

# GEM SCOOPS



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## PDGMS MOVES TO TRI-COUNTY TECH

The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society (PDGMS) will have a new meeting place beginning on January 19, 2010. We will move our meeting to the Tri-County Tech campus in Pendleton, SC. The meeting time will remain at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us and take a look at our new emphasis on gems, minerals and jewelry making.

The PDGMS almost became a historical event. I have agreed to become the President until we can get things reorganized. I am also the South Carolina Director for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies so I have a vested interest in helping the Club survive. The PDGMS is a member of the Southeast Federation.

I have chosen to move the club meeting location to the Tri-County Technical College campus in the hope that we can attract new members that will bring the club back to life. For those of you not familiar with the history of the area may I remind you that the Pendleton District originally included Oconee, Pickens, and Anderson Counties. In the past we had a few members from Anderson and even Easley, but most folks found it too far to travel to meetings in Seneca at night. I hope that we can retain our Seneca members and attract new members from Clemson and Anderson.

**Fred Sias** President

### JANUARY MEETING ABOUT JEWELRY MAKING

The PDGMS is a gem and mineral club and gemstones immediately bring jewelry to mind. Fred Sias will give an overview of jewelry-making techniques and will show samples of jewelry made by several club members at Clemson and at workshops in Georgia and North Carolina. We hope to resume classes as soon as possible. Dorris Sias will provide refreshments. Please join us and bring your friends.

### What to Expect

The PDGMS will not sever its links to the past. We are a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. We will continue to participate in field trips of the DMC program of the SFMS. But look at some of the talks and presentations to be scheduled this year:

- Gemstones: rough to gems.
- Beginning Silversmithing
- Mineral Collecting
- Fused Glass Pendants.
- Opal Cutting demonstration.
- Beginning Faceting
- Cabochon Cutting.
- Digital Photography of gems, minerals, and jewelry.
- Channel Work, an advanced silver and gemstone craft.
- Wire Wrap Jewelry.

In addition to our regular meetings the club will sponsor a trip to John C. Campbell Mineral Museum on the Clemson campus.

### Next Month

Virginia Meador will speak to the club in February. Her topic is "Collecting Good Quality Minerals for Less Money" or "Why Collect Thumbnail Sized Minerals?" See a part of her collection accumulated over the past forty years.

### Spring Jubilee

A location has been reserved for the PDGMS at the Spring Jubilee in Pendleton. We won't be selling, but will have brochures and demonstrations to attract members.

### Our Dues are Due

We must send our dues to the SFMS this month. May we have yours, please?

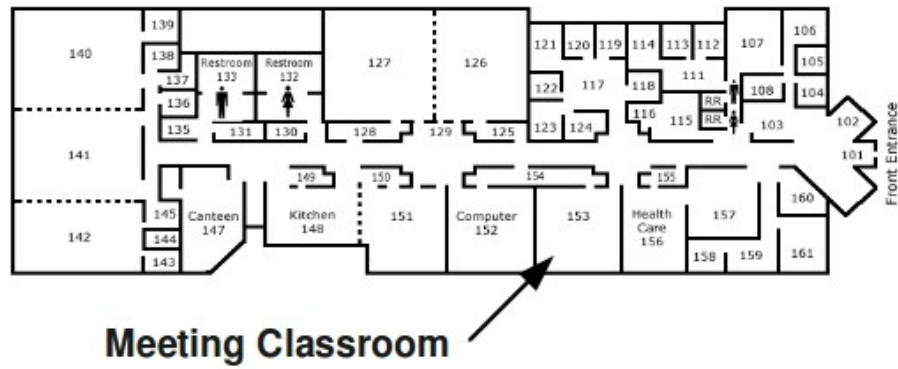
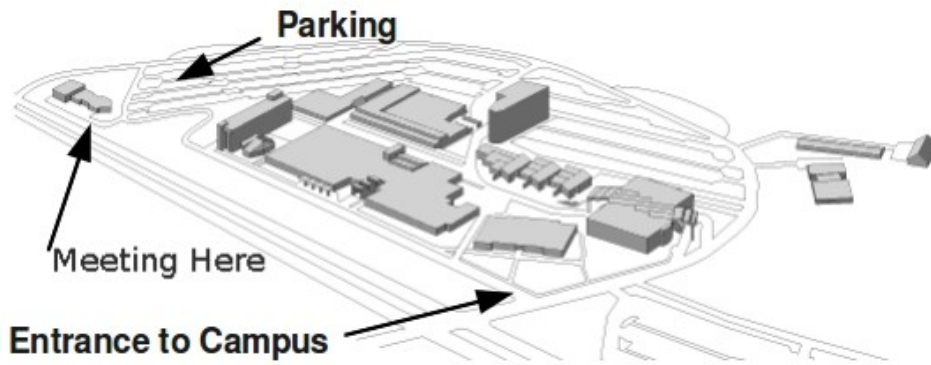
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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

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Individual membership \$15.00; Family membership \$20.00. (Please Circle which and the 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 calls to order the meeting at 7:15 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The club meeting location is Room 153 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.

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