomas Charles and Marion Bickerstaff Perry, and husband of the late Margaret Stiles Perry.

He graduated from Clemson University with a masters degree in mechanical engineering and was an associate professor at Clemson University, a member of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society, an Army veteran of WW II, and a member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson.

Surviving are three daughters, Margaret Lombardi, of Columbia, Ellen Klatt, of Woodbridge, VA, and Kate Perry-Johnson, of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Ellen Clark, of Charleston; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents he was predeceased by a brother, Thomas Charles Perry, Jr. and a sister, Ann McDougald.

Regional Gem and Mineral Shows

April 27-28 -- Dothan, AL
Dothan Gem and Mineral Club 6th Annual Show and Sale. James Grant Recreation Center at Westgate Park, 501 Recreation Road, Dothan, AL. Hours: Sat. 9-5 and Sun. 10-4. Free admission, exhibits, demonstrations, hourly door prizes, silent auction, kids' activities, etc.

Contact Arnie Lambert 334-792-

7116 or e-mail alambert@com-cast.net.

Web Site:

www.wiregrassrockhounds.com

April 28-30 – Hickory, NC. Annual Show, Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center; I-40, Exit 125, 13th Avenue Dr. SE; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, Students and Children free, Children's screening, demonstrations, faceting, capping, exhibits, dealers, minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads.

Web site: www.cvgmc.org.

May 4-5 – North Charleston, SC.

Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, "Art by Nature," Charleston Area Convention Center; Exhibit Hall A. Hours: Sat. & Sun 10-5.

FREE admission and FREE parking; hourly door prizes, demonstrations, fossil dig, geode cracking.

Web Site:

www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org

Have you paid your Dues?

Dues-paying members participate and are covered by liability insurance that is part of a group insurance policy purchased by the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Members are covered for liability when participating in Club and Federation sponsored events and digs.