

# GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

July 2014

## Summer Vacation

### PDGMS Minutes June 17, 2014

Presentation by Dr. Patrick McMillan, on "A Jurassic Garden in Our Midst." Twenty PDGMS members were in attendance. Approximately 45 other guests attended. Dr. McMillan agreed in the Q & A to provide space in the Bob Campbell Geology Museum for a "Right Beneath Our Feet" display.

Refreshments were provided by Carol Lund and the Palmers. Candy & John Palmer, Dale Baughman, & Julie Vidotto (Director of OLLI) helped set up, which was really appreciated. A sheet was passed around so that others could sign up for refreshments for the future.

### Old Business

John Palmer is to use his judgment in buying a portable trailer at an auction with a max budget of \$1300. No one was opposed in the vote. (The trailer was purchased 6/26.)

Darlene (Dard)/Bob Whitmore, Robert/Carol Lund, & Ted Wall-

### THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING

Because so many members are on vacation, there will be no July meeting of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society. The August meeting of the club, however, will be our annual Pot Luck picnic at the Cabana and Swimming Pool at The Summit subdivision in Seneca. Watch for details in the August newsletter.

nius have made donations to the Club to build the treasury back up from this expense. Thank you!!!

If anyone has a particular interest in a specific type of program for the fall, please let Carol know at 864-247-8204.

Next Meeting: August 19<sup>th</sup>, Ted & Marcia Wallenius's clubhouse at the Summit.

This will be a potluck supper where each person or couple brings a dish to share. Dorris Sias will bring silverware; Carol will bring paper products and some soda. Folks should bring their own alcoholic beverages if so desired. The pool will be open at 5 pm for folks who want to swim or just socialize. Supper will begin at 6 p.m. Please email Ted at:

TEDWALLENIUS@GMAIL.COM

as turkey or some other meat might be provided by the Club (please note that this is a relatively new email address for Ted).

The September meeting will be at OLLI, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Bob Green from the Greenville club will speak on opals. Dard & Bob Whitmore will provide the refreshments for the September meeting.

### Regional Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Shows

**JULY 24-27, 2014**

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA  
GEMBOREES OF FRANKLIN  
Macon County Community Building  
1288 Georgia Road (US 441)

Thursday - Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

Admission: \$3.00 adults,

Children under 12 are free

Thursday: Senior Citizen Day, \$1.00

[www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**JULY 23-27, 2014**

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA  
HIGHLANDS ROAD GEM SHOW  
Show Venue: NE corner of Highway  
441 Bypass and Highlands Road

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm,

With many dealers available before and after these hours

Admission: Free,

Open to the public

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting will be on September 16, 2014. There will be no July meeting and the August meeting will be our annual potluck supper. Stay tuned.

### Officers for 2014

Robert Lund, President..864-888-8719

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John Ishler, Treasurer.....864-885-9126

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Jim Dusenberry.....864-654-5741

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Ted Wallenius.....864-882-3940



# 2014 SFMS WORKSHOPS



long history of offering weeklong classes in Jewelry Making with our 38<sup>th</sup> annual workshops. Our 2014 workshop program is well underway. Our classes are conducted at beautiful mountain top retreats in North Carolina and in Georgia. They provide a fun filled vacation which includes lodging, food, and instruction for less than the cost of a hotel! Our next 2 classes will be offered at Wildacres Retreat in North Carolina. Our website [sfmsworkshops.com](http://sfmsworkshops.com) provides schedules and details for each class as well as information on the instructors. A pdf registration form that can be filled out and printed to send to the registrar.

The workshops dates for this year are:

<b>William Holland (GA)</b>	<b>Wildacres (NC)</b>
<b>Completed</b>	August 18-24
October 12-18	September 22-28

See our class schedule for the subjects included the in this years' workshops. All classes are not offered at each workshop. In addition to the classes, we have many other activities associated with our workshops. These include interesting evening programs, campfire, our exciting auctions, rocking on the porch, and many other fun activities. A campfire at Wildacres is usually held mid-week (weather permitting), often with a spontaneous sing-a-long or storytelling session, or even student vocals or instrumentals...followed by tasty s'mores! Our much-anticipated auctions are always a hit and offer an opportunity to pick up some nice items at a great price. If this sounds like a great week, it is! We invite you to join us and spread the word about the SFMS workshops. Tailgating is also offered at both locations.

Our Wildacres August session is very close at hand. We have openings in most of our classes. If you are interested in a class or know someone who is, please call the Wildacres registrar (865-248-8393) **immediately** to reserve a class and a room. **It is extremely important that you do no wait to reserve yourself a class & room. The Registrar will be cutting off registrations for this session soon so please hurry.**

Since the August session at Wildacres is virtually upon us, I have a short recap of the August classes:



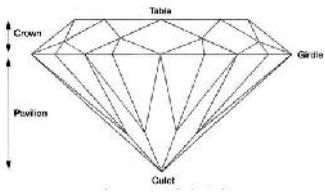
**Bracelets, Bracelets & More:** This is a class in one of the hottest areas of jewelry making. Tom & Kay will explore the use of a hydraulic press for making their bracelets. They cover lots of styles and techniques. (Rio has an ad for a Hydraulic press class. It is a short 2 day class and costs \$375 plus hotel and meals. We offer 2-3 times as much instruction, excellent food, and a comfortable room for less than their basic price.)



**Casting:** If you want an introduction the professional process of casting, this is your class. Bill has been casting for many years, studied with several experts, and is now operating a specialized business in casting Orchids. If you twist his arm really hard he might even show you some of his Orchids. He also loves to cast small "add-on" objects for his Silversmithing projects. He will teach you proper sprueing techniques to insure good casting results. This may be the most important thing that you will learn since it can allow you to cast large numbers of items in one flask. (Bill's class will be offered at both sessions for Wildacres.)



**Flint Knapping:** We are delighted to offer our first course in Flint Knapping by Michael Miller. We are very fortunate to have such a qualified instructor. He has been teaching Flint Knapping for over 15 years and his knapped replicas can be found in private and public collections in all 50 states and around the world. This class will focus on replicating stone tools made by prehistoric Native Americans. Beginning level students will learn to work flint with percussion and pressure flaking techniques. This class will be taught in August & September.



**Gem ID:** Teresa Polly will be teaching a Gem ID class for us at both the August & September sessions. Teresa has a GG from the GIA and is currently studying for an FGA from the Gemological Association of Britain. She currently works in the Gemroom at Jewelry Television and is the President of the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. The course will be an Introduction to Gem ID. It will cover operation of most gem ID instruments and typical stone inclusions and how to tell natural stones from lab created stones.



**Jewelry Bench Building:** Danny Griffin will teach an August class on building your own jeweler's workbench, with removable legs that will make it portable enough that everyone should be able to get it home in any size car. (Roy's Note: Danny taught this class in 2010 and every student completed a beautiful and highly functional bench. Expect this class to fill since it was full in 2010 and everyone saw the beautiful finished product.)



**Metalwork Special Projects:** Jeff Sheer will be returning to teach his famous Special Projects class in August. This class provides help on any metalsmithing problem that students have encountered. Students provide the projects and Jeff provides the help. You can solve problems on existing projects and then move on to learning a new project/technique.



**Seed Beading:** Gail DeLuca will be teaching a relaxing but full week of fun with seed beads, appropriate for beginners to advanced level beaders. Gail will offer this course at both the August & September sessions.



**Silver 1:** Bev Schabilion who is a gold & silver smith from the Spruce Pine area will be teaching a Silversmithing class at both the August & September sessions. In these classes each student will learn many, many techniques from beginning a piece of jewelry to final finishing: proper use of hand tools, soldering, saw piercing, appliqué, filing, forging, decorative elements, forming, grinding, polishing, specialized texturing with a Foredom and rolling mill, and an array of tips, tricks and techniques Beverly has learned over 40+ years of experience.



**Weaving Freeform Wire:** Kaska Firor will be teaching a class for us in August based upon her new book: *Weaving Freeform Wire Jewelry*. She will show us how to make many of her beautiful pieces of jewelry based upon woven wire. This is a great opportunity to learn techniques and tips directly from the author. It is a rare experience that we get the current most popular author to teach a class immediately after her book is published. This is a class that you should not miss.



**Wire 1:** This is a beginning wire wrap class that is designed to help students progress from no wire wrap experience to a level that allows them to make complex designs and be ready for more advanced projects. It is also appropriate for students that have not done any wire wrap for a long period of time. Projects in the class will include earrings, pendants, bracelets, and rings. Rowan has constructed a fun course and covers a tremendous number of techniques in the class.

Registrations for our other workshops are in process at this time. People who are interested in the September, and October workshops need to make their reservations **now** to make sure that you get the class that you want. Call the registrar at the number shown on the schedule with any questions that you may have about the workshop or classes. I encourage you to mark the workshop dates on your calendars and plan on joining us for a wonderful jewelry vacation at our enjoyable locations. See you at an SFMS workshop soon.

*Roy*

Roy Deere, Education Committee Chair

## 2014 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

**WILLIAM HOLLAND**

June 8-14, 2014

October 12-18, 2014

**WILDACRES**

August 18-24, 2014

September 22-28, 2014

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(Student #1)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M F

Club (spell out) \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (ST) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

American Federation Region \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you smoke? Y N Do you need a handicap room? Y N Are you an early riser or a night owl?

Dietary Considerations or Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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(Student #2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M F

Club (spell out) \_\_\_\_\_

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(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (ST) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

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Student	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Taken Before?	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Taken Before?
		Y N		Y N
		Y N		Y N

Accommodations    Single                  Double                  Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Day Student                  Campground (William Holland)

(Non SFMS/AFMS Members Add \$50 to all Tuition Fees)

**Please mail application and fees (or \$50 Nonrefundable deposit\*) to:**

**SFMS William Holland Workshop**

**SFMS Wildacres Workshop**

**Rosemary van Wandelen**

**Paula Griffin**

William Holland Registrar  
 3051 Keyport St  
 Deltona, FL 32738-5356  
 386-860-5586 Home  
 386-479-1509 Cell  
 Email: [rrborzoi@gmail.com](mailto:rrborzoi@gmail.com)

Tuition Cost per Person  
 Double Occupancy \$350  
 Single Occupancy \$510  
 Day Student \$180  
 Campground \$300  
 (call for details)

Wildacres Registrar  
 PO Box 430  
 Kingston, TN 37763  
 865- 248-8393  
 865- 406-8801 alternate  
 Email: [waregistrar2014@gmail.com](mailto:waregistrar2014@gmail.com)

Tuition Cost per Person  
 Double Occupancy \$365  
 Single Occupancy \$525  
 Day Student \$195

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