



GEM SCOOPS



Workshop Location Set

Pondering from the Podium (Emeritus)

Elsewhere in this GEM-SCOOPS you will find my attempt at a rendering of the minutes of the January meeting. If you aren't happy with their form or content, or think you can do better, please volunteer to do so by standing for election to the position of secretary. We still need to elect a president and vice president for the current year. We have a number of folks among our members who could serve admirably in either position. All you have to do is step forward and state your desire to do so. In this regard, one of the items discussed and agreed upon at the Board of Directors meeting on February 2, 2012, was that the Board of Directors would continue to preside over and plan and conduct the meetings of the PDGMS until candidates could be elected to fill the vacant leadership positions. A goodly portion of that meeting was devoted to administrative matters that would normally be handled by the occupants of those currently vacant positions.

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MARCH MEETING March 20, 2012

Currently no speaker has been scheduled for the March meeting. We may be able to demonstrate wax jewelry design at that time.

FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING

DATE: Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember the day has been moved to Tuesday.

PLACE: Hayden Conference Center, Clemson Botanical Garden.

TOPIC: Geology 100 - A New Approach.

SPEAKER: Scott Brame, Clemson Assistant Professor of Geology.

The speaker, along with PDGMS member Richard Warner, is the faculty mentor of the Clemson Forest mapping project. This group has been visiting mineral outcrops in the northern half of the Clemson Forest since the fall of 2007. According to Dr. Brame:

"In this process we have catalogued rock types at over 300 locations. While the process has been mainly a teaching exercise, we have created a preliminary geologic map of the areas we have studied, and this map will be made available to the public this spring. The data will be presented along with highlights of the senior level research projects that have been associated with this research."

Refreshments will be served; and visitors are always welcome.

Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

Minutes of General Meeting January 17, 2012

Location: Hayden Conference Center, within the Clemson Botanical Gardens.

Attendance: 15 members and two visitors.

The January meeting of the PDGMS opened with Larry Boller, immediate past president, presiding. We met at The Hayden Conference Center in the South Carolina Botanical Gardens on the Clemson University Campus. Eleven membership renewals were received.

Our current plans are to continue meeting there on the third Tues-

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Workshop News

At 3:30 on Thursday, February 2, two PDGMS board members met with those Clemson Administrators who have cognizance over activities at the Hayden Conference Center. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that there are too many groups that use the same room proposed for our lapidary workshop. Furthermore, several children's pro-

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Minutes (Continued)

day of each month. You will be notified well in advance if it becomes necessary/desirable to change our meeting site.

A very informative and challenging program was presented by Fred Sias and Ted Wallenius that recalled the past history and accomplishments of the PDGMS, our current status and potential projects, activities and opportunities for the future. The status of the continuing efforts to obtain a new Lapidary Workshop/Lab was discussed in some detail.

John Ishler volunteered to serve as the PDGMS treasurer for the current year and was elected to that position by unanimous vote of the members present.

Other than the members of the Board of Directors, who were elected to those positions at the November 2011 meeting, no other elected offices are currently filled. Members attending were encouraged to volunteer to serve their club in some elected or appointed capacity. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Boller

2012 SFMS Workshop Schedules

Session 1: William Holland
June 10-16, 2012

Session 2: Wildacres Retreat
August 20-26, 2012

Session 3: Wildacres Retreat
September 10-16, 2012

Session 4: William Holland
October 7-13, 2012

Workshop News (Continued)

grams use the room making it potentially dangerous. Security would be impossible. Once again, a door was shut.

We asked if there were some other spaces we might be able to use. Bingo: An idea emerged! A major renovation to the basement of Long Hall starts in about 2 weeks. There is a room for which they have no plans at the present time. It is larger than the entire basement at the Hayden Center and has all the wiring and venting we need in place. There is a good possibility we will be able to influence the renovation plans.

The following Tuesday, Larry, Rich, and Ted met with a department head and another administrator. We briefed them about the past activities of PDGMS serving the University and other public programs. We all went to the basement where the renovations will be done.

We are really encouraged because our operations are very compatible with the planned usage of the space. For example, the Bob Campbell Geology Museum preparation room will be moved nearby. One administrator said our operation would fit into their plans "100%". Furthermore, we can use the Long Hall Conference Room or a classroom for our monthly meetings. The whole meeting was quite encouraging.

Attend Eastern Federation Workshops at Wildacres Retreat

2012 Programs Catalog

Freda Hull
SFMS Programs Chair

The SFMS Programs Committee maintains a library of presentation programs for loan to member societies/clubs desiring meeting program materials. A catalog of these programs is available on the SFMS web site. This catalog has recently been updated to reflect the addition of two 2011 AFMS award winners (listed as Programs 299 & 300). In addition, the AFMS Endowment Fund has gifted a four-DVD set (Programs 301 through 304) containing 13 television segments on "How the Earth Was Made", a production of A&E and the History Channel. Each segment runs approximately 48 minutes.

Programs such as these can be ordered from Freda for club meetings. See, planning a program is easy. All you have to do is go to the SFMS web site and check out the catalog at: www.amfed.org/sfms/

Ponderings from the Podium (Continued)

tions. Also at that meeting, the potential lapidary workshop/laboratory area at the Hayden Conference Center was examined/assessed as to its suitability to meet our needs. A goodly amount of time was devoted to our determining requirements and the specific questions and needs to be presented to the Clemson University officials at a meeting scheduled for the following Monday afternoon. More on the results of that meeting after all the potential outcomes are further explored.

Larry

2012 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

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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,

classes, please fill out an application (see Lodestar Page 10).

**SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND
 SUNDAY, June 10-16, 2012**

Beading, Seed	Ron Midkiff
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Casting	John Iacullo
Chain Making	Case Leeser
Enameling	Bob Mattingly
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lampwork	Ann Royer
Mineral ID	Scott Forward
Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce & Carl Talbott
Silver I	Allen Jewell
Silver Filigree	Paige Warrick & Shannon Stafford
Wire I	Bobbi Shumack
Wire II	Ruth Ann Moore

**SESSION TWO - WILDACRES
 MONDAY, August 20 - 26, 2012**

Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Digital Photography	Ron Gibbs
*Metalsmithing - Advanced	Jeff Sheer
Polymer Clay	Carolyn Stearns
Raku Beads	Jim Cullen
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Silver Cold Connections	Charlotte Caughman
Wire, Beginning	Rowan Rose

**SESSION THREE - WILDACRES
 MONDAY, September 10 - 16, 2012**

Beading 4 Holidays	Barbara Green
Cabochons	Pat Davis
Chain, Beginning	Marilou Hillenbrand
Faceting	Steve Hillenbrand
Fused Glass, Beginning	Rich Dillon
Mineral ID	Scott Forward
Silver, Filigree	Shannon Stafford
Stone Setting	Don Roberts
Wire for Beaders	Leslie Wayment

**SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND
 SUNDAY, October 7-12, 2012**

Beading, Seed	Barbara Green
Beading	Becky Patellis
Cabochons	Jerry Mason
Casting	Joe DePietro
Channeling	Don & Ann Monroe
Lampworking	Cindy Reed
Mineral ID	Scott Forward
Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce & Carl Talbott
Silver I	Mac Thornton
Silver Filigree	Paige Warrick & Shannon Stafford
Wire I	Diane Mason

Membership Application Form

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Pendleton, South Carolina 29670

Please print:

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

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 has yet to be determined for 2012 but is expected to be at a convenient location on the Clemson Campus. The society is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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