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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
 921 2nd St. NE Hickory, NC
 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.

Happy Easter to All

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President's Report

As you may be aware, I have accepted the nomination by the Club Board, to be the Club's president for the remainder of the year. I am glad to accept the position, but I am sorry for the circumstances and I also wish Harry a speedy recovery.

I also want to thank all the club members that volunteered to make this year's show a success. A special thanks to Dean for once again his leadership in being the Show Chairman and the effort and time that went in to helping the show to run smoothly. Another thanks goes to Tracie for volunteering to help organize the Education Area for the show. She did a great job with taking this role just before the show. I also want to thank Tracie for the presentation she made at the last club meeting on feldspar. I thought it was a very good and informative presentation.

The weather is starting to turn warmer and hopefully drier. I encourage everyone to start planning to get out and enjoy the weather and hopefully incorporate some rockhounding also. For a reminder, make sure you stay safe.

See you all at the April Club Meeting,

Slade

Our April Program

The program for April is "Trip out West" By Becky and Jimmy Strickland.

Rick Glauer

Labor Day Field Trip to KY

Slade has 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

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330
Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

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

Email: info@brightleafgolfresort.com

Check In: September 1, 2022 (Friday)

Check Out: September 4, 2022 (Monday)

Rate: \$95+/Single Occupancy; \$135+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit due by April 30th.**

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

Look for further updates as they become available.

Slade

March field trip to Lookadoo Mine, Nebo, NC



Shelda, Richard, & Laura Aultman, Shade Harvin, Harry Polly and Larry Huffman ventured up to Lookadoo mine in Nebo, NC on a nice March Saturday. After many pans full of black sand, a few flakes of gold were snuffed up into the collecting bottles.



March Minutes

CVGMC minutes for March 14, 2023

The March 14, 2023 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – None

Program: “Fabulous Feldspar” by Tracie Jeffries

Minutes: Corrections to the February 14, 2023 minutes as follows:

1) ...to accept the January 10, 2023 minutes

A motion was made by Rick G. and seconded by Becky S. to accept the amended February 14, 2023 minutes.

Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee:

1) Ridgeview Elementary Monthly Birthstone – Aquamarine with George M.

2) Hiddenite Center Museum - Warren H. advising them arrange exhibits. Three-year plan.

Show Committee:

1. 2023 Spring Show is scheduled for March 24-26, 2023. We are planning on putting on a full show with exhibits,

door prizes, Mini Mine, Children’s Table and more.

2. The Club will need many volunteers to run the show, please volunteer.

3. We have 33 vendors signed up for the show.

4. This will be the last year of sending out postcards to people. An email account has been setup for future notifications for the customers. cvgmc.show@gmail.com

5. Yard Signs are available for Club members to put out for display, starting Sunday, March 19 th and picking up by

Tuesday March 28 th . Please bring the signs to the CVGMC April meeting to return to Dean.

6. Grand door prizes are a beautiful Crabtree Mine Wire Wrapped Cabochon Necklace and four pieces from the

Chester Lemansky collection: Fluorapatite, Spodumene, Metaswitzerite and Bikitaite.

Field Trip Report: Tracie J. reported on a agate mine in Georgia.

Old Business: Certificates handed out from the January Bragging Rights Contest

New Business:

1) Due to health concerns of Harry P., he resigned his 2023 CVGMC Presidency.

2) BOD appointed Slade H. to finish the term.

3) BOD vote to donate \$500.00 to St. Al’s Church towards the new flooring in the Knight’s Room.

Announcements: Celebrated the birthday of Larry H. with cupcakes and cookies. Update on Harry’s health.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary**

May DMC field trip

An Official Field Trip of the Middle TN Rockhounds (Nashville, TN) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the <<< Please enter your club's name here before forwarding

Saturday May 20, 2023

10:00 am. to 3:00 pm. Central Time

Cumberland Furnace, TN

Limited to 35 people

Registration Required

Free!!

TRIP: We are heading to Cumberland Furnace to collect slag. The slag was a byproduct of making iron. Some of the slag is quite colorful in shades of blue and green... some with swirls. The slag is easily cut and polished and makes nice pendants.

COLLECTING: Our target is a dump pile on the banks of the stream that runs through Cumberland Furnace (access by crossing a large field owned by the community). This dump pile is located about a ¼ of a mile from the parking area. Although the dump pile has the greatest potential, slag can be found anywhere along the banks (both upstream and downstream). Another way to search is by wading downstream from the furnace if the creek is low. I am not sure if conditions will permit - bring wading shoes (no open toe shoes, flip flops, Crocs, etc.) just in case if you wish to collect in the stream.

BRING: You need to bring a hand tool, trowel, small shovel, etc. to dig in the slag pile and gloves to protect your hands. Bring a back pack or small buckets for carrying your finds. Boots or wading shoes are recommended as your feet may get wet otherwise.

REQUIREMENTS: Bring sunscreen and bug spray but most importantly a good attitude and have fun!!

TERRAIN AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Collecting in an old dump pile and in a creek. It's about a quarter mile hike through the woods to the site, the path will be slightly overgrown. There is creek and some small streams, so your feet might get wet. Stream should be low this time of the year.

FEE: Free, as in free!!

CHILDREN: Children are allowed but must be **at least 6 years old** and **must be supervised by an adult at ALL times.**

PETS: Pets are allowed but must be leashed and under control at all times.

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FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the site unfortunately. Closest facilities are at a service station about ¼ mile away.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: TN does not have any Covid-19 restrictions at this time. Use your own judgement on the use of masks and other Covid-19 guidelines while on this field trip. I'll have liability forms available on site to be signed before we begin collecting.

REGISTRATION: Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If you are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Directions and meeting place details will be emailed to registered participants.

CONTACT: For additional information or last minute issues, contact **Randy Gentry @ (615) 566-8482** or fieldtripchair@rockhound.org.

IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click [here](#) to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.**

Show Report

A note from the CVGMC Show Chairperson:

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's show. It could not have happened without you. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated. Without the volunteer help with the unloading and reloading of the Club's stock in and out of the convention center, ticket sales, demonstrations, Mini Mine, Childre's table, display cases, and assisting me with vendors throughout the show, we would not have had such a smooth-running show.

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.

Dean Russell

Gem Show Results

The total paid attendance at the show was 1,947 which makes it the second highest overall. We missed the record which was set at the March 2022 show by approximately 100 tickets, however, Saturday's ticket sales were over 1,000 which is the best for a single day. It was nonstop on Saturday morning from the time we opened the doors until midafternoon. The line of people purchasing tickets was out the door and down the sidewalk!!

In addition to the paid attendance, we had over 300 people come in from the Pottery show along with all the complimentary tickets from Club members and various organizations.

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