



GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

December 2014

Potluck Christmas Dinner

President's Remarks

Happy Holidays everyone! To celebrate the season, PDGMS will be having a potluck dinner on Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM, at our usual OLLI meeting location near Patrick Square. John Ishler will bake a ham and Ted Wallenius may prepare a turkey (demand warranted). Please bring aside dish, dessert, or a bottle of wine.

The new PDGMS board has been elected. Carol Lund will be our future president, with John Palmer continuing as Vice President. Russ Ligeikis will move into the Secretary role, with John Ishler continuing to serve as Treasurer. Ted Wallenius and John Denney will be our joint Program Directors. While I am happy to turn the presidency over to my dear wife, this is the last time I will get to write you all. I plan on being active in the club upon my return from a Canadian sabbatical in the Fall of 2015.

We have some exciting news to announce. In the next few months, our group will be revamping the "Beneath Your Feet" display of local rocks, fossils, and minerals that was formerly located in Bob Campbell Geology Museum at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens.

JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the PDGMS will be on January 20, 2015. Put it on your calendar.

DECEMBER MEETING

WHEN: December 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm

WHERE: The Olli Classroom Building

SPEAKER: Good Cheer and Good Food

TOPIC: Pot-Luck Christmas Dinner

Let's get together for a pot-luck dinner and install our officers for 2015. Please bring a vegetable or dessert and the club will provide the meat.

The display is intended to show the rocks and fossils that can be found in the whole of South Carolina and its immediate vicinity (including the North Carolina Highlands and Northeast Georgia). Hence, the display will feature such things as megalodon shark teeth and emeralds and garnets. In the near future, I would like for us to start pondering two things: 1) ideally, what should go into the display? And 2) can we start soliciting donations of showy specimens of 1)?

Robert

Our Dues are Due this Month

Our dues must be paid to the Southeast Federation by this month or early next month. Please help by bring your dues to the December meeting.

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Presentation by Fred Sias, on "Planning for Classes." Fred Sias brought slides showing the club lapidary equipment and discussed potential for various classes using our new mobile classroom, which could possibly be set up in Geology Museum parking lot or at OLLI. This led into a discussion of the interest of club members for presentations as well as field trips. Refreshments were served by Ted Wallenius. Ten PDGMS members were in attendance.

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Officers for 2014

- Robert Lund, President..864-888-8719
 - John Palmer, V. Pres.....941-545-3713
 - Carol Lund, Secretary.....864-888-8719
 - John Ishler, Treasurer.....864-885-9126
- 2014 Directors
- Larry Boller.....864-296-8077
 - Jim Dusenberry.....864-654-5741
 - Fred Sias.....864-654-6833
 - Ted Wallenius.....864-882-3940

Minutes (Continued)

Old Business

Slate of officers was voted in: Carol Lund, President; John Palmer, VP; John Ishler, Treasurer; Russ Ligeikis, Secretary. No one was opposed in the vote. The new Board of Directors consists of Ted Wallenius, Fred Sias, Teresa Smith, and John Deney.

Renovations on the mobile classroom will begin in March when John Palmer gets back. John Ishler provided a layout. Genies can go into the new classroom, but the slab saw is too cumbersome.

Dr. McMillan had agreed at the June meeting to provide space in the Bob Campbell Geology Museum for a "Right Beneath Our Feet" display. Robert & Ted are in contact with Allison, the Geology Museum curator, to begin those discussions.

New Business

Discussion about having a display or even our mobile classroom at the Spring Jubilee in Pendleton on April 4 and April 5. **Deadline for Non-Profit Organization Application is 2/13/2015.**

If you haven't paid your dues for 2105, please mail them to John Ishler (\$15 individual, \$20 family) at 12000 Lake Ridge Lane, Seneca, SC 29672. Thank you!

Next Meeting: Christmas Potluck 12/16/2014 at the OLLI building. This will be a potluck where each person or couple brings a dish to share. Fred Sias will bring silverware; Carol will bring paper products and some soda. Folks should bring their own alcoholic beverages if so desired. Supper will begin at 6 p.m. **Please email Russ Ligeikis if you are coming so we can have a head count to determine the amount of meat to provide:**

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Free e-books on the Internet

For those of you who are interested in learning basic lapidary (cutting and polishing of gemstones), *Lapidary Journal Jewelry Artist Magazine* offers a free download of an e-book called "The Complete Lapidary Experience: Hunt, Cut, and Set Gems".

<http://www.jewelrymakingdaily.com/lapidary-hunt-cut-set>

This collection of articles takes you on a field trip to collect rough moonstone then through the cutting and polishing phases and finally to setting the stone in a piece of jewelry. Being able to cut or modify a gemstone opens up whole new areas of jewelry making and gives greater depth to the pleasure you get when you reply "Yes, I made it myself."

PDGMS WORKSHOP

The above set of free e-books should provide a good introduction to the opportunities that we hope to make available when we get our workshop set up. The club owns Diamond Pacific *Pixies* and *Genies*. These are all diamond gem cutting machines that are all that one needs to cut and polish gem stones.

Of course, the above machines are used for making dome-shaped gemstones known as "Cabochons".

The club also owns a faceting machine that uses diamond laps to make faceted stones. This is an entirely different process but the club has the equipment that makes it possible.

At one time the club had a number of tool sets suitable for silversmithing, but many of these may have gotten away from us while our equipment was in storage.

Gem and Jewelry Shows

During the winter most of the gem and jewelry shows move southward. Here are some that are available if you are in Florida:

Dec. 12-14, 2014 Sarasota, FL
GEM, JEWELRY, BEAD SHOW, Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41) Show Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily. Adult Admission: \$5.00 but you may get a discount if you mention that you saw this listed in our newsletter.

Jan. 8-11, 2015, Largo, FL.
Pinelias Geological Society, Annual Show, Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive, Fri., Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5. Adult admission \$1.50. Drawings, Silent Auction.

Jan. 9-11, 2015, Sarasota, FL
GEM, JEWELRY, BEAD SHOW, Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41) Show Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily. Adult Admission: \$5.00 but you may get a discount if you mention that you saw this listed in our newsletter.

Jan. 16-18, 2015, St. Petersburg.
GEM, JEWELRY, BEAD SHOW, Coliseum Ballroom, 535 4th Avenue N., Show Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily. Adult Admission: \$5.00 but you may get a discount if you mention that you saw this listed in our newsletter.

Feb. 7-8, 2015, Merrit Island, FL
Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club, Annual Show. Kiwanis Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd. Sat., Sun. 10-5. Adults \$5. (\$1.00 off with coupon from web site.)

Feb. 13-15 2015, Melbourne, FL
GEM, JEWELRY, BEAD SHOW, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd, Show Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily. Adult Admission: \$5.00 but you may get a discount if you mention that you saw this listed in our newsletter.