

ATHENS ROCK AND GEM CLUB

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October Meeting

News from the club President:

In September we had a lively meeting. Mark Woods as well as other club member brought in their rockhounding mementos collected over the Summer. Two new, potential members showed up. Under new business we discussed lining up club field trips for the coming year. Several exciting locations are in the works. Make it a point to attend the October meeting so we can pin down the where and when for each trip.

Mark Woods announced that we will not have a Fall rock and gem show in Athens this year but an alternate location has been selected. More details forthcoming at the October meeting. I recently met with Dee Pelewski and got a preview of our new venue for the Christmas Party – her barn! It's awesome.

I also talked with Kim Cochran. He is still on the mend from Knee surgery. Currently he has limited mobility but that is improving. He is looking forward to getting back to club meetings.

October meeting: "Love that Lapidary" -- Have you ever thought about faceting gems, creating cabochons, or casting your own silver jewelry? Casey Gordon has and he has done it all. He will share his knowledge and experiences with you at this month's meeting. You will not want to miss it.

Our club treasurer is retiring! So, a portion of the business meeting will be devoted to finding a replacement. No experience necessary. Kodi is willing to work with the new person and bring them up to speed. Think about it.

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!

Kim Cochran 21st

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DMC Field Trip Sharing Program

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**An Official Field Trip of the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society
(Knoxville, TN) (HOST)**

An Official Field Trip of the Georgia Mineral Society

Saturday, November 22, 2025

11 a.m. Eastern Time

Norris Lake, TN

Limit: 50 People

Registration Required (Link is below)

Fee:None



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TRIP: We will be collecting Upper Ordovician marine fossils along the shore of Norris Lake. The Stromatolites are large, unfortunately they are gray colored like the limestone they are weathering out of. The brachiopods are on plates with the inside of the shell displayed, however If you look closely, you can find complete shells that have weathered out of the limestone.

COLLECTING: Marine Fossils: Stromatolite, Brachiopods, Bryozoans.

BRING: Geology Hammer or small scratching tool, bucket. Fossils are loose and easy to pick up.

REQUIREMENTS: We will be collecting along the banks of Norris Lake. Digging is not allowed, only surface collecting.

TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The site is within easy walking distance from the parking area.

FEE: FREE

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 allowed. Children need to be under adult supervision at all times due to the proximity of the lake to the collecting area.

PETS (Yes): Are pets allowed. Pets must always be on a leash while at the site.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the collecting site, however there is a small country store/gas station within 0.1 miles of the parking lot that has clean restrooms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Food and drinks are available within a short driving distance from the parking lot.

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

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choose one of the options. Then, you can communicate with one another to arrange carpools.

CONTACT: Daniel Miller Field Trip Chairman KGMS, 423-273-0487 daniel.miller@jtekt.com

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.**

[Click here for DMC Field Trip Attendance Policies](#)

[Click here for the DMC Field Trip Schedule](#)

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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.

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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

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