

Presidents Message:

Hello To All,

On Saturday June the 19th Contrary Creek, just north of Mineral, VA, was the place to be, if you wanted a great lesson in Gold prospecting in a stream. Early that morning new GMSL member Jon Sorg got together several buckets of sand, gravel and Gold concentrate, for the 21 people that arrived just before 9:00 AM, to try their luck at Gold Panning. Jon used his Dredge to create a large hole beside a boulder in the creek to pull up the material. He went on to demonstrate the use of a High Banker, Sluice, Suction Gun and Gold Pans of several descriptions. Most joined in the work of shoveling material into the High Banker as Jon supplied the water from the Dredge. After putting the classified material into buckets we all joined in panning and sluicing the material to find the evasive Gold. I think everyone had the good



fortune of taking home some bright Gold flakes and a few pickers. Jon is a great instructor and most helpful in showing how and where to find Gold in a stream. I would like to thank Jon for bringing all that equipment down to Mineral, and having the knowledge and patience to give us a great learning experience on such a hot June day. Thanks Jon, I hope the Club can give you the same considerations on mineral

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From the First VP:

Last month many of us took off for Louisa County, driving to Mineral, VA and onward to Contrary Creek, to prospect for gold. John Sorg volunteered his time on two consecutive weekends to demonstrate the fine art of gold panning and to teach us how to use a sluice. I, for one, have become bitten by the gold bug and have the FEVER bad! Sure hope many of you have been so afflicted yourselves. This month we'll have the opportunity to take advantage of Dave Callahan's field trip to The Cotton Patch, another gold panning adventure.

We'll want to get prepared for that trip and the opportunity to bring home the bacon, oops, I mean GOLD. Bernard Rivera, one of our club's most ardent gold bugs, has lent us his DVD entitled "Sure FIRE Panning Methods" to view at our July meeting. The DVD is an excellent tutorial on gold panning and should help all of us perfect our gold panning techniques so we'll be ready for the Cotton Patch outing. Scott Duresky, Field Trip VP of the Shenandoah Valley Gem & Mineral Club, will be our featured speaker at the August meeting. He will be telling us about his Rutherford Mine collecting trips back in the 60's.

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John showed a sample of a new agate book that is available for order. We also have books and videos available to be checked out from our club library.

First Vice President: The program tonight will be a video on Intarsia jewelry making. It can be checked out of the club library if you would like to take it home to view.**Second Vice President:** Our club donation for the JMU mineral museum has been sent. The total raised by GMSL was \$800.00, and the Roanoke club total was \$700.00.

Our plaque will be placed on the VA Mineral Showcase. Thanks to all who contributed. Field Trips: Contrary Creek to Pan for Gold is 6/19 & 6/26; Cotton Patch, NC on 7/24 - This is a fee site for gold panning.

Spruce Pine, NC- Camping Trip on 7/30, -8/1- lots of fun and activities for everyone- Shows and field trips. Contact Dave to reserve a space.

Treasurers Report: Franklin Midkiff: The club raised \$831 at Uncle Billy's Day. The checking balance is \$4,105.73**New Business:** Don McIntyre brought in a clock he made from a rock slab as an example of something new we could try for future fundraising.

Cindy Mitchell brought in a tabletop, which is made from various agate slabs. What a beautiful way to display the many intricate patterns of agate.

Dave Callahan will once again be taking orders for club T-shirts. You can select short or long sleeves, and many colors to choose from. Orders will be accepted at the meeting or call Dave.

**Minutes submitted by
Brenda Glass, Secretary**

The purpose of the Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, INC. is to promote education in The Earth Sciences including: Mineralogy, Geology, Gemology, Paleontology, and Crystallography

*The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg VA, Inc.
Meets on the third Wednesday of each month,
From 7:00pm– 9:00pm
In the auditorium of the Parks and Recreation Building
301 Grove St. Lynchburg, VA 24501
Public is invited, Please join us!*

Programs



The program for the **June** meeting was a video on Intarsia. It was very interesting to see the many steps involved in creating this beautiful style of jewelry. It really makes you appreciate the value of the pieces.

For our **July 21st** meeting, we will once again enjoy a video, this time the subject will be gold panning. Many members got to experience gold panning last month at Contrary Creek. We will be having another gold panning field trip later this month to a site in North Carolina, for those who have been struck with gold fever- or for the members who want to see what all the hype is about. Come on out and join us for this educational program and be on top of your game before going on the trip.

For **August**, we will have a speaker on mineral collecting at the Rutherford Mine back in the 60's.

GOLD

GOLD
79
Au
196.97

Submitted by Jack Curtin

The website prospectorsparadise.com is an excellent resource for those wishing to enlarge their knowledge of gold and its geology. It is the source of the following information of the subject.

Gold is relatively scarce in the earth, but it occurs in many different kinds of rocks and in many different geological environments. Though scarce, gold is concentrated by geologic processes to form commercial deposits of two principal types: lode (primary) deposits and placer (secondary) deposits.

Lode deposits are targets for the "hardrock" prospector seeking gold at the site of its deposition from mineralizing solutions.

Placer deposits represent concentrations of gold derived from lode deposits by erosion, disintegration or decomposition of the enclosing rock, and subsequent concentration by gravity. Gold is extremely resistant to weathering and, when free from its enclosing rocks, is carried downstream as metallic particles consisting of dust, flakes, grains, or nuggets. Gold particles in stream deposits are often concentrated on or near bedrock, because they move downward during high-water periods when the entire bed load of sand, gravel, and boulders is agitated and is moving downstream. Fine gold particles collect in depressions or in pockets in sand and gravel bars where the stream current slackens. Concentrations of gold in gravel are called "pay streaks".

In gold-bearing country, prospectors look for gold where coarse sands and gravel have accumulated and where "black sands" have concentrated and settled with the gold. Magnetite is the most common mineral in black sands, but other heavy minerals such as cassiterite, ilmenite, chromite, platinum-group minerals, and some gemstones may be present.

Field Trip Report



Field Trip Report submitted by
Jack Curtin, First VP

Contrary Creek Gold Panning Adventure

June 26th, 2010 Submitted by Jack Curtin

Besides John Sorg, who was our host, Bernard Rivera, Diane Capobianco, Don McIntyre, Jerry and his son Nicholas, and I thoroughly enjoyed our golden experience in the water prospecting for the heavy metal. John Sorg took just a few minutes to find four good-sized gold flakes while teaching us the basics of gold panning. He estimated the value of those flakes at \$20. THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE. We were blessed to have such a great guide and tutor. John allowed us to pan the fine material, black sand and all, that he collected using his 2-inch sluice. He was very patient and helpful in analyzing our finds for the presence of gold. Many of us couldn't be convinced that our pyrite wasn't actually gold. But, when we finally did pan our first gold flakes, they were unmistakably golden in color. After a while as we improved our panning techniques, one would hear yelps of joy all around declaring gold discoveries. It was nice splashing in the water on a relatively hot day. Diane took some neat pictures.



Thank You to Diane Capobianco, Bob Helt,
and Don McIntyre for taking and submitting
photographs from this gold panning adventure.
It looks like everyone was having a great time!

Up Coming Field Trips



Field Trip Report submitted by
Dave Callahan,
Field trip chairman.
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Official Club Field Trip of the Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society, Inc And the Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society, Inc.

JULY 24, 2010

GOLD PANNING at the Cotton Patch Gold Mine

41697 Gurley Road, New London, NC

www.cottonpatchgoldmine.com



(THIS IS A FEE SITE, SEE RATES BELOW)

[Sign-up required...call me...email me or sign up at the meeting](#)

TRIP: This will be an educational and fun trip to learn the art of panning for gold and the excitement of finding real gold in your pan. You get to keep all the gold you find. This year, there are tours available for the hard rock mine. The mine is now open from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Group Rate: We need 10 or more members to arrive and check in together to get the group rates. If we straggle in at various times we will be charged the standard rate.

Group Rate Fees: Adults- \$12.00 for five 2-gal buckets of panning material. (This is a savings of \$3)
Children 12 & under- \$7.00 for three 2-gal buckets of panning material. (This is a savings of \$2)
Additional buckets are available at \$2.50 each.

GPS Coordinates: Longitude 80.1874, Latitude 35.4358

Plan to arrive at the mine at 10 AM so we can sign in as a group of 20 or more and qualify for the special group rate. You can leave at any time.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM LYNCHBURG: We will all drive to the mine on our own. The best way from Lynchburg is south on Rt. 29 to Greensboro, west on I-40 for 2.8 miles, south on I-85 for 1.5 miles to exit 122 and then south on US 220 about 24 miles to Asheboro, NC. Then west on US 64 for 0.4 miles and south on NC-49 for about 22 miles. Take state route 8 south about 7.5 miles until it ends in New London, NC. Turn left on US route 52 south for a very short distance and then left on State Route 740. Drive about one mile and then turn right on Hearne Road. Travel about 1.5 miles and turn left on Gurley Road. Go 300 yards and turn left into the first driveway to the Cotton Patch Gold Mine. There is a sign at the entrance. The distance from Lynchburg is about 168 miles so allow about 3.50 hours driving time plus any stops.

Equipment: Pans: If you don't have one they have loaners on site.

Container for gold flakes (small zip-lock bags or vials).

Container for black sand (large zip-lock-bags or containers). We can take the black sand home to re-pan at your leisure for those missed flakes.

Eyedropper or sniffer bottle and/or tweezers to pick up gold flakes. (Fingers work well too.)

Other stuff to bring: Hat, sunglasses, bug spray, sunscreen, food and water.

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OFFICIAL MINERAL COLLECTING FIELD TRIP AND GEM SHOW

The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA. Inc. and
The Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Inc.

OUR SIXTH ANNUAL SPRUCE PINE, NC. WEEKEND JULY 30 thru AUGUST 1, 2010

[Sign-up required...call me...email me or sign up at the meeting](#)

THE TRIP: This will be a three-day trip to the 53rd Annual North Carolina Mineral and Gem Festival. To keep expenses at a minimum, several of us will be tent-camping at the Bear Den Campground a short distance away off of the Blue Ridge Parkway at exit 324.8. At this date, our reserved Group C campsite is almost filled for Friday and Saturday night. We have four already signed up and site capacity is about 6 to 8 tents, depending on the size. If you have signed up, you do not need to make a separate reservation. If you can't go after signing up to camp, please let me know so someone else can have your spot. If you want to be on stand-by, let me know immediately. Check-in time is 3PM. The campground still has many individual tent, RV and cabin sites that you can rent on an individual basis. Call them (828-765-2888) or www.Bear-Den.com and make your own reservations. The total cost of the Group C campsite for two nights was \$168.00 and I have pre-paid. This will be equally divided among those camping there. There are many motels in the area if you prefer, so make your reservations at once. The motels in Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland and Burnsville may be filled so try Marion, NC on I-64.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Everyone will drive to Spruce Pine, NC, on your own Friday, July 30th. If you are just interested in attending the club field trips, meet us at the Spruce Pine, NC, Wal-Mart gas pumps no later than 8:00AM, Saturday morning, July 31st. Do not be late if you want to go with us to the Ray Mine and Sinkhole Mine. I will have maps available.

The distance from Lynchburg, VA, to Spruce Pine, NC, is about 250 miles and will take about 5 hours plus stops. The distance from Roanoke is a little less depending on the route you take. The best route is I-40 west to Marion, NC, exit 86 and Rt. 221/ Rt. 226 north about 10 miles to Woodlawn. Rt. 226 turns left here and right in about 1 mile (Rt. 226A goes straight). Follow Rt. 226 up the mountain and turn right at the top. The B.R. Parkway entrance is on your right. From this point, Spruce Pine is a couple of miles straight ahead and the Bear Den campground is about 6 miles north on the Parkway at milepost 328.8 on the right. Look for a very small sign just before a closing gate.

Ed Blackford and John Pennington of Road Kill Cook-off fame will prepare a very special meal and dessert for our group Saturday night, 6PM at the Group C campground site. Those that are on a special diet should bring their own food. We all chip in to share the expenses, work, food and cleanup. Please contact me if you are interested in dining with us. You do not need to be a camper, but let me know before Monday, July 26th. so that I will know who will be there. We will also have ice, bottled water, paper plates and plastic utensils. Bring your own canned drinks or any other food you want to eat. We probably will not have a big campfire this year, as John Pennington will bring his large 20ft X 20 ft canopy to keep us dry when it rains. Bring a lawn chair and some tall tales and we will have a lot of fun.

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Friday afternoon and evening you can visit the Pinebridge Center indoor gem show and the outdoor Grassy Creek show. There will be many vendors and you can always find reasonably priced mineral specimens, capping materials, jewelry and other interesting items. The Roanoke Club will also pick up the geodes that have been ordered from Gem Center USA. If you want to spend some extra time enjoying the two shows, plan to drive down on Thursday and see the shows on Friday. You must make your own reservations. The group campsite is for Friday and Saturday nights only.

FIELD TRIPS: Saturday morning we will meet at 8:00 AM at the Spruce Pine Wal-Mart parking lot by the gas pumps. Wal-Mart is located off Rt. 226 in the Grassy Creek area.

We will first visit the Ray Mine in Burnsville and hopefully find some nice beryl, tourmaline, apatite, garnet, mica and feldspar. The landowner where we will park at the Ray Mine, charges about 2 or 3 dollars to park in his yard. Be sure to have the correct amount of currency. There is a rather steep foot trail to the mine. The walk is about 20 minutes, but the potential for some nice beryl crystals makes it worthwhile.

No special equipment is required. Just wear comfortable clothes, comfortable hat, good strong boots, bring snacks, water, bug spray, backpack and / or buckets, hammer, chisel, safety glasses, and wrapping paper to protect any nice crystals you will find. I usually take a hoe to turn over rocks and scrape away the soil. If you dig in the dirt, a hoe or a small shovel will come in handy. You may also choose to screen for beryl crystals and fragments in the creek. If you do, bring a ¼" mesh screen and a small trowel. If you plan to spend the day there be sure to bring food, bug spray and water. You can stay as long as you want and leave any time.

After several hours at the Ray Mine, you can stop at a fast food in Burnsville and then visit the Sinkhole Mine in Bandana, NC. You should be able to park close to the dump. Here you may find apatite, mica, feldspar, garnet, thulite and smokey quartz. If you like beautiful yard rocks, this is the place to go. The same tools you use at the Ray Mine can be used here.

The Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce may sponsor a field trip but you must call them at 1-828-765-9033 to make your own reservation. There is a per person fee. The Chamber has in the past sponsored day trips Friday and Saturday to a couple of active feldspar mines. There is a per person fee and departs from the Pinebridge Center. Visit www.mitchell-county.com for details. If there is nothing on their web site at this date, so you must call them for information. If you want to attend the Chamber-sponsored trips you must make your own arrangements. Contact me for any questions you might have.

SPECIAL NOTE: It ALWAYS rains at some point during this Gem show weekend so bring your rain gear.

Sunday morning on the way home, you might want to stop by the Thermal City Gold Mine just south of Marion, NC, on Rt. 221 and do some gold panning. There will be some vendors still set up at Grassy Creek so you might find some great mineral and fossil specials.

DMC Field Trip July 17, 2010; 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST
An Official Field Trip of the LOW COUNTRY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
 (Charleston, SC)(HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the **GMSL and the RVMGS**
This is a "go on your own trip"- \$15.00 per person
Diamond Hill Mine, Anderson County, SC

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Up Coming Events

July 2010

Shows and Trips

July 16th-18th- Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry show- 274 Hunting Hills Lane, Boone, NC at the National Guard Armory. Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 11-5. Adults \$2.00, children under 16 free. <http://www.toteshows.com>

August 6th-8th- Treasures of the Earth show in Dalton, GA. See the website above for information.

August 7th-8th- Bethesda, MD - 60th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC. Stone Ridge School, 9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

September 18th-19th- Harrisburg, PA - Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, Harrisburg, PA.

October 23rd- Field Trip- This will be Our Dixie Mineral trip to Kyanite Mining near Farmville, VA

October 30th- Annual Virginia Tech mineral sale and open house. This will be a club field trip.

November 26 thru 28 Roanoke Valley Gem and Mineral Show- Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA.

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Places to Visit

Dixie Caverns

5753 West Main Street
Salem, VA 24153
Directly off I-81 at Exit 132
540-380-2085

Open for tours 9:30-6 daily until Oct. 15th. This is a Great way to see beautiful rock formations and beat the heat. Visit the website at <http://dixiecaverns.com/>

Spruce Pine Weekend- Official Club Field Trip- Outdoor and indoor shows, field trips, commercial gem mines, mineral museum. Visit the Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce Website or http://ncgemfest.com/Home_Page.php for information.



CLUB TEE SHIRTS

We will be taking orders for club Tee shirts during July. Short or long sleeve and many colors available. We will finalize the list and order after the August meeting.





The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is offering our annual series of Jewelry workshops during the months of August, September, and October this year. This is our 34th year of offering the best value in Jewelry and Lapidary training. Our classes feature nationally known as well as locally known expert instructors. Among our nationally known instructors are Kim St. Jean (Cold Connection), Barbara McGuire (Polymer Clay), Mary Ann & Ken Devos (PMC), Rich Dillon (Fused Glass), and Dan Haga (Southwest Silver).

This year we are offering classes in the following topics: Addictive Seed Beading, Bronze Clay, Cabochon Making, Chain-Maille' Jewelry (Beg./Adv.), Cold Connections, Designers' Rehab (Polymer Clay), Faceting (Beg./AD.), Fused Glass (Beg./Adv.), Jewelry Bench & Tool Making, Metal Connections & Finishing, Metalwork Help & Special Projects, Opal Cutting, Precious Metal Clay (Level 1 Certification/Advanced Techniques), Scrimshaw, Silversmithing (Beg./Adv.), Southwest Silver, and Wire Wrapping (Beg./Adv.)

Our classes are taught at the Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC and the William Holland School of Lapidary Sciences at Young Harris, GA. Each of these settings offer beautiful views of the mountains, double rooms with bath, great food, and an enjoyable week. Each session lasts 7 days commencing with afternoon check in on the first day, 5 days of instruction, and morning departure after breakfast on the final day.

The most exciting part of the workshops is the low cost. Each session includes instruction, double occupancy lodging and 3 meals per day. The only additional cost is any materials that the student may buy from the instructor. Where else can you take a weeklong vacation in the mountains, learn new jewelry making skills, eat great food, make new friends, and bring home new jewelry for less than the cost of a few days in a hotel?

We are currently accepting registrations for each of the remaining 3 one-week session. Anyone belonging to an SFMS club will be given priority. Students under 18 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must have approval from the workshop director and the instructor to attend an adult class. Members of other American Federation of Mineralogical (AFMS) regional federations may also attend. Anyone not affiliated with AFMS may attend by paying an additional fee of \$50 for the week.

Registration information and forms as well as class details and instructor biographies can be found on our SFMS Workshop website [SFMS Workshops.com](http://SFMSWorkshops.com).

Hopefully this is just a reminder for you about our workshops. If you have not already registered for a workshop, now is the time. If you haven't been to one of our workshops before, these are a lot of fun, educational, and a great value. Why not give them a try?

For the ones of you that are planning to go to one of the workshops, let me now give you a few highlights about the next two upcoming sessions and their current status.

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Barbara McGuire has restructured her class and changed its name. The new class is called **Designers' Rehab** (formerly **Popular Polymer Clay Projects**). The class is now open, and appropriate for, all levels of students. It will concentrate on teaching specific design techniques with Polymer Clay. Beginners will have special instruction to get them up to speed quickly and can then work on advanced techniques. Experienced students will be given the opportunity to select specific skills that they want to learn. Techniques will be discussed and demonstrated in the mornings and students can implement them into their designs in the afternoon. The instructor fee for the class has been reduced to \$75 and "includes a special collection of tools, findings, accents and assortment of clay, powders etc. purposed to stimulate individual design".

The "**Cold Smithing**" class has been renamed to "**Metal Connections & Finishing**" (September). This is a cold connection type class with special emphasis on texturing and finishing the metals. In addition to this, Charlotte will be teaching corrugation in the class. See the class description on the website for more details.

Precious Metal Clay (PMC) classes are a really unique opportunity. The classes are taught by Mary Ann & Ken DeVos. Mary Ann has written several books on PMC and is the Education Director for PMCC. Not only do we have one of the best instructor teams available; but we have them for a full week at less than most PMC classes charge for a couple of days. The August class is a beginning certification class. Completion of this class will result in a Level 1 certification, which provides a discount on the purchase of PMC supplies. The September class is an advanced class that will focus on enameling on fine PMC and setting unusual natural gemstones. This class requires previous PMC experience.

The August classes for **Beginning Silversmithing**, **Beginning Wirecraft**, and **Metalwork Help & Special Projects** are currently full. Waiting list names are being

accepted for these classes.

Southwest Silver (September) filled up within a week of registration opening. However, a couple of recent cancellations have created 2 openings in that class. This is an excellent opportunity to register for a fun and very popular advanced silversmithing class. These openings probably won't last very long so register soon.

Beginning Fused Glass (August) has openings. This excellent class is taught by a couple of retired educators. They are excellent teachers as well as experienced glass artisans. I have personally taken this class and can highly recommend it.

Scrimshaw (August). It has been several years since Bill taught this class and we were fortunate to get him back to teach again. I remember seeing some of the most beautiful jewelry from his class the last time it was offered. Scrimshaw is the scribing of a design on a piece of ivory or bone in order to produce decorative objects or jewelry. It is one of the first American folk crafts, originated by New England whalers to pass their time at sea.

Cabochon Making (August) and **Jewelry Bench & Tool Making** (August) each have a couple of openings.

Both the August and September sessions have openings in the **Addictive Seed Beading** class. If you have not seen Vivian's bead work before you will be amazed by these beautiful pieces. See the examples on the website!

Bronze Clay (September) this class has openings and will provide students with a good introduction to this popular new Metalsmithing technique.

Advanced Fused Glass (September) has a couple of openings. We were very fortunate to get the services of Rich & Linda Dillon from Illinois who are well known glass instructors. I have heard from several people who have attended their classes before that they are excellent instructors.

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collecting field trips in the future.

Speaking of mineral collecting, Laura Smith-Hos, the young lady that sold the Club a ton of rocks year before last, is coming back to her home in Bath County, VA, during the month of July. She has tons of rocks imported from all over the world and has them for you to look through and purchase. The material would be great for slabbing, cabbing, bookends and making round spheres. I don't believe the club needs to buy anymore at this time, but the members would be welcome to make purchases for their own use. Her farm is not too far from Chestnut Ridge; maybe we could have two trips on the same day?

I just learned that the land used by the Grassy Creek show has been sold to developers and this year may be the last for the outdoor show near Spruce Pines, NC. You may want to go if you have never been. Last chance?

Bob Helt, a member of the Shenandoah Club, sent along several pictures of the Gold panning event of June the 19th, I will try to include with this article.

I hope to see you all at the July 21st Club meeting. Until then,
Keep Looking Down,
John Haskins

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Chain-Maille' Jewelry (September) has openings. While advertised as a beginning class, advanced students are welcome to this class. Beginning students will learn ring coiling & cutting and some of the classic chain patterns. A large collection of patterns will be available for advanced students.

Beginning/Intermediate Silversmithing (September) has a few openings. We have a new instructor for this class who operates a studio and teaches classes in Atlanta. She will have lots of new ideas and designs to present in her class.

Intermediate/Adv. Wirecraft (September) and **Intermediate/Adv. Faceting** (September) both have a few openings.

October information for William Holland will be posted to the website soon. Hope to see you soon at a workshop.

Roy Deere (Wildacres Director)

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Diamond Hill Mine Information available at:

www.gamineral.org/commercial-diamondhill.htm

Field Trip Chair: Lawrence Moss, (843) 819-0726 or email: jorel611@yahoo.com

August Field Trips

1. We are working with a local quarry for a possible field trip on August 21st. Details will be in the August newsletter and by email broadcast.

2. **An Official Field Trip of the Carroll County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Carrollton, GA)(HOST)**

**Patty Construction Quarry
Summerville Lace Agate
Chattooga County, GA
August 15, 2010; 8:30 AM EST**

MEET: At the site, on US 27 in Chattooga Co. Ga. This is in the NW corner of the state of Georgia.

DMC CONTACT: Lori Griggs, Carroll County GMS President

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Independence Day

<http://www.virginia.org/site/features.asp?featureID=30> Virginia Caverns- This site reviews eight different cavern sites along the western area of Virginia.

www.cottonpatchgoldmine.com- Cotton Patch Gold Mine in NC. Our club will host a field trip there in July.

<http://www.kyanite.com/>- We will be visiting one of the Kyanite mines in Farmville, VA this October.

Websites to visit: Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society:

www.lynchburgrockclub.org

The SFMS Newsletter, the Eastern Federation Newsletter, and the AFMS Newsletters are available for all members to read on line at the Federation Websites:

www.amfed.org/sfms, www.amfed.org and www.amfed.org/efmsl

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