



DOPS AND DIGS

JUNE PICNIC



It's time for Athens Rock and Gem Club picnic! The picnic will be held at the home of David & Linda Smith. David and Linda are located at 200 Buck Hollow, Bowersville, Georgia. This event will be held on Sunday, June 28th. The hours are 2-5 p.m.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please RSVP with Dave and Linda by June 26th. The phone number is 706-377-4428.

Plan to bring something like a covered dish or extra fancy dessert. Bring your own lawn chairs if you wish.

The Club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, along with drinks, cups, dishes, plastic ware, napkins, etc. Plan to bring something like a covered dish or extra fancy dessert. Bring your own lawn chairs if you wish.

The auction will be held after the picnic at the Smith's home. ~~Members are urged to donate items for the auction.~~

Also this year just for club members there will be a selection of mineral specimens for sale. Jim Maudsley has acquired a very nice mineral collection. Jim Maudsley, Chester Karwoski, and Jim Goodrich will price the variety of items so they will sell.

To get to the Smith's please refer to map on page two. Looking forward to seeing every one there!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Werner Groenewald - Crawford GA

Tammy Simpson - Athens GA

Last Month

Business Meeting: The Club picnic will be June 28th, 2-5PM at Dave and Linda Smith's home.

Jim Maudsley has been contacted about a good collection. Jim Maudsley, Chester Karwoski, and Jim Goodrich will price the variety of items so they will sell. There will be an auction also.

Ida Richard Cundiff's children would like to sell his equipment and samples. It was suggested that could be done at our Nov. 7th Show at Sandy Creek Nature Center.

Our program for May was "Trees of Stone; Visiting the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park"

Chester and Gail Karwoski showed photos from their 2008 visit to this Washington-state park and also showed a 15-minute video about the unique geological event that caused an ancient forest to become buried under lava, 15-million years ago. The resulting petrified logs display amazing details of the original trees. The Karwoski's will also brought pieces of petrified wood from various locations; some will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the club.

The Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park in Vantage, Washington was established in 1935. ~~It is west of the Cascade Mountains.~~ The trees were covered by lava 17 million years ago. Native Americans did drawings on some of the pieces. In addition to the Ginkgo trees, some Redwood, Maple, Spruce, Walnut, Cypress, Douglas Fir and Elm trees were also covered by the lava. Gail and Chester Karwoski had slides and a movie showing the lava flow and what happened over millions of years. The wind, water, ice, and flooding made the changes. Logs were entombed in basalt and protected from decay. The trees began a chemical transformation. These trees are only found in a few places."

Thank you Chester and Gail for another wonderful presentation!

Editor's note: I was not able to make it to the last meeting. I would like to say "Thank you, Grace Rabek for the May meeting report!"
Donna Book



ROCK, GEM, AND MINERAL SHOWS



June 19-21, 2009, Asheville, NC

Colburn Earth Science Museum. Asheville GemFest, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place. Hours: 19th & 20th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 21st, 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Felicity Green at 828.254.7162 or museum.colburn@gmail.com.

July 22-25 - 43rd Annual Macon County Gemboree.

Macon County Community Building US 441S..Sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Hours 10am to 6pm Thursday-Saturday, Contact 800-336-7829 for information.

August 21-23, 2009, Pass Christian, MS

Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society. 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show, West Harrison Civic Center on Espy Avenue. Contact: Margaret Johnston at 228.467.1457 or Johnstonmargaret@bellsouth.net.

October 3-4, 2009, Lexington, KY

Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show & Sale. Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Rd. Hours: 3rd, 10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.; 4th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Kay Fisher, 859.537.1776, kkay19@aol.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Athens Rock and Gem Club is a non-profit organization. Its objective and purpose is "to promote the recreational, educational, and scientific aspects of lapidary arts, rock and mineral collecting, and earth sciences, for adults and children".

Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month, excluding July and August. Locations of the December (Christmas party) and June (picnic) meetings are announced.

Meetings are held in a room at the rear of the Friendship Christian Church, located at 285 Tallassee Road, Athens. The church is located about 0.6 miles northwest of the Athens by-pass, on the left side of Tallassee Road. The business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The educational program begins at about 8:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend the business meeting, but some may prefer to attend only the educational program.

Annual dues are \$15.00 (single adult) and \$17.50 (family of two); \$20.00 (family of three or more). Dues are due by the October meeting of each year. Checks should be made out to the Athens Rock and Gem Club and sent to the Treasurer. If a family membership, provide the names of all individuals in the family who will take part in any club activities.

THE ATHENS ROCK AND GEM CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Spouse's name: _____

Address: _____

Children's names: _____

Ages, Schools: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Addresses: _____

Occupations, hobbies, interests: _____

Birthdays/ Anniversary (optional) _____

Annual Dues: Single - \$15.00 Family of Two - \$17.50 Family greater than Two - \$20.00

Renewal Dues Single - \$15.00 Family of Two - \$17.50 Family greater than Two - \$20.00

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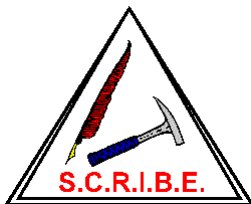
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