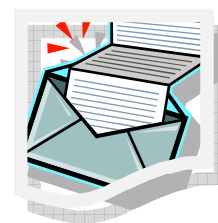


STONES and Bones

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President's Letter



We're heading into the summer months and that means travel for a lot of us. Joe & Addy DePietro are at William Holland and Jim & I will follow soon. I know that Jeff and Amy Bland, Carolee Boyles and Kris Robertson will also be attending classes this year. I hope more of you get to attend.

Amy Bland, Susan Burns and Kim Moore have agreed to teach silver classes this year. More info to follow. First, we have to update our shop equipment. We found the tank has a leak and was kept inside the shop. This is a big no-no. Jim has put it outside. In the future, we will get a locked box outside and run the hose in through the window or wall. We are also getting some tools to teach cold-connections.

The newsletter is a little late this month due to health issues. Our Secretary, Laurie Williams, fell and broke her arm—big-time. No halfway for Laurie, she does it right. Hopefully, after the surgery and some healing time, she'll be good as new.

You may notice the newsletter looks a little different this month. I finally broke down and ordered Publisher. A little learning curve, but once I get the template down, it will all be good. Hope you like it.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. Mother's Day is next, so to all you Moms out there, I hope you have a stress free, relaxing day.

Cindy Reed, President

Member Concerns

We have several members under the weather at this time. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Gene Bergfield is still fighting his battle with pneumonia. We hope he finally shakes it. Bill Niazzy with heart problems. His Dr.s can't figure out the cause. More tests to come. Laurie Williams with a broken arm. She fell Saturday night and will need surgery to fix it. Kim Moore has an aneurysm in her spleen. She will be having surgery to remove it 4/27/11

We wish all of you a speedy recovery.





May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Shop Open</i> 10:30-4	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Mom's Day</i> <i>Shop Open</i> 10:30-4	9	10	11	12 <i>Meeting</i> 7pm	13	14
15 <i>Shop Open</i> 10:30-4	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Shop Open</i> 10:30-4	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Shop Open</i> 10:30-4	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31				

Schedule of Events

- **5/12 Meeting 7pm**
First Presbyterian
- **5/1,8,15,22,29 Shop**
Open 10:30-4
- **5/8 Mother's Day**
- **5/30 Memorial Day**

The Shop is open on Sunday's from 10:30 am to 4pm (unless a class is scheduled). If you would like to use the equipment at other times, please contact Jim Reed 863-644-6665 or 863-255-0651.





IBVGM&FS Meeting Minutes April 14, 2011

The April 14, 2011, meeting was called to order, at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 21 members and 1 guest present. It was motioned by Amy Bland and seconded by Jan Liles to accept the March minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion was carried unanimously. The treasurer report was given by Debbie Rydberg.

Shop report: replaced two wheels on the Genie. still need a twelve inch saw blade. Discussion was held regarding this purchase, a motion was made by Susan Burns to purchase, it was seconded by Jan Liles. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business: Show report was given. Need club liaisons for Federation, involves travel. Preston Price suggested that the position could be shared with a different member attending each session. Cindy Reed said this was acceptable and it will be discussed before the next quarterly meeting. Federation workshop schedules and William Holland catalogs are available at the front table.

New Business: Field trip to Graves Mountain - 4/29 -5/01

Federation classes - should we offer a scholarship? Discussion was held regarding the club offering scholarships to William Holland or Wild Acres at a cost of \$310.00 / \$330.00. We need to set criteria, possible attendance of 3 consecutive meetings. If you're a recipient you would come back and share the knowledge you gained. Possibly we could split scholarships by giving a partial scholarship to multiple people.

Orlando gives fossil bucks for each meeting you attend, field trip attendance and other things. At the end of the year auction you can use your bucks.

We need someone to teach wire wrapping, and silversmithing. Jim Reed will put together projected costs for getting proper silversmithing equipment for our club house.

Further discussion on scholarships - silversmithing equipment were tabled until next month.

Kim Price mentioned our good stuff is gone for Chinese / silent auctions. We need inventory for next year's show. If we budget for it now, Cindy and Jim are going to be driving to the show in Denver and will pick up inventory. If you have any suggestion or ideas on next year's show contact Cindy and Jim via email. Next year's vendor applications will include a request for auction donations. Jim is looking into the Bartow Civic Center and First Presbyterian Church for possible show locations next year.

Dan Blanchard mentioned the Boy Scouts could handle concessions or he knows someone who does barbecue.

The motion was made by Tim Rydberg and seconded by Wes Greenmayer to adjourn our meeting at 8:06 pm The motion was carried unanimously.

Refreshments were provided by Susan and Stormie Burns. Raffle tickets were drawn for 4 items.

Three were donated by Jan Liles—Thanks Jan.

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Williams – 04-14-11



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Carolee Boyles
 Jerry Crocetti
 Casey Dasher
 Anne Degee
 Robert Hall
 Stu Laeder

Anniversaries

Casey & Layne Dasher
 Joe & Addy DePietro
 Jim & Cindy Reed
 Charlie & Marilyn Rooney

Birthstones

Modern Birthstone - Emerald
 Traditional Birthstone - Emerald
 Mystical Birthstone - Sapphire
 Ayurvedic Birthstone - Agate, Carnelian,
 Chalcedony

Welcome to our newest members:

Cheryl & Skip Jones

May 2010 Shows and Swap Meets

Nothing in Florida this month, but here's some interesting shows elsewhere

May 5-8, 2011—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Retail show; South East Gems & More; Whistle Stop Mall parking lot, 1281 Georgia Rd. (Hwy 441N); Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; dealers, silver and goldsmithing, rough, slabs, fossils, minerals, metaphysical, findings, gemstones, custom jewelry and repairs; contact Mark or Patricia Smith, 751 Hutto Pond Rd., Aiken, SC 29805, (706) 490-4550; e-mail: segems@ymail.com

May 6-8, 2011—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Retail show; Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce; Macon County Community Bldg., 1288 Georgia Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; adults \$2, under age 16 free; contact Linda Harbuck, 425 Porter St., Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 524-3161; e-mail: lindah@franklin-chamber.com; Web site: www.visitfranklinnc.com

May 21-22, 2011—MURFREESBORO, ARKANSAS: Retail show; Crater of Diamonds State Park; Diamond Discovery Center, 209 State Park Rd.; Sat. 8:30-4:30, Sun. 8:30-4:30; free admission; wire wrapping demonstrations, rock and mineral identification, diamond hunting (adults \$7, children \$4); contact Margi Jenks, 209 State Park Rd., Murfreesboro, AR 71958, (870) 285-3116; e-mail: margaret.jenks@arkansas.gov; Web site: www.craterofdiamondsstatepark.com

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows.

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

<http://www.jewelrystockguide.com/event/>



SFMS Workshops for 2011

We have received the schedule for the Federation workshops at William Holland and Wild Acres.

If you would like more information or a registration form, please let me know. I'd love for our club to have a good showing this year.

Session 1, William Holland, 6/12-18/11

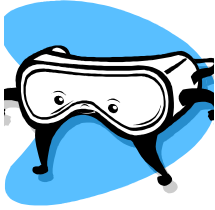
Session 2, Wild Acres, 8/22-28/11

Seed Beading	Barbara Green			
Cabochons	Richard Shackleton		Cabochons	Pat Davis
Chain Making	Dee & Bill Conybear		Enameling/Cold Conn.	Renee Kelly
Enameling	Bob Mattingly		Faceting	Steve Hillenbrand
Faceting	Bill Roberts		Gem ID	Mary Lou Kick
Lampwork Beads	Ann Royer		Metalsmithing Adv.	Jeff Shears
Mineral ID	Scott Forward		Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney
Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce		Stone Setting	Don Roberts
Silver I	Don Roberts		Wire Beginning	Velima Lawson
Silver II	Vicky Prillaman			
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick			
Wire I	Velima Lawson			

Session 3, Wild Acres, 9/12-18/11

Session 4, William Holland, 10/9-16/11

			Bead Weaving	Ron Midkiff
Cabochons	Anita Westlake		Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Casting	John Lacullo		Chain Making	Dee & Bill Conybear
Chain Making	Kathy Morris		Enameling	Lynda Williams
Lampwork Beads	Linda White		Faceting	Mary Lou Kick
Mineral ID	Scott Forward		Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Raku Beads	Jim Cullen		Jadeite Carving	Bill Smith
Silver Cold Conn.	Charlotte Caughman		Lampwork Beads	Cindy Reed
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney		Opals	Joe DePietro
			Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick
			Southwest Silver	Dan Haga
			Silver II	Vicky Prillaman
			Wire I	Judy Peppers



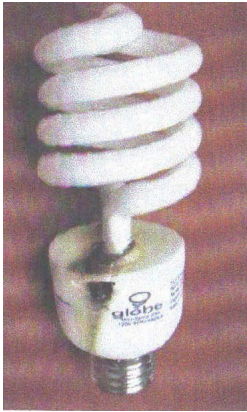
Safety Corner

BE SAFE – BE WELL

Don Monroe & Linda Behr - Safety Committee

Compact Florescent Light (CFL) Bulbs

Below is a picture of a CFL light bulb from my bathroom. I turned it on the other day and then smelled smoke after a few minutes. Soon, four-inch flames were spewing out of the side of the ballast like a blow torch! I immediately turned off the lights, but I'm sure it would have caused a fire if I was not right there. Imagine if the kids had left the lights on as usual when they were not in the room.



I took this bulb to the Fire Department and reported the incident. The firefighter wasn't at all surprised and said that it was not an uncommon occurrence. Apparently, sometimes when the bulb burns out there is a chance that the ballast can start a fire. He told me that the Fire Marshall had issued reports about the dangers of these bulbs.

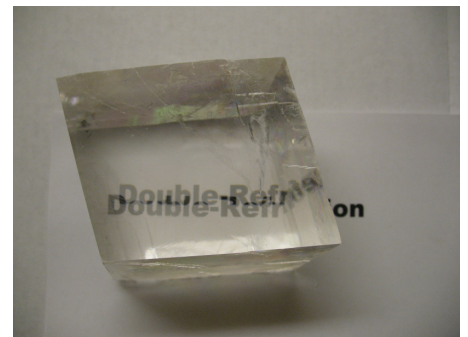
Upon doing some internet research, it seems that bulbs made by "Globe" in China have the lion's share of problems. Many of these fire incidents have been blamed on misuse of CFL bulbs like using them in recessed lighting, pot light fixtures, track lighting, or in light fixtures with dimmer controls. Mine was installed in a conventional light socket.

I bought this Globe brand CFL at Wal-Mart; however, I will be removing all the Globe brand CFL bulbs from my house. CFL bulbs are a great energy saver but make sure you buy a name brand like Sylvania, Phillips, or GE and not the ones from China.

Member Contributions

BI-REFRINGENCE - Ever wonder what bi-refringence is and how it relates to minerals? Without going into a discussion of optics, it is the "splitting" of light rays into two images. A common example that we see often is clear calcite. With calcite; while viewing an image (such as letters), the image is split into two parts and hence is called double refraction. Opaque minerals do not show birefringence. I remember in college taking an optical mineralogy class and one of the items I recall is that every mineral that is transparent has an index of refraction. I recall using various oils of different refraction to determine the index of refraction of the mineral using a microscope.

Jim Reed





Statement of Principals

1. To stimulate interest in the collection, study, identification, and classification of gem, mineral & fossil specimens.
2. To disseminate knowledge of lapidary work and classification of gems, minerals & fossils, and their applications in the arts and sciences.
3. To encourage and facilitate instruction in the various elements of mineralogy and lapidary work and identification and classification of fossils.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips for collection of specimens.
5. To participate by displaying and taking part in all local, state, and Federation shows to the greatest possible extent.
6. To encourage adherence to the American Federation of Mineralogical Society's Code of Ethics.

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Location of Meetings

**First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland**

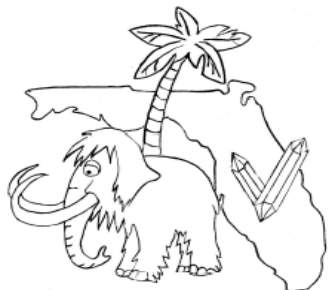
<http://www.fpclakeland.org/contact-us/map--directions/>

Directions: Take the Bartow Hwy (US-98 S) until you get to Hollingsworth Rd. at Lakeland High School.

Turn onto Hollingsworth Rd (toward the school). At the lake veer Left onto Lake Hollingsworth Rd. FPC is on the left. You will pull in the drive right next to the Hollingsworth apartments and park on that side. There's a children's playground there, so you can't miss it. If you go in the North entrance, just drive around the building and come to the other side. We'll have the front double doors open (facing the lake). The room # is 221

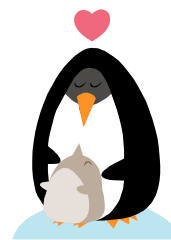
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Visitors are always welcome.

Check out our website at www.bonevalley.net or Like us on Facebook:

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