

Tips *and* Trips



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President's Message



Another show has come and gone. High school and college graduations are looming near (at least, as I write this). Summer is fast approaching, with the promise of vacations (I still don't what this "vacation" thing is).

The show committee can sit back and relax – for a few minutes, anyway. Jay and his crew did an excellent job, judging from the few comments I've heard (and others, too). I was at the show for only a few hours on Saturday, but was about as busy as I remember our shows. Sunday didn't seem quite as busy, but then again, it was Mother's Day. Jay, his committee chairs, and all the volunteers who helped out during the show deserve a heart-felt congratulations. Now we start work on the December show....

Many of our members enjoy the fun and camaraderie associated with our field trips. Unfortunately, our field trip chair, George Libby, has contracted an illness which has, for now at least, paralyzed his legs. Thus, it is not possible for George to arrange future field outings. We are all praying for a quick and complete recuperation for George, as he has been doing an excellent job in this capacity. In the mean time, there may be no GMS-sponsored field trips in the near future. Unless, that is, someone would like to step up on a temporary basis and act as field trip chair. If anyone is interested, please let me or any Board member know.

And, on that note, I am still looking for a volunteer to act as the Sunshine chair. Joan White is currently acting as the TEMPORARY Sunshine chair, but she would be very appreciative if someone would step up and take over. If anyone is interested, please consider taking this position over.

**Doug Daniels,
President**

At Right: GMS Members ready for the next item at the auction, June 2003. (photo courtesy Joan White, Editor)

**June General Meeting
And Annual Picnic and Auction
11:00 PM, Saturday June 18, 2005
Jones Bridge Park
4901 East Jones Bridge Road
Norcross, Georgia 30092**

Greetings to all:

The annual June Picnic and Elections will be held on Saturday, 18 June this year. Jones Bridge Park will host our picnic and auction from 11:00 AM until we have gathered all the auction specimens that we can handle (or afford!) We will begin eating at 11:30 AM followed by a short business meeting and the annual elections. The auction should begin around 1:00 PM. Please bring a covered dish of your favorite picnic food, enough for you, your family, plus one additional family of four. GMS will provide drinks, ice, cups, plates, and plastic ware.

Jones Bridge Park is located north of I.285 on the Chattahoochee River. Take I.285 east or west to Exit 31. Take GA.141 (Peachtree Industrial Blvd) North from I.285. Follow GA.141 north for approximately 6.7 miles to Jones Bridge Road and turn left at the traffic light. Go to the end of the road and you will enter Jones Bridge Park. The first picnic shelter on your right is where we will hold the picnic, elections and auction. Come join us for fellowship and glorious new specimens for your collection.

Bill Waggener, Special Events





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The article submittal due date for the July 2005 newsletter is June 10, 2005.

GENERAL MEETINGS
 General meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. In the event that the first Monday is a holiday and/or the facilities are not available, the meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month. General meetings are currently held at the Chamblee Branch of the DeKalb County Library System. Any deviations from the above schedule will be announced in Tips and Trips.

The Georgia Mineral Society on the Internet:
<http://www.gamineral.org>
 E-mail Early Notification Program: A field trip and club news update service. To join, members are requested to send in their current e-mail address to:
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May Show Committee Chairs

Show Chair	Kim Cochran	770.979.8331
Dealer Chair	Anita Westlake	404.761.7849
Exhibits	Open	
Demonstrations	Open	
Hospitality	Open	
Treasurer	Teresa Curl	770.751.7313
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Dealer Dinner	Open	
Database	Joan White	770.478.5734
Grab Bags	Kim Cochran	770.979.8331
Auction	Kim Cochran	770.979.8331
Set Up/Take Down	Open to Volunteers	

May 2, 2005

GMS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Doug Daniels at the Chamblee Library. Approximately 27 people were present, including one visitor.

Doug introduced GMS May Show Chair, Jay Gorday, as the speaker of the evening. Jay gave an overview of committees and their responsibilities in coordinating a show. Updates of the upcoming show were given as he introduced chairpersons.

Jay, as May Show Chair, is responsible for getting the contract from the facility, obtaining the insurance certificate, and coordinating security. This year, Jay also assisted with advertising, and handled exhibits, and set up/take down. He reported that he and Kim Cochran are loading the trailer (with exhibit cases and other supplies) on Wednesday at Kim's around 1:30 P.M. Unloading and set up will take place Thursday beginning at 10:00 A.M., and volunteers are always welcome for both events. Jay also reported having 8 exhibit cases reserved, more are available. He then introduced committee chairs.

As Dealer Chair, Martha Brown's duties include communicating to, and obtaining contracts/fees from dealers, and arranging the floor plan. Martha reported that everything is ready to go, and recognized Leroy Brown for his help with phone calls, and the floor plan.

Anita Westlake handled the Demonstrations and Hospitality committees. She recruits volunteers for time slots, and announced that a couple of more need filled for both, and passed around sign up sheets.

As Treasurer, Teresa Curl (not present) is responsible for paying the facility, which Jay reported as fulfilled.

Advertising was handled by Teresa and Perry Curl, who have placed ad's in various mineral magazines, and local newspapers including Creative Loafing, and the AJC. A banner was also placed on the AJC website.

Joan White heads the Database, and Dealer Dinner committees. She maintains the database of door prize entries, coordinating the printing and mailing of postcards, which there were 5,500 mailed. As Dealer Dinner Chair, Joan gathers volunteers for Thursday evening (6:00) to help feed the dealers (which provides convenience and camaraderie) and members assisting with set up. She has only 9 people signed up to donate food, money, and time, and is requesting more.

Kim Cochran, as Grab Bag Chair, obtains material, and coordinates the stuffing of the bags which have been sewn by volunteers. He reported having 736 bags after the "stuffing party" last Tuesday, and that material which he ordered well ahead of time was not received until after the event. Kim also heads the auction committee, and has almost reached the goal of 100 lots. The show auction is held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 P.M., for which he

requested additional donations.

Jay then conveyed that volunteers are needed for take down, including loading the trailer after the show, and unloading at Kim's Monday morning.

With May show updates completed, Jay recognized Kim Cochran as December Show Chair for an update of progress. Kim said he plans to have flyers for December at the May show if they are finished, and introduced Anita Westlake as Dealer Chair. Anita announced that she already has a waiting list of dealers wanting to participate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (8:10 PM)

Lizabeth McClain – VP Membership – asked to please inform her of any changes of address, email.

Dylan Porter – VP Programs – not present. Jay Gorday - July meeting to be held at Dunwoody library – he and Olin Banks to demonstrate faceting. Doug Daniels – August, he is speaking about causes of colors in minerals. Bill Waggener – June meeting is our annual picnic and election on the 18th.

Mary Porter - Secretary – minutes from April meeting available, Joan White motioned to dispense with reading of minutes, seconded by Doug Daniels, motion was passed.

Teresa Curl – Treasurer – not present, no report available.

Joan White – Tips & Trips – deadline of the 10th is not being well kept each month, asked for articles to please be submitted on time, and if possible to be formatted in 10pt Arial font, full justification, she is being pressed for time. Requested more material and mentioned that full meeting minutes have, in the past, been included in the newsletter, it would make good filler. Doug then presented the matter to the membership, and it was agreed, by the majority, to include full minutes instead of "mini's".

George Libby – Field Trips – not present, has been ill. Doug reported May 13th-15th Graves Mountain.

Harry Yingst – Fossil Section – not present, no report available.

Julian Gray – Mineral Section – not present. Doug reported next meeting – John Trimble hosting May 17th, sulfate minerals. Please RSVP for dinner, planning a cookout.

Kim Cochran – Gem Section – no meeting in May. June topic Australia, details to be announced in newsletter.

Roxanne Lopez – Junior Section – next meeting June 18th at the Jones Bridge Park before the picnic begins. There were no participants last month at Providence Canyon.

Dave Babulski – Micromount Section – not present, no May meeting.

Joan White – Temporary Sunshine Chair – Send birthdates to Lizabeth if you want them in *Tips and Trips*. George Libby is still in Beverly Healthcare, his legs are paralyzed, there may not be any GMS field trips for a while. Please visit him if you can (Ask for George Liblick). Bill Waggener is doing better.

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Graduation announcements: Amber Daniels - New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (with honors), Brittany Daniels - Tucker High School (College Prep and Technical Diplomas), and Sarah Gorday - Chamblee Charter School (College Prep). Kim Cochran's retirement was also announced.

Anita Westlake - Education Chair - nothing new to report. Doug and Carolyn Daniels spoke to a Webelo troop about geology. Joan White, Bill Waggener, Doug Daniels, and Jay, Sue, and Sarah Gorday participated in the Fernbank's Earth Day celebration. Kim Cochran and Joan White were at Zoo Atlanta's Earth Day celebration. Jay Gorday presented 2003, and 2004 Junior Grand Prizes at McConnell Middle School and Oakwood High School. Bill Waggener presented an "Xtreme Science" seminar in Rome, GA. The State Science Olympiad (Fossil Competition) was coordinated by Carolyn Daniels - Kim Cochran, Bill Waggener, Mickey McClain, Anita Westlake, John Iacullo assisted with proctoring and grading (in which Sarah Gorday placed 4th). Bill Waggener's class placed 3rd in State for their geo-chemical experiment. Bill Waggener needs help with the State Elementary Science Olympiad this Saturday - Mickey McClain and Roxanne Lopez volunteered.

Olin Banks - SFMS - attended meeting in Memphis, not many people there.

Rod Peard - Adopt a Highway - not present. Margaret Ronan reported approximately 10 people attended the clean up in April.

Bill Waggener - Special Events - annual banquet/installation of officers in October was discussed at the April executive board meeting, interest was shown in finding a different facility, open to suggestions.

Kim Prakash - Refreshments - not present. Doug recognized Mickey and Liz McClain for providing refreshments, and reminded all that donations are accepted for plates, cups, beverages, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug - provided photos and other information about the church for sale near Tucker. It was discussed at the April executive board meeting as a probable suitable home for GMS. Research is being done regarding price, and costs such as utilities, maintenance, and insurance. Please keep looking to keep our options open.

Bill Waggener - nominating committee has met and unanimously agreed on the following nominations for June elections: President - Kim Cochran, VP Membership - Lizabeth McClain, VP Programs - Dylan Porter, Secretary - Mary Porter, Trustee thru 2008 - Joan White. Any nominations from the floor will be accepted and eligible for election. None were made.

NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

DOOR PRIZES (8:41 PM) - Margaret Ronan - door prize numbers were called.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 8:48 PM. It was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Porter,
Secretary

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Upcoming Meeting Announcements

Looking ahead:

July Meeting: 7:30 pm, Monday, July 18, 2005

NOTE: THE MEETING IS ON THE THIRD MONDAY AND AT A NEW/OLD LOCATION:

Dunwoody Library,
5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road
770-512-4640

I will provide directions in July's Tips & Trips.

Speakers: Jay Gorday, Olin Banks - Faceting

August Meeting:

Speaker: Doug Daniels - Causes of Colors in Minerals

Dylan Porter, VP/Programs

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Nominations Committee Report
Proposed 2005 - 2006
Slate of Officers

The 2005 Nominations Committee, composed of Bill Waggener, Anita Westlake, Mickey McClain, John Trimble, and Nancy Marden, is pleased to present a slate of officers for the 2005-2006 GMS year:

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| President: | Kim Cochran |
| Vice President of Membership: | Liz McClain |
| Vice President of Programs: | Dylan Porter |
| Treasurer: | Teresa Curl |
| Secretary: | Mary Porter |
| Trustee for 2005-2008: | Joan White |

This slate with any nominations from the floor will be voted on at the June Picnic on the eighteenth. Please come and exercise your right to choose our officers for the coming year.

Bill Waggener,
Nominations Committee Chair

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Elections. Nomination for election of officers of this Society, with the exception of those named below ...(ed. appointed positions) ..., shall be made by a nominating committee and submitted to the membership at the regular

May meeting for the election at the regular June meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election in June.
From the GMS By-Laws

May Show News - Report

WOW! What a Show! Our May Show is now history and I think that I am fully recovered. From all accounts, the show was a big success!!!. Set-up and take down went fast and smoothly. I think we had real good attendance at the show, especially on Saturday. All the dealers that I talked were pleased with the show. We had a great auction! Kim, Teresa and helpers took in over \$1000 that will go toward the building fund. We sold out of grab bags (736 of them). GMS bags and hats were a hit along with the two lunch coolers that Teresa brought. I have not heard the total taken in at the Hospitality table. These proceeds go toward more grab bags and any additional money goes to our building fund.

I would like to a big Thank You to all who helped to make this show a success! Unfortunately, I do not have room to list everyone. GMS and I do appreciate all the hard work you all did for the show. Your efforts are what made this show a success!!

the Weinman Mineral Museum for bringing their case on Trilobites. Finally, thanks to all the exhibitors who put in a display.

Thanks go to Kim Cochran and all his stuffers for making the grab bags to sell. A thanks also goes to our bag makers. The cloth bags sell much better than paper bags.

Thanks go to Kim Cochran, Teresa Curl and their helpers for the successful auction. We collected over \$1000 for our building fund!

Thanks go to Anita Westlake for arranging the demonstrations. Thanks to John, Dave, Anita and Jay for giving demonstrations.

Thanks go to Anita Westlake and all her helpers who worked at the Hospitality Table, sold grab bags and GMS shopping bags and answered questions.

Thanks go to Teresa and Perry Curl, for our publicity and advertising. The ads looked great. The crowds we had are directly related to our publicity and ads.

I want to say a big THANKS to Martha Brown for all her hard work as Dealer Chair. I think that we had a fine mix of Dealers, and other members and Dealers said the same

It will not be long until it is time to turn our attention to our Holiday Show Kim is already busy getting the show all lined up. Please support Kim and the show committees. Say YES!!, when asked to help. Better than that, find the spot that you want and VOLUNTEER!! We can all ways use new and more helpers, after all this is YOUR show. Contact Kim to volunteer to help.

Jay Gorday, May Show Chair



Anita Westlake works her magic at the demonstrations table. (Photo courtesy of Jay Gorday, May Show Chair)



Nancy Marden, Marcella Wood, LeRoy Brown, and Karen and Dave Babulski man the Hospitality Area. (photo courtesy of Jay Gorday, May Show Chair)



I do need to recognize our Committee Chairs and their helpers for the hard work they did:

Thanks go to everyone who helped with the Set Up and Take Down.

Thanks go to Joan White Waggener and her helpers for the Dealer Dinner. The food was wonderful as always. Thanks also to all whom brought dishes for the dinner.

Thanks for all our Display Cases. We had 10 displays and they all looked great! It was great seeing all the displays. John Trimble won First Place in the display contest with his case of miniature minerals. Olin Banks was second with his case of faceted stones. Gene and Betty Baxter were third in the display contest. I would also like to thank



Thanking All Cooks (and others)

In the May newsletter, I had written "We need **A LOT OF FOOD.**" Well, you came through. I think everyone agreed that this Dealer Dinner was the best in history. (They said that in December, but we must be getting better with time and practice.)

The donations paid for the purchase of the meats. The variety of foods donated was endless. Many wanted to know if they could obtain recipes for the foods at the dinner.

Thanks to everyone for donations of food and cash with a special thanks to Jeanette Banks, Mary Porter, Margaret Ronan, and Sue Gorday for pulling "Kitchen Duty". Chris Glass, thanks for being my runner.

The greatest THANKS goes to Jay Gorday. You were incredible at the show. You were the Show Chair but still managed so many of the other duties of the day. You made my job so much easier with your help in unloading and clean up. Thank you.

Joan White,
Dealer Dinner Chair, May 2005

Grab Bags

I would like to thank all of those who sewed grab bags, who donated material to put into the bags and to those who stuffed the bags.

We had ordered colorful calcites, pyrite, rose quartz and garnets to add extra color to the grab bags. The order was not shipped until two days after the stuffing party. Needless to say, we did not have that material to put into the bags. However, with what we had on hand, plus the additional material donated by our members and the paper bags left from last year, we were able to stuff 736 bags.

Thank you,
Kim Cochran, Grab Bags

From a letter to GMS:

May 6, 2005

To the Members of the Georgia Mineral Society,

I would like to express my appreciation for the recent donation of a trilobite fossil to the Science Department of Oakwood High School. It will be a wonderful addition to our resources for teaching Earth Science.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Earth Science education in our schools.

Sincerely,
Paula J. Lawrence
Science Department Chair
Oakwood High School

Junior Grand Prize Awards Presented

On April 27, I had the pleasure to go to Oakwood High School, in Cobb County, and present the 2004 Junior Grand Prize to Alex Lanegger. Alex won a Carcharodon Megalodon Tooth for his collection and Oakwood High School won a Trilobite, *Asaphus Punctatus*, on matrix for use in their science classes. Paula Lawrence, Science Department Chair, sent us a nice thank you letter for the Trilobite and for our continued support of Earth Science Education in our schools.

On April 28, I had the pleasure to visit McConnell Middle School, in Gwinnett County, and present the 2003 Junior Grand Prize to Amiee Lorts. Amiee won a Meteorite from China for her collection and McConnell Middle School won a *Orthoceras* Fossil Plate for use in their science classes

One Junior will be selected from all the junior door prize slips from the show to win the 2005 award. The 2005 award is a Russian Meteorite for the winning Junior and a polished fossil *Ammonite* pair for the Junior's school. These prizes will be presented sometime close to the May 2006 show.

Jay Gorday,
May Show Chair

Alex Lanegger, of Oakwood High School in Cobb County, with his Carchadrodon Magalodon Tooth (Photo courtesy of Jay Gorday, May Show Chair)

