

GOLDRUSH LEDGER

FROM THE PREZ

Devin McRorie



Our 50th Year

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting. Hopefully the weather will cooperate! Please share your interests with the other club members by bringing in your prize specimen or share your lapidary craft with us. See you all on Feb. 13!

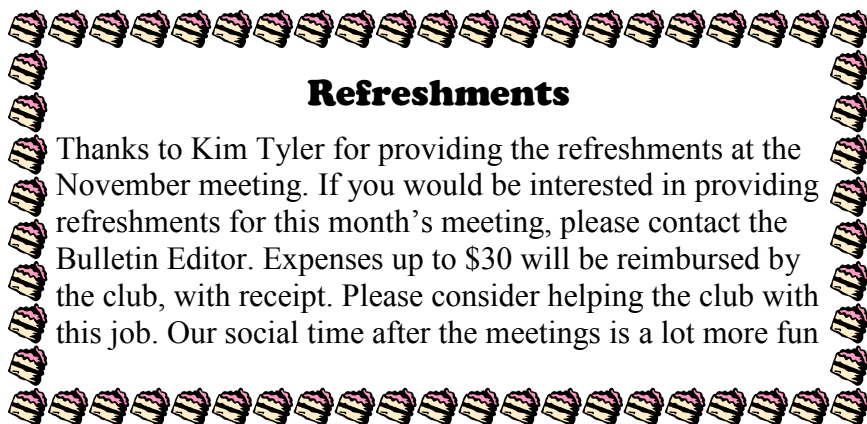
February 15 Meeting Program

Show and Tell

Please bring your favorite gem or mineral specimen or lapidary work to share with the club.

The Mineral of the Month article will return next month.

Refreshments



Thanks to Kim Tyler for providing the refreshments at the November meeting. If you would be interested in providing refreshments for this month's meeting, please contact the Bulletin Editor. Expenses up to \$30 will be reimbursed by the club, with receipt. Please consider helping the club with this job. Our social time after the meetings is a lot more fun

Please return all club library materials to Pat Walker at the FEB. 15 meeting.

In Memory

Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 10:22 AM

Some sad news to report: Paul Dunning, EFMLS President 1982-83, passed away on Friday after collapsing on Thursday. Although no information is yet available, it's suspected that he had either a stroke or heart attack.

While active in the EFMLS, Paul and his wife Dawn lived in Syracuse, NY. One of his accomplishments was in obtaining the low cost liability insurance for our EFMLS clubs.

Contributions in Paul's memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (checks payable to AFMS Scholarship Foundation), c/o Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr., Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001, or the Eastern Foundation Fund (checks payable to EFF), c/o Mary Jane Boutwell, 367 Virillia Rd., Canton, MS, 9046-9001.

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Officers and Chairpersons Openings

Please notice the sparseness of the board listing in the left column of this page. It is very difficult to keep the club running with just a few people. Your input is needed to make the club the best it can be.

Most of the positions actually require very little time outside of the regular meetings.

Please consider taking on one of these jobs and becoming more active in your club.

If you are willing to serve in an officer's or chairperson's position, contact Devin McRorie or Kim Tyler.

2007 Dues

Please remember that our new year starts in December and it is past time to pay your annual dues. A signed copy of the membership application is required with your dues. The monthly newsletter is posted on the club website, and membership application forms may be found on page 9 of this month's newsletter. They may also be downloaded from the club web site:

<http://www.charlottegem.com>

Stamp Program

Our club is a participating member in the SFMS cancelled-stamp program. Our members are asked to save stamps from their mail by cutting around the stamp, leaving 1/4" so as not to damage the edges of the stamp. The stamps can be soaked off of envelopes, and our club will receive twice as many credits for stamps delivered in this condition than it will for those still stuck on the paper. Please check the SFMS website at

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/stamp-program.html>

for specific information and instructions for the stamp program. Members are also asked to collect the white labels printed by the USPS (showing the cost of mailing and the origination and destination zip codes). Members may turn in their collections at regular meetings, being sure to include a piece of paper with their names. A drawing will be held in September to provide at least one name for inclusion in the Federation's annual scholarship drawing. Last year five workshop scholarships were awarded!

Workshop Scholarship News 2007

Names for the SFMS William Holland/Wildacres workshop scholarships will be drawn at the February meeting. These lucky winners will be rewarded for the many hours they devoted to club activities this past year.

All members are invited to participate in these programs. You can find a copy of the self-kept score sheet on page 8 of this newsletter, and copies will be available at the meeting. You can have a great time learning valuable skills at these workshops. Workshop schedules are published at

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/william-holland-retreat.html>

Club activities reward you in many ways!

Responses to Letter from Keith Hayes, www.mineral-auctions.com

Letter published in *Goldrush Ledger*, Jan. 2007

To keep you thinking about collection guidelines, here are a few more thoughts from other users. I appreciate the time and effort that went into people's responses. I especially appreciate responses from folks who don't speak English as their native language. If you have thoughts about other discussion topics, please let me know and I will start a thread.

"I probably have one of the more unique and restrictive mineral collection formats. I collect high quality, miniature to small cabinet sized specimens of minerals depicted on postage stamps from countries in Europe and the Americas. Additionally, I only collect postage stamps depicting minerals, from countries from which I have a reasonable expectation of obtaining quality mineral specimens. The stamp is included in the display label of each mineral and I restrict my "official" stamp collection to include only first-day covers."

"My tip in collecting changed a lot during my life. Most of the change depend on my buying power. I pass from regional systematic on Elba Island, to Italy, to worldwide mineralogical systematic, then the big jump to aesthetic. During years I discover many minerals are alterable, for example piritemarcasite, many salts. So I clean my cabinet from most of what I suspect too fragile. What survive? Quartz and agates!!!! Now I collect quartz and all variety of SiO₂. But you know that our fever to collect is difficult to douse, so I survive some branch of smaller size. In the direction of agates and jaspers--all picture stones in slabs as paesina, septarian, rodocrosite, etc. In the direction of quartz--all quartz inclusions, and some as anatase and rutile also not included. In the direction of aesthetic--all cabinet minerals very beautiful, well-crystallized, colorful and cheap. Maybe 30 piece as pyromorphite, wulfenite, vanadinite, azurite, rodocrosite, aguamarine, topaz, tourmaline, etc. In this category I have also around 30 fossils, very aesthetic. An other branch is crystal shape with emphasis on twins crystals, mainly loose crystals of big size and well defined shape. Look like I have no order in my collection, but I have a lot of it. I'm very selective and is difficult that I buy more than 2-3 specimen in a show. I want only one of a kind specimens, I hate common stuff. Most of the specimen are understandable from an unexpert friend that come to visit my house. But also an expert collector will be shocked in the visit. This is maybe my second goal. The first is of course to enjoy myself. For instance I know friends who have begun the collection only collecting samples of Calcite, because were relatively cheap as regards the Tourmaline. Then in the time they have changed the idea of "owning" and have increased the scene of their exposures. I for instance began further on forty years ago picking up in the zones of the volcanos of Lazio, of the Vesuvio and of the Tuscan. Then I have gone to Sicily and Sardinia and have started pick up and buy mineral hips of these areas. Then in the time my Mineralogici pleasures have become larger: Solfuri, Romania ecc., and for some year I have searched for samples of ancient defunct localities. I have at present a big collection of about 7500 pieces leaves of good quality and for a few pieces I own the top and without having problems of dimensions. But the problem, Keith, is not in the way a collection is organized in, what is generally like the setting of the one who owns it, but what end will do the collection when the possessor will not be any more in this earth? On the fact to sell samples please repair or treated not to have a few gaps seen without informing, she is not correct person. But who he sells in this way, it will not have long life in the world of mineralogy. I repeat as much as I said before: collect completely thinking of an organization means staff and no one can modify these personal choices, even if it is easy today, through Internet for example, try to modify these Convictions: for example, force some choices on this or that mineral. I hope what, with my very bad English you can have understood the concepts I wanted to express. (ed. note: I understood well and I appreciate the effort of non-English speakers to express their thoughts! Thanks!)"

"I am a practicing psychiatrist, and over the years I have filled my office with beautiful specimens. It makes the room feel like a fine museum. It sets an unusual tone for my patients, who by and large seem to love it, though a few barely notice. The most numerous single species is fluorite, hand sized to toaster sized, in all the splendid shades that appear throughout the world. There are also many vesuvianites from the Jeffrey mine, smithsonites from Mexico and Tsumeb, all the copper minerals in profusion, a large garnet collection, a fair representation of rhodochrosites in many habits, pyrites and its relatives, galenas, hematites, stibnites, magnetites, topazes (including a beautiful afgan specimen the size of a child's shoe), large beryls in various shades, and tourmalines from small to quite large, in red, green, black and brown. Lots of prehnite from all over, lots of apophyllite, lots of apatite from Canada and Russia and Brazil. I still have many fine amethysts from my early days of collecting, though I've given some away. There are sphalerites, barites, celestites, wulfenites, vanadanites, scheelites, calcites (some immense), a selections of handsome quartzes, and several large micas of unusual habits. The only polished specimens I like are sphere, and I have amassed a moderate collection of interesting ones. Oh yes, I recently acquired some handsome spinels, in the range of 3-5 inches, most without matrix, allegedly from Viet Nam, most in red or violet, but one big one in dark

Responses (cont.)

blue. I also have a collection of "scholar stones" of many kinds, the largest group being chrysanthemum stones. My key criteria for specimen selection are beauty, size and price."

"I liked the article and the comments. I myself have been collection for 32 years now with over 3000 specimens. For the most part I found the field to be unique and sort of a click. Always the same people at the shows and less new faces anymore. The prices have really jumped the last couple of years that I had to downsize to smaller pcs., plus the wife gets sick of seeing rocks all over the place. I do keep a very detailed record of the collection. Each pc. Is numbered, sized, and a full history if possible. I also find alot more going on in a specimen then what the label says when I buy it and in many cases I find rarer minerals on the specimens. I do hope the hobby survives and more material can be found."

"Thank you for your forum discussions re minerals collecting and associated topics, vis. photography. As a new collector (just under 2 years), my first aim was to gain a broad knowledge and a collection which featured minerals varieties from sites throughout the world. I have joined a couple of minerals societies to gain help in the quest for technical imformation. At this stage, because of the intensity of these collectors, I have moved to a focus on aesthetic specimens that can also be enjoyed by others without the need for specialised knowledge. Of particular help are the auction descriptions that you provide. They often aid in gleaning additional knowledge of specimens that I have collected from other sources where those have not had the depth of imformation that you provide. One of the first considerations that I made was how to present the collection. Many in Australia use older styles which seem to end up in drawers or filing cabinets. I experimented with lighting and various mounts and have now ended up with clear acrylic base mounts with brief descriptions of mineral types and country imformation. Lighted display cabinets have been purchased and the impact for "all" people is pretty spectacular. This is backed up by a Minerals Data Sheet program that a friend with computer expertise developed for me. Photographs can be transferred into these files and I end with something similar to your auction item descriptions format."

thanks to everyone that chose to share their thoughts!

Thanks to Danny Jones for submitting this for publication

Upcoming MAGMA Field Trips

Diamond Hill Mine!, March 3rd and 4th, 2007, \$15.00 per day, per person

MAGMA has arranged its first official trip to the Diamond Hill Mine for the '07 digging season. Make sure to find me (Rick Jacquot) ASAP when arriving to fill out release forms and make payment for this dig. To save time, you can copy the release form and bring it with you:

<http://www.wncrocks.com/resources/Collecting%20site%20diamondhill.htm>

Bring the usual tools and equipment and plan for another great time at this ever popular mine. Members can arrive Friday evening to setup camp for the weekends event.

See you there!

Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig, April 27th-29th, 2007, Lincolnton, Georgia

I have been in contact with Junior Norman about his upcoming "Rockswap and Dig" at the mountain. I will be set up at the dig again with the M.A.G.M.A. booth selling minerals for the club and myself. I will be camping at the Elijah Clark State Park for the weekend. The mountain will be open to collecting from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. All attendees must stop at the welcome table to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to help with the cost of providing porta-johns and golf carts. The dig will end and everyone is must be off the mountain by 6 p.m. each day. There will be an area in the parking lot for vendors to sell and trade minerals. If you would like to set up a booth, contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food will be available for purchase on the mountain all three days. Cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL CLUBS and ROCKHOUNDS

Contact Information: Junior Norman - 706-359-3862 or 706-359-2381

Directions: From Washington Georgia, drive 11 miles on SR-378, or from the Hardee's in Lincolnton, Georgia, drive approximately 5-1/2 miles west on SR-378. Look for a sign at the entrance to Graves Mountain on the south side of the road.

Motels and Camping: Cullars Inn, Lincolnton, Georgia, 706-359-6161; Soap Creek Lodge, Clarks Hill Lake, Lincolnton, 706-359-3124; Elijah Clark State Park, 706-359-3458 / 800-864-7275

Upcoming Field Trips (cont.)

MAGMA Trips

Rucks Pit, Fort Drum Florida! February 17th and 18th, 2007

CLAMS WITH TEETH

\$30.00 per day, per person

Trip leader, Robert Kyle

Hello Rock Hounds,

ngrocks wants to organize a trip to Rucks Pit for February. I hope that you have had the opportunity to view the pictures that I posted to the group site. With any luck I will find the time this weekend to add a page to my website with more pictures and details (stay tuned). In my humble opinion we collected some awesome specimens. The proposed date is the weekend of February 17th & 18th. This should give us time to recover from the hectic digging schedule of January and to plan for trip that will for most of us require a long weekend. Rucks Pit is located in Okeechobee, FL, and is about a 9-hour drive from Atlanta. I'm thinking a 4 day weekend is in order to comfortably spend Saturday and Sunday collecting. As far as I'm concerned the specimens make it well worth the drive.

The cost is \$30.00 per day to collect. This permits you to fill one 5 gallon bucket and take one piece of matrix rock.

Collecting is in the dump piles as access to the quarry is no longer allowed due to increasingly restrictive regulations. As you can see from my pictures, however, (and hopefully those to come) the dump piles can be quite productive. Eddie, the owner, says that he just loads the material into the truck and dumps it—it has not been picked through. I believe him from what I saw. I spoke to Eddie last night. He said that while the showers/bathrooms may not be open yet (very good chance though that they will be by that time) there are porta-potties on site and we are welcome to camp there even if the camp ground is not officially open. The fee for camping is \$25.00 per night per tent. A bargain compared to hotel prices in the area (\$100.00 + /night). My limited experience indicates that success depends on the amount of effort one is willing to exert. Plan on moving a lot of material and doing some chisel work as well. Some stuff can be collected from the surface, but the really stunning specimens are found by digging. If you are interested in making this trip please contact me by email at: rdk163@comcast.net

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee An Official Field Trip of The Mid-GA Gem & Mineral Society, Macon, GA (Host) 10:00 AM EST, Saturday, February 24, 2007 Hogg Mine, Troup County, Georgia FEE SITE

Where: The Famous Hogg Mine outside LaGrange, in Troup County, GA

When: Sat., Feb. 24, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EST

Collecting: Rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, mica books, & quartz crystal. The Rose Quartz will star if cut correctly, and some of the beryl can be gemmy aquamarine.

Food concessions will be available the BBQ will be chopped pork sandwich, or hot dog with chips and a drink for \$5.00. Coffee and hot chocolate will also be available.

Saturday and Sunday: Folks can also visit the nearby quartz crystal site the same day if they do not mind paying the additional fee. Rodney will have camping available at the clear crystal site Saturday nite, & will be digging with the machine Sunday.

Fee: Hogg mine - Saturday : \$15 Clear crystal - Saturday \$15 & Clear crystal - Sunday \$20
Children under 17 are free.

Upon arrival you will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

Trip Chairman: Jay Batcha ph 478-784-1965. If no answer, leave a message or you can email: rocky1s@cox.net or Tom Batcha ph 678-407-4224. or Cell # 770-757-6510 for the day of the dig if needed.

Upcoming Field Trips (cont.)

**DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
An Official Field Trip of The KYANA Geological Society,
Louisville, KY (Host)
An Official Field Trip of the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club
Saturday and Sunday, March 17 & 18, 2007
Hickory Cane Mines, Marion, Kentucky
FEE SITE**

Where: The Hickory Cane Mines outside of Marion, Kentucky

When: Sat. and Sun., March 17 & 18, 2007

Time: Day and night digs.

Collecting: Fluorite, smithsonite, sphalerite, cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, & pyromorphite. Calcite is by far the most common mineral found, and all other minerals require some digging in the dump to locate.

Fee: The day time digs will cost \$20 and the night time digs will be \$30 (this entitles you to one five gallon bucket of specimens). Admission to the Ben Clement Fluorite Museum is \$5.

All reservations for the digs will be handled through the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum at www.MarionKentucky.us. Or call 270-965-9257, or write Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, 205 North Walker Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Information on campgrounds, lodging, and bed and breakfasts can also be obtained from Clement Mineral Museum. In order to fill any vacancies in the scheduled digs left by the SFMS after March 1, 2007, these vacancies will be open to KYANA members and any other rockhound who wishes to join the dig. While the primary purpose of this trip is to accommodate SFMS members, the secondary purpose is to help the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum fund its efforts in maintaining a world class fluorite collection and making it available to the public.

What to Bring: Other than standard collecting equipment, bring plenty of water, snacks, camera, and you will need a portable ultraviolet light. Daytime collectors will need a way to check fluorescence too! Black light boxes or whatever suits you. Night time collectors will need a standard flashlight to travel to and from their cars. The time of the month was chosen because it is the dark of the moon! Short wave and broad spectrum ultraviolet lights are best. Most collectors will share their lights, but do not count on it, after all someone will need to bring a light. Although, the temperatures have been unseasonably warm thus far, March can occasionally be quite brisk in the Ohio Valley. So be prepared to dress warmly, multiple layers works best.

Mine History: The mines where the dig is to be conducted are located on the Commodore fault system and date back to 1901. Mine shafts on the property have produced fluorite, smithsonite and sphalerite. Other minerals that have been found in the mine dumps include; cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, & pyromorphite. Calcite is by far the most common mineral found, and all other minerals require some digging in the dump to locate.

The Rock Shaft dump comprises most of the material at this mine site. The Rock shaft was completed to the depth of 240 feet. From 1924-25 some 8,000 tons of smithsonite was removed from the Rock Shaft. The Maddox shaft sunk in 1941-42 was completed to remove approximately 215 tons of "gravel spar" (fluorite). A crosscut was made from the Maddox shaft to the Commodore Fault and in 1945 a vertical raise was cut up through the Commodore Fault zone. This raise is known as the Yandell shaft. Mud, gouge, calcite, fragments of fluorite veins, sphalerite and galena were noted (R. Trace, 1954). There is an open shaft on the site which is surrounded by barbed wire.

The most common fluorescent mineral is calcite which glows a soft to bright pearly white. There are other colors other than white, but they are fewer in number. Of particular note are specimens of sandstone which glow a coral pink to a bright red in either short wave or broad spectrum ultraviolet light. There are also specimens which glow various shades of pale yellow and bright blue. Please note: that included in the spoil are fragments of mortar and concrete which will also fluoresce. The concrete and mortar was made from rock from the mine.

Charles Oldham a retired professional geologist from the Kentucky Department for Surface Mining with over 30 years of mining experience will be your KYANA host, along with his sidekick Betty Hansel and as many KYANA members as we can carry. Charles has been collecting minerals and fossils for over 50 years, starting at the age of five, when his father gave him a "gold ore" specimen from California. In later years his father (a retired naval engineering officer) asked Charles why he became a geologist and not an engineer. Charles replied you should have given me a micrometer and not a rock!

DMC CONTACT: Charles Oldham, 502-241-8755 CrystalCottage@aol.com

Upcoming Field Trips (cont.)

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee An Official Field Trip of The Cotton Indian Gem and Mineral Society (Host)

An Official Field Trip of the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club

10:00 a.m., Saturday April 21, 2007

Girard, Burke County, GA, "Savannah River Agate"

Where: The River road outside of Girard, GA.

When: Saturday April 21, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m. at the Girard city Post Office on Hwy. 23

Children: Children are welcome but need to be supervised as we will be hunting on a dirt road.

Pets: Same as above.

Trip: Beautiful Savannah River Agate has been collected at this location for years. I have been told that there is as much material here today as there ever was.

Collecting: We will be collecting Savannah River Agate, fossils and micro minerals. This material is actually a conglomeration of agate, jasper, chert, and opalite all mixed together to form a layered specimen that will tumble or cab into beautiful display pieces. This rock occurs as black and brown mottled agate and in a large range of pastel colors from greens to yellows to violets. The fossils you may find are from 30-35 million-years-old Oligocene age deposits. The micro-minerals are located in vugs of the agate/chert rock.

Special Conditions: We will be hunting in the roadway and road cuts only. Do Not leave the road cuts. Please stay off of private property.

Bring: You will need to bring a rock hammer and scratching tool to collect the agate. You can dig if you want but make sure you fill in your holes after your finished. If you plan to look for micro-minerals by busting the larger agate/chert specimens, you will also need some chisels and a sledge. More importantly you NEED eye protection (face shield would be best) and long heavy pants as this agate can act like shrapnel when cracked with a rock hammer or sledge! As always, bring your lunch, plenty of fluids, some bug spray, sun screen, a hat, gloves, sturdy shoes and lots of 5 gal. buckets (trust me—you will need them!).

Where to meet: We will meet at the Girard city Post Office on Hwy. 23.

Directions: From I-20 take Hwy. 520 (west of Augusta) south to Hwy. 56 and travel south. Go through McBean (do not take Hwy. 56 Spur). Turn left on Hwy. 23 to Girard and meet at the Post Office at 10 a.m.

Drive time: From Atlanta 3 to 3 1/2 hours.

Contact: Harry Hyaduck 678-464-4462 email, hyaduckh@yahoo.com or Kim Cochran 770-979-8331
Need more directions, call Kim Cochran

"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!"

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club Workshop Scholarship Program Points Record Sheet

Name: _____
Member Since: _____

| Pts | Event | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Total |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | Meeting-Regular or Board | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Scheduled Field Trip | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/hr | Work at Show/Event | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Item for Newsletter | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Single Meeting Substitution | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| per | Contribution to Stamp Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Mint Program for Meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Recruiting a new member | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2per | Exhibit/case @ show | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Attend Club Workshop | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Host Refreshments | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Arrange Field Trip (non chairman) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Setup/Tear-down Show/Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Show sub-committee chairperson | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Original article for Newsletter | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Lecture to outside group | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Program at meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Committee Chairperson | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Teaching club sponsored workshop | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Totals: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Mark the appropriate point(s) in each month's column. The new points year starts with the Holiday Party in December and all sheets are to be turned in at the Annual Elections and Auction in November. There are two categories for the scholarships: members who have been in the club 2 years or less and those who have been in the club longer than 2 years.

Upcoming Shows

February 24-25, 2007, Jackson, MS—Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. Trade Mart Building, State Fairgrounds, I-55 and High Street. Hours: 24th, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and 25th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact: Betty James at 601.914.6747 or mineralid@jam.rr.com.

March 2-4, 2007, Largo, FL—Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society. 37th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale. Minnreg Building-6340, 126th Avenue N. Hours: 2nd & 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; 4th, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Show Chair: Bill Schmidt, 727.657.0998 or schmidwj@eckerd.edu. Dealer Chair: Sue Black, 727.560.5124 or sueblack@tampabay.rr.com.

March 9-11, 2007, Augusta, GA—Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society and the Augusta Gem and Mineral Society. 19th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad Street. Contact: Shellie T. Newell at 305 Fairway Drive, Graniteville, SC 29829; aa.gmfs@earthlink.net; or www.homestead.com/aikengms.

March 23-25, 2007, Raleigh, NC—Tarheel Gem and Mineral Club. 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds. Contact: Cyndy Hummel, 919.779.6220 or mchummel@mindspring.com.

June 2-3, 2007, Birmingham, AL—Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 34th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. Tannehill Historical State Park. Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com or James Carr (publicity) at james@lapidaryclub.com. Check out the website as well at www.lapidaryclub.com.

Hiram A. Walker Geology Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Randi Clapham, a graduate student at UNCC with an interest in optical mineralogy, who won the Hiram A. Walker Geology Scholarship, valued at \$1000. The scholarship was funded by club geode sales throughout the past year.

Cabochon Machine

A cabochon machines is available at the home of Jimmy Strickland (704/537-6010), and he can teach you how to use the machine. *Please call to plan a visit*

The machine belongs to the club; you MUST be a club member to use it.

Mail to: CGMC
PO Box 10233
Charlotte, NC 28212

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club 2007 Membership Application

New Membership (_____)
Renewal (_____)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Check # _____ Cash (_____)

Membership Type: Individual \$15.00 (_____) Family \$20.00 (_____)

Family Members and Ages (please include birthday months):

Interests: _____

I/we agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of Membership.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Next Meeting
Friday, February 15
7:30 pm
Discovery Place

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