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“Gem” of a Show Coming to the
State Museum Nov. 27-29

Columbia, S.C. – All that glitters is not only gold. Look for amethyst, quartz, silver, turquoise and citrine as the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society’s dazzling annual show opens at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia on Nov. 27 and runs through Nov. 29. Featuring more than 25 retail vendors, guests can admire and purchase jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver and even jewelry making tools.

“The show is an opportunity for the average South Carolinian to see and experience the variety of the Earth’s natural materials from gems to geodes, rare stones, fossils and more,” said Gem and Mineral Society Chairman Mike Montebello. “The variety of materials found all over the world is always impressive to me.”

Demonstrations take place throughout the day along with a variety of activities for children, including grab bags and a “salted mine.”

“This show is ideal for the child interested in geology or rock collecting, or for a budding paleontologist,” said Montebello. “For many adults, this show sparks an interest in collecting or even learning how to facet a gemstone.”

Admission to the show is \$7 for adults; \$6 military; \$5 for senior adults 62 and older. Children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission to the show includes general admission to the State Museum.

The Columbia Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will be open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27 and 28, and 12- 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit educational

organization. For more information, contact Mike Montebello at 791-9921 or visit the society's Web site at www.cgams.org.

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CUTLINE FOR GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Collectors of all ages do not want to miss the rare stones, fossils, gems and more on display to view and purchase during the Columbia Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the South Carolina State Museum Nov. 27-29.

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