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The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.



April Field Trip

April 17th
 Jackson's Crossroads,
 Georgia
 for Amethyst

April Program

*Fluorescence
 and Minerals*

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *SHORT AND SWEET*

Tom Winslow, Club President

March has come and gone and spring is at hand. I am looking forward to enjoying some quality time searching for mineral specimens. Harry Polly has some great adventures planned for us this year. I encourage every member to take time out of their busy schedule to participate in the upcoming field trips.

This year's show is history. I regret that I was unable to attend on Friday or Saturday but I was able to get in some manual labor on Sunday afternoon. It seems like the older I get the busier I get.

The show committee is meeting to discuss this year's show success and/or failure and we will have a report at the upcoming meeting.

See you 'all on Tuesday night.

Tom Winslow

APRIL FIELD TRIP

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

The April field trip for the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club will be to Jackson's Crossroads, Georgia for amethyst. We will meet at the mine site at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 17. We can dig on Saturday and Sunday. Cost for the dig is \$25.00 per day. It will be held rain or shine, so plan accordingly. You will need scratching tools, small shovel, screen. Please bring lunch, water, sunscreen. There might be a port-a-jon there, but if not, plan accordingly. There are several motels/hotels in the area.

You can call and make reservations (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**). Prices and services differ, so make the best deal.

DIRECTIONS FROM HICKORY TO WASHINGTON, GA.

Take Hwy 321 South to I-85 South in Gastonia Stay on I-85 South until you get to Georgia Take the **SECOND** exit off of I-85 South This will be US Hwy 17 South. Stay on this road all the way to Washington, Ga. You will actually go through the town of Tignall where Jacksons Crossroads is. Those that are driving down on Friday will have to backtrack about 15 miles on Saturday morning.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING DOWN AND COMING STRAIGHT TO JACKSONS CROSSROADS

When you get to Tignall, turn right on Independence Street. I believe it is at the one and only stoplight in Tignall.



Follow Independence Street for approximately 7 miles. There will be a church on the left. There is a cemetery on the right. Take the road to the right just before the cemetery. Go approximately 1/4 mile. The entrance is on the right.

IF YOU DRIVE DOWN FRIDAY NIGHT AND STAY AT ONE OF THE MOTELS IN WASHINGTON OR LINCOLNTON

Go back up Hwy 17 to the town of Tignall. Take a left onto Independence Street. (I believe it is at the one and only stoplight in Tignall). Follow Independence St for approximately 7 miles. There will be a church on the left. There is a cemetery on the right. Take the road to the right just before the cemetery. Go approximately 1/4 mile. The entrance is on the right.

The Jameson Inn
115 Ann Denard Drive
Washington, Ga 30673
706-678-7925

Cullars Inn
140 Elm Street
Lincolnton, Ga
706-359-6161

Lafayette Manor Inn
219 E Robert Toombs
Ave
Washington, Ga
706-678-5922
Lincoln Motel
688 Washington St
Lincolnton, Ga
706-359-4315

Red Land Motel
1241 Lincolnton Rd
Washington, Ga
706-678-3225

If any questions,
give me a call or e-mail.

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In Memory of Mano Isenhour Bowman

The Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club wishes to express condolences to our member, Wayne Bowman for the loss of his beloved mother.



My mother was a kind and gentle woman who saw some good in all things. She was blessed with 93 years of life and will be sorely missed."

Wayne, our thoughts and prayer are with you.

THANK YOU

George Max, 2010 Show Chair

I would like to thank all the special people who helped with our 40th Gem and Mineral Show. You helped with ticket sales, exhibits, dealers, children's corner, demonstrations, door prizes, and show set up and take down.



This show was surprisingly successful considering the weak economy and unemployment. We had a number of school children attend. This was inspiring, and they showed excitement. The show gave us the opportunity to share stories, see old and new friends, and add to our collections. We look forward to an even better 41st show next year.

George Max

TICKET SALES

Marilyn Max, Ticket Chair

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated with ticket sales at the Gem Show this year. Ticket sellers included Glenn Bolick, Nancy Fritz, Warren Hollar, Marilyn Max, Beth Oczkowski, Janice Polly, Nina Saulnier, Mary Slauson, and Helen Suttlemyre.

We had great teamwork and were able to trade off, enabling other ticket sellers to see the show or have the flexibility to leave for participation in other activities. Selling tickets is a fun way to greet old friends while helping with an important club function. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Marilyn Max

SHOW EXHIBITS

Wayne Bowman

On behalf of the club I would like to thank all who took the time to exhibit at our show. Once a year we get the opportunity to show off our particular interests in the varied aspects of our hobby. I believe this is an excellent way to create interest in our club and it's fun.

Congratulations to the following, whose exhibits were judged best in there categories:

Most Beautiful
Most Educational
Most Interesting
Best Guest

Betty Hollar
Richard Aultman
Robert "Red" Reitzel
Trafford Flynn

I would also like to recognize Dan Turnipseed for the excellent fluorescent booth and exhibit that he has put together for us.

Wayne Bowman



SEPTEMBER AT WILDACRES

Steve Weinberger,
Wildacres Committee Chair

Ahh, September. After the winter many of us have had here on the east coast, September really sounds wonderful. The kids are back in school, and it's still warm enough outside to enjoy the fresh air.

September at Wildacres is ideal. Days are pleasant and nights are comfortable. You can sit out on the porches late into the night and you can sleep with your bedroom windows open! Ideal.

Our September 6-12 line-up at Wildacres is impressive. Classes being offered are shown listed on the next page. Our teacher line-up is outstanding and the only difficult part for you may well be deciding which class or classes to sign up for.

Remember, if you request and are assigned to faceting, it's the only class you'll take during the week. If you request any of the others, you are assigned to two different classes for the week.

Do indicate your four choices for classes. This aids our registrar in case your first or second choice is already filled. We do limit our class size in order to maximize your learning experience.

Lisa Carp will be our speaker-in-residence. She's a lovely, soft spoken individual who will share a wealth of knowledge about jewelry with us. An excellent teacher in her own right, Lisa was nominated for the EFMLS Each One Teach One Award this year. You'll be amazed at what she has to share with us -- and she'll live on campus with us during the week as well.

Room and board for the entire week is \$350 per person. That includes fabulous meals in the dining room, access to the classes that you're assigned to, Lisa's six talks, an auction, fun night, tailgate and other fun things taking place during the week.

Why not get a few of your club friends together and plan a group journey to Wildacres this September.

EFMLS News -- April 2010

Class
Cabochons - Basic Instructor - Al DeMilo
Cabochons - Intermediate Instructor - Al DeMilo
Faceting Instructor - Steve Weinberger
Geology I Instructor - Rob Robinson
Geology II Instructor - Rob Robinson
Glass Engraving & Etching Instructor - B. Jay Bowman
Making Metal Beads - Cold Connections Instructor - Pat Baker
Making Metal Beads - Hot Connections Instructor - Pat Baker
Photographing Small Mineral Specimens Instructor - Bruce Gaber
Photographing Gems & Jewelry Instructor - Bruce Gaber
Precious Metal Clay - Bronze Instructor - Lisa Blackwell
Precious Metal Clay -- Chain Making Instructor - Lisa Blackwell
Silversmithing - Basic Instructor - Lendall Hill
Wirewrapped Jewelry Instructor - Jacolyn Campbell

HAVING FUN: JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jim Brace-Thompson, Jr.
Activities Chair



Help Contribute to an East Coast / West Coast Rock Exchange

Within the AFMS ranks, we have two unique clubs. Several years ago, Michael Putney began Mineral Minds, a geology club in the local elementary school where he teaches in New York State. He has subsequently chartered his club as a juniors-only club within the Eastern Federation. On the opposite side of the country, Lowell Foster has enlisted the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (VGMS) in southern California to serve as a sponsor for a geology club he's begun at a school where he teaches, the Marina West Geology Club.

Lowell and I both belong to VGMS, and when he told me about his school club, I put him in touch with Mike, and the two clubs had fun with a rock exchange. They had so much fun, in fact, they're like to ask clubs from across the U.S. to join in and help with a project. They'd like to expose their kids to the different rocks and minerals of our great United States. Thus, they are looking to put together fabulous displays of various minerals from the different clubs associated with AFMS. Their students would research the rocks and minerals they receive as part of the display. Local newspapers would be contacted, giving publicity for the AFMS, as a whole.

Depending on the level of response and amount of participation, we could also foresee preparing an article for a venue such as Rock & Gem magazine. Both Mike and Lowell are asking if clubs could send a rock, mineral, or fossil sample from their local region to both of their clubs. Their clubs would also interact with each other to compare and contrast, share ideas, and generate a great discussion between East Coast and West Coast kids.

This sounds like one terrific idea to me, and I encourage anyone and everyone to help out. The best way to begin would be to e-mail Mike and Lowell for details: Mputney2@wacs2.wnyric.org and lowellfos@yahoo.com. Sounds like Mike and Lowell have come up with one neat way of firing kids' enthusiasm about rocks and about their country- all the while, having fun!

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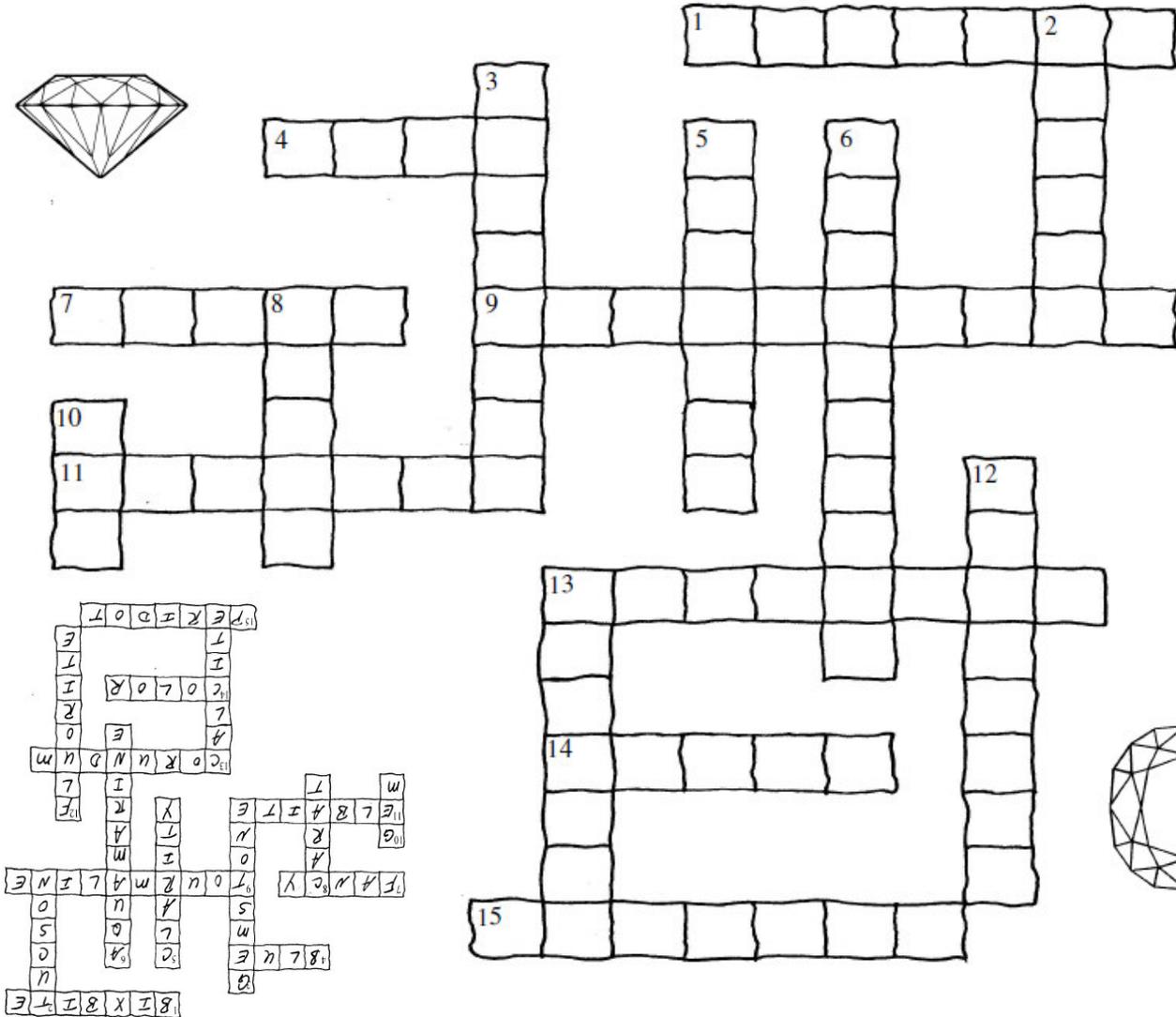
Gemstone Crossword

Mini Miners Monthly

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Across

- 1. The name for red beryl.
- 4. Diamonds are often found in _____ ground.
- 7. A red or blue diamond is called a _____ diamond.
- 9. Elbaite, schorl and dravite are varieties of this mineral.
- 11. The green variety of tourmaline is called _____.
- 13. Ruby and sapphire are colored varieties of this mineral.
- 14. _____ is a description of how yellow a diamond is.
- 15. _____ is the gem variety of the mineral olivine.

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Down

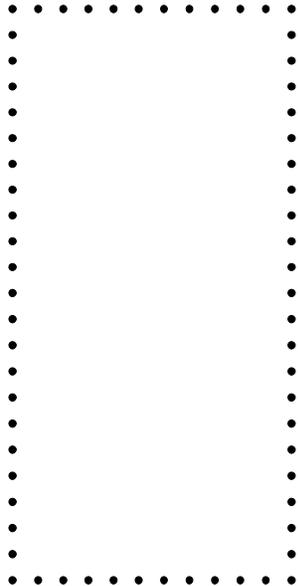
- 2. _____ Gem & Mineral Show.
- 3. A rough, uncut mineral that is gem quality is called a _____.
- 5. _____ is a description of the number of flaws in a cut diamond.
- 6. The blue variety of beryl.
- 8. Jewelers use a scale to measure the _____ weight of gems.
- 10. A cut and polished gemstone is called a _____.
- 12. This soft mineral can be cut into a gem but is too fragile to be worn in jewelry.
- 13. This mineral is colorful and glassy and can be cut into a gem, but it is only 3 on the hardness scale

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Club Meeting

**Tuesday
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**St Aloysius Catholic Church
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