



Dops and Digs

November Meeting on Second Tuesday due to Thanksgiving Holidays!

The next meeting of the Athens Rock and Gem Club will be on November 14th, 2023, the second Tuesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday.

We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Drive, Athens Ga 30606.

From Broad Street, turn south onto Alps Road. One block south of Colonial Promenade (a.k.a. Beechwood) just past Alps Road Elementary on the left. The room we meet in is on the left side of the church.

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.

Also if you have any items for grab bags please bring to the meeting. A good variety of material always helps to make nice grab bags.

We will also need a host for the Christmas party in December. Could that be you?

The educational program for the November meeting will be Arkansas Quartz by Jim Maudsley. Members are encouraged to bring specimens to the meeting.

Dues Are Due

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.

Be sure to print your email address carefully, so you can receive your Dops and Digs.

Make check payable to: Athens Rock and Gem Club

Send to: Kodi Book, Treasurer, ARGC, 13 Penny Lane, Lexington, GA 30648



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Smith -November 5

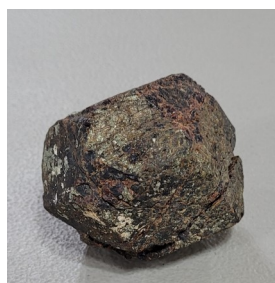
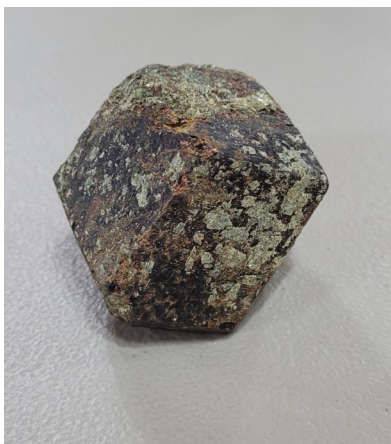


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dianna Ray-Athens, Ga

Last Month

We had 15 members at the October meeting. Jim Maudsley gave a presentation on Collecting in Colorado. Jim had some really nice specimens and a video on the trip to Colorado. Thank you Jim for another great program!





ROCK, GEM, AND MINERAL SHOWS



Shows that are listed for the previous year "generally" take place on the same weekends during the current year. Please call or email to verify.

Nov 17 – 19, 2023 - Marietta GA

Cobb Co. Gem & Mineral Society Our 2023 event will be held on November 17 – 19, 2023 at the Cobb County Civic Center 548 South Marietta Pkwy., Marietta GA 30060 The show is open from 10:00am to 6:00pm both Friday and Saturday, and from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday This is the CCGMS annual event bringing together the public with educators from our club and professional dealers from all over the Southeast. We hold this event annually in November, the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Admission is free!! It's three days of fun and education for the whole family. You will find amazing rocks, gemstones, minerals, and fossils from all over the world from over 30 professional dealers! Choose from a large selection of beautiful beads, jewelry and jewelry making supplies. Come and see many fascinating displays by CCGMS club members as well as demonstrations of gem and mineral polishing, faceting, and free mineral identification classes. One of the most popular events at the show is Geode Cracking. Here, kids and adults select from bins of geodes of different sizes and from two locations in Mexico. Then the fun begins. We use geode cracking tools to break them in half. The wonders that are found inside are amazing. And, we guarantee that your geode will be hollow! In addition, we offer inexpensive grab bags for the kids. These are filled with interesting rocks and minerals and even some fossils from all over the world. Throughout the show, once per hour, we will be drawing for door prizes. These are first class items that have been donated by our dealers. There is no charge for admission. Just come on in!! <https://www.ccgms.org/annual-civic-center-show/>

Nov 17 – 19, 2023 -Crestwood, KY

KYANA Geological Society Camp Crestwood 7206 Clore Ln Crestwood, KY 40014 KYANA Geological Society's Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show Free Event! Bring your family and friends, meet enthusiasts and professionals, learn about geology, rocks, gemstones, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, handmade jewelry, walk away with some specimens of your own. Silent auctions throughout event thanks to donations from show vendors, guests, and society members. Nov. 17th & 18th 10am - 5pm Nov. 19th 11am - 5pm Link(s): <https://www.kyanageo.org/showflie.htm>

Nov 17 – 19, 2023 -Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2023 55th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show Fri. Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00; Sat. Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00; Sun. Nov. 19, 12:00 - 5:00 Jamil Shrine Temple 206 Jamil Road Columbia, SC 29210 Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale Geodes sold & cut Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations. South Carolina amethyst on display. Sponsored by The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society \$6.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free. Three day pass \$12.00 Military & dependents free. www.cgms.rocks

Nov 18 – 19, 2023 -West Palm Beach, FL

The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches Expo Center East, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411 The 56th Annual Gem, Mineral Bead, Jewelry & Fossil Show. November 18-19, 2023 Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Adults/Seniors 1 day . \$10.00 or 2 day pass \$15.00 Children under 12 are FREE. Visit our website for a \$1.00 off coupon. Over 80 dealers from all over the country. Club members will give demonstrations. Hourly door prizes and a Grand Prize drawing. Great shopping, geode cracking, gemstone mining and more. Link(s): <https://www.gmspb.org>

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.

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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) _____

Please circle one:

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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