



# GEM SCOOPS



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## McMillan's Back

### President's Remarks

Our June 2014 PDGMS program features a talk by South Carolina's Educational Television's Emmy Award Winner (for the series Expeditions) Dr. Patrick McMillan. The presentation will occur at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at the OLLI center. As this is anticipated to be a high demand event with limited seating, we ask that you e-mail Carol Lund at [clund@clemson.edu](mailto:clund@clemson.edu) as soon as possible to reserve seat(s). An abstract for the talk follows.

*The South Carolina Botanical Garden is growing in leaps and bounds adding exciting new exhibits and amenities for the SC public. Our education mission for the Bob Campbell Geology Museum has expanded into the Garden itself. To increase visitation of the Geology Museum and SCBG Visitor's Center area we have designed an exciting new exhibit--something you can't see anywhere else. The concept is simple, if you build it, people will use it! We have plans for a large "Jurassic Garden" representing plant groups that trace their lineage back to at least the late Jurassic/early Cretaceous – a place where dinosaur tracks, fossil casts and the plants that these species walked among become*

### 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 pot-luck supper. Stay tuned!

### JUNE MEETING

**WHEN:** June 17, 2014

**WHERE:** Charles K. Cheezem OLLI Education Center

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Patrick McMillan

**TOPIC:** Plans for the Geology Museum and Botanical Garden

We will transform the SCBG into a place where every South Carolinian can learn what South Carolina is today, where we came from and where we are headed. Join Patrick for a virtual tour of what we have done, what we're planning and how you can play a role in creating a space that truly represents the entire state of South Carolina from pre-history to the modern day.

Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.

*an exhibit that we can visit. This combined with a large Southwestern Garden showcasing mining equipment, a South African Garden and a Mediterranean Garden will all transform what is today a steep walk straight uphill to the Visitor's Center into an exciting and surreal landscape that entices the visitor to engage and learn as they wander from the parking lot to the museum and visitor's center. We desire to transform the SCBG into a place where every South Carolinian can learn what South Carolina is today, where we came from and where we are headed. Join Patrick for a virtual tour of what we have done, what we're planning and how you can play a role in creating a space that truly represents the entire state of South Carolina from pre-history to the modern day.*

As you can see, the Botanical Gardens are expanding and it involves rocks!

Our storage shed project is progressing. Currently, we are collecting

donations for this project. I pledge \$100 to this effort and hope that some of you can also contribute – no amount is too small. Please contact me about this in person or at

[lund@clemson.edu](mailto:lund@clemson.edu).

Our club will take July off as usual, resuming our Fall 2014 schedule with a potluck in August. As we transition into the dog days of summer, it may be worth reminding everyone of the July 23-27 gem show in Franklin, North Carolina and the July 26 - August 3 rock and gem show in Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

I wish you all a great summer.

*Robert*

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**PDGMS  
Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2014**

Presentation by Dr. Larry Murdoch, Geology Professor on "Three Faces of Fracking." Twenty-six people were in attendance.

Refreshments were provided by Carol Lund. June refreshments will be provided by Carol Lund. This fall a sheet will be passed around so that others can sign up for refreshments.

June speaker will be Dr. Patrick McMillan. He will speak on the fossil garden that will be developed at the Botanical Gardens. PDGMS will take a break for July & have the annual potluck in August. Bob Green is already lined up to do a talk on opals in September.

**Old Business**

- Fred called for a vote on building the storage shed. Russ seconded. Fred put forth a motion in favor of a 12' x 20' portable shed (on skids) to be built on John Palmer's land with a limitation of \$1000 budget. A contract will be written up with a lease outlining the agreement with John Palmer for use of his land. Russ seconded. There were no objections.
- Robert wants to raise money for a month.
- Robert will investigate the legalities & how to draw up the contract.
- Fred will look into the details of the liability insurance.
- Robert will be gone for the summer so the shed is scheduled to be built in September.

**Next Meeting:** June 17, 7 pm, OLLI. (This happens to be Robert & Carol's 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.)

**Regional  
Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Shows**

**JUNE 6 - 8, 2014**

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
GEM, JEWELRY, BEAD SHOW  
State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina  
Show Hours: 10am-5pm daily  
Admission: FREE.  
Open to the public.

**JUNE 14, 2014**

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA  
Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club  
Greensboro Day School, 5401 Lawndale Drive  
Sat. 10am-6pm.  
Admission: Adults \$4, Students \$2

**JUNE 27-29, 2014**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
GEM-JEWELRY-BEAD SHOW  
Cobb County Civic Center • 548 S. Marietta Pkwy.,  
Marietta (Atlanta), Georgia  
Show Hours: Fri.: 1pm-5pm  
Sat.-Sun.: 10am-5pm  
Admission: FREE.  
Open to the public

**JUNE 14-15, 2014**

CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA  
24TH ROCKFEST  
Tellus Science Museum, 100 Tellus Drive, [www.tellusmuseum.org](http://www.tellusmuseum.org)  
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5  
Adults \$14, Seniors \$12,  
Students and Children \$10  
Indoor and Outdoor show

**JULY 11 - 13, 2014**

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
GEM-JEWELRY-BEAD SHOW  
State Fairgrounds •  
1025 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh,  
Show Hours: 10am-5pm daily  
Admission: FREE.  
Open to the public.

**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

**JULY 23, 2014**

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA  
ECHO VALLEY GEM AND  
MINERAL SHOW  
Echo Valley Showplace  
6456 Sylva Rd. (across from GLW)  
Hours: Wed. - Sat. 9 am - 6 pm  
Sun. 10 am - 5 pm  
Admission: Free,  
Open to the public,  
Wholesale & retail

**JULY 24-26, 2014**

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA  
FRANKLIN FACETERS FROLIC  
Show Venue: The Factory  
1024 Georgia Rd. (US 441)  
Admission: Free,  
Open to the public  
Hours: Thursday 9 am - 5 pm,  
Friday 9 am - 8 pm,  
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm  
[www.franklinfacetersfrolic.com](http://www.franklinfacetersfrolic.com)

**JULY 24-27, 2014**

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