



GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

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Rappings of the Gavel

We are making progress in updating our Constitution and By Laws to submit to the IRS so that we can be classified as a non-profit organization. However, changing the Constitution must be done under the old By Laws which specify that a quorum of two-thirds of the active membership must vote. This is a problem because we seldom, if ever, have two-thirds of the active members present at a regular meeting. Therefore, we must resort to an email vote on the changes.

As soon as we have all of the changes approved by the Executive Board, the text of the revised Constitution and By Laws will be sent to all active members by email (or regular mail for those without email). Please vote for or against the changes by return email or regular mail.

It will be a while before you receive the final document because we are working on the proper wording for the quorum required for voting in the future.

Fred

AUGUST MEETING

Jacolyn Campbell will be our August speaker. Her specialty is wire-craft jewelry and you can see some of her work on the Internet at her web site http://raynoldsandassociates.com/campbell_creations/about.html.

Jacolyn has taught at both William Holland and Wildacres workshops.

JULY PICNIC

Our meeting in July will be a "Pot-Luck" Picnic in Seneca hosted by Ted and Marcia Wallenius at the pool and clubhouse at the Summit Subdivision. See the directions on page 2.

As usual, Ted will cook some meat that the club will pay for. Dorris Sias will bring the silverware. The rest of us should each bring a dish of some sort. Some dishes have already been volunteered as shown on the next page. This doesn't mean you can't duplicate because some dishes always disappear early in the meal. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. but the pool will be open at 3:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to swim.

Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society Minutes of General Meeting 6/15/2010

Board Meeting

Prior to the general meeting, a Board Meeting was held to discuss and vote on revisions to the PDGMS Constitution & Bylaws. The revisions, which will meet IRS standards, were unanimously accepted by the Board. (We have since discovered that we need to revise the wording of the quorum statements. FRS) After Board approval, the minutes need to be given to members 10 days before the next meeting, for voting. To meet this requirement, the minutes will be emailed to members.

General Meeting

President Fred Sias called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Under old business, Fred presented the Board's decisions and actions to be taken, regarding the Constitution and Bylaws. There was no new business. Visitors were acknowledged and welcomed to the meeting. The next

meeting will be a pot-luck picnic on July 20, 2010. The meeting was adjourned.

Following the general business meeting, John Rasmussen gave an excellent talk on how to distinguish gems from minerals and rocks. John, who is a Certified Gemologist and a member of the Western Carolina Gem and Mineral Society in Greenville, SC, discussed gem identification techniques, tools, books and websites. John also brought in several examples of gems for the group to examine.

Phyllis Phillips, Acting Secretary

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Directions to PDGMS

Annual Picnic from the intersection of US 76/123 and SC 130 in Seneca:

There is a traffic light at this corner. Also a Subway, RiteAid Drugs, CVS Drugs and Ingles store. From here, go 0.8 miles North on SC 130 (in the direction of the Duke Power Nuclear Plant) and turn left at the entrance to the SUMMIT Subdivision on Grand Summit Drive.. Go to the Stop sign, turn right on North Summit Drive. Go to the next Stop sign and turn left on Viewpointe Court. The Summit Owners Association Amenities Center is just over the top of the hill. The pool will be open at 3 pm for folks who want to swim or just socialize.

Pot-Luck Picnic Sign Up

This is only to let you know what some others plan to bring:

VEGETABLE OR CASSEROLE

Casserole—Norma Curley

SALAD

Salad — Betty Janzen

Deviled Eggs — Dorris Sias

DESSERT

Cake — Dan Crawford

Cheeze Cake — Ed Overly

DRINKS

Ice Tea — Ed Overly

Soft Drinks — Fred Sias

ICE: Fred Sias

PAPER CUPS/PLATES: Fred Sias

EATING UTENSILS: Dorris Sias

This sheet was passed around at the last club meeting and is only an indication of what some others plan to bring and is not intended to restrict your options.

For those that like maps to show the way.

