



Dops and Digs



January Meeting

The next meeting of the Athens Rock and Gem Club will be on January 16, 2024

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

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The January meeting will be Polymers presented by Kim Cochran. Polymers is a mineral or veritable name which is actually more than one mineral. For example Jade is two minerals.

If you have a specimen that needs identifying bring it to the meeting Kim will help identify it.

Kim always gives great programs Come join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kodi Book- January 6

Alex Downs- January 11

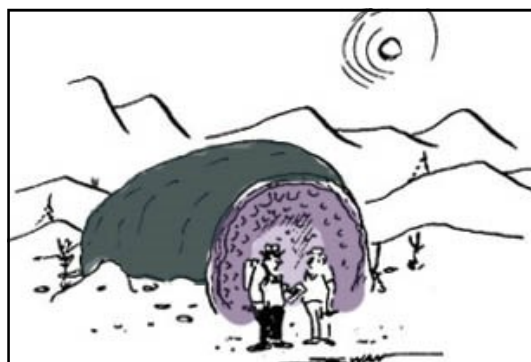
Terri Maudsley- January 20

Clay Downs January 24



We'll be on our way in no time Agnes
You unload the rocks and I'll change the tire

by Bill Mittlebeeler via Dust & Grit 2/00
via Golden Spike News 4/00



"This map says there's suppose to be
geodes around here."

via Gneiss Times 6/02
Gem-N-i.org 8/10

The Athens Rock and Gem Club Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 10th, 2023 at the home of Dee and Tom Pelewski.



Our president Jim Maudsley held a short meeting before the festivities began.

Walt Sikora and Don Brockway cooked a wonderful smoked turkey! There were also many great side dishes.

We had our usual pirate gift exchange. A fun time was had by all!



Thank you Tom and Dee for hosting a great party!



Why might you consider attending William Holland or Wildacres during the SFMS Week?

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) sponsors weeklong classes at the William Holland Retreat in Young Harris GA and Wildacres at Little Switzerland NC.



This year Wm Holland SFMS week will be June 2-8, 2024. Here is a link to the class listing for that week.

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/william-holland-classes> However, William Holland School is open from April through November, and here is a catalog for all of their offerings.

<https://79580759.flowpaper.com/CatalogFinalDec3/#page=1>

Similarly SFMS will sponsor two separate weeks at Wildacres,

August 12-18 & August 12-18

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/wildacres-classes>



The question above was asked to Rick Marshall, Director of Wm Holland. and here is his answer. | Thank you for bringing this to my attention and for forwarding it to the members of the Huntsville Club. I hope this will help, I think it will. This information is in the SFMS newsletter Lodestar, which you can download and read all recent issues from the website <https://www.southeastfed.org/newsletter> Please check out the Lodestar newsletters <https://www.southeastfed.org/newsletter> SFMS week is different from the normal weeks at William Holland. During SFMS Weeks top priority is given to members of the SFMS. SFMS members are scheduled before anyone else. That makes it easier to schedule the class you want! In fact, you are encouraged to suggest classes for the next year in order to secure the best instructors possible. It could really benefit each club to have as many members as possible attend. This is an excellent opportunity for members to refresh their skills or learn new ones to prepare them to teach classes in the club! Since this week is designed for SFMS members, everyone there has something in common. Friendships are made that last a lifetime. While one way to establish those friendships is in the classroom, another is through the social activities during the week. There are evening activities that include demonstrations, an auction and tailgating. Suggestions for additional activities are welcome. Remember, SFMS Weeks at either William Holland or Wildacres are designed for your club. They are fun and educational. Think of them as Summer Camp for Adults. Come join us!



13 Jan

TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

TELLUS TURNS

15

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Tellus Turns 15!
 Saturday, January 13, 2024
 10 AM - 4 PM

EXPLORE

19 Jan

TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM

IN THE OBSERVATORY

JUNIOR ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Junior Astronomy Workshop
 Friday, January 19, 2024
 6:30 - 8:30 PM

20 Jan

TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM

SENSORY FRIENDLY MORNINGS

Sensory Friendly Mornings
 Saturday, January 20, 2024
 9 AM

EXPLORE



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.

Feb 3 – 4, 2024 Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center 951 Kiwanis park Rd Merritt Island, Fl 32952 Sat 02/3/24 9:30am-5:30pm Sun 02/04/2024 10am-4pm (EST) Admission is \$6 for adults, children under 12 free admission if accompanied by adult. There will be hourly door prizes, grand prize, sluice & spinning prize wheel for kids, silent auction. Link(s): wwwcentralbrevardgems.com

Feb 24 – 25, 2024 Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Mississippi Trademark on State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi street, Jackson MS 39202 Saturday February 24th from 9am to 6pm: Sunday February 25th from 9am to 4pm. Fees: \$8 adults; \$3 students; Scouts and Leaders in Uniform \$2; age 5 and under are free. Over 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads and more. Exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations. Childrens activities and a Touch and See table. Hourly door prizes and a Grand Prize. Questions ? email: mgmshow@yahoo.com or call 601-344-8171 leave a message if not available.

March 1 – 3, 2024 SFMS

3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Florida 32060

Old fashioned Outdoor Rock Swap and Sale. Sponsored by the Federation with all vendors being members of Federation Clubs. The event is open to the public. Plenty of free parking.

March 1 – 3, 2024 8th Annual Athens, GA Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show!

Event by [Southeastern Mineral Specimens](#)

Friday March 1- 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday March 2- 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday March 3- 11 am to 5 pm

Location is Grand Hall 8, The Classic Center, Downtown Athens, Georgia.

Adults \$8, kids 12 and under free!

Wristbands good for all three days!

Open to the public, this show brings together over 2 dozen professional dealers, who will have all manner of items of geological origin available for purchase!

Items are from all over the world, with an emphasis on regional finds. Several dealers are just returning from buying trips to the major Tucson show, with trailer loads of fresh material available at sub-retail pricing!

Great for parents and kids looking for something to do, or for shop owners needing inventory, the show is educational and exciting, as well as a great way to pick out a special birthday or Christmas gift! My favorite is when parents sneak back around to buy what their kids wanted for Christmas without them seeing!

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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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) _____

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

Make check payable to: Athens Rock and Gem Club

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