



GEM SCOOPS



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CAROLINA MINERAL COLLECTING

PDGMS Board Minutes

May 4, 2015

John Palmer, Teresa Smith, John Deney, Fred Sias, Ted Wallenius, and Carol Lund were in attendance.

Old Business

There are 6 cabbing machines at John Palmer's, all of which need to be refurbished. Ted has one.

Bob Campbell Geology Museum ideas:

- Have rotating exhibits of 6 months
- Cooperate with clubs in Athens, Greenville, Henderson, Franklin to have organize joint field trips – John Palmer
- Field trips would drive the content of the displays
- Inquire about the Smithsonian amethyst – Fred
- Ted is going to spearhead this effort
- Fred is going to find out what's going on with old armory.

SFMS Workshop Schedule

Session One – William Holland

SUNDAY, June 7-13, 2015

Session Two – Wildacres

MONDAY, August 17-23, 2015

Session Three – Wildacres

MONDAY, Sept. 21-27, 2015

JUNE MEETING

The next meeting of the PDGMS will be on June 16, 2015. Put it on your calendar.

MAY MEETING

WHEN: May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The OLLI Classroom Building, Patrick Sq., Clemson

SPEAKER: Rick Jacquot, Jacquot and Son Mining

TOPIC: MINERAL COLLECTING IN THE CAROLINAS

The speaker, the long-time and founding President of the 2,500+ member Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association (M.A.G.M.A.) and, more recently, founding Editor of *American Rockhound* magazine, is the go-to person to learn about what is "Right Beneath Our Feet". He will discuss a broad range of topics relating to collection sites from where to look to tips on how to get permission to collect specimens.

Refreshments will be served by John Palmer. Visitors are always welcome.

SPECIAL EVENT ADDED

What could be more exciting? Rick has agreed to lead a field trip on Tuesday morning preceding our meeting to a new location near Due West, SC where amethyst, smokey quartz, green tourmaline, and other minerals have been found on private property. Ted Wallenius has gained permission from the owner for us to explore the property and do some digging. The trip is for active PDGMS members only. If you want to participate, call or email Ted Wallenius for details:

(864) 882-3940, cell (864) 903-0369, email tedwallenius@gmail.com

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the PDGMS was called to order by Vice President John Palmer at about 7:00 pm. He introduced Scott Brame, a Clemson faculty member, who gave an illustrated talk on the Geology of the Grand Canyon as seen during a whitewater trip down the Colorado River.

Scott has led several trips down the Canyon and his photographs are spectacular.

Refreshments were provided by Ted Wallenius. Twenty-three (23) members and guests attended.

Officers for 2014

Carol Lund, President. 864-247-8204

John Palmer, V. Pres...941-545-3713

Secretary.....To be appointed

John Ishler, Treasurer.864-885-9126

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John Deney.....864-878-5342

Fred Sias.....864-654-6833

Teresa Smith.....864-885-9098

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

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New Kids on the Block!
Our new magazine and staff

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Shingletrap Quartz Mine

Kids' Corner
With Steve Barr

Rockhound News
Forest Service Rules for
North Carolina



North Carolina Emeralds

The New Kids On the Block!

This is an introduction to the American Rockhound magazine published in the first issue. It is reprinted here with permission.

Welcome to the first issue of *American Rockhound* magazine! We are very happy to be here and I hope you will find this publication to be an effective tool to help advance and enhance the hobby of rock, gem, mineral, fossil and artifact collecting. We want this magazine to be a useful source to keep you up to date on new dig

sites, mine closures, collecting on private property and current information on Forest Service and BLM rules and regulations for rockhounding. We offer advertisement for our readers to promote their various hobby related venues, show dates and a classified section for those wanting to get their message out to our readers.

We have some great regular features as well to include interviews with professional miners, rockhounds, prospectors and mine and land owners, to let them give you first hand

information on the status of their latest finds, adventures and get the latest collecting site information straight from the source.

Each issue will feature fantastic gems, minerals, fossils and cover historic finds made across the country, plus lots of other cool hobby related stuff. The "Kids Corner" is hosted by rockhound and professional cartoonist Steve Barr. Steve will keep the kids informed and educated about the hobby while making the learning fun. Our "Field Trips" section will cover trips to locations all over the United States.

Many trips will be M.A.G.M.A. hosted trips here in the southeast, while others will be submitted by our members and readers across the country. Our "Rockhound News" section will cover every aspect of

the hobby. If it is news that affects our readers and mineral collecting, we will have it here. "Rockhound

Reflections" will give our readers a chance to share with us how this great hobby has changed their lives.

We are just getting started and the magazine will grow as we get settled in. If you have suggestions for us on how we can make this publication better, new categories to add, new features, information that you feel needs to be shared with our readers, please don't hesitate to contact us. I can be reached anytime by email: rick@wncrocks.com, phone: 828-683-1048, 828-779-4501 or write us at: *American Rockhound*, PO Box 542, Leicester, NC, 28748.

This is all new to us, so give us time to adjust and get things rolling, I guarantee you won't be disappointed!