



# GEM SCOOPS



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## Rappings of the Gavel

We missed many of you at the Picnic in July. A fairly small group was there to enjoy Ted's ham and chicken and all the rest of the covered dish goodies that were brought. We did have a good time and I understand about vacations, etc.

The Constitution revision is complete and approved by the Board of Directors. The rest of you should have received a copy recently by email or snail mail. Contact me if you have and questions. Please vote.

You may have noted that there are a number of committees that I should have appointed. We will talk about this at the next meeting and I would like to have some of you take on some of these tasks. Think about the areas that interest you.

It is hard to imagine that we are through over half of this year. During the next few months we must start plan for next year. The first thing I will do is appoint a Nominating Committee. It is difficult to know everyone in a club that is this diverse, but perhaps the committee will be able to talk to all of you during the next few meetings.

*Fred*

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Chester Karowaski, owner of the Diamond Hill Mine, has been asked to talk to the club about the mine and mineral collecting in Georgia and South Carolina. He has some remarkable specimens. We will keep you posted.

## AUGUST MEETING

The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will hold its monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7:00 at the main campus of Tri-County Technical College.

**Jocolyn Campbell** will be our speaker. Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Jocolyn has resided in Brevard, North Carolina since 1987. In 1999, she began studying at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, and eagerly returns each year to continue learning the intricate skills of jewelry making and design. She has also taught jewelry classes for Brevard College, the Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society, and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. In addition to direct sales and regional juried craft shows, Jocolyn's award winning creations have been featured in boutiques, galleries, and museums.

Jocolyn will demonstrate Wirecraft jewelry making. The wirecraft technique is sometimes called "wirewrap" jewelry making because silver and gold or gold-filled wire is used to create jewelry without solder. All connections are created by twisting and wrapping. It is particularly attractive to new jewelry makers because so few tools are required to get started.

Refreshments will be served by Ed and Jeanne Overly. Visitors are always welcome.

## Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society Notes about the Picnic 7/20/2010

Location: The Pool and Clubhouse in the Summit Subdivision off Highway 130 in Seneca.

Attendance: about 15

The pool was open at 3:00 p.m. but none of the club members arrived early to swim. Most members arrived just before 6:00 p.m. at about the same time Ted showed up with a hot ham and barbecue chicken. The food was great and we actually had a pretty good variety with only partial coordination ahead of time. It is remarkable

how pot-luck dinners always take care of themselves. Everyone seemed to have a good time and become better acquainted with some of the new members. We missed the rest of you.

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## A Look at the Future

By Fred Sias, PDGMS President

We have made some satisfying progress this year in the major project of revising the Constitution and By-Laws. Our Secretary Linda Rakey took the lead on this and we owe her our thanks. She will submit our new Constitution to the IRS and we hope that we can achieve 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by the end of the year.

### Nominating Committee

Next year we face some new challenges. A club with the complexities and responsibilities of the PDGMS cannot function with only four or five people doing all the work. The elected executive officers are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their election will be held in November and we need to start thinking now about who will fill those positions. To start that process, as president, I am hereby requesting the following persons to form that committee: Chris Cicimurri, Jim Dusenberry, Phyllis Phillips, Ted Wallenius, and Viola Wolf. We will actually appoint this committee at the next meeting. I hope they will accept.

This Nominating Committee has been selected because of their support and dedication to the club, some for many years. The Treasurer is included because she has been keeping all the information on the membership and consequently has been in contact with many members. Being on the committee does not prevent any of the committee members from being nominated. Additional nominations can be accepted from the floor at the November meeting. At that time we will elect the officers for next year and they will be installed in December.

### Standing Committees:

If you read the Constitution carefully, you will have noticed that most of the work of the club is carried on by a significant number of Standing

Committees. Perhaps you were not even aware of some of the duties listed. At the next meeting we will start the process of determining who is interested in each task and I will start appointments.

Each standing committee has basic duties as defined below:

1. **Program Committee** - To provide interesting and helpful programs for each regular meeting.

2. **Projects Committee** - To organize projects for the society, such as mineral cases for exhibits, educational lectures and maintenance of equipment or exhibits pertinent to these objectives.

3. **Publicity and Publications Committee** - To publicize all meetings and projects and to publish and mail or e-mail monthly copies of "Gem Scoops" to every single, family and honorary and/or life member and to all visitors that attend the prior monthly meeting.

4. **Membership and Attendance Committee** - To maintain an active file on each visitor and current membership to promote attendance. Also, in times of member illness or death in their family, an appropriate card or flowers should be sent.

5. **Field Trips Committee** - To arrange field trips as often as practical and announce trip plans at each society meeting and keep records of desirable locations of past visits.

6. **Social Committee** - To maintain a monthly refreshment committee and remind volunteers of their monthly assignment.

7. **Show Committee** - To be responsible for planning and supervision of club mineral shows and to appoint committees to handle the various tasks in promoting such shows.

8. **Door Prize Committee** - To secure suitable mineral specimens, such as crystals, massive forms, slab-

bing material, slabs and other items that relate to the hobby; also supervise door prize drawings and annual club mineral auction.

9. **Parliamentarian** - To assist the presiding officer at meetings when a question should arise as to correct parliamentary procedure.

10. **Workshop Committee** - To plan and organize a club lapidary workshop and maintain an inventory of club workshop equipment and supplies.

11. **Website Committee** - To publicize club meetings and events on the established club website. This will include the "Gem Scoops" online newsletter, copies of minutes of meetings, and links to websites of interest to the group.

### Some Thoughts

You will note that various officers have been doing some of the tasks that are the duties of one or more of the standing committees. It probably makes sense for the Treasurer to be Chair of the Membership and Attendance Committee because the Treasurer has the most up-to-date information on just who is an active member.

The Projects and Workshop Committees have been inactive for some time although in the past both have been a focal point of the club. They can be re-formed as the club grows.

The Door Prize Committee should be formed immediately as that was a significant attraction in the past.

The Web Site Committee is brand new and needs a chair with appropriate computer skills. Any volunteers?

If you are hesitant to speak up at a club meeting, please send the president a private email stating that you are interested in serving on or chairing any of the listed committees. I need all the help I can get to prepare the club for the future. I will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting.