

# GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

June 2010

## Rappings of the Gavel

Our club secretary, Linda Rakey, has been working to get the Constitution and Bylaws of the club ready to submit to the IRS so that we may be classified as a non-profit organization. Our current bylaws, previously revised in 1994, did not contain the proper wording to be considered a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Linda has made several modifications and insertions that we hope will satisfy the IRS.

To complete the revision, the revised bylaws must be voted on by the Executive Board and then the club Membership. The current bylaws specify that the revised document must be submitted to the membership 10 days prior to voting. Since we do not have 10 days before the June meeting, we will complete the vote by the Executive Board and then have the membership vote either by email or at the following regular meeting.

The revised Constitution and Bylaws are included in this newsletter for review by all club members.

*Fred*

## JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the PDGMS will be our annual club "pot luck" picnic. Ted Wallenius has arranged for us to use the pool and clubhouse or shelter in the Summit Subdivision in Seneca. Keep tuned for details and a map showing the way to the location.

## JUNE MEETING

Our June speaker will be John Rasmussen who will give a talk on Gem Identification. John is a Certified GIA Gemologist who is a member of the Western Carolina Gem and Mineral Society in Greenville.

The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will hold its monthly meeting on June 15, 2010 at 7:00 at the main campus of Tri-County Technical College, 7900 Highway 76, Pendleton, SC, in Room 127 of the Industrial and Business Development Center. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are always welcome.

## Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

### Minutes of General Meeting 5/18/2010

Location: Room 127 at Tri-County Technical College. Attendance: 23.

Fred Sias called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Brenda Tartaglia.

The April minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Phyllis Phillips, was absent but sent this report:

Beginning balance	\$1030.50
Receipts	+20.84
Payouts (Ted, supplies)	-44.64
Current bank balance	\$1006.70

John Rasmussen, a gemologist from the Greenville club will be our speaker in June.

We will need a camera person for the next couple of meetings, as Jim Dusenberry will be absent.

Premier rock hound, Marvin Miller, is very ill. Please let him

know he has been missed by the group.

Franklin, NC, will host four separate Gem and Mineral shows the weekend of July 22 - 25<sup>th</sup>. This location will be the nearest to us for the year.

Board members are working at revising our constitution and bylaws to submit for 501(c)(7) tax exempt status. If the SFMS obtains a Group Exemption Letter in the future, we will be eligible for (c)3 status under their wing, but this will do for now.

Program:

Larry Boller demonstrated cutting cabochons using one of the club's machines, which are

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### 2010 Officers

President: Fred Sias	864-654-6833
V.P. : John Palmer	941-545-3713
Secretary: Linda Rakey	864-224-4245
Treasurer: Phyllis Phillips	864-654-8514

### 2010 Directors

Larry Boller	864-296-8077
Chris Cicimurri	864-650-7115
Dr. Richard Warner	864-654-0913

available for use by members if we can find a location for a shop. Cabochons are generally oval shaped and flat backed. They may be used in pendants, belt buckles, bracelets, etc. The tops are gently domed free-hand.

Larry began with stones that were cut into slabs using a diamond saw, and the back had been flattened. From the slab, the best view is selected using a template. Decisions must be made regarding natural faults in the stone. After identifying the best area to use, the shape was scribed onto the stone using the template and a pointed scribe made of aluminum or heavy copper wire. These elements may leave a scratch or deposit some material for a visual mark.

A trim saw cuts out the general shape, then the grinder removes the stone almost to the line. To perfect the outside shape, keep checking the stone with the template.

For better control during grinding of the dome, the stone is mounted to a dop stick (short dowel) with melted dop wax. The cab machine contains several wheels of various grits, and water squirts onto the wheels to cool the stone. Hard-backed abrasive wheels are used in the beginning, using two grits, and rubber-backed wheels that conform more to the dome are used to do the final shaping and polishing. Larry mentioned that a student can usually complete a cab within an hour.

Mr. Boller showed a photo of a star sapphire from his collection as an example of a finished cabochon. He stated that few natural sapphires have stars and mentioned a test that sometimes helps to identify fake star sapphires.

Upcoming shows:

July 22 – 25<sup>th</sup>: Franklin, NC – Four separate wholesale and club retail shows.

July 29 – August 1<sup>st</sup>: -- Spruce Pine, NC.

Respectfully submitted:

*Linda Rakey*, Secretary

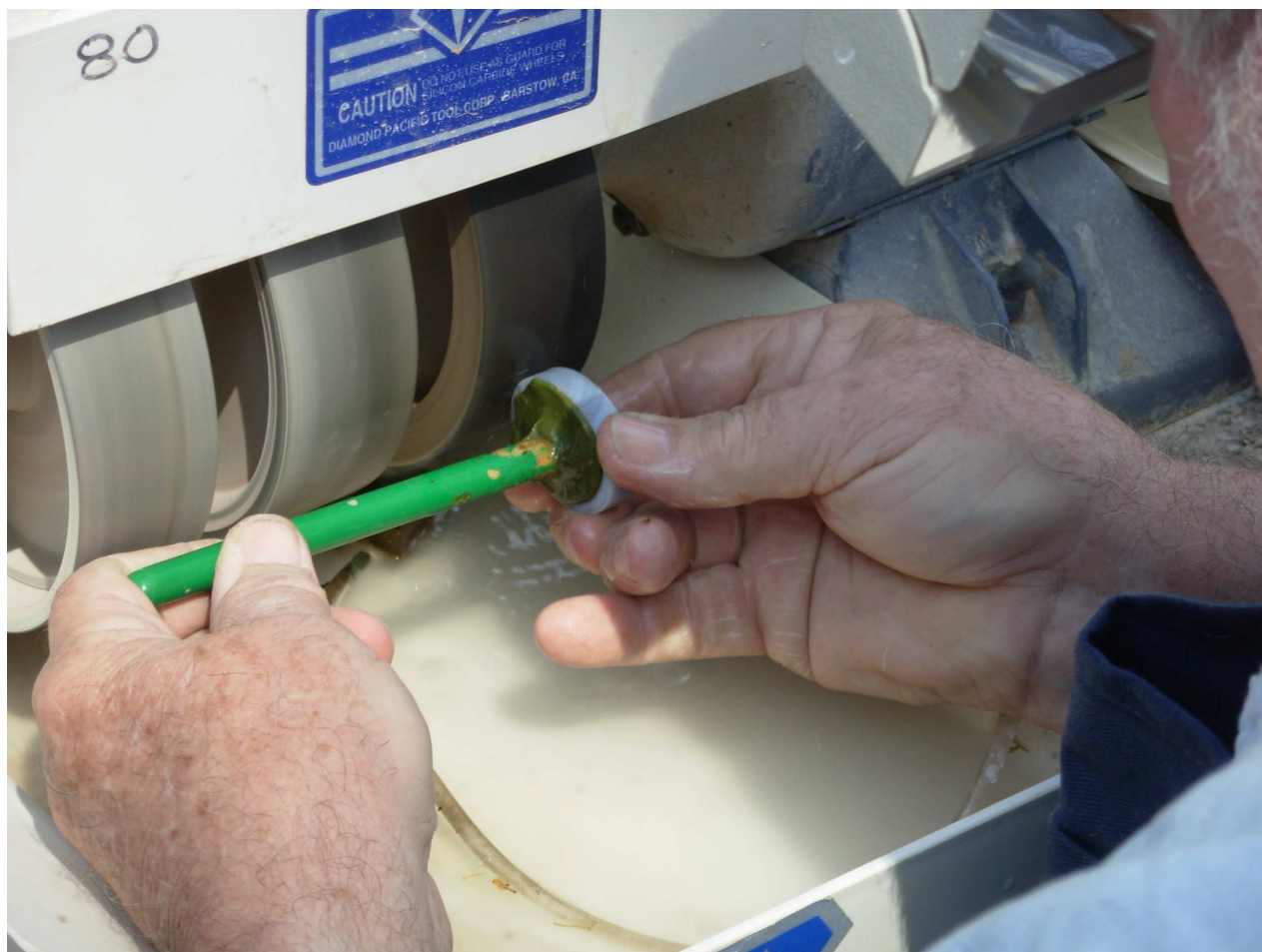


Photo by Fred Sias

Larry Boller demonstrated cabochon cutting at the May meeting of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society.

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS  
OF  
PENDLETON DISTRICT GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

(Revised 3/15/1994)  
(Revised June 2010)

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

Section I - The name of the organization shall be Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

Section I - To promote the educational, scientific, and recreational aspects of the hobby in the subjects of Mineralogy, Geology, Archaeology, Lapidary Arts, and related Earth Sciences. These activities will be conducted within the rules contained under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Section I - General Provisions:

Membership in this society shall be divided into three groups.

1. Individual - Person must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Family - Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by parent or sponsoring adult.
3. Honorary and/or Life Members - Persons with outstanding knowledge in the fields of Geology, Mineralogy, Gemology, or collecting and classification of minerals as are determined worthy of this honor.

Section II - Admission to Membership:

Membership in this society shall be open to anyone interested in the purposes and objectives of the society by meeting general provisions to membership.

**ARTICLE IV**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section I - The Executive Officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Officers, the immediate past President, and three (3) elected members.

**ARTICLE V**

**COMMITTEES**

Section I - The chairpersons of committees shall be appointed as soon as possible after the annual election by the Board of Directors.

Section II - The President shall be empowered to appoint such special committees as he or she deems necessary at any time, or on the majority vote of the members at any meeting, he or she shall appoint committees as they direct.

Section III - Each standing committee has basic duties as defined below:

1. Program Committee - To provide interesting and helpful programs for each regular meeting.
2. Website Committee - To publicize our meetings and events on the established club website. This will include the "Gem Scoops" online newsletter, copies of minutes of meetings, and links to websites of interest to the group.

3. Publicity Committee - To publicize all meetings and projects in local newspapers or other media.
4. Membership and Attendance Committee - To maintain a current roster of membership and attendance at meetings. Also, in times of member illness or death in their family, an appropriate card or flowers should be sent.
5. Field Trips Committee - To arrange field trips as often as practical and announce trip plans at each society meeting and keep records of desirable locations of past visits.
6. Social Committee - To maintain a monthly refreshment committee and remind volunteers of their monthly assignment.
7. Show Committee - To be responsible for planning and supervision of club mineral shows and to appoint committees to handle the various tasks in promoting such shows.
8. Equipment Committee - To maintain an inventory of club equipment and supplies.
9. Omit committees for Projects, Door Prizes, and Parliamentarian.

#### ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section I - The Executive Officers and Board of Directors shall be elected at the regular November meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section I - The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at such time and place as shall be announced at the prior meeting, or as shall be set forth in a notice of such meeting.

Section II - Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section III - The Board of Directors shall meet as often as deemed necessary, at the call of the President or a majority of the Board. The Board shall be notified of each meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of such meetings.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section I - Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society, after being approved by the Board of Directors, must be in writing and distributed to each member in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the next meeting date, at which time they will be voted upon.

Such amendments shall become effective immediately if carried by a majority vote of members present, providing there is a quorum.

#### ARTICLE IX LIMITATIONS

This club is formed as a non-profit, non-commercial, and non-political organization.

Section I - Inurement: This club shall conduct its affairs without profit of any individual and no assets shall be used for any pecuniary benefit of any group or organization outside the club with the exception of responsibilities fulfilling our purpose.

Section II - Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of the club, the assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations with interests similar to those of this club, which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public use.

Section III - Lobbying & Political Activity: No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section IV - Notwithstanding: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I** **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section I - The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE II** **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section I - The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors. He or She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section II - The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

Section III - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors, conduct the correspondence and maintenance of records as deof Directors, be ready at all times to furnish information on all rulings of the club, and perform such duties as assigned by the Board.

Section IV - The Treasurer shall keep all records of dues received as well as all other money. The Treasurer shall deposit all Society funds in a banking institution designated by the Board of Directors, and shall pay all bills after they have been approved by the Board or by the Officer or Committee Chairman responsible for same. The Treasurer shall present to the Board when requested, and at each of its called business meetings a written report of receipts and disbursements of the Society since the last reporting. The Treasurer's books shall be audited at the end of each calendar year by a committee of two or more members appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section V - The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of this Society.

Section VI - The immediate Past President of the Society shall automatically become a member of the Board of Directors to serve for one year after their retirement as President.

Section VII - Any officer derelict in their duties, and any member whose conduct is such that it is considered detrimental to the welfare of the Society may be removed from office or membership by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

Section VIII - The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee comprised of five (5) members from the membership at the regular October club meeting. These five members will select their chairperson and prepare a slate of at least one candidate for each office to be filled. This slate must be presented to the membership to be voted upon at the club's November meeting. Nominations from the floor are in order.

### **ARTICLE III** **VOTING**

Section I - Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote and the privilege of holding office. The President shall vote only in the case of ties, but shall have the privilege of voting in the general election of officers and directors held in November.

Section II - Election of all officers shall be by ballot, unless there are no nominations from the floor and the slate as presented by the nominating committee is not contested, in which case it is permissible to have a motion made, seconded and passed by a unanimous vote to have the club Secretary cast the ballot in favor of the slate as presented.

Section III - No elected Officers, except the Secretary and Treasurer, shall be permitted to hold office for more than two consecutive terms for the same office.

### **ARTICLE IV** **DUES AND FEES**

Section I - The amount of all dues and fees shall be determined, regulated, or altered by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular business session of the Society, provided there is a quorum.

Section II - Dues shall be payable in December. Member dues not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> shall forfeit membership and his or her name removed from the membership rolls of this Society.

Section III - Annual dues of the Society shall be \$15.00 for an individual membership and \$20.00 for a family membership. There are no dues for Honorary and/or Life Members.

Section IV - All dues shall become due and payable upon acceptance of membership. After May 31<sup>st</sup>, new member dues shall be pro-rated accordingly.

### **ARTICLE V** **QUORUM**

Section I - A Quorum for a business meeting of the Society shall consist of two-thirds of its active membership.

Section II - A Quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be two-thirds of its membership.

Section III - The President will vote at Board of Directors' meetings only in the event of a tie vote.

# Membership Application Form

**Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society  
Phyllis Phillips, Treasurer  
Bob Campbell Geology Museum  
Clemson University  
140 Discovery Lane  
Clemson, South Carolina 29634-0130**

Please print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Spouse's First)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual membership \$15.00; Family membership \$20.00. (Please Circle which and 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 the meeting is called to order at 7:15 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The club meeting location is in Room 127 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. Individual and Family memberships are available at \$15.00 and \$20.00.

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