



GEM SCOOPS



Carol Lund in Car Accident

Hi Everyone:

Thank you all for your concerns regarding Carol's car accident. I thought I would try to update as many as I can at once as the amount of support I received is amazing (and very much appreciated). If I missed people with this info, please feel free to forward.

What happened: Carol was driving near Keowee Key to get her hair cut around 5 PM Monday afternoon when she was hit from behind by a U-Haul truck with a trailer at a high rate of speed. The back half of her car was completely crushed and she fractured several vertebra (I have pics of her totaled car but do not want to forward now... I'm not sure I've ever seen worse, even in NASCAR). She had several other injuries and could not breathe due to trachea swelling. It is apparently the truck driver's fault, but no drugs or alcohol were involved.

What ensued: EMS arrived, cut a hole in her trachea, got a helicopter to land on the SC highway 183, and choppered her to Greenville Memorial hospital where she underwent emergency surgery to insert a trachea breathing tube. I was with her till about 5 AM last night when she was stabilized.

Today: Carol is out of the woods, but badly bruised. After a hefty dose

of steroids, her facial swelling is down 40 percent. She has two broken neck vertebra, one of which is impinging on her spinal column and causing partial paralysis of her right arm. My next door neighbor is an X-ray/ultrasound/MRI tech at the hospital and he went over the scans with me and said its not as bad as it could have been.... if vertebra C-2's impingement can be dealt with. The brain stem looks good and her cognition is pretty good.

Tomorrow: The neurosurgeon will likely put a halo on Carol to keep her neck steady while it heals. I fear she will be in the hospital for several weeks. And there will likely be physical therapy. She's got a lot of soft tissue wounds too.

What you can do: Please visit her. She's at Greenville Memorial

Hospital's Neuro ICU unit, room 3710. And she can have visitors. While she can't talk because of the tube in her throat, she can make some up/down hand signals.

Comments: I will try to update this every few days. While I was very composed yesterday, I've been crying uncontrollably today (I guess with the relief that Carol will survive). Apparently, I owe quite a bit of thanks to some crackerjack EMS -- the state troopers working the accident are amazed she's alive.

Best Wishes,

Robert Lund

PS: I hear that there are some pics of the wreck/comments on facebook and accident sites that say that Carol is dead, but she is harder to kill than that.

NO MEETING IN JULY

The PDGMS does not have a regular meeting during July and August. In August we will get together for a Picnic and regular meetings will resume in September. At that time we will be meeting in the Clemson-Central Library. Stay tuned for details.

Don't Forget

Federation Workshops

I hope you will look at the SFMS Workshop schedule on the next page. They are, by far, the least expensive way to learn some Lapidary Skills.

JUNE MEETING

The next meeting of the PDGMS will be on June 21, 2016. Put it on your calendar.

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is located in the mountains of north Georgia near the North Carolina border. Wildacres Retreat is a privately owned conference center nestled in the North Carolina mountains near Little Switzerland. Please visit their websites for additional information.

Wildacres Tuition

Cost per person \$370, double occupancy. Single room with private bath \$530. Non members add \$50.00 to all Tuition fees.

William Holland Tuition

Cost per person \$370, double occupancy. Single room with private bath \$530. For Day Students or campers the workshop tuition fee is \$200 per person. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility. Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) \$320 (1 student) or \$500 (2 students) per week.

Application Form

The application form is on the Internet at:

www.sfmsworkshops.com/info.html

About Instructors

All instructors for our workshop program are volunteers and are not compensated for their time and effort. They may charge a materials fee for their classes.

Check-In Day

Wildacres is **MONDAY** afternoon. William Holland is **SUNDAY** afternoon. Early check-in is NOT permitted at either location.

2016 SFMS WORKSHOPS

WILLIAM HOLLAND SCHEDULE

June 5 - June 12

Beading -Becky Patellis
Cabochons - Dave Bergquist
Casting - Bill Harr
Chainmaille - Kathy Morris
Faceting - Tom Mitchell
Gem Trees - Jerri Heer
Mineral ID - Scott Forward
Opals - Carl Talbott
Polymer Clay - Sandra Davis
Silver II-SW Silver - Nancy English
Wire I - Sandy Bergquist
Wire II - Wire Weaving & Wire Wrap Filigree - Jan Stephens

WILDACRES SCHEDULE

August 22 - August 28th

Fused Chain Maille - Roy Deere
Metalwork Special Projects - Jeff Sheer
Beading - Advanced
Mineral ID - Travis Paris
Chasing & Repousse - Tom and Kay Benham
Display Case - Danny Griffin
Deep Relief Wood Carving - Clancy Smith
Metal Clay 1 - Katie Baum
Gourds - Pat Davis
Beginning Wire - Rowan Rose

WILDACRES SCHEDULE

September 19 - 25

Chain Maille 1-2 - Roy Deere
Gem Identification - Teresa Polly
Casting - Bill Harr
Flint Knapping - Michael Miller
Wire for Beaders - Leslie Wayment
Faceting - Tom Mitchell
Silversmithing - Pattie Appleby
Scrimshaw - Rich Williams
Cold Connections and Enameling - Debora Mauser
Chasing & Repousse 2 - Tom and Kay Benham
Metal Clay 2 - Katie Baum