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Annual Dues: Family, \$18; Individual, \$12; Junior, \$6

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.

WOW, WHAT A SHOW!

The club thanks each member participating in the **43rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show** for making this probably the greatest we have ever had. It was reported that approximately 1200 youth showed up.

A special area was in place where boy scouts could complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge.

**Check out the Gem Show Video on
YouTube—Click link*****
<http://youtu.be/B7D-PsEnRew>**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

I think spring has finally arrived! I for one am looking forward to taking advantage of the rock hunts sponsored by the club. All my life I have enjoyed buying rocks, but it wasn't until I joined the club that I actually went out on a dig. Everyone was so helpful in showing me what to look for. I have learned quite a bit such as: don't sit on the wet ground when digging for limonite and always carry water when going to the Ray Mine! It is always a great day whether I find anything or not.



The show seemed to go on without a hitch. I was so impressed with how everyone chipped in. I have a new appreciation for the men who move the show cases from LR to the convention center. That is a lot of hard work. At the April meeting we will discuss your ideas for future shows. Leonard Baxter did an outstanding job as show chairman. Warren Hollar had the record number of school children under control.

We are all happy Larry Huffman survived his hospital stay. The dealers were very appreciative of the BBQ dinner. The food was great!

Norma

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Minutes for February 12, 2013

The March 12, 2013 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 31 members and visitors present. After a correction to the February minutes that there were 22 vendors confirmed, a motion was made by Terry Russell and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the February minutes. Motion passed by the club.

Treasurer Report: Terry Russell reported that the checkbook balance as of February 2013 was \$15,786.60.

Field Trip Report: April field trip will be to Probst farm. Harry Polly will send out information on the trip. Also mentioned was the club field trip to Kentucky to collect geodes. Ann Koebberling has made arrangements for the club to collect.

Education Committee: St. James in Denver, three classrooms at Oakwood Elementary was visited. Also, 30 Cub Scouts were presented to by Harry Polly. Catawba County Library has requested a program.

Show Committee: Show Chairman Baxter Leonard reported that:

- 1) 23 vendors are confirmed.
- 2) Wayne Hollar reported on the schools attending the show. He handed out paperwork on how the club will present different activities to the approximately 700 students that will be attending the 2013 show on Friday.
- 3) Glen Bolick discussed the possibility of the two schools with the most students attending be given a mineral case each.
- 4) A motion by Harry Polly, seconded by Rick Glover was made for the club to pay for and provide mineral cases to the two schools with the most students attending the show. Motion passed by the club.
- 5) A motion by Wayne Bowman, seconded by Glen Bolick to designate up \$500.00 for the purchase of door prizes for the March 28-30, 2014 show. Motion passed by the club.
- 6) A motion by Glen Bolick, seconded by Rick Glover to reimburse Eric Fritz \$200 for the 2013 Show Grand Door Prize. Motion passed by the club.
- 7) Saturday night of the show will be the Dealer's Dinner at PO BBQ at 7 PM hosted by Larry Huffman. The club will pay for the dealer's meal; club members attending will pay \$13.00.
- 8) Terry Russell reported that help with the ticket sales is still needed and to contact her if you can help.

New Business:

- 1) Eric Fritz reported:
 - a. Two books he brought back from the Tucson Show.
 - b. Aurora Fossil Museum – Richard Aultman will take cases there for display.
 - c. Discussed a possibility of a Western North Carolina Mineral Museum at PARI.
 - d. A 6' X 4' light show case is available for purchase for \$875.00 plus tax. He will pick it up if club buys it.
 - e. Discussed the possibility for the Smithsonian to exhibit at the 2013 show, if they are still available. They usually display only at the Tucson, Denver and Miami shows.
 - 2) A motion by George Max, seconded by Wayne Bowman to purchase the 6' X 4' lighted show case for \$875.00 plus tax. Motion passed by the club.
 - 3) A motion by Wayne Bowman, seconded by Albert Keiser to invite the Smithsonian and to pay expenses for them to display at the 2013 show. Motion passed by the club.
- Closing of Business:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

APRIL PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Director

The program this month is, "Timeless Impressions: Arizona Petrified Wood," and is being given by Jeff Schlottman.

APRIL FIELD TRIP

Harry Polly, Field Trip Chairman



The April field trip of the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club will be held on April 13th. We will be going to the Propst farm looking for sapphires. There is a \$5.00 digging fee. We will meet at 8:00 am in Hickory in the Roses

parking lot on Hwy 70E. You will need digging tools and scratching tools. A screen is sometimes helpful if it is not too wet. Be prepared to get dirty as this is red clay you will be digging in. There are no facilities. Please bring all necessities with you, i.e., food, water, rain gear. Soap, towel, and a jug of water are good to bring to wash up before you leave. Anyone that will be coming later can e-mail me for directions. Those that will be coming from the south of Hickory can meet at the site or join up on the way. Please e-mail me, so that we can be on the lookout for you: pollysrock@yahoo.com.

Harry

2013 GEM SHOW REPORT

Baxter Leonard, Show Cochairman

The 2013 show was very successful on many levels and our club with its generous volunteers was largely responsible for this fact. The public, students, and scouts were most appreciative for the chance to learn what our organization offered with its teaching and displays/exhibits. I heard no vendor express any dissatisfaction towards CVGMC, and many were pleased with their final numbers. Everyone who played a part in the show should feel a sense of accomplishment---this should motivate us to not only match our efforts for the 2014 show, but exceed it.

Baxter

SHOW EXHIBIT WINNERS FOR 2013

MOST BEAUTIFUL

Betty Hollar
"Gemstone Magic from Rough to Gems"



MOST INTERESTING

Rick Glover
"Prairie Agates"



FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR

Dean Russell
"What We Collected Last Year"



GUEST EXHIBITOR

John Frazier
"Members of the Garnet Group"



CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. 43RD ANNUAL GEM SHOW

Club exhibits feature Gem, Minerals, and Fossils from North Carolina

(Zoom in to get a good look at these beautiful exhibits)



This is the club's new display case filled with beautiful minerals donated by members Ken and Brenda Isaac. It is now located at the Catawba Science Center along with a GIANT quartz cluster display from Arkansas.



Increased youth participation at the gem show included school groups, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Exploring, Venturing, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and Home-School groups.



Tom Winslow-Native American Artifacts



Warren & Betty Hollar Take Little Ones on a "Dig"



Lloyd Hoke Showing Self-Collected Fossils



Zan Ritchie, Albert Keiser Assisting Students

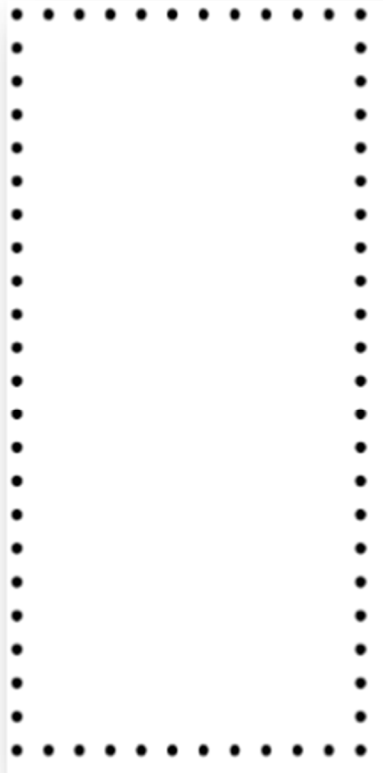


Scientific George Max



"All Knowing Professor" Zan Ritchie IDs Specimen

First Class Mail



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Club Meeting

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