

# **ATHENS ROCK AND GEM CLUB**

## **ATHENS, GA    DOPS AND DIGS    SEPT 2025**

### **September Meeting**

Tonight!! We'll have a show and tell of what everyone did over the summer. Bring your finds and let's chat!

May Meeting: Thank you everyone for a great swap night! We had a couple new members come in and fill out their collections. Jim brought in some barite from a location that is no longer accessible and Diana and Jurgen brought a wide variety including Withlacoochee River agatized coral!

Our next regular meeting will be October 21st. 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 down the hall to the right.

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.

Happy Birthday!

Don Brockway 5  
Jessie Jones 10



### **DMC Field Trip Sharing Program**

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**An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society (Columbia, SC) (HOST)**

**An Official Field Trip of the Georgia Mineral Society**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**8 a.m. Eastern Time arrival (8:30 am departure)**

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Morris Island  
Charleston, SC

Limit: 48 People  
Registration Required (Link is below)  
Fee: \$61 per person

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**TRIP:** Hop aboard for a family-friendly adventure that takes you straight to the sandy shores of a wild barrier island. This tour is part boat cruise, part beach day - all fun. It's a 4-hour trip ending at 12:30. The boat leaves the dock at 8:30 am. **DO NOT BE LATE.**

Departing from Shem Creek, the Coastal Expedition's naturalists and captains will guide you through the salt marsh and Charleston Harbor, sharing stories of the Lowcountry along the way. Keep your eyes peeled for bottlenose dolphins, brown pelicans, and (in summer!) gentle manatees as we cruise past iconic sights like the Ravenel Bridge, downtown Charleston, and Fort Sumter.

Once we arrive on Morris Island, you'll have plenty of time to explore, hunt for fossils and shells with a Coastal Expeditions guide or just relax on the beach with a picnic and good company. Morris Island has been a mecca for fossil hunters for over 50 years. Not reachable by land, there are more fossils untouched than other public beaches. You can find puffer fish teeth, turtle or alligator scale scoots as well as Angustidens shark teeth or the descendant of Angustidens, the megalodon.

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**COLLECTING:** You'll be collecting Fossils and Shells; there are plenty of both on this remote barrier island. There is always the chance of finding a big tooth on the beach, but those are rare. You will find fossils for sure and with a bit of luck, good technique and good vision your odds improve.

**BRING:** Be sure to bring a bottle of water, good beach shoes, as well as weather appropriate clothing. A jacket for the boat ride to the island is suggested for the fall weather. Remember to bring something to collect specimens in such as zip lock bags or other containers. Bring any food or snacks you may want for the 4-hour excursion since we won't be near cars or shops.

**TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Boots or sturdy tennis shoes (that you don't mind getting wet) are recommended for walking on the beach. Bring weather-appropriate clothing because you will be exposed during the boat ride (boat has a roof but not enclosed) and on the beach.

**FEE:** \$61 per person, including tip.

**REGISTRATION:** Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If you register and are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

**CHILDREN (Yes):** Children are allowed, but require adult supervision at all times for the boat ride over as well as on the beach; don't want kids running off onto the island getting lost or injured.

**PETS (No):** No pets allowed on this trip. Best to leave them at home for this one.

**FACILITIES:** There are no facilities on the island, please use the restroom before leaving the docks, the boat departs promptly at 8:30am. There are restaurants right near the docks where we depart from with toilets and food.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** There are lots of hotels in the Summerville area near Patriots point and Shem Creek where we will be departing from. Downtown Charleston has fun walking ghost tours, as well as some of the finest restaurants in the country. Folly beach has decent sharks' teeth too that are often over searched.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** Registered participants will be sent a confirmation email with directions and meeting place details.

**CARPOOLING:** The registration form has a place for you to indicate if you need a ride; if you can offer a ride; or if you would like to drive or share a carpool ride. If you choose any of these options, your name, email address, and club name will be shared with other members who also choose one of the options. Then, you can communicate with one another to arrange carpools.

**CONTACT:** Casey Tyler is the Field trip chair and contact person. If you have any questions: [fieldtrips@cgms.rocks](mailto:fieldtrips@cgms.rocks) or call at 803-319-4492.

**IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click [here](#) to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.**

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### 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.

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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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