

Tips *and* Trips



The Georgia Mineral Society

Atlanta, Georgia

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May 2009

The May Meeting:

General Meeting

7:30 PM Monday, May 4, 2009
Chamblee Library
4115 Clairmont Road
Atlanta, GA 30341
770-936-1380



Ethel Merman will be our
guest speaker.

*There's No Business
Like Show Business!*

OK, not really. Ethel can't make it from
THE GREAT BEYOND this year.

The May General Meeting is typically
concerned with the many aspects of
putting on the May Show. We will
follow this time honored pattern once
again this year.

It takes a great deal of hard work to
put on a show. Many volunteers are
needed, and we add a generous
sprinkling of dealers. It's not just a lot
of work, it's fun too! It makes you
appreciate what's involved in such a
large undertaking, and ultimately, you
feel part of the process. I encourage
you to sign up and volunteer to help
with some part of the show.

Please join us for our May meeting!

Carl Ziglin, VP of Programs



Exhibits



Hospitality



Demos

More show news on pages 6 & 7



The Dealers
(and the Dealer Dinner)



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 In the Field of Earth Science



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The article submittal due date for the June 2009 newsletter is May 10, 2009.

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:
gms@gamineral.org.

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Show Chair	Kim Cochran	770.979.8331
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May 2009

The Georgia Mineral Society

Georgia Mineral Society April General Meeting

The April 6 meeting of the Georgia Mineral Society was called to order at 7:35 pm by Bill Waggener, President. There were 6 visitors with a total of 43 in attendance. Carl Ziglin asked if there was anyone in the house with a PhD. There was none.

Carl introduced Julian Gray who gave a great program on Mineral Oddities and the Tucson Show. Julian received two 10.0's and a 9.8 by the GMS judges. Afterwards Carl presented Julian with a polished piece of wood from Oregon.

John Trimble gave a presentation on the building. The trustees have authorized John to proceed with getting prices and renovation costs while he was setting up. Lizabeth McClain reported that we have members. Carl reported that the May program will be on the May show.

Sue Gorday made a motion to dispense with the previous minutes. Martha Brown seconded and the motion carried.

The Micromount Section meeting has been rescheduled for April 21. The May meeting will be on Tuesday the 12th.

Frank Decaminada has completed the audit for 2007. We had a \$17,854.33 gain for the year. Lizabeth played with her glasses. Field trip and adopt a hwy information is in Tips and Trips. Bill attended the National Science Teachers Association in New Orleans. They were impressed with his work in Paulding County. We have received our first mini-grant application for the year. Carolyn Daniel reported that we had 29 teams competing at the High School Science Olympiad Fossil event last weekend at Emory University. On May 15, she will oversee the National Fossil Science Olympiad in Augusta. She will also be supervising the Elementary School Science Olympiad. Recently she handled the Middle School Olympiad in Woodstock. Bill asked that the members volunteer when we are requested to provide a speaker. Roxanne reported that the juniors went to the Hills of Iron Event at Red Top Mountain, this included a mine tour and Roxanne collected tadpoles. There will be no junior meeting in April.

Kim reported that the June picnic and auction will be June 20 at Jones Bridge Park. Also keep October 17 opened for the GMS workday and auction at his house.

The Show Committee is working hard. All but two dealer contracts have arrived. Tom Batcha is getting people to fill the cases. John is lining up demos. Mary Porter has been working at her computer putting addresses for our mail out next week. Richard Graveline is signing up people for the front desk. On Wednesday, Kim will be going to the fire marshals for approval of the floor plan. Kim encourages everyone to take show flyers. The grab bag stuffing will be on April 26 at Kim's house at a covered dish lunch at noon. The executive board will also meet on April 26 at 10:30am at Kim's.

Carl stated that the May Meeting will be back at the Chamblee library.

Dave Babulski has a new micromineral art website -Crystal

Pocket Studios.com. Dave has written a book "The Adventures of Piffel the Elf", it can be bought at Barnes and Nobles or Amazon.com.

John Trimble gave his presentation on the new building in Roswell. It is two adjoining condos near Mansell Road and was built in 1985. There are several steps involved in obtaining this property. 1. The building committee found property with potential. 2. The building committee approved of the property. 3. The trustees have approved. 4. Find costs for remodeling, furnishing and operating expenses. 5. Explain the findings to the membership. 6. Give feedback from the members to the trustees. 7. Trustee approval for negotiation with a set price. The real estate agent will negotiate the price. It will be up to everyone to help renovate and move into the new building. We have two estimates: The first estimate is for \$6282 and the second is for \$16,474. The second reflects work that was not discussed with the first company. There is estimated cost of \$1300 for handicap bathrooms to be in compliance with the rules of the Americans Disability Act. We will need to re-floor the workrooms. There will be expenses to renovate the kitchen with a stove, sink, and microwave. A mop sink for the lapidary room will run about \$100. Projection Screen is about \$500. \$7000 is estimated for 70 chairs at \$100 each. \$1320 is estimated for twelve tables at \$110 each. \$300 for ten lights for cabbng at \$30 each. \$750 for three storage cabinets at \$250 each, \$140 for a podium. \$100 for a projector stand. There will be additional costs for refurbishing the lapidary equipment. Condo association fees will run \$250 per month for parking, maintenance, and outside upkeep. The phone is \$50 per month. There is a security system installed but there will be cost for use. Insurance should be \$50 per month and utilities about \$100 per month. There will be numerous miscellaneous expenses. We can expect an estimated income from the workshop of about \$380 a month; this will be \$3 /hour from 3 people for 3 nights a week for 4.3 weeks /month. One side of the building will be for workshops and classes and will house our library, slab saw, and faceting machines. Two of the four bathrooms will be converted into handicap and the other to be incorporated into the two kitchenettes making one kitchen. A portion of one of the bathrooms will be converted to hold a slop sink. Walls in the opposite side will be removed and the area converted into a meeting room. Some windows will need replacing; there is a utility room that connects both sides. Bill said that we need to keep in mind the resale value of the units. The remaining walls will need reworking and the carpet will have to go. It was suggested that we paint the concrete or seal and paint the concrete floor. We will have room for a rock trimmer and fossil preparation. There will be no room for the material from the three sheds in Kim's backyard. John stated that if the carpet is glued down then we cannot paint the floor. This is plenty of parking with handicap access with about 40 spaces close by.

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President's Message

Membership

Greetings to all,

Be still my heart! Is this a dream or are we actually seriously looking at a home for GMS? Since the first meeting in 1935 with the first donation (\$100), the Georgia Mineral Society has maintained a Building Fund with repeated efforts to establish a home. Long before I came along, GMS looked and planned. Always the money on hand was well managed and growing. The first year that I was President, a new home was my stated goal for the year... it did not happen. Joan's Building Committee presented several possible locations. Kim's Building Committee investigated several possibilities. Other Presidents' also pursued the establishment of a GMS home. None of these efforts progressed to an operating budget status or a bid.

Now we have a real opportunity to realize the dream. The economy is in our favor. Our deposits are earning minimum interest. We have a Building Committee Chair, John Trimble, with experience in the real estate business. We have a potential site that doesn't seem to have major disadvantages. The site is not in the center of our preferred search area. It doesn't offer everything that was on our wish list. It is not right next door to MY house. The site is in a safe neighborhood. It is easily accessible from all directions. There is ample parking. The building is in very good shape. Remodeling can shape the space into workable workshops, library, meeting room, and kitchen area.

The planning is in full swing. The Board of Trustees authorized the Building Committee to submit a proposal to the membership. At the April general meeting presentation, the Committee received many good questions and comments. Please see the April meeting minutes recorded elsewhere in this issue. I requested that all questions and comments be submitted in writing (hard copy or email) to the Committee and/or Trustees. And the questions have already begun arriving. Ongoing planning includes floor plans, supply costs, maintenance and operating budgets. A nearby member has already stepped forward to volunteer as Facilities Chair. Visits to the site may be scheduled with John or myself.

Of course, we have not submitted a firm bid on the property yet. We solicit full input from all members and will not move forward until we have all of our rocks in a row. We are not ready to move in tomorrow. But we are closer to having a GMS home than at any time in my memory. Please let us know what you think about our GMS home.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill



Please welcome the following new members to Georgia Mineral Society: Jessica, Michael, Bo, and Jack Dombek of Newnan, GA; Leigh Hamilton of Dahlonega, GA; Jason, Jennifer, Justin, Michael, and Matthew Hefner of Etna Green, IN; Eric and Laura Lauterbach of Sugar Hill, GA; Tom and Rita Loadholt of Roswell, GA; Joyce Philman, Jeff Thompson, and Daylin Kinkead of Douglasville, GA; Brenda and Jerry Plowden of Taylors, SC; Jim and Jody Vernon of Lilburn, GA; and Shelley Zimmerman of St. Cloud, FL. I know everyone will make them feel welcome; we're certainly glad to have them join the club.

I really appreciate everyone getting changes in their information to me so promptly. Something as seemingly insignificant as a changed email address can be problematic. Imagine missing out on a field trip because the notice didn't come! Not a pretty prospect. Y'all keep those changes coming!

Oh, and happy rockhounding now that spring is finally here.

Lizabeth McClain
Executive Vice President
Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.



Mineral Section

The mineral section will meet on May 19th. Tom and Linda Batcha will be hosting the meeting. Their address is 2300 Oakland Chase CT, Lawrenceville, GA. Their phone number is 678-407-4224.

Supper will be served at 6:30pm to those who RSVP and the meeting will start at 7:30pm.

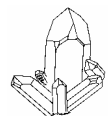
The topic this month will be Beryl. The May birthstone is Emerald so we will expand just a little bit and talk about all varieties of Beryl. As usual, bring your specimens to show off and share with the group.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

There will be one other item of business at the meeting. With Sue's pending transfer to Augusta, we need to elect a new Mineral Section Chair. The hardest part of the job is writing the newsletter article and getting it to Tom by the 10th of the month.

Once again, thank you Richard for hosting our March Mineral Section Meeting.

Jay Gorday
GMS Mineral Section Chair



Gem Section



Fossil Section News

Thank you to the members who took the time to join us in April. In the next meeting we will find a new subject.

We will not have a meeting in May. The next meeting will be in June 2009.

Thank you. Martha S. Brown - 770/448-0876
www.wlbjouva@aol.com

May meeting:

There will be no May meeting, due to the Memorial Day holiday.



Carl Ziglin,
Gem Section Chair
gems@gaminal.org

GMS Minutes (continued)

The meeting room should hold about 40 seats; the building association is enthusiastic about the possibility of our moving in. The roof was replaced within the last two years and the outside wood has recently been repainted. The building is one level above flood plain but is near the top of the hill and has good drainage. We may have 8-10 parking spaces in the daytime but there are plenty of spaces within easy walking distance. Lizabeth suggested using google-earth to look at the outside of the building and Bill suggested that that should be Kim's job. Rose our real estate agent said that we can set up a time for the members can come look at the building. Bill said that he, John, and Anita will be there the next day at 1:30pm if anyone wishes to see it. Jay Gorday pulled on his beard and crossed his legs. Mary Porter sipped on her Mountain Dew. Sue asked if we could get a mortgage or we had to pay cash down. She asked about how much of our reserves would be left. Bill assured her that we will have reserves and John stated we should have about \$60K left. John said that we might publish an extra edition of Tips and Trips to explain the proposal to the membership. Kim cleared his throat. Sharon White asked if there were many condo rules. John said that there are rules and that he will have to read over them. Sue said that our workshop income should pay for the workshop only and will not pay for our other expenses. Bill will come up with an operating budget before we make a final decision. Lawrence Parker asked who are our Trustees? Bill stated that they are Marcella Wood, Eva Ostrofsky, Anita Westlake, John Trimble, and himself. Bill asked for the membership to send all of their email questions to Kim. Then as an after thought that the questions should go to himself. Lizabeth asked about the neighborhood, there are three schools and a park nearby and the residential areas are nice, there are many car dealerships on Alpharetta Hwy, the crime level is low and the area well patrolled.

Kim will take donated stamps to Olin Banks. An additional visitor was introduced. Margaret Ronan gave out door prizes. Bill named the nominating committee, the two board positions are John Trimble chair, Kim Cochran; the three non-board positions are Julian Gray, Linda Batcha, and Ginger Peterson. Ginger Peterson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by John Trimble, the motion carried and the meeting ended at 9:53.



Respectfully submitted,
Kim Cochran, recording secretary

Junior Field Trip
A Day in a Miner's Life
Saturday, Jun 6, 2009
9 AM - 4:45 PM

Peek back at life in the 1830s with demonstrations on gold panning, blacksmithing, shingle making, pioneer tools, candle making, folk toys, spinning, pine needle basket making and more. \$3.50-\$5 for the different activities. We will meet at the Town Center at the Gold Museum at 9 a.m. If there is enough interest, we can visit one of the mines nearby.

Dahlonega Gold Museum Historic Site

706-864-2257 for details of activities

1 Public Square

Dahlonega, GA 30533

Directions: Located on the Public Square in Dahlonega, 5 miles west of Ga. Hwy. 400.

Roxanne Lopez
Junior Chair

Please call me if you are planning to attend. 678-491-0489



Micromount Section

The next Micromount Section Meeting will be Tuesday May 12th at Brookwood High School 7 PM. Please RSVP at 678-580-2475 as the meeting place may change.

Dave Babulski

d.babulski@comcast.net

May Birthdays

- 5/1 Matthew Britt
- 5/1 Joe Chunn
- 5/1 Cheryl Cornell
- 5/3 Sean Borders
- 5/3 Richard Tripp
- 5/4 James Bateman
- 5/5 Nisha Goel
- 5/5 Rick Nehrling
- 5/6 Peter Kowalski
- 5/7 Bob Lewallyn
- 5/8 Mickey McClain
- 5/9 Frances Franetic
- 5/9 Chris Wisnieski
- 5/11 George Eia
- 5/11 Lynne Gormley
- 5/13 Johnny Herbert
- 5/18 Morgan Mallory
- 5/18 Shar Mallory
- 5/18 Vicki Wisnieski
- 5/21 David Bland
- 5/21 Ashley Johnson
- 5/22 John Erler
- 5/22 Reagan Hottenstein
- 5/24 Janet Horton
- 5/24 Tony Scruggs
- 5/25 Gillian Johnson
- 5/25 Steve Moorman
- 5/25 Birgit Morales
- 5/27 Adrian Penka



- 5/28 Jay Batcha
- 5/28 John Hawkins
- 5/29 Emma Thomas
- 5/30 Jeff Loman
- 5/31 Daniel Brannon
- 5/31 Cody Summerlin

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Sunshine News

Hello GMS members, We would like to continue to remember Dot Durden. Remember Jeannette Banks, she had hip surgery at Crawford Long and is waiting on results from that surgery as well as she will begin physical rehab at South Cobb Hospital. We should also remember Olin as he is taking good care of her during this time. Please let me know about any celebrations or concerns you have going on in your lives that you would like to share.

Have a great month and enjoy the spring flowers.

Linda Batcha, Sunshine Chair.

It's Showtime

All of our months of planning is about to come to together. Things are really about to get busy. As I have mentioned before a show does not just happen. It takes the efforts of many. As of this writing we are waiting on two more contacts. There are still a few cases available for exhibits. There are openings if you wish to demonstrate. We have many timeslots open to work the front desk. We need folks to help bring food for the dealer dinner. The post cards were mailed out a few weeks ago. The grab bags have been filled. Most of the auction items have been gathered. As you see there is much to be done. As in the past with your help we will have another successful show.

Thank You,
Kim

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Help Wanted

Here is a list of the Show Chairs and how you can help out with the show.

Ginger Peterson - Dealer Dinner
Need members to sign up to bring food for dealer dinner and to help with the dinner.

Richard Graveline - Hospitality
Need members to sign up to man the hospitality table. Greeting people coming into the show, handing out information, selling grab bags, and promoting membership.

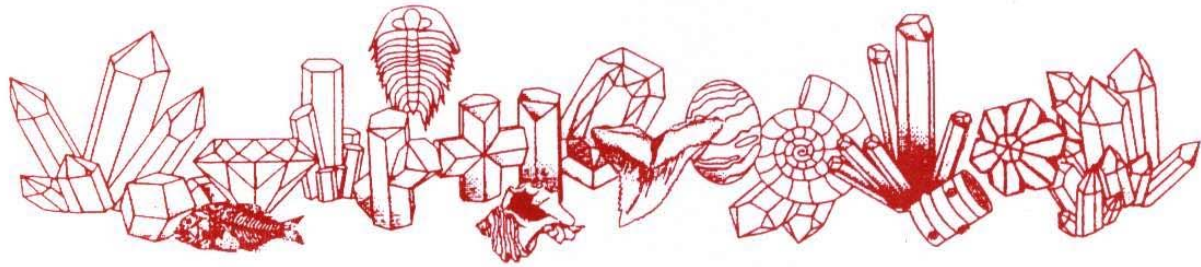
John Trimble - Demonstrations
Looking for members to sign up for time slots to give demonstrations on their lapidary skills and other hobby interests.

Tom Batcha - Exhibits
Looking for members to set up displays of their favorite rock, mineral, and fossils collections.

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Kim's Display at the Augusta show



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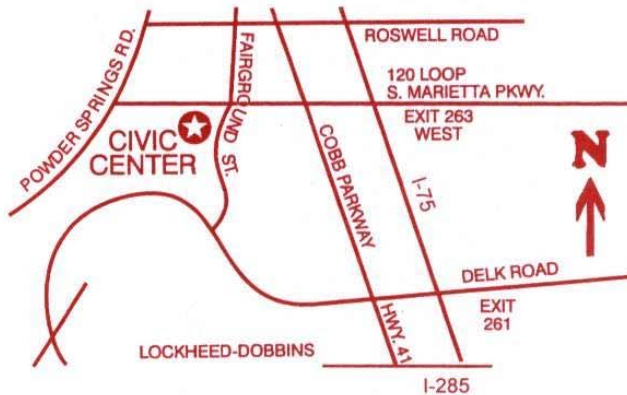
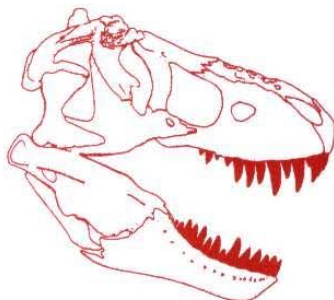
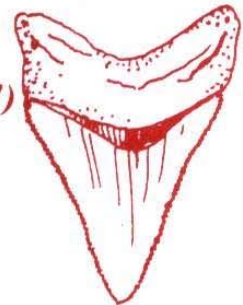
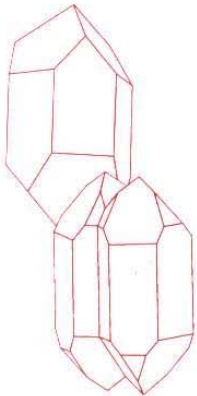
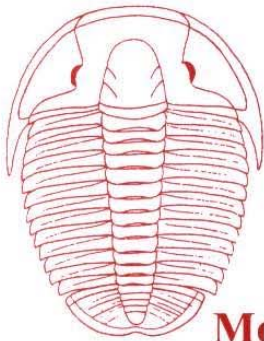
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May 8	Friday	*	10 AM - 6 PM
May 9	Saturday	*	10 AM - 6 PM
May 10	Sunday	*	NOON - 5 PM

EXCITING AUCTION SATURDAY AT 1:00 PM



One of the unique facets of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is the **Workshop Program**, which offers members the opportunity to gather for week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors. Whether you are a newcomer to the lapidary arts and want to learn the basics, or whether you're an old hand who wants to learn something new or move on to the next level, the Workshop Program has something for you. We look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Chair

2009 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland	June 14-20
Wildacres	August 17-23
Wildacres	September 14-20
William Holland	October 11-17

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts (www.lapidary.com) is located in the mountains of north Georgia near the North Carolina border.

Wildacres Retreat (www.wildacres.org) is a privately owned conference center nestled in the North Carolina mountains near Little Switzerland. Please visit these websites for additional information.

Who May Attend

Anyone belonging to an SFMS club will be given priority. Student under 18 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must have approval from the workshop director and the instructor to attend an adult class. Members of other AFMS regional federations may attend on a space available basis. Anyone not affiliated with AFMS may attend by paying an additional fee of \$50. First-time workshop attendees and those taking a class for the first time will receive priority.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted as soon as the schedule is posted. Applications from other regional federations and the public at large will be accepted beginning April 1, 2009. Your club membership dues must be current and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted as an SFMS member.

Workshop Tuition

NOTE: You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time. However, a \$25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your registration. If you send a \$25 deposit the remaining balance is due one month before the beginning of class. No reminders will be sent.

- Cost per person \$310 double occupancy.
- Single room with private bath \$470.
- Non members add \$50.00 to all Tuition fees
- Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is \$140 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) \$120 per week.

If you have not received written confirmation of your application within 30 days, please contact the registrar or education chair.

Refund / Cancellation Policy

Refunds are at the discretion of the Education Chair and the Workshop Director; however no refunds will be made once the workshop has started. There is no adjustment for late arrival or early departure. No fee will be charged if a class is cancelled. If a refund is granted a \$25 administrative fee will be retained.

Application Form

The application form is on the next page, along with the course offerings. Please read it carefully. Note that some classes are marked with an asterisk (*), meaning they are Intermediate or Advanced, and therefore may have prerequisites. Please do not sign up for these classes unless you have the required experience. Contact the instructor for more information on these classes.

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. THIS MATERIALS FEE IS NOT PART OF THE WORKSHOP TUITION.** For additional information about our instructors, please visit www.amfed.org/sfms

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CHECK-IN DAY:

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

2009 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

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The intermediate and advanced classes listed with an asterisk (*) require some prior experience by the student. Experience in a class provided by your local club, Workshop class, or self study may be enough. Please do not exclude yourself, if you're interested in one of these classes, without contacting the instructor first.

SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, June 14-20, 2009

Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce
Wire Braiding	Don Coulson
Wire Weaving	Louise Coulson
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
Fused Glass	Renee Wright
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Faceting	TBA
Silver / Intermediate*	Allen Jewel
Lampwork	Cindy Reed
Cabochons	Pat Davis
Mixed Media	Marilyn Jobe
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean

SESSION TWO - WILDACRES MONDAY, August 17-23, 2009

Advanced Metal *	Jeff Sheer
Silver / Beginning	Gene Tipton
Art Clay Silver	Barbara McGuire
Gem ID / Appreciation	Ben Smith
Raku Beads/Pendants	Jim Cullen
Wire / Beginning	Rowan Rose
Cabochons / Beginning	Pat Davis
Fused Glass	Julia Larson
Casting	Fred Sias
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis

SESSION THREE - WILDACRES MONDAY, September 14-20, 2009

Cold Connections Intermediate/Advanced*	Kim St Jean
Silver, Intermed/Adv.*	Nancy English
Faceting	Will Smith
Polymer Clay	Barbara McGuire
Opal Cutting	Sarah Lee Boyce
Mineral ID	Betty James
Beading Intermed/Adv*	Vivian Heath
Chainmaking Int/Adv*	Roy Deere
Wire Intermed/Adv*	Rowan Rose
Precious Metal Clay	Mary Ann Devos

SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, October 11-17, 2009

Opals	Joe DiPietro
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Wire 1	Ann Metz
Chainmaking / Beg.	Case Leeser
Fused Glass	Addy DiPietro
Faceting 1	Randy Walker
Channeling	Don & Ann Monroe
Silver / Intermediate*	Nancy English
Silver 1	Allen Jewel
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
Soapstone Carving	Diane Walker



Hills of Iron Field Trip Review

Sometimes, you just miss something good. That was the junior trip on March 21. The weather was perfect. The speakers were interesting. The trip to ochre mines at the nearby New Riverside Ochre Company was fun. We even got to join Tom Batcha with an archeology group from Gwinnett to visit an old furnace way, way off the beaten path. We collected rock specimen and hundreds of tadpoles for our schools. And after nearly a month, I still have mud on my tires. But, it was worth it. Don't miss the Hills of Iron Field celebration of the iron industry next year at Red Top Mountain State Park. We definitely got dirty and had fun.

Roxanne Lopez
Junior Chair



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An Official Field Trip of The Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society (HOST)
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9:00 AM, Saturday May 16, 2009
Graves Mountain
Lincolnton, GA
Lincoln county

Children: Allowed only under close adult supervision.
Fee: There is no fee to visit the mountain but a donation for the caretaker is recommended.
Collecting: Rutile, lazulite, prophyllite, iridescent hematite, pyrite, ilmenite, muscovite, fuchsite and various micro-minerals.
Directions: Take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, Ga. SR78 (SR10, SR17) and turn left. Travel North to Washington. Turn right onto SR378 and drive about 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is about 1/2 mile east of the Lincoln County Line and on the south side of the road. Liability release forms will be signed and donations made at the entrance to Graves Mountain. Parking will only be allowed at the parking area at the end of the paved entrance road.
Safety: The quarry contains high and unstable walls and loose rock can become dislodged creating a hazard. Stay away from all highwalls. Wear sturdy footwear to prevent injuries. Safety glasses when using hammers.
Tools: Rock hammer, chisels, sledge, pry bar, storage containers and a hand truck to take items to and from the collecting areas.
Other Essentials: Pets must be kept under control and on a leash. Bring plenty of water and food since none is available at the mountain. Everyone needs to be off the mountain by 8:00 pm.

Contact:
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"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose:
To collect field trip information from it's member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 General Meeting	5	6	7	8 May Show	9 May Show
10 May Show	11	12 Micro Section	13	14	15	16 DMC Field Trip
17	18	19 Mineral Section	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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EVENTS

Southeastern Gem and Rock Shows

2-3--NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: Show, "Art by Nature"; Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society; North Charleston Area Convention Center, 5000 Coliseum Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; part of the North Charleston Arts Festival; contact Karen Havenstein, (843) 795-2956; e-mail: fossils@comcast.net

8-10--ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Show, "Mothers Day Gem and Mineral Show"; Georgia Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, P.O. Box 15011; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; free admission; demonstrations, exhibits, auction 2 p.m. Sat.; contact Kim Cochran, P.O. Box 15011, Atlanta, GA 30333, (770) 979-8331; e-mail: Mayshow@gamineral.org; Web site: www.gamineral.org

Georgia State Park Events

Geology Hike

Sunday, May 10, 2009 1 PM - 3 PM

Sweetwater Creek State Park - Lithia Springs, GA

Geologist and Friends of Sweetwater Creek State Park member John Johnston will lead a moderate 2-mile hike identifying rock types and explaining how they formed. There will also be a visit inside the ruins of the Civil War era New Manchester Mill alongside the beautiful rapids of Sweetwater Creek. \$1-\$2 plus \$3 parking. 770-732-5876.

Fernbank Museum of Natural History

76 Clifton Rd. NE Atlanta, GA (404)929-6300

On Exhibit:

Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries

Now Showing in IMAX:

Dinosaurs Alive!

Under the Sea

Galapagos, Fridays during Martinis and IMAX.

Martinis and IMAX Friday evenings, 5:30 p.m.–10pm

<http://www.fernbank.edu/museum/>

Book and Internet News

Rock & Gem Magazine - March 2009

The Georgia Mineral Society, Graves Mountain, and the Gray's Fossil Site Museum (near Kingsport, TN) are all mentioned in the article "Green" Rockhounding by Bill Reynolds. The issue also has an article on *Chunky Gal Corundum* by Mike Streeter.

CrystalPocketsStudios.com

Dave Babulski now has a website for his micro-mineral art work. Images of Dave's many paintings can be seen under the Mineral Art Gallery and there is also a step by step look at the process of how Dave creates his works of art.

<http://www.crystalpocketstudios.com/index.html>

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