



Dops and Digs



February Meeting

The next meeting of the Athens Rock and Gem Club will be on February 20, 2024.

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.

The February meeting will consist of stuffing grab bags for the March show and open discussion. Please bring any materials you have for the grab bags. Donna will be providing the bags. Come join us!

Donna Book has passed the newsletter torch to Kallie Brunson. This edition is a little haphazard, but it will improve!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Maudsley 11

Walt Sikora 20

January's meeting was a presentation by Kim Cochran on polymers, minerals with multiple names. Kim brought many specimens to pass around and was incredibly informative!



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.sfmshome.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 19-25

<https://www.sfmshome.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!

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 and ages:

Schools:

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

EmailAddresses: _____

Occupations,hobbies,Interests: _____

Birthdays/ Anniversary
(optional) _____

Please circle one:

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

Family greater than Two - \$20.00

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