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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
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 Annual Dues: Family, \$25; Individual, \$18;

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.



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### President's Message

The 2019 Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Show has come to an end.

This year's show was a great show.

I would like to offer up a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped.

The show could not have happened without all the help of those that volunteered.

Thank you to Dean for being the Show Chairman and a thank you to the Show Committee.

Everyone that helped is responsible for this year's show turning out so well.

I received thanks multiple times from the vendors that attended the show. I also received thanks and compliments from the public attending the show for the helpfulness of our Club's members and those in the educational area.

Thank you again to everyone that helped.

*Slade*

### **2019 Labor Day Field Trip**

I have reserved 10 rooms at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. At this time 10 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation. ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

#### **Bright Leaf Golf Resort**

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Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>

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**Check In: August 30, 2019 (Friday)**

**Check Out: September 2, 2019 (Monday)**

Rate: \$60+/Single Occupancy; \$80+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. ***Deposit is due by May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.***

This year we plan to go to two quarries and also a location for geodes. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,

***Slade Harvin***

President

## 2019 Gem Show Ticket Sales

We had another record year of paid attendance at the Gem & Mineral Show - total sales were up 10% over last year.

Paid attendance numbers were higher than last year for both Friday (21% increase) and Saturday (22% increase).

We sold 1,542 tickets this year (435 on Friday, 761 on Saturday and 346 on Sunday) compared to 1,397 in 2018, an increase of 145 tickets!!

These figures don't even include the people who came from the Pottery Show (we don't keep track of the count, but we know it was a lot), the college students from CVCC & LR (47), the people who attended using Club complimentary tickets (42) and various organizations who were given Corporate complimentary tickets (40).

### Field Trip

The April Field Trip will be to Hiddenite. Advanced sign-ups are needed due to the limited space available for this dig.

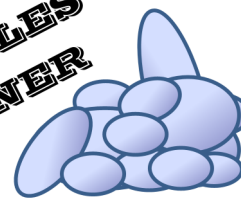
The Labor Day Trip in Kentucky is getting closer. Please make your reservations.

### Program

The program for the April meeting will be "A Preview for the Labor Day Field Trip" by Slade H.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

**THE  
PEBBLES'  
CORNER**



*This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.*

I welcome any information a member may wish to provide to be included in the upcoming newsletters each month, especially related to items that would be of interest to our younger and aspiring rockhounds.

Spring is here!

I hope you were able to attend this year's show.

There were a lot of neat things to do and see at the show.

The educational area offered many things to increase your knowledge in the field.

The show also provided a good opportunity to see some neat items and possibly provide some ways to display your collection.

I learned some things and even a better way to wrap and package fragile minerals during transporting them.

You are never too old to learn.

As the weather starts warming, it is a good time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and of course look for rocks.

Invite someone to come out and go for a walk or hike with you. It is always safer with someone else and it can be fun too.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

*Until next time.....*

**Slade**

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The March 12, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

**Minutes:** Motion by Harry Prick G., seconded by Norma R. to accept the minutes for the February 12, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance was reported.

**Education Committee:** None

**Field Trip Report:** Trip to Hiddenite on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Club. Attendance is limited to the first 20 CVGMC members.

**Show Committee:**

Please decide where you would like to volunteer. Contact these people:

George Max - Cases/Moving In Day/Moving Out Day

Joan Glover – Kids Table

George Brown – Mini Mine

Terry Russell – Tickets

Warren Hollar – Schools/Scouts

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) Dan S. has the tumbled stones for the show available to view.
  - a. Rick G. handed out the Bragging Rights awards. Best collected – d A., Best Purchased – Slade H., and Best Created – Phyllis B.

**Announcements:** None

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

**Program:** 2019 Show Preparation

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## GENERAL NOTES

### **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's show. It could not have happened without you. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Numerous vendors commented on how great this show was and how great it was to have all the help and club members that helped.

Several vendors commented that this is their favorite show. One of the reasons they like it so much is how nice and helpful all the club members are during the show in addition to prior to the show and taking down their booths.

This year's show was a huge success and it is only because of all the hard work and participation by the club members. Without the help of the club members, this show would not be possible.

Thank you again so much and please plan to help again with next year's show.

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### **Display Awards**

Congratulations to the award winners for the displays. The winners are as follows:

<b>First Time Exhibitor –</b>	<b>Evie Harvin</b>
<b>Best Educational –</b>	<b>Joan Glover</b>
<b>Most Interesting –</b>	<b>Wayne Bowman</b>
<b>Most Beautiful –</b>	<b>Wayne Bowman</b>
<b>Best Guest –</b>	<b>Doug Hess</b>

### **Club Complimentary Show Tickets**

**Please remember you are responsible for \$2.50 for each Club complimentary ticket redeemed at the show. Terry will be sending an email to the members who owe for these tickets. You can either bring the payment to the next Club meeting (exact change please) or mail it to the Club's PO Box address.**

# 2019 CVGMC Show Pictures



## **Safety Matters – All It Takes Is One** by: *Ellery Borrow, EFMLS Safety Chair*

In this litigious day and age, sadly, all it takes is one action, one member, one disrespectful event to cause a property owner to boot an individual or a club from a collecting site. The best solution to such a problem is, most certainly, for it not to be a problem in the first place. Prevention is a great thing but there are limitations to what one can accomplish.

Club members can be coached, encouraged, guided, and otherwise instructed in the ways and means to be good rockhounds and remain in the good graces of property owners. However, accidents happen despite ones best effort. Worse however are the intentional disregards of property owner's wishes. What does a club do if a member willfully and repeatedly disregards a property owners wishes? It can be a very touchy issue to give a member the boot for disrespectful behavior at a collecting site.

A way of making the expulsion process easier is to have within the clubs rules, regulations, and bylaws a reasonably comprehensive description of reasons to expel a member whose disrespectful collecting methods reflect badly on the club's field trip activities. No set of rules, regulations or bylaws can cover every incident but even so may be specific enough to everyone that certain behaviors and means are unacceptable... and then have a group of people, rather than a single individual, concur to remove a member from the club rolls. Having specific expulsion guidelines makes it easier to point to rules that say "Sorry, but we just cannot accept misbehavior of such a nature on digs, or any other club activity."

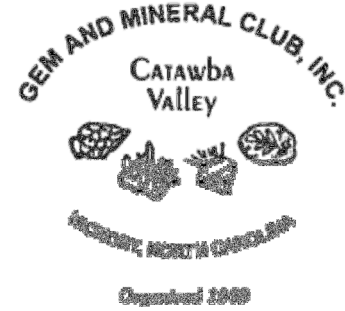
An even worse situation occurs when a club is booted from a collecting site due to the activities of non-club member rockhounds. What can a club do in such instances? A good starting point is to stress to a property owner that the disrespectful collector was NOT a member of ones club and does not represent the respectful nature of club members. A good document to use in making such a case is the AFMS Code of Ethics.

Indeed, most of the items in the Code are items that have their roots in being safe and respectful! Even more helpful would be to, in addition to the AFMS Code of Ethics, have your own local regional federation and club guidelines relating to matters of respecting property owner rights and wishes. It goes without saying that having a calm, measured, and patient approach is helpful when discussing such matters with the owners of property that permit, or at least at one time permitted, collecting.

Your safety matters, so please keep in mind that respect plays an important part in safety. Respect for your personal limits, property owner limits, and codes of ethics all play a part in being and staying safe.

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