



# THE MOUNTAIN GEM

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## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Macon County Gemboree July 25-28 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily Closed on Sunday

### 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL	MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL
January	23	25	July	17	19
February	20	22	August	28	30
March	27	29	September	28	**22**
April	24	26	October	23	25
<b>May</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	November	27	29
June	26	28	December		**8**

Board Meetings: 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum  
All Board Meetings are open to the members. If you want to submit something before the Board, contact the President prior to meeting.

General Meetings: 6:30 p.m. in West Room of the Macon County  
Community Facilities Building HWY 441 S

Except When Noted In The Newsletter

\*\*Banquet and End of Year Party

**June Meeting:**  
**Date: June 28**  
**Day: Thursday**  
**Time: 6:30 P.M.**  
**Where: Macon County Community Facilities Bldg.**  
**Program: Karl Galespie will give an interesting presentation on his father's findings in our area.**

**JULY**

**Birthdays**

- 2 – Fred Plesner
- 4 – Ina Raye Muncher
- 5 – Lee Burley
- 15 – Rhoda Haber
- 15 – Eugene King
- 16 - Sonja Eldridge
- 16 – Sharon John
- 16 – Virginia Phillips
- 16 – Albert Moccia
- 18 - Marilyn Kolle
- 29 – Nathan Tartak



**Anniversaries**

- 1 – David & Bonnie Mills
- 10 – Bob & Pat Wolfskeil
- 23 – Jon & Michelle Loewy
- 31 – Don & Iris Smith

**June's Mystical Birthstone – Moonstone**

By Ted Robles for The Mountain Gem

Chemically, Moonstone is Potassium Aluminum Silicate, an Orthoclase Feldspar. Mineralogically, it is a Tectosilicate, the structure being three-dimensionally linked tetrahedrons. It is in the monoclinic system, transparent or translucent, hardness 6.0, Sp. Gr.  $2.59 \pm 0.04$ . distinct 90° cleavage, vitreous luster. The outstanding characteristic that gives it its name is a phenomenon known as adularia, a white or bluish play of color caused by internal lamellae (“plates”) of albite. Its

distribution is worldwide, being found on every continent, including Antarctica. Best specimens come from Sri Lanka and Myanmar, but it is found in Siberia, the Swiss Alps, Italy, Madagascar, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina.

It is considered a sacred stone in India, and specimens offered for sale are always displayed on yellow cloth, yellow being the sacred color; as a gift for lovers, it is reputed to confer the gift of prophecy as to the fate of a relationship, if held in the mouth at the time of the full moon. It is said to bring victory, wisdom, and wealth.

The wearer of moonstone is promised long life and happiness, with good fortune in the choice of friends. It confers peace of mind, and facilitates knowingness of the inner self. It soothes and balances emotions, and in healing is especially useful in reducing edemas (fluid retention) particularly when associated with PMS. While it encourages personal friendship and romance, its primary benefit is in promoting agapé, the selfless love of mankind recommended by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:13 (and translated in the King James version as “Charity”).

All in all, Moonstone appears to be a beneficial stone. Whether it possesses the claimed virtues or not, it is surely quite handsome, and deserves a place in anyone’s collection of costume jewelry, no matter what one’s birth month may be.

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*Newsletter deadline is  
 June 29  
 Early date due to July’s  
 early publication for  
 Gemboree*





Fred Plesner, President

I will begin with the good news.

Wally Smith, our workshop manager, scored a huge success with his 1st Friday Craft night. I brought some cabbing material in anticipation of finishing a few cabochons that I had started. Boy, did I get a surprise. I counted 15 people there including some of our new members. This month we had some cabbing, cutting, beading and wire wrapping all going on and requests for some faceting instructions. It was indeed a great place for learning and socializing.

Wally now intends to repeat his success on a monthly basis so we will look for you on the 1st Friday of July.

With so many activities going on I retreated to the library and attempted to identify that mysterious rock that I bought at the club auction the day before. I have had no luck in identifying my rock.

Now for the bad news...

Fran Rasmusson is our calendar chairman and is having a very difficult time in finding people to sit at the museum. We are a working organization so that includes you and working involves effort. Some of our members host on a regular basis and then get called to fill in again and again. This is not fair to them since we are asking them to give up their time that was planned for other activities.

This month's calendar includes 62 time slots. This means that if every member gave just 3 (night) or 4 (day) hours this month then somewhere between 40 and 50 people would not have to work at all and most of the people who worked this month would not have to work next month. I ask you to search your heart and check your calendar and give Fran a call at 349-1649. She will return your call and work with you in an attempt to accommodate your schedule.

If you should stop by the museum and fill in a time slot on the calendar then please call Fran and let her know what you have done. Fran does not live at the museum thus cannot know what action you have taken.

The other news...

I have been contacted by the State of Franklin and they are aware of our circumstances. Unfortunately they have a shortage of applicants who can fit our job description. I ask you to be patient and hopefully our problem will soon be resolved. (All will surely miss our "grant" employee, Joe Scotti.)

If you missed the May meeting you missed a lot of great fun. The auction went well and Bruce Siegfried kept things moving and orderly while keeping us all entertained with his own brand of humor. New friends were made and new members were added. A great job Bruce.

Fred Plesner  
President

**From Wally Smith, Workshop Manager**



Our first Craft/Workshop night was a great success. Thirteen members and two "pebble pups" were there. The two younger members each made a lovely bracelet. The basics of wire wrapping was taught. A member made another bracelet.

The use of the template and trim saw was explained and three cabochons were crafted on the cabbing machines.

Use of the faceting machine was explained to a member and others shared beading techniques.

What would you like to learn or share with fellow members? Join us the first Friday of each month for fun, fellowship and learning.

**Special classes will be held for faceting, cabochon and wire wrapping. Sign up sheets will be available at our regular meeting and at "craft night."**



**Member News:**

**Linda Behr's** aunt passed away in May. Hopefully no return trips at this time.

**Mary Bedrick** is busy with her treatments, but still visible in the Museum.

Several Florida members have returned: **Della Samuel, Art and MaryAnn Zoeckler, Bob and Pat Wolfskeil and Rose Temkin...** to name a few.

**The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin Board Meeting of May 29, 2007**

The May meeting of the Board of Directors of the Franklin Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Fred Plesner at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum meeting room.

Present were: Dean Plesner, Linda Smith, Bruce Siegfried, Mary Bedrick, Wally Smith, Tom Sterrett, Linda Behr and Sharon John. Don Smith and Ray Behr were absent.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Siegfried reported that the total inflow was \$412.73 and the total outflow was \$3681.45, with a large portion going towards renovations. (Detailed report on file.)

The trailer has a new hitch, lights, new safety chain hooks and is now insured.

Education: Debra Siegfried reported that there would be a class of 1<sup>st</sup> grade children in on Thursday.

Gift Shop: Debra Siegfried reported that the Gift Shop sales are up.

Work Shops: Wally Smith will have a craft night this Friday at 6:30 p.m. It will be for any kind of craft that you are interested in doing, like beading, wire wrapping, cabbing, etc. He plans to hold craft night every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at the Museum.

Field Trips: Tom Sterrett reported that he is working on some new field trips for the coming months.

Library: Dean Plesner reported that there was a book purchased in memory of Helen Coe to be placed in our library. A card will be sent to her family.

Gemboree: Fred Plesner reported that the Chamber of Commerce has sent a check for the table rentals.

Editor: Linda Behr reported that she has copies of a new newsletter just for children called the Mini Miners Monthly. A year's subscription will cost \$19.95. It was suggested that we give them out as door prizes for the kids that come to our General Meetings. A motion was made by Sharon John to subscribe to the newsletter and was seconded by Mary Bedrick. The motion was passed.

**Old Business:**

Although it is not official yet, Congratulations go to Elizabeth Siegfried for winning the Southeast Federation's scholarship.

Karl Gillespie will display some of his father's rock collection at our June meeting

**New Business:**

Jan Robles wrote a proposal to change the By/Laws for the Awards Committee changes as follows:

1. Membership is composed of active Life Members, Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Society, past and present.

2. Membership in the Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) persons. If active Life Members, present and past Presidents and vice Presidents does not complete at least that number, the sitting President will appoint one or more members to serve during a two-year period.

- A. A past President or vice President may decline to serve on the committee for any good and sufficient reason, in which case if such declination will cause the number of members to be insufficient, the procedure stated in (2) will be followed.

3. The Committee is responsible for evaluating candidates for possible merit awards and/or Life Memberships. The recommendations of the Committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors during the August meeting for its approval and action.

4. The Committee shall select its own Chairman, vice Chairman and recording secretary.

5. In order to prevent possible conflicts of interest, (in the event that a Committee member is to be considered for an award) a meeting may be called by the Chairman or vice Chairman excluding the member to be considered, specifically to act on the matter of such consideration.


Wally Smith made a motion to accept the By-Laws change and Linda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

In Article 6B of the By-Laws, Sharon John made a motion to change a Life Membership from 12 years to 10 years. Wally Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon John, Recording Secretary

 A loser is a vegetarian who wins a years supply of Hamburger Helper® on a game show.

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Luke just bought a zebra for a pet and named him "Spot."

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Everything comes to him who orders hash

## The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin General Meeting of May 31, 2007

The May General meeting of the Franklin Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Fred Plesner at 6.30 p.m.

There were 24 members present and 11 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Siegfried reported that the total inflow as \$412.73 and the total outflow was \$3681.45, which largely was due to renovations. (Detailed report on file.)

The trailer is insured and now has a new hitch, lights, and new safety chain.

Gift Shop: Debra Siegfried reported that the Gift Shop is doing very well in sales.

Education: Debra Siegfried reported that on June 21<sup>st</sup> there would be two school groups coming to visit the museum.

**Museum Report: Ray Behr reported that there are new keys available to those who need to get into the museum. He added that it does not have to be the same person opening and closing the Museum. Just remember to put in your personal four numbers followed by a #1 to enter and to close put in your personal four digit code and then a #2.**

Publicity: Ted Robles—Did everyone see the write up about the Gem and Mineral Society that was published in the Macon County News on May 24<sup>th</sup>?

Library: Dean Plesner reported that a book was purchased in memory of Helen Coe and will be in our library.

Workshops: Wally Smith will be having a craft night every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month starting with this Friday. All who are interested can come to the Museum and enjoy working on crafts such as, beading, wire wrapping cabochon, etc.

Editor: Linda Behr has exchange newsletters for us to read.

Fred Plesner reported that he has received a check from the Chamber of Commerce for the May table rentals.

### Old Business:

Karl Gallespie will be our guest speaker next month and will talk about corundum and Chunky Gal Mountain.

It is not official yet, but the word is out that Elizabeth Siegfried has won a scholarship from SFMS. Congratulations!!!!!!

Fran Rasmusson has offered to write about club member's love of different rocks, gems and minerals. She will be interviewing members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments were served and we had a great auction this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon John, recording secretary

### Rockhounds Dads

*By Jane Webb*

Some Dads prefer a day of rest, a hammock in the shade,

A BBQ, a book to read, a glass of lemonade.

Some Dads enjoy a game of ball, some watch, while others play.

Some take a fishing pole in hand to while away the day.

But Rockhound Dads are different, to them a day of fun,

Is to climb up a dusty hill, ignore the beating sun,

With pick and shovel dig a hole, break rocks with zeal and zest,

With bulging pack they've had their day as the sun sets in the west.

*From The Golden Frog via SIES Club News 6/02)*

*The Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society*

*Newsletter June 2006*



Having toooooo much fun at the May Auction!!!!

Bruce Siegfried as auctioneer????



**Before Becoming A Member Of The Franklin Gem & Mineral Society, One Must Learn What It Means To Become A Member.**

**BE SAFE - BE WELL**

by Don Monroe, AFMS Safety Chair  
June 2007 AFMS Newsletter

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We are a WORKING organization.

Membership means a commitment to share in the responsibilities of the Society, the maintenance and operation of the Gem and Mineral Museum of Franklin, Inc. and all other Society functions and projects, such as the annual Gemborees.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF FRANKLIN, NC. INC.**

1. To effect a close association of those persons interested in the study of rocks, gems and minerals, and the sciences relating to them; and to secure, compile, and disseminate information of interest to the members of this organization.
2. To promote widespread interest in rock and mineral collecting and the lapidary arts, and reveal the unique appeal that these hobbies have to all age groups.
3. To support legislation directed towards the conservation of natural resources, particularly mineral resources, and to support and promote all desirable legislation (Federal, state, or local) pertaining to ecology and conservation in general.
4. To exhibit at all times sincere measures of hospitality to visiting rockhounds and especially to youth, to the end that a sincere and honest endeavor is exercised to make Franklin and the surround area truly a rockhound's paradise.
5. To plan and execute such programs of education, adventure, entertainment, and recreation as the members of this organization may desire, which will tend to increase the interest and participation of its members and attract new members.
6. To operate a Gem and Mineral Museum for members of the Society, residents of the community, and all others who may come to see, enjoy, and benefit from the displays.

## **Poison !!!**

The skull and crossbones symbol always intrigued me as a kid. I always thought about pirate ships and other exciting things and my hero was Errol Flynn. My dad constantly warned me about touching anything that had the skull and crossbones label on it. On the farm we had a large variety of poisons for the mice in the barn as well as pesticides, herbicides and a set of hazards that you don't see much anymore. These other hazards were in a couple of old trunks that had belonged to my grandfather who was a doctor and the county health officer and included medicines, chemicals and tubes containing the residue of the lab work, such as dried-up specimens. I realized later that this was some really bad stuff.

The world has become infinitely more complicated and we are learning that there is much more bad stuff out there. Even our peanut butter is not safe as some of it contains salmonella and some of the green healthy vegetables may have e-coli. Where will it end?

Do you do lapidary work or metal work making jewelry? Are you familiar with cadmium and the severe health effects resulting from exposure to cadmium and its fumes? Cadmium is found in many solders and many fluxes and really should be avoided. There are fluxes that contain fluoride and are not totally safe to use. Do you use any tools made from beryllium and its alloys? It is not good for you! The jury is still out on the potential health effects of aluminum. There are those that say that there is a connection between using aluminum cookware and the incidence of Alzheimer's. Coated cookware is suspected to be a hazard if used after the coating has begun to fail and copper cookware that is losing the coating of nickel or whatever is used. Supposedly the bare copper surface will react to some foods. Am I simply perpetuating an urban legend or are the cautions pertaining to cookware well founded? I do not know but we will still stay with cast iron and stainless steel.

Do you have a Geiger Counter or some other instrument for detecting radiation? If you have one, do you use it? Some years ago there was some imported silver scrap and sheet that was "hot." It was radioactive and a point of concern. I cannot verify this story and it supposedly happened some time ago and the material is probably no longer on the market. There are, however, some mineral specimens that you should not put under your pillow at night just like the old "bag" cell phones that are no longer on the market. While we are talking about specimens, are you familiar with the minerals that have an unhealthy level of arsenic? (cont'd to page 6)

**Safety (cont'd from page 5)**

Some minerals will rub a dangerous amount on your hands when you handle them.

Since I am not writing a book, I cannot tell you a lot that you need to know about minerals but I do encourage you to do a little research and be particularly cautious when you are dealing with material that you do not customarily use.

Do you have pets such as cats or dogs? Have you heard about the contaminated pet food? Are you concerned? I, for one, am absolutely furious that anyone would put profit ahead of the well being of our trusting pets who are always glad to see us when we return home and never criticize us or pass judgment unless we forget to do our duty such as feed or walk with them or whatever we are supposed to do. This last thing is something that I just heard about from my proofreader (wife).

**Q** She heard that some of the pre-moistened, disposable, mop pads cause liver problems in animals. It is reported that the pet gets the chemical on their paws and then lick their paws. Look at the packaging for a cautionary note regarding children and extend this warning to the pets.

There are so many bad things going on that we all must develop a skeptical attitude about everything and be constantly vigilant. Hazards are everywhere.



**Having Fun - Junior Activities Mapping**

by Jim Brace-Thompson,  
Jr. AFMS Activities Chair

As part of my continuing effort to come up with ideas for new badges for our FRA badge program, it's been suggested to me to consider a unit on mapping: what maps are and how to read them. Maps are an essential tool in the rockhound's toolbox as we hit the road to locate the perfect gem or fossil. With that in mind, here are thoughts about possible activities to teach your club's kids about maps:

The different types of maps. Not all maps are created equal. Teach your junior members about the

different types of maps and the stories each tells, from atlases and geopolitical maps showing national, state, and county boundaries, roads, significant landmarks, etc., that help us get from here to there...to geologic maps showing different formations and rock types in colorful banded patterns...to topographic maps with their wavy lines indicating hills and basins, mountains and valleys. Teach the basics of how to read each sort of map.

Making maps. Hold a map-making workshop with your juniors to make maps of different sorts. For instance, you might lead them in making a geographic map of their own neighborhood to show how to get from home to school, or a field trip map to show how to get to a favorite collecting locality. Make a miniature hilly landscape out of moist sand in a tub and insert toothpicks at different levels, with all the toothpicks of specific levels joined by different colored strings to give kids a better appreciation of what the wavy lines on a topographic map help us visualize. Have them sketch a 2-dimensional topographic map using the toothpicks and strings on your miniature 3-dimensional landscape to guide them.

Sources of maps. Help kids learn how to access maps, from the corner gas station convenience store selling roadmaps, to libraries and university geology departments with their large, oversized geological maps in big, flat drawers. And teach them about major sources and publishers of maps, such as geological surveys, Rand McNally, DeLorme, The Thomas Guides, National Geographic, etc.

Using GPS. I confess this is a lesson I myself need to take (I always seem to operate about 10 years behind when it comes to the latest technology). But with GPS coordinates increasingly showing up in guidebooks, and with entire books now consisting of tables of GPS coordinates (like David A. Kelty's The GPS Guide to Western Gem Trails), rockhounds of tomorrow need to learn the technology of today.

Maps on the Web. Speaking of the technology of today, take your juniors to a computer terminal to explore the possibilities afforded by Google® Earth (<http://earth.google.com>). This amazing tool combines the power of Google® Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain, and 3D buildings. Among the range of possibilities suggested on the web site: "fly" to one of your junior member's homes by typing in the address and pressing "search" to zoom right in. Get driving directions to a park or natural history museum. Tilt and rotate the view on a Google® Earth map to see terrain and buildings in 3D.

As you can see, between GPS and tools like Google® Earth, mapping has become the stuff of amazement. Such a unit could be the perfect sort of activity for helping kids find their way while, as always, having fun!



: **TMG (The Mountain Gem) Editor's  
comments:**

We may not have an active Junior Group at this time, but I would like to add information for parents to work with their children. There are sources of lapidary information available. As I find them, I'll share them with you.

I have also found a website that is "full" of beading patterns...all free:  
[http://beadwork.about.com/od/freebeadpatterns/1/All\\_Free\\_Bead\\_Patterns.htm](http://beadwork.about.com/od/freebeadpatterns/1/All_Free_Bead_Patterns.htm)

FROM our SFMS state representative, Mike Streeter: I am advertising the Gemboree on my message board

(<http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/mb/mcrocks>)

McRocks is not a club and therefore has no membership requirements.

"No matter if you are an experienced or newbie rockhound, we encourage everyone to post messages on McRocksNet. The only stupid question here is the one you don't ask! All are welcome to participate in field trips and events."

*Club members, give it a try and go to his website...the pictures are beautiful! TMG Editor*

**Coming Events:**

**July 20-22--BOONE, N C:** 13th annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, National Guard Family Support Group; National Guard Armory, 274 Hunting Hills Ln., near the hospital, behind Fire Station No. 2; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$2, ticket good all 3 days, children under 16 free; contact Van Wimmer, 5273 Bradshaw Rd., Salem, VA 24153, (540) 384-6047; e-mail: [van@toteshows.com](mailto:van@toteshows.com); Web site: [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com).

**July 25-29--Franklin, North Carolina:** 42nd annual show, "Macon County Gemboree"; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, Franklin Chamber of Commerce; Macon County Community Bldg., U.S. 441S; Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6. Sat. 10-6, adults \$2, children under 12 free; contact Tony Angel, Franklin Chamber of Commerce, (800) 336-7829.

**July 29-5--SPRUCE PINE, N C:** 22nd annual show; Parkway Fire and Rescue; field by Parkway Fire Dept., Hwy. 226 S.; 10-6 each day; free admission; dealers from around the world; contact Roger Frye, (828) 766-6136, or Donna Collis, (828) 765-5519; e-mail: [collisdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:collisdonna@yahoo.com).

Southeast Federation  
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**P Who did not set the alarm?!**  
Please remember that the instructions are posted inside on the wall by the entrance door. You must wait for the green light before setting the alarm! Any motion will NOT allow the alarm to be set. Also you should hear the beeping sound to warn you that the alarm is now set!!! We have had several false alarms called in. Remember to get in touch with Ray Behr 349-0827 for museum keys. You must also have your own personal code for entry.

**The Largest**

The largest known opal is a yellow-orange one of 220 troy ounces unearthed by a bulldozer at Andamooka, South Australia in January 1910. It is valued at \$210,000.

The largest recorded stone of gem quality was a 520,000-carat (229 pounds) aquamarine found near Marambais, Brazil in 1910. It yielded over 200,000 carats of gem quality stones.

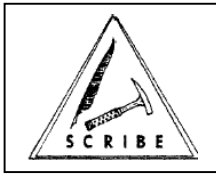
The largest lump of gold ever found was in the Holtermann Reef, New South Wales, and Australia in 1972. It weighed 7,560 ounces.

The largest pearl, for you pearl lovers, weighs 14 pounds, 1 ounce. It is 9 1/2 inches long by 5 1/2 inches in diameter. It was found in Palawan, Philippines, on May 7, 1934, inside the shell of a giant clam

Want something from the good old US of A? How about a turquoise weighing 218 pounds found in Riverside County, California on January 17, 1975.

*Source: DEL AIR BULLETIN 98; via SCRIBE 2002; via OSAGE HILLS GEMS*

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." -  
Albert Einstein



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**Subject: Word Play**

**For all you lexiophiles (lovers of words):**

1. A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
2. What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism it's your count that votes.
6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
8. If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
9. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
10. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
11. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
12. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
13. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
14. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
15. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
16. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
17. Every calendar's days are numbered.
18. A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.
19. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
20. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
21. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
22. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
23. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
24. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
25. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
26. When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
27. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
28. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
29. Acupuncture is a jab well done.
30. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

**Hints:**

**Make a fire extinguisher:** Take an empty coffee can, fill it with three parts dry sand to one part baking soda. Mix well. Store in strategic places around the house, shop, garage and vehicles. In case of a small fire, sprinkle at the base of the fire to smother it.


*Source: PEGMATITE; via HOUND'S HOWL 6/00*

**To clean fern fossils:** Do not use wax, shellac, varnish, lacquer or spray plastic because they cannot be readily removed and they destroy fine surface detail. Museums use yellow dextrin to bring out contrast and help preserve the specimen. Mix a little bit of the dextrin with water to color of tea and paint it on the fern itself, not the matrix and it will stand out.


*Source: LAPHOUND NEWS 11/91; via HOUND'S HOWL 6/00*

**To erase a scribe mark:** use the eraser on a common lead pencil. First, wet the eraser and dip it in 100 grit, erase and remark. The grit from the grinding wheel that is on the bottom of the pan works well.

*Source: From Al Bodman of LAPHOUND NEWS 11/91; Via HOUND'S HOWL 6/00*

 A young man-about-town had finally been smitten by love and planned to marry. After telling his mother news, he decided to play a little joke and invited three women over to his mother's house. "OK, Mom," the man said, "Guess which one I'm going to marry." Without skipping a beat she pointed and said, "The redhead, without a doubt." Shocked by her accurate reply, the man had to ask his mother how she knew. She replied, "I don't like her."

*Source: the Lighter Side NC Farm Bureau 3-2005*

 The smile on your face is the light in the window that tells people that you are at home. -  
*Scribe, 1988*

**D July Gemboree Dealers' Dinner:**

Do you have empty gallon **WATER** containers? We need about 12 or more to fill with water to bring to the dinner. Last year water was in demand!!! The heat demanded it!! Please bring any to museum.

Again this year we will need help with the food...covered dishes. Fran Rasmusson will have the sign-up sheet ready at the June meeting.

**The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies,  
Inc  
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**DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee  
An Official Field Trip of The Middle Tennessee Gem  
& Mineral Society (HOST)  
An Official Field Trip of The Gem & Mineral Society  
of Franklin, North Carolin, Inc.**

**Saturday, July 14, 2007  
Columbia Mines, Marion, Kentucky  
FEE SITE**

**WHERE:** The Columbia Mines of Marion, Kentucky but will meet at the Clement Mineral Museum  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 14, 2007  
**TIME:** Day dig 9:00 A.M. CDT and night digs 8:15 P.M. CDT

**COLLECTING:** Fluorite, smithsonite, sphalerite, cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, & pyromorphite. Calcite is by far the most common mineral found, and all other minerals require some digging in the dump to locate.

**FEE:** The daytime digs will cost \$20 and is limited to 30 persons. The nighttime digs will be \$30 and is limited to 20 persons. The fee entitles you to one five-gallon bucket of specimens additional buckets may be purchased. Admission to the Ben Clement Fluorite Museum is \$5. You will be required to sign a waiver for this hunt. You may download the reservation, waiver and information at the following link. <http://www.marionkentucky.us/clementmineralmuseum/index.htm>

All reservations for the digs will be handled though the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum at [www.MarionKentucky.us](http://www.MarionKentucky.us). Or call 270-965-9257, or write Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, 205 North Walker Street, Marion, Kentucky, 42064. Information on campgrounds, lodging, and bed and breakfasts can also be obtained from Clement Mineral Museum.

While the primary purpose of this trip is to accommodate SFMS members, the secondary purpose is to help the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum fund its efforts in maintaining a world-class fluorite collection and making it available to the public.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Other than standard collecting equipment, bring plenty of water, snacks, camera, and you will need a portable ultraviolet light. Daytime collectors will need a way to check fluorescence too! Black light boxes or whatever suits you. Nighttime collectors will need a standard flashlight to travel to and from their cars. The time of the month was chosen because it is the dark of the moon! Short wave and broad-spectrum ultraviolet lights are best. Most

collectors will share their lights, but do not count on it, after all someone will need to bring a light.  
**MINE HISTORY:** The mines where the dig is to be conducted are located on the Commodore fault system and date back to 1901. Mine shafts on the property have produced fluorite, smithsonite and sphalerite. Other minerals that have been found in the mine dumps include; cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, & pyromorphite. Calcite is by far the most common mineral found, and all other minerals require some digging in the dump to locate.

The most common fluorescent mineral is calcite which glows a soft to bright pearly white. There are other colors other than white, but they are fewer in number. Of particular note are specimens of sandstone which glow a coral pink to a bright red in either short wave or broad spectrum ultraviolet light. There are also specimens which glow various shades of pale yellow and bright blue. Please note: that included in the spoil are fragments of mortar and concrete which will also fluoresce. The concrete and mortar was made from rock from the mine. MTGMS Contacts: Marty Hart [webmaster@gemizo.com](mailto:webmaster@gemizo.com) Phil Herren [pwherren@comcast.net](mailto:pwherren@comcast.net)

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose: To collect field trip information from it's member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

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World Wide Web site for the DMC is:  
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**July's Craft Night will  
be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 p.m.**