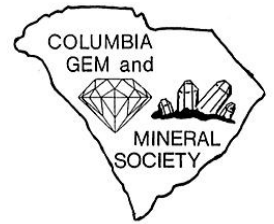




Rocky Trails



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The Newsletter of the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY EVERYONE!! I hope everyone had a wonderful 4TH of July and all are safe. We are moving full speed ahead for our Annual show in November. Contracts are coming in and it won't be long before it's time for set up for the show.

With that in mind, remember for our club to continue to grow and prosper, we ALL must step up and help. This is our only big fundraiser. We will need help with set up, as well as during the show and at the end of the show too. Many hands make the work go so much faster and it can be fun too!

Getting to know our dealers has been the coolest thing for me. We have dealers that come from all over the globe, even if they may be living in the great USA now. Yes, I do have my favorites, and I know our members who get involved in the show will have their favorite dealers too!

So, with that all said, I truly want to encourage our members to step up and take a role in our annual show. I will need to have someone take over the Dealer Chairperson position as this will be my last year as the D.C. I'll be honest, it can be a time-consuming job if you try to do it on your own. I will be there for the next D.C. guiding and helping in any way I can. So please consider taking this position over for next year's show. If you are truly interested, you can even shadow me at the show and I will be happy to show you the ropes preparing for the show, starting with getting the contracts out to the dealers and collecting the contracts and deposits/payments prior to the show. I hope that we have a member or 2 that might be willing to take over this important and fun position! Just let me or Angela know and we will get you ready to become a good Dealer Chairperson for Columbia Gem & Mineral Society!

Respectfully,
Patricia Stidom
President/Dealer Chairperson

Editor's note: We will be voting on the revised CGMS Bylaws at the July meeting.

NEXT MEETING

July 20, 2026

Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm.
Meeting at 7:30 pm.

The July 2026 CGMS meeting will be held at **Hope Church** located at 2609 Seminole Road. It is off Broad River Rd. and is easily accessible from I-26 or I-20. Use the side door (close to the main part of the parking lot). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not come into Hope Church before 6:30 pm.,

PROGRAM: For the July meeting Dr. Scott Persons, a professor of paleobiology at the College of Charleston will be giving a presentation on the **Dinosaurs of Glenrock, Wyoming**. Glenrock is a world-renowned hotspot for Cretaceous-era fossils. The area is especially famous for the **Triceratops Gulch** fossil beds, which have yielded remarkably intact skeletons.

Ronnie Belleggia will provide door prizes and refreshments.
Jenny Breeden & Jacalin Shealy will provide refreshments.

Executive Meeting

July 27, 2026

Dinner: 6 pm, Meeting: 7 pm
Grecian Gardens, 2312 Sunset Blvd.,
West Columbia. Members are welcome to attend. Only executive board members can vote.

About the Programs

For the July meeting Dr. Scott Persons, a former professor of paleobiology at the College of Charleston and current fossil curator for the State Museum will be giving a presentation on the Dinosaurs of Glenrock, Wyoming. Glenrock is a world-renowned hotspot for Cretaceous-era fossils and is close to where members from our club have been digging for dinosaur bones for the last six years. The area is especially famous for the **Triceratops Gulch** fossil beds, which have yielded remarkably intact skeletons.

Dr. W. Scott Persons is the new Curator of Natural History at the South Carolina State Museum, where he leads research and collection initiatives in natural history, with a focus on paleontology. He brings a deep commitment to sharing scientific stories with the public through exhibitions, publications, programs, and the RTE project. Scott holds a Ph.D. and a master's degree in Evolution and Systematics from the University of Alberta, along with a bachelor's degree in Geology/Biology from Macalester College. Prior to joining the museum, he served as Curator and Assistant Professor at the College of Charleston's Mace Brown Museum of Natural History for six years and held multiple roles in exhibition curation. His blend of academic excellence, research leadership, and passion for public engagement will be evident in his presentation. You don't want to miss this one!



Triceratops bones in situ uncovered in Wyoming. (photo by Ron Ahle)

For the August meeting, the club will have a combined live/silent auction. We will have lots of great stuff to choose from club donations and private collections.

EXECUTIVE BROAD MEETING MINUTES**June 22, 2026, Executive Board Meeting of Columbia Gem and Mineral Society**

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society held its monthly board meeting on June 22nd, 2026, at Grecian Gardens at 2312 Sunset Blvd. Members in attendance were Patricia Stidom, Jim Cobb, Angela Valvasori, Ron Ahle, Cheryl Coker, Jim Carter, Terry Gregory, Liz Gregory, Casey Tyler, and Sophie Grimsley. President Patricia Stidom called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

President: No Report.

Vice President: No Report.

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Angela Valvasori gave a report of the club's finances. She also stated that she has made charitable donations in the club's name to the State Museum the Cayce Historical Museum, and William Holland. In response to a question by Jim Carter last month, Angela gave a breakdown of what the club could afford to pay in rent for a workshop.

Membership: Liz Gregory gave a report of the membership count. The club has 128 total members. Three members have only paid for ½ the year one recently paid, and the other two are about to drop off.

Programs: Catherine Sawyer was not present to give updates. The following are the programs currently scheduled for the rest of the year:

- July: Scott Persons will be giving a presentation on the Dinosaurs of Glen Rock.
- August: Silent Auction by Ron Ahle
- September: Gwen Geidel will be presenting on the Remediation of Graves Mountain
- October: Dan Frost will be presenting on earthquakes. There will also be a fall picnic in Sesquicentennial Park on October 17th, 2026.
- November: Election of Officers/Show and Tell

Show Planning: The next show planning meeting will be held on June 30th at 6:30 pm at the Richland Library branch on Broad River Road. Angela gave a report of her research on possible new venues for the annual show. Some options included the Medallion Center, the State Fairgrounds, and the Columbia Convention Center. The Jamil Temple remained the most cost-effective option. There was brief discussion of Pat Carter's research into purchasing signs for the show, around \$200 each, and Casey Tyler's research into raffle ticket options that are bigger than last year's tickets.

Workshop: Gary was not present. No report.

Sunshine: Sheila was not present. No report.

Library: Sheila was not present. No report.

EXECUTIVE BROAD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Newsletter: No updates.

Webmaster: Terry said the meeting location has been to the website. He also stated that the arrangements made last month to bring an extra laptop in case the presenter need it worked well, but in the future we may want one other person to bring an extra. Also, Terri looked into projectors that also have software to display presentations, but they are very expensive and limited in their presentation quality. In order to create the show pamphlet, Terri recommended that the club could use Canva, which has a free premium membership for non-profits that allows for up to 50 users.

Historian: No report.

Auctioneer: There will be an auction during the August general meeting on August 17th. Ron stated that he needs to let people know that if they have something to donate to the auction, then they should bring it to the meeting. There will be a live auction for a few nice things, and a silent auction for the rest.

Bylaws Review: Ron made corrections and changes to the bylaws draft based upon the discussion at the last board meeting. He reviewed the changes and asked that the board approve the draft to present to the general membership for a vote at the August general meeting. Jim Carter made a motion to approve, and Jim Cobb seconded. All voted to in favor of the motion. The Bylaws draft will be listed in the Rocky Trails, and a blurb can be written into the program email for August.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Cheryl Coker stated that she would like to put a button on the website to ask for donations. Angela stated that we already have a donation feature on the webpage, but it is not on the home page. Terry said that he would add a donation button to the home page of the website.

Patricia adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sophie Grimsly

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**Columbia Gem and Mineral Society Meeting 06/15/26**

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. held its monthly meeting on June 15, 2026, at Hope Church. President Patricia Stidom called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

This month, Chris Judge, South Carolina State Archeologist, gave a presentation on pottery in the archeological perspective. Chris also helped identify various archeological artifacts such as pottery shards that club members brought to the meeting. Thank you, Chris, for the fantastic presentation and helpful information!

Secretary Sophie Grimsley had to leave the June General Meeting early before Chris's presentation ended. The following meeting minutes were written and submitted by Angela Valvasori.

Show Planning: Angela spoke about the show and sponsorships. The next show planning meeting is June 30 at 6:30 pm. The Club is obtaining sponsorships for our show in order to increase income to help fund a new workshop. Sponsors will be recognized with the business name and logo in our show booklet, which will also contain the show layout, information about our club and minerals and fossils. We are looking for volunteers to help contact businesses to ask for sponsorships and ideas of which businesses to contact. Angela passed around a sign-up sheet and a one-page handout to give to potential sponsors.

Membership: Liz Gregory informed the Club that we have 95 adult and 32 junior members.

Field Trips: Cayce Tyler informed us about two potential field trips if there is interest. One is to a new place to dig for Amethyst. This property is just south of Greenville. The other opportunity is to sift through gravel for Montana sapphire. Casey will order the gravel from Montana at a price of about \$4/lb., including shipping, and we will get together at a park to sift through our gravel. Casey will follow up with an email. Please let Casey know if you are interested in either one. If you would purchase the sapphire-bearing gravel from Montana, let him know how many pounds you want.

Patricia Stidom thanks Carol Elliott and Susan Richardson for bringing the refreshments and the door prizes.

The door prize drawings were held.

Respectfully submitted by Sophie Grimsly

News Worth Digging Up

Why the Megalodon Went Extinct (And No, It's Not Hiding in the Trench)

Source: Science News Today

Date: March 7, 2026

By Science News Editorial Team

Imagine an ocean where the largest predators of today would appear small and cautious. For millions of years, such a creature truly existed. It was one of the most powerful predators the Earth has ever seen—a shark known scientifically as *Otodus megalodon*. Often simply called Megalodon, meaning “big tooth,” this prehistoric shark could reach lengths of up to 50–60 feet, possibly even longer. But despite its immense power, Megalodon thankfully disappeared from the fossil record approximately 3.6 million years ago.

Megalodon ruled the seas during the Miocene and early Pliocene epochs, a time when warm oceans supported abundant marine life. To understand why Megalodon vanished, it is important to consider that it was an apex predator at the very top of the food chain that required enormous amounts of energy to support its body weight. Fossil evidence shows that Megalodon primarily hunted whales, seals, and large fish. Bite marks discovered on fossil whale bones show patterns consistent with attacks from these massive sharks.

The world Megalodon evolved in began to cool during the transition from the Miocene to the Pliocene epoch leading to lower ocean temperatures, expanded polar ice sheets and shifted sea levels. These changes reshaped marine ecosystems across the globe. Warm coastal waters that served as prime habitat for marine mammals and as nursery grounds for young Megalodons disappeared dramatically. Population declines due to poor recruitment of young Megalodons and reduction in prey base probably wasn't enough to push the species to extinction. However, The ocean food web was becoming more complex and competitive with the evolution of new apex predators such as great white sharks, which are partially warm blooded, and killer whales that hunt in packs may have hunted the juvenile Megalodons. In the end, the problem was being too big! “Its enormous body gave it unmatched power, but it also tied its survival to a delicate ecological balance. It needed warm waters, abundant large prey, and safe nursery habitats. To read more go to: [Why the Megalodon Went Extinct \(And No, It's Not Hiding in the Trench\)](#)

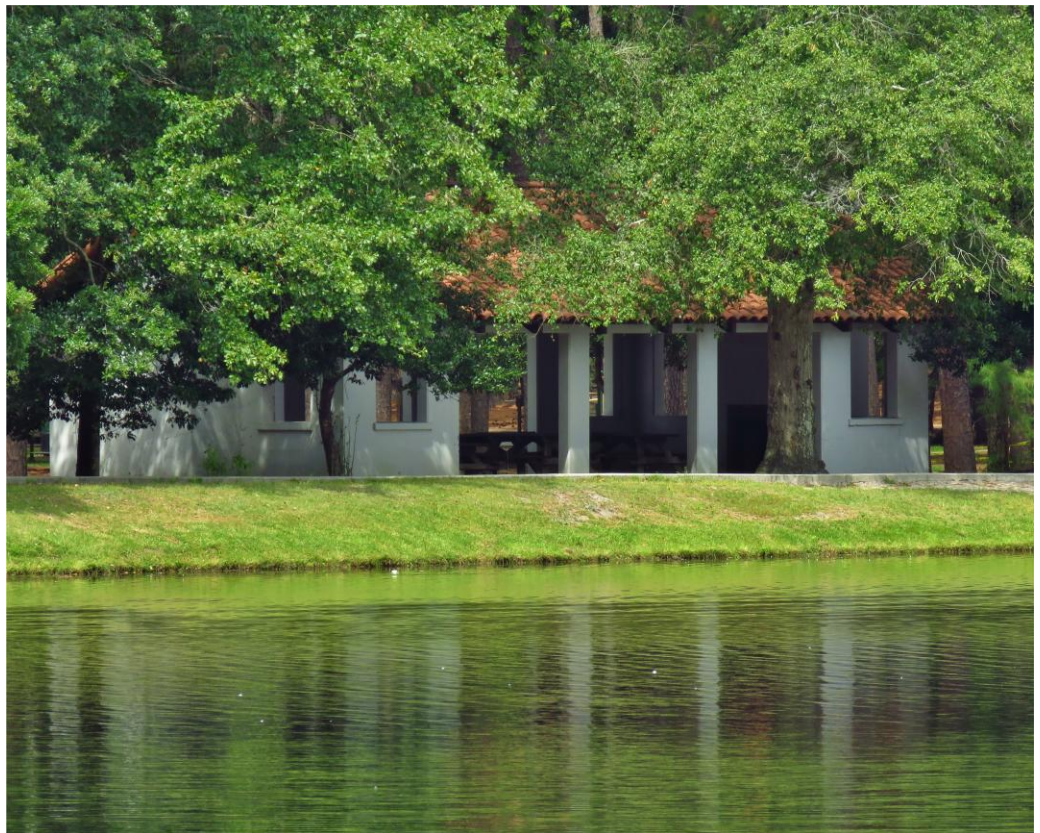


Megalodon tooth and Whale vertebra showing megalodon feeding damage from Aurora (photos from Ron & Angela's collection by Ron Ahle)

CLUB PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!! Come join us at the club picnic which will be held at Sesquicentennial State Park at Picnic Shelter No. 1 on **Saturday October 17th 11:00 to 3:00**. This is a bring your own food event although sharing of deserts is always appreciated. The club will provide charcoal for the grill, ice, and some drinks. If you want to use the grill, please bring your own meat. Grilling is definitely a good way to go. There are opportunities for outdoor recreation such as walking trails, hiking, bird observation, kayaking and fishing if you would like to extend your day and take advantage of the park. **Please note that you will be responsible for entrance fees into the park.**

(The photo below is Picnic Shelter No. 1 (taken by Ron Ahle.)



Social Media Helps our Club Stay Social!

CGMS website: www.cgms.rocks

Facebook, Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066320452494>

Facebook, Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322192978738281/>

Instagram: [Columbia Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. \(@cgms_rocks\)](https://www.instagram.com/cgms_rocks/)

YouTube:
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMgAMgnIt49_IvIzQtsZZRF0EwfbY38kc&si=VrPx2vPIGOR81ZSR

Please like/follow our Facebook and Instagram pages and share posts to increase our reach on social media.



Membership Notes

We currently have a total of 92 adults, 32 juniors, for a total of 124 members in our club. A few new members did not renew their half year membership, hence the drop in our numbers. So glad you all ate here! Let me know if anything changes, or you have any issues, questions, or problems with your membership!

Sincerely,
Liz Gregory
Membership Chair
membership@cgms.rocks

South Carolina State Museum
<http://scmuseum.org/events/upcoming-events/>
803-898-4921

Hours of Operation:

Mon: CLOSED.

Tue – Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

Planetarium/ Theater Shows

James Webb Space Telescope: The Story Unfolds

See strange distant worlds in stunning detail and witness the evolution of galaxies over billions of years as revealed by the most powerful telescope ever built. Featuring groundbreaking images from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope visualized in brilliant 4K resolution, this special live planetarium experience explores the incredible, complex science behind the James Webb mission. Developed by the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, this 42-minute live, interactive show also highlights the incredible science behind the James Webb mission. The State Museum is proud to be one of only two locations outside of the USSRC to debut this special planetarium experience that will bring new discoveries to audiences. ***Recently updated with new images and fascinating discoveries!***

Into America's Wild

A non-stop ride via kayak, bike, train, hot air balloon, zipline and more, "Into America's Wild," explores some of the most beautiful but little-known landscapes of North America, from the wilds of Alaska and the lush coastline of Oregon to the ancient canyons of the Southwest and the rolling hills of the Appalachian Trail. Setting out on this journey are three trailblazers – pioneering Native American astronaut John Herrington, Alaskan pilot and youth advocate Ariel Tweto, and record-breaking long-distance hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis – who share a passion for connecting people to experiences in the wild. As they wind their way through the scenic byways, ancient homelands, secret gems and hidden trails of America, viewers will discover the special human connection we all share with the natural world. Narrated by Academy Award® winner Morgan Freeman

Solar Superstorms

A fury is building on the surface of the Sun: high-velocity jets, a fiery tsunami wave 100,000 km high, rising loops of electrified gas. What's driving these strange phenomena? How will they affect planet Earth? Find the answers as we venture into the seething interior of our star. *Solar Superstorms* is a major new production that takes viewers into the tangle of magnetic fields and superhot plasma that vent the Sun's rage in dramatic flares, violent solar tornadoes, and the largest eruptions in the Solar System: coronal mass ejections. The show features one of the most intensive efforts ever made to visualize the Sun's inner workings, including a series of groundbreaking scientific visualizations computed on the giant supercomputing initiative, Blue Waters, based at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois.

Black Holes: Unimaginably powerful, relentless, and invisible, black holes are some of the most fascinating and extreme objects in the universe. They warp space and time, swallow up stars, and can grow to monstrous sizes. How do they form? Where are they found? What would happen to you if you fell into one? Go on a mind-bending journey that brings you face to face with these strange and enigmatic denizens of the cosmos.

CGMS Fieldtrip Announcement

Rock'N Win'N Amethyst Mine Field Trip – August 8th, 2026, 10am - 5 or earlier

What: Columbia Gem & Mineral Club field trip to Rock'N Win'N Amethyst Mine

When: Saturday, August 8th, 2026 – meet at 10:00 AM

Where: 235 Cobb Rd, Pelzer, SC 29693

Cost: \$30 per person (members only) confirming now if kids under a certain age are free or cheaper. Please bring cash to the mine.

We'll meet at the site and walk about 2 minutes to the dig area.

What to bring:

· Dress for HOT weather – hat, sunscreen, lightweight long sleeves recommended · LOTS of water (critical – it'll be August in SC) · Screwdrivers, brushes, chisels, hammers · Battery-powered chisel optional and would be nice to have. Mine owner will provide some shade for diggers.

What to expect:

This is a fairly new mine with lots of virgin ground – completely different from Diamond Hill. They've been finding plenty of amethyst matrix rock and some really good, terminated material. Located in the woods behind her house – they've excavated a large hole in the earth. · Power tools are allowed – unlike most mines. · They're planning to have several tents set up over the tailings piles to help beat the heat in July or August

Please email or text me to confirm your spot and remember, you must be a CGMS member to participate. Questions? Just ask. Hope to see you there!

Thanks,
Casey Tyler
8033194492

Another fieldtrip opportunity is a gravel buy-in for Montana sapphires that we'd wash locally. Casey has a contact in which 12–15 lbs. · \$50/bag (shipped) of gravel containing sapphires can be purchased. Think of it this way – \$100 worth of gravel is much cheaper than flying to Montana, booking a hotel, and spending a week there. Contact Casey if you are interested in participating in this screen for sapphires opportunity.

58th Annual Columbia Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
November 20-22, 2026
Jamil Temple

Show planning is progressing! Unfortunately, I had to cancel the June 30 show planning meeting. I apologize for the late notice I sent out and for any inconvenience that caused. Planning is still on track, and your help is still welcome. The next show planning meeting will be held in **late July**, exact date TBD. I will email the specifics once it is scheduled. All CGMS members are invited to the show planning meetings, to be involved in specific tasks or just help with decisions. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like to help, please contact me at the email or phone number at the end of the Rocky Trails.

The show committees are listed in the table below. Items in purple text are areas where we still need help.

Planning status:

- 14 dealers have confirmed, with signed contracts. We are waiting to hear from the other dealers that contracts have been sent to. If you know any dealers you would like to invite, please contact Patricia.
- The show flyer has been revised to include fossils in the title.
- Pat Carter has ideas for the theme of the dealer dinner which she will share at the July meeting for members to vote on.
- If you have a specimen to donate for the raffle, contact Casey.
- Gary Hert would like to wash the show trailer. Please contact him if you are willing to help.
- Jamil Temple will ask for donations for parking this year. It will not be mandatory.
- Show sponsorship: To raise additional income to help with funds for securing a workshop location, we are obtaining sponsors for the 2026 show. The sponsors will be recognized with their business name and logo in a special booklet to be given out at the show. The booklet will also contain the show layout, information about CGMS and geology, minerals, and fossils. Sponsors will also be recognized on our website up to January, and full-page sponsors will be recognized on a banner at the show.
 - Cheryl Coker has created materials to be used for talking to potential sponsors and held a training session on July 1. We are asking members to identify and contact potential sponsors. These can be businesses you work for, regularly go to, or companies and organizations that would benefit from having their name in front of our show attendees. Please contact me if you are willing to help and I will send you the materials.
 - Schedule: contact potential sponsors by mid-August, secure their logo/artwork by the end of August, design the booklets in September and print them in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Valvasori
Show Chair

Show Committees

Committee	Lead and Details
Show Chair	Angela Valvasori Olga Yukhno for setup and teardown
Dealers and Layout	Patricia and Tom Stidom
Geodes & Show Trailer	Gary Hert, Jim Carter
Sponsorship & Show Booklet	Cheryl Coker Need help with selling sponsorships Need articles for the booklet
Dealer Dinner	Pat Carter
Advertising and Publicity	Posters – Sue Shrader Billboards – Angela Valvasori Posting on event calendars – Sue Shrader Need someone to contact TV and radio stations Need someone to label and mail show reminder postcards
Volunteer Organization	Bri Tribbett
Raffle	Casey Tyler
Mystery Bags	Ron Ahle

News From SFMS from Cindy Reed, SFMS Loadstar Editor

Here's the link for the July edition of the SFMS Lodestar.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zLVKV3EfEZfGqCYiMNOjVNq1N1vAc-NI/view?usp=sharing>

Info on the next quarterly meeting is on page 4 with the registration form on page 21. It's in Franklin, NC on July 25. Be sure to check out David Liles article on Fossil Sharks Teeth of the SE US. You too can be published. Send your submissions to this email by the 25th of the month.

As always, if you have any suggestions or additions, please let me know.

Cindy Reed, SFMS Lodestar Editor

AREA SHOWS

To verify the accuracy of a show date, go to the show's website or contact them directly.

July 24-26, Franklin, NC: 57th Annual Macon County Gemboree; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00; Sunday 10:00 -4:00, contact Linda Harbuck (800)-336-7829; e-mail: lindah@franklin-chamber.com; www.visitfranklinnc.com

July 26-August 2, Spruce Pine, NC: 42nd Annual Grassy Creek Gem & Mineral Show Organized by: Parkway Fire and Rescue Department Parkway Fire and Rescue (Parkway Fairgrounds 136 Majestic View, Spruce Pine, North Carolina 28777) Contact Us: grassycreekgemshow@gmail.com

Oct. 2-4, Graves Mountain Rock Swap & Dig

Lincolnton, Georgia. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. October 2, 3, 4. 8 am to 6 pm.

<https://www.gamineral.org/ft/commercial/ftgravesmain.html>

The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 58th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show on November 22-22, 2025.

Jamil Shrine Temple, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC 29210

Friday and Saturday 10:00 - 6:00; Sunday 12:00 - 5:00.

\$7.00 for adults, 3 days pass \$14.00, 12 & under free. All military & their dependents free with ID Card

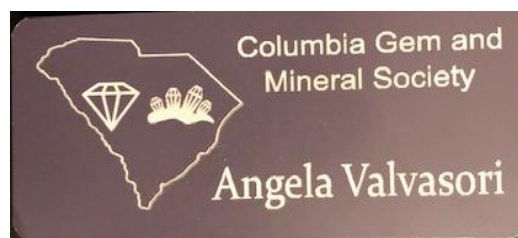
Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale
Geodes sold & cut,
Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations
Education for the whole family
South Carolina amethyst on display

www.cgms.rocks

Patricia Stidom is the dealer's contact. pstidom@aol.com

CGMS Name Tag

Would you like to have a CGMS name tag? They can be obtained at Irmo Trophy. An example is shown below. If you would like one, please contact Irmo Trophy by email so they have the correct spelling of your name and tell them you are requesting a Columbia Gem and Mineral Society name tag. The cost is \$7. **Irmo Trophy Co.**, 803-798-3735; 5430 Old Bush River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212 irmotrophy@gmail.com



A special announcement from our friends at South Carolina Association of Naturalist.

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Reserve Your Spot by **JULY 13.**

 SATURDAY
JULY 25

 2:00 PM –
7:30 PM

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AN UNFORGETTABLE AFTERNOON AWAITS



**INSPIRING
KEYNOTE**

Hear from Josh Arrants,
conservationist, explorer,
and storyteller.



**HONORING
RUDY MANCKE**

We will honor
Rudy Mancke for his
vision and enduring legacy.



**50 YEARS
OF IMPACT**

Learn about SCAN's
mission and its legacy
of gathering
natural history.



**SHARE &
CELEBRATE**

Enjoy a light dinner
and great company as
we celebrate this
milestone together.



DON'T DELAY! Tickets are limited.
Help us celebrate 50 years of exploring together.

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Let's Celebrate!

For 50 years, SCAN has brought together people who share a passion for South Carolina's natural history. We hope you'll join us as we honor Rudy Mancke, hear from keynote speaker Josh Arrants, reconnect with friends, and celebrate this milestone together.

Please reserve your place by **July 13** so we can finalize arrangements.

[Click Here to Register](#)

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society is an organization of persons associated together to promote popular interest in and to provide means for the exchange of knowledge of the Earth Sciences – Geology, Mineralogy, and Paleontology – and of the related Arts – Lapidary and other. The Society is a member of the Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies Inc. and an affiliate of the American Federation of Mineralogical Society Inc.

2026 OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President..... Patricia Stidom.
 Vice President..... Jim Carter.
 Treasurer..... Angela Valvasori.....
 Secretary..... Sophie Grimsley.....

COMMITTEES

Membership Liz Gregory.....
 Auctioneer..... Ron Ahle.....
 Club Liaison..... Jim Cobb.....
 Faceting Guild..... Tom Daniels.....
 Facebook..... Sue Shrader
 Field Trip..... Casey Tyler.....
 Historian..... Angela Valvasori.....
 Librarian..... Sheila Frame.....
 Newsletter Editor..... Ron Ahle.....
 Program..... Catherine Sawyer.....
 Show..... Angela Valvasori.....
 Sunshine Sheila Frame.....
 Website..... Terry Gregory
 Workshop..... Gary Hert.....
 Workshop Location Special Committee.... Cheryl Coker.....



CGMS Website

Please visit our website:

<http://www.cgms.rocks>

Webmaster: Terry Gregory

Monthly Meeting

Typically, the meetings are held the third Monday of each month. Socializing and refreshments at 7:00 pm; Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Executive Board Meetings:

Typically, the meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Meal is at 6:00 pm. Meeting is at 7:00 pm.

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