



# GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

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## PDGMS Talks to Students

Early this month several members of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society (PDGMS) presented several programs on local minerals to children and adults for the Pickens County Library System as part of the "Dig into Reading" program.

Carol Lund, John Palmer and Ted Wallenius talked to children, ranging in age from infants to eleven years old. A number of adults also attended the program. The largest group of attendees included 167 people, 129 children and 38 adults.

Five programs on July 9 and 10, were offered for the Pickens County Library System for their summer "Dig into Reading" series at the Easley, Liberty, Pickens, & Central/Clemson library branches.

Both children and adults attended and were thrilled to learn about gems and minerals that can be found locally. Specimens donated by the three speakers were given away as door prizes.

These presentations are part of the mission of PDGMS: to promote the educational, scientific, and recreational aspects of mineralogy, geology, paleontology, lapidary arts, and related Earth Sciences.



**John Palmer hands out a mineral specimens to one of the students attending recent talks by PDGMS members at Pickens Library.**

### NO PDGMS MEETING IN JULY

**The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will not have a monthly meeting during July but will resume again in August.**

The August club meeting will be a pot-luck picnic at the Summit Subdivision Owners Association Amenities Center in Seneca. The Club will furnish meat and soft drinks. Members should bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Join us at 4:00 p.m. if you would like to swim. Then the meal will be at 6:00 p.m.

### Over-Flow Attendance Patrick McMillan Talk

Club members and visitors from OLLI packed the June club meeting to hear Patrick McMillan talk. Full details will be in the August issue of *Gem Scoops*.

#### AUGUST MEETING

There will be no July PDGMS meeting; however, we will resume in the fall with a Pot Luck Picnic on August 20th.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION

**July 19-21, 2013 — Boone, NC:** 19th Annual Show. Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry Show, National Guard Armory, 274 Hunting Hills Ln., Near the hospital and Fire station; Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5; adults \$2 (3 days), children (under 16) free; beads, pearls, gemstones, wire wrapping, wire sculpture, silversmiths, goldsmiths, custom work while you wait, door prizes.

www.toteshows.com

**July 24-28, 2013 — Franklin, NC:** Wholesale and retail Show; Damian Belghali; The Echo Valley Field; 6456 Sylva Rd., across the street from the GLW show; Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-4; free admission; dealers, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry. Email: mandybelghali@yahoo.com.

**July 25-28, 2013 — Franklin, NC:** Show and sale; Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin; Macon County Community Bldg.; 1288 Georgia Rd.; Thu. 10-5, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4; adults \$2, children (12 and under) free; rough and cut gemstones, silver and gold jewelry, findings, jewelry repair and stone setting, door prizes, beads, demonstrations, supplies; email: lindah@franklin-chamber.com

**July 26-27, 2013 — Franklin, NC:** Annual Faceter's Frolic and gem and mineral show; US Faceter's Guild; Fun Factory; 1024 Georgia Rd.; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-5; free admission, more than 12 dealers, software, rough, supplies, machines, faceting demonstrations, programs.

www.facetersfrolic.org

**July 27 to August 5, 2013 — Spruce Pine, NC:** 29th Annual Grassy Creek Gem and Mineral Show, located at the Parkway Fire and Rescue Department at 12966 Hwy. 226 South, halfway between US 19E and the Blue Ridge Parkway (exit 331). There are 72 dealers who have all kinds of gemstones, mineral specimens, jewelry, beads, fossils, and lots more. Admission is FREE. Parking is FREE. BBQ and silent auction of items donated by the dealers on Saturday to raise funds for the fire department. Hours are from 8 to 6 all days. Contact Donna Collis at collisdonna@yahoo.com or Roger Frye at rcfrye@bellsouth.net for information.

**August 1-4, 2013 — Spruce Pine, NC:** Annual North Carolina Mineral and Gem Festival; Mitchell Co. Chamber of Commerce; The Bridge Coliseum; 97 Pinebridge Ave.; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun. 12:30-5; adults \$3, seniors \$1, children (under 10) free; minerals, jewelry, gemstones, stones, beads, crystals.

www.ncgemfest.com

**October 4-6, 2013 — Dallas NC:** 35th Annual Gaston Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club Show. Hours: Friday and Saturday 9 am to 6 pm; Sunday 9 am to 5 pm. Gaston County Park, Hwy 279, Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas, NC. Just ½ mile off route 321. FREE ADMISSION... Minerals and fossils from around the world, cutting material, quality gemstones, wire wrapping, settings, geodes, jewelry. A real working SLUICE with all kinds of goodies. Hourly raffles for prizes.

**October 5-6, 2013 — Lexington, KY:** 23rd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show – Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. KY National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Road, Lexington, KY. Hours: Saturday 10am to 6pm; Sunday Noon to 5pm. Minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, club sales, exhibits, KY Agate, hourly prizes, and Grand Prize drawing. Admission: \$2 Adults, \$1 Children; \$5 maximum Family, Scouts in uniform FREE. Show chair Allen Ferrel kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com (859) 277-2469 club website:

www.lexingtonrockclub.com

**November 22-24, 201 — Columbia, SC:** The Columbia SC Gem and Mineral Society will hold its 46th annual gem, mineral and jewelry show at Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (Exit 106A off I26). Hours: Friday 10am to 7pm; Saturday 10am to 6pm; Sunday Noon to 5pm. 24 Retail Vendors – jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, gold, silver and tools for sale. Lots of fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5 for adults, children sixteen and under are free with adult. All military and their dependents are free. Grand Prize Award – Tourmaline/Topaz specimen from Pakistan (Est. \$450) donated by PAK Designs (Patrick and Anne Kelly). Publicity – Sue Shrader ashreader@mindspring.com (803) 736-9317, Fax (803) 736-2578;

## SFMS WORKSHOPS

**Wildacres — August 19-25, 2013**  
**Wildacres—September 23-29, 2013**  
**William Holland — October 13-19, 2013**