



GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

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Rappings of the Gavel

The turnout at our first meeting at Tri-County Tech was great. It was nice to see some new faces, too. I hope we can keep the enthusiasm going.

We are getting speakers lined up for the next few months. I am trying to bring in a variety of topics from mineral collecting to the more craft-oriented lapidary and jewelry making skills. I am particularly interested in having "show and tell" type presentations rather than just slide shows. I am always open to new topics that I may not have thought of or speakers that you know about.

I would like to keep an open line for suggestions from all of you. The club will grow and prosper only if we provide what really interests you. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have. Email is best because I spend a lot of time on the computer and that gives me a record of our conversation.

Fred Sias

MARCH MEETING

Barbara Green, President of the Western Carolina Gem and Mineral Society will be our March speaker. She is the owner of GreenTop Jewelry and has been creating and selling for the past 15 years. She looks to nature for her one of kind designs using glass beads, gemstones, pearls and metal components to make her creations. She teaches seed beading at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

Why Collect Thumbnail-Sized Minerals?

Virginia Meador will speak to the PDGMS in February. Her topic is "Collecting Good Quality Minerals for Less Money" or "Why Collect Thumbnail-Sized Minerals?" You will have the opportunity to see part of her collection accumulated over the past forty years.

Virginia is the chairperson of the Science Department at Camperdown Academy in Greenville where she has been teaching science for many years. She also has held several offices in the Greenville gem and mineral club and was Director of the Wildacres Workshops for the Eastern Federation for several years.

The meeting will be moved to Room 127 which is larger and has more chairs. Vi Wolf will be providing refreshments.

We Need a Web Master

Is there anyone out there who likes to design web pages? Or are you interested in learning to design a web site even though you don't know how to do it now? Perhaps you have a teenager with the skills we need.

This is an important job and right now I seem to be running out of time to find speakers and get our newsletter out on time. Please contact me by email if you think you might be interested. ... Fred

www.pdgms.org

This is our club web site. Check it out. I try to keep it up to date with information about the club and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS). In particular, I will keep the latest information about Federation Workshops available along with the application forms.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: The map of the Tri-County Tech campus shows our meeting location.

MINUTES of the January 19, 2010 Meeting

Location: Room 153 at Tri-County Technical College. Attendance: 29, including five visitors.

Fred Sias called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the December meeting were summarized by Linda Rakey.

Treasurer, Phyllis Phillips, reported a current bank balance of \$819.16. This included a recent payment for dues to the Southeast Federation. Several payments for

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our club membership dues were received at the meeting. A roster was passed for corrections and additions.

Fred Sias gave a presentation on jewelry making, outlining various techniques and showing examples of each. The program speaker will normally be first on the meeting agenda, with a brief business meeting following.

Fred, as the SC Director of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, has an interest in preserving the club. The past few years have produced little enthusiasm for leadership. Fred and John Palmer will cover the lead for this year, but others are needed to fill small positions to preserve the club. Volunteerism for this year will be the deciding factor in whether the club persists. The new meeting location is central for the three counties and hopefully will draw new members.

Volunteers are needed for these committees: Please call Fred now at 864-654-6833.

1. Refreshment chairman – a sign-up sheet was passed for refreshments at monthly meetings. A suggestion was made that only drinks and cookies be offered. The past location was more accommodating with kitchen facilities, but fancy refreshments were deemed unimportant. This chairperson's job would be to remind volunteers from the sign-up sheet of their upcoming duties.
2. Publicity chairman would advertise our meetings or events in

newspapers and radio broadcasts. Visitors at the meeting had seen notification in the newspapers. Ted Wallenius has all the contact information for this chairman.

3. Workshop chairman – will help with the search for space for the club's equipment and to hold classes. A possible room is available at Tri-County Technical College. John Ishler volunteered to investigate.
4. Equipment chairman would be separate from the above position and would be more about inventory status. A partial listing of the last inventory revealed 3 – 4 genies, a slab saw for huge slabs, 3 or 4 diamond trim saws, some old grinding saws, a computer-controlled glass fusing kiln, a lost wax vacuum casting machine and centrifical casting machine, and six wire wrap kits.
5. Field Trip chairman would arrange any trip events.
6. Program chairman – Fred Sias has lined up 10 potential speakers and topics. The first 3 are confirmed. He has access to many other clubs for program speakers. The chairman of this committee would

have an easy time running with the ideas Fred has already listed.

7. Website chairman – Fred Sias has donated a domain and already set up the site, patterned after the Southeast Federation's site. **It is www.PDGMS.org.** There are links of interest to our club. The website chairman would add articles written by the President to the Gem Scoops online newsletter, including the monthly minutes, and keep the upcoming events fresh. Basically a fill-in-the-blank job, since the newsletter design is done.
8. SFMS Liaison – this person would be our representative to the Southeast Federation and inform us of what is pertinent to our club, such as location and dates of gem shows and digs.

Larry Boller recently received a call from Herb Jones. Herb is recuperating in a facility in Georgia. He will soon have another cardiac surgery to receive a defibrillator, but seemed pretty chipper.

Several members asked for websites for jewelry making tools and stones. RioGrande.com and Tripps.com were offered. Fred will bring catalogs to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rakey, Secretary

2010 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

Workshop Staff

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 Email: sfmswdirector@gmail.com

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 Canton, GA 30114-6887
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Education Chair, Danny Griffin
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 Email sfmsedchair@gmail.com

The intermediate and advanced classes listed with an asterisk (*) require some prior experience by the student. Experience in a class provided by your local club, Workshop class, or self study may be enough. Please do not exclude yourself, if you're interested in one of these classes, without contacting the instructor first.

SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, June 13-19, 2010

Silver 1	Allen Jewell
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*Silver 2	Nancy English
Cabochons	Gene Tipton
Chain Making	Case Leeser
Wire Wrap & Weaving	TBD
Opal Cutting	Joe DiPietro
Fused Glass	Addy DiPietro
Faceting	TBD
Lampworking	TBD
Polymer Clay	TBD

TBD = To Be Determined

SESSION TWO - WILDACRES MONDAY, August 23 - 29, 2010

Precious Metal Clay Level 1	Mary Ann Devos
Popular Polymer Clay Projects	Barbara McGuire
Beginning Fused Glass	Barb & Herrick Jeffers
Beginning Silversmithing	Nancy English
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Cabochon Making	Pat Davis
Intro to Wire Wrapping	Rowan Rose
Bead Stringing	Vivian Heath
*Metalwork Help & Special Projects	Jeff Shears
Jewelry Bench & Tool Making	Danny Griffin

SESSION THREE - WILDACRES MONDAY, September 13 - 19, 2010

*PMC Advanced techniques	Mary Ann & Ken Devos
Bronze Clay	Gail DeLuca
Chain Maille Jewelry	Warren Collins
Beginning Silversmithing	Jim Richardson
Wire Wrapping	Rowan Rose
Opal Cutting	TBD
*Advanced Fused Glass	Rich Dillon
Bead Stringing	Vivian Heath
Southwest Silver	Dan Haga

SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, October 10-16, 2010

Silver 1	Barbara Fields
*Silver 2	Allen Jewell
*Silver 3	Nancy English
Cabochons	Betty James
Wire Wrap / Weaving	TBD
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
Chain Making	Roy Deere
Faceting	TBD
Polymer Clay	Barbara McGuire
Cold Connections	Kim St Jean
Soapstone Carving	TBD

Membership Application Form

Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society
Phyllis Phillips, Treasurer
Bob Campbell Geology Museum
Clemson University
140 Discovery Lane
Clemson, South Carolina 29634-0130

Please print:

Name _____ Residence Phone _____
(Last) (First) (Spouse's First)

Address _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Individual membership \$15.00; Family membership \$20.00. (Please Circle which and amount enclosed.)

If Family membership, please print children's names below:

The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society serves refreshments at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is called to order at 7:15 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The club meeting location is in Room 127 in the Industrial & Business Development Center at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, SC. The society is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Individual and Family memberships are available at \$15.00 and \$20.00.

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