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921 2nd St NE Hickory, NC

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.

Peace on earth
And goodwill
To all...



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FROM THE EDITOR

Velda McLean, Newsletter Editor

Many thanks go to our officers and members for an outstanding gem of a year. You worked so faithfully, enthusiastically, and expertly in these multifaceted club activities-- and the major accomplishment was the joint **EFMLS Convention/CVGMC Gem Show**.



The bulletin is actually written by YOU, and it should be because it is YOUR Club. This issue completes my 17th year of being your editor. I have truly been enriched by knowing and working with you. This Club has so many gifted and qualified members that this newsletter could have at least one club-member-written article per month. So get yours ready. I will be calling you. Your photos and drawings are welcome. Would I love to see some material from some of our juniors!

Our newsletter may not reprint copyrighted material without written permission. The EFMLS guidelines require us to have in our newsletter the Club President's Message, Minutes recorded, Club Field Trip announced (for their insurance), and Monthly Program. We email them a copy. **The deadline for announcements and articles is one week before our monthly meeting.** A reminder will be sent out via email. If you need to use the US mail, send your material to my home address on the first page. Share your rockhounding fun and knowledge!

Velda

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Minutes for November 10, 2015

The November 10, 2015 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 34 members and 4 visitors present. Motion made by Harry Polly, seconded by Rick Glover to accept the minutes for the October 13, 2015 minutes. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: The bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report: Hiddenite trip delayed until after deer season. Reel Mine trip Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

1) 2016 Club Elections: A motion was made by Larry Huffman, seconded by Danny Jones, to accept the slate of proposed officers of, President – George Brown, Vice President – Joan Glover, Treasurer – Terry Russell, and Secretary – Dean Russell. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

- 2) A motion by Warren Huffman, and seconded by Harry Polly for Larry Huffman to serve as an At Large Director. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 3) A motion by George Brown, seconded by Harry Polly, for Rick Glover to serve as an At Large Director. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 4) No one volunteered for the position of Field Trip Chairman, so filling this position was table until the next meeting.
- 5) The December 8th meeting is the Annual Club Auction and Christmas Party, which will start at 6:30 PM. Members are asked to bring a beverage and a dessert.
- 6) A motion was made by Rick Glover, seconded by Harry Polly, to have P.O. BBQ cater the party. P.O. BBQ will supply the BBQ and the sides for 50 people. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 7) The sign-up for those who are selling items at the auction was passed around. If you did not sign up, please contact Terry Russell for a selling number and instructions.
- 8) Warren Hollar reported that he was at a mineral show in Virginia and stated that their announcer gave away children's door prizes the same way he does. Example – "First child wearing a pink jacket to come to me wins."
- 9) It was reported that a birthday party for Club member, Gloria Sigmon, will be held December 6th at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
- 10) Larry Huffman brought to the Club's attention of a letter in the Newsletter by Cheryl Neary about the AFMS Endowment Fund Auction. He asked Club members to consider a donation.
- 11) Hugh McCammon, provided information on possible future Club meeting sites.
 - A) Looking for a warehouse that hasn't been rented. Example – Old dry cleaners building at 1151 1st Ave. SW.
 - B) Old Soup Kitchen Building by the Courthouse.
 - C) Looking for a location with either free rent or one dollar a year rent, with the Club paying lights, water, and insurance.
 - D) Hugh McCammon will contact the City of Hickory with information on the Club to see if it would be considered.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Program: "A Geological Tour of Iceland" was given by Shields and Frances Flynn of Trafford-Flynn Minerals

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Rick Glover, Program Director

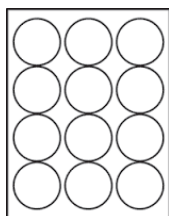
The December 8th meeting is the Annual Club Auction and Christmas Party, which will start at **6:30 PM**. Terry will be at the church by **5:45 PM** for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number. P.O. BBQ will cater the party supplying the BBQ and the sides. Members are asked to bring a beverage and a dessert.

Rick

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING DECEMBER 2015 AUCTION

Terry Russell, Club Treasurer

Each person who participates in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc). If you plan to participate and didn't get a number at the November meeting, please contact me (Terry Russell) at 828-303-1563 (cell) or at 828-584-5360 (work) ASAP and I will assign you a number.



All specimens must be clearly identified with a sticker which should be coded with your assigned number because this is what will be referenced during the auction process. Since the auction is next week and there isn't enough time to mail out stickers you can either get some small round stickers or come early next Tuesday and I will have them available. Please label your specimens as follows (using this example): if your assigned number is 2 and you plan to sell 5 items then the stickers should be labeled as 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. **It is VERY important to label ALL specimens so the correct information is recorded.** This same number will also be your bidding number. I will have cards at the meeting with the numbers on them for people to hold up when they win a bid. This process should keep things moving and will make it easier for me to record the sellers and buyers.

You may also sign up next Tuesday night before the meeting; I will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number. As mentioned above, I will also have additional stickers for labeling your auction items. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Terry

FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip Chair

There will be no field trip for the month of December.

Harry

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES – DUE IN JANUARY

Terry Russell, Club Treasurer

Membership Information Forms are included with the December newsletter. You may also find a copy on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>. The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2016 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter.

Honorary members must also fill out the form each year in order to keep the club records up to date and to maintain your honorary membership status. Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately. The treasurer, Terry Russell, will be deleting anyone from the roster who does not renew their membership by the end of February.

Dues will NOT be accepted at the December meeting because of the activities going on with the auction. The treasurer will accept renewals at the January meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.



XIMENA (JAMIE) HERRERA

The Club extends condolences to club member Patty Brown in the passing of her mother, Ximena Herrera. She was mother-in-law of our President, George Brown, Jr.

Ximena (Jamie) Castro Herrera, 77, of Granite Falls, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015 at Trinity Ridge, Hickory. Born Jan. 9, 1938 in Santiago, Chile, she was the daughter of the late Rafael and Olga Valenzuela Castro. A devoted catholic, she loved people so much that she would dedicate her extra time visiting those in need. She loved knowledge, reading, and religion. She was doted on by her grandmother and loved spending time with her Aunts who were only a few years older than she. At 17, she met her husband of 52 years, Anibal Herrera. In 1979 she proudly became an American Citizen. In 1980, she graduated with her associate's degree in accounting. She worked with the DSS in Goshen, N.Y., in the accounting resource department. Online condolences may be made at www.bass-smithfuneralhome.com.

TWO AMAZING WEEKS IN THE MOUNTAINS AWAIT YOU

Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

Imagine yourself spending a week away from the pressures of life, the noise of car and truck horns, blaring radios, stories of crime blaring at you from the local news, and, if you're not retired, the pressures of "the boss" who expects you to "work" to earn that paycheck.



We have a terrific solution for you – an opportunity to get away from all of the above and immerse yourself in relaxing, learning a new skill or two, and learning new things from a guest speaker. **That solution is attending one or both of the 2016 EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres in North Carolina.**

Wildacres is a fantastic retreat located on Pompeys Knob just off the Blue Ridge Parkway about an hour north of Asheville. The property consists of over 1,000 acres, much of which is truly kept "wild". The facility features two large lodges with private, motel style bedrooms (each with private bath), well equipped lapidary and jewelry studios and other classroom spaces, an auditorium, hiking trails, dining room and fantastic views of Mt. Mitchell and the surrounding Blue Ridge range.

Owned by a private foundation that allows non-profit groups such as ours to come for a few days for workshops that encourage the betterment of mankind, we've been privileged to be allowed to use the facility for the past 43 years.

Each session consists of time for participants to take one or two classes, hear excellent talks from our guest speaker, join a field trip, explore the area, and participate in a variety of other activities. Our instructors, all volunteers are outstanding and bring with them a wealth of knowledge about their subject, lots of teaching experience and above all, patience!

Dates for 2016 are May 9 – 15 and September 5 – 11. Descriptions for our spring classes are on page 8 of the December 2015, *EFMLS News* <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efdec15web.pdf>. We're still working on the fall list, but will include faceting, fused glass, silversmithing and wirewrap for sure. Descriptions for all fall classes will be in the next EFMLS News and on our website <efmls-wildacres.org>.

Tuition for each session this year will be \$400 per person which includes your room and board for the week and gratuity for the Wildacres Retreat staff. You will be asked to pay your instructor(s) a materials fee, but that depends on what class or classes you select. Materials fees will be announced closer to the workshop session since costs especially that of metals, do tend to change.

We've included a registration form for your use on page 10. Feel free to make copies for your club members! Since some classes fill quickly, we ask that you include 4 options per "semester". More information about the EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres can be found on our website <efmls-wildacres.org>. Do register, but not before January 1, 2016. In a nutshell, an EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres should be on your bucket list of places to experience. We hope to see you there in 2016.

EFMLS News --December, 2015

HAVING FUN: JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jim-Brace Thompson, Junior Activities Chair
Celebrating a Milestone: 10,000+ FRA Badges Awarded!

I'm pleased as punch to announce that we've crossed a significant milestone with our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program. On October 27, 2015, we surpassed 10,000 badges awarded to kids! To be exact: 10,042 activity badges handed out along with 3,497 Membership patches over the years.



I continue to encourage all clubs with kids to spread the word and utilized this program. You don't need to have a full group of kids with monthly sessions. If you have even one child in your club, that child can earn badges in a sort of "home-school" fashion so long as a responsible adult club member signs off to certify completion of each badge unit. One mother of a club in Southern California recently emailed me to ask about enrolling her 7-year-old son in just such a fashion. The ironic part about this particular incident is that she says she stumbled across the program while searching the web for activities since her son is "rock crazy." She had no idea the program even existed when, in fact, her own club was already enrolled in FRA! They had gone inactive these past few years and, apparently, no one has bothered to tell new members with children about the program. Here's enlisting your help making sure *all clubs* are doing their part to spread the word to encourage the next generation of rockhounds by awarding them with badges as they learn and have fun!

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THE ROCKHOUND STICKER

by Dick Pankey



The Rockhound Sticker™ was developed to promote rockhounding and help rockhounds identify one another. Since its' introduction in the summer of 2002 it has created great interest and can be seen throughout the United States and Canada. However, many rockhounds still are not aware of it and its benefits and still do not have one

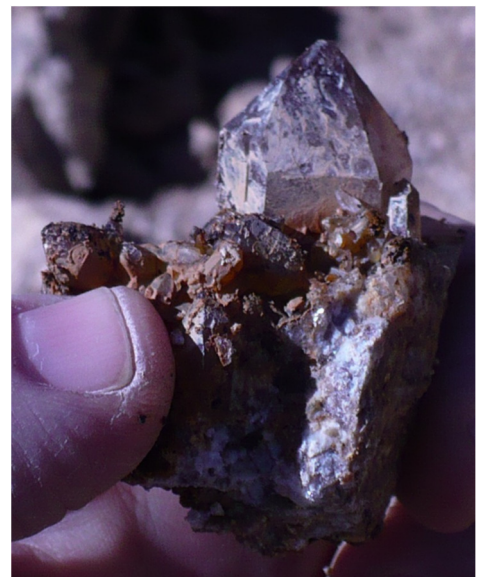
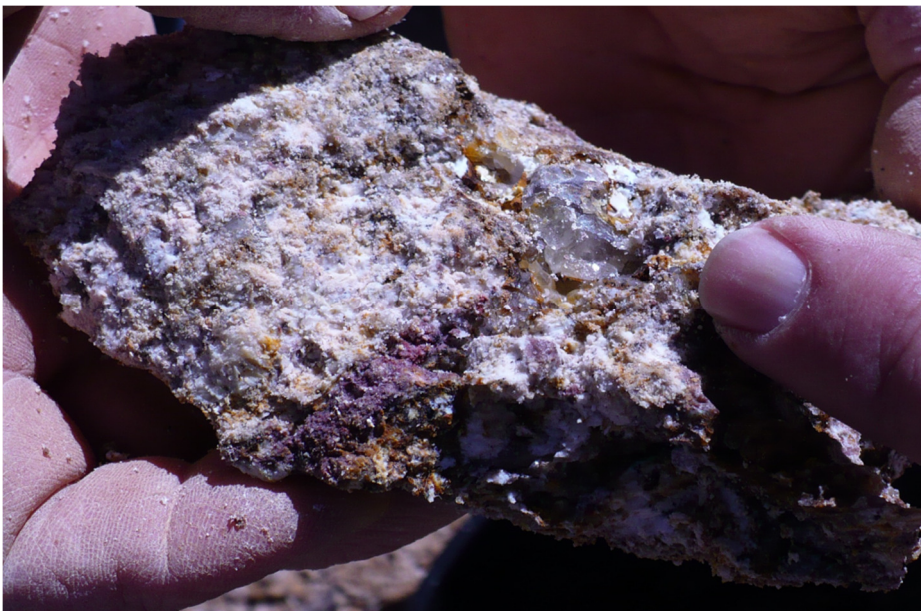
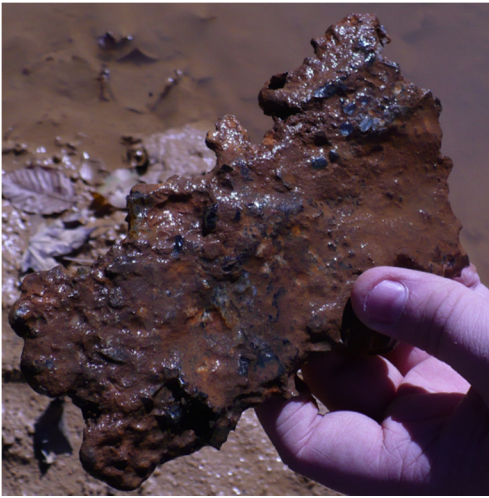
of their own. The objective is for all (or at least most) rockhounds have and display the Rockhound Sticker.

Although the Rockhound Sticker™ is trademarked, permission is granted to publish it and use it on club bulletins and other club publications as you would your Federation and AFMS emblem. I hope that you would use it in your club bulletin and share it with your members. Just click on one of the stickers above, copy and paste into your bulletin. It can be resized and formatted with the "Format Picture" drop down menu. Below are some phrases I have used as a space filler, with and without a picture of a sticker, in newsletters and bulletins. Use as you need or make up your own.

- Promote rockhounding – Proudly display your Rockhound Sticker
- Use the little Rockhound Sticker on envelopes when mailing to other rockhounds, your elected representatives and to governmental agencies.
- Promote rockhounding. Display your sticker. Great for Juniors activities.
- Use anywhere, anytime to let people know that you are a rockhound.
- Use the Rockhound Sticker on your car, truck, trailer and motorhome. It is a great way to identify yourself and promote rockhounding
- The sticker lets everyone know you are interested in collecting rocks, minerals, or fossils and you are willing to talk about collecting.

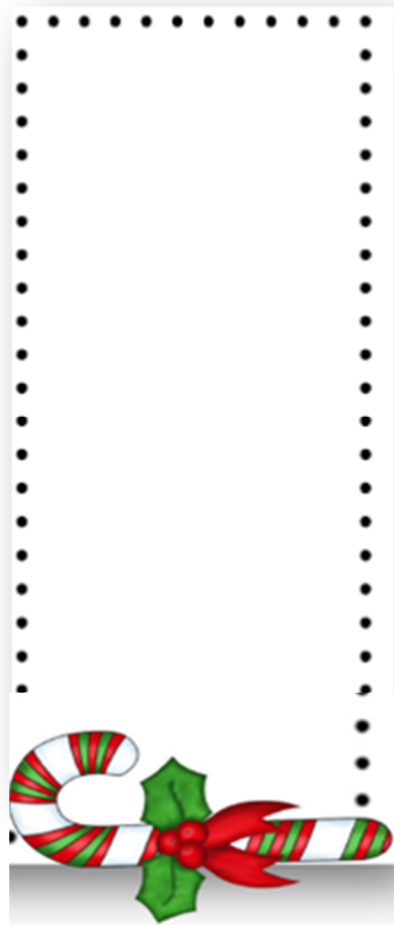
Please help get the word out. Help promote Rockhounding and the Rockhound Sticker. Contact me with questions or for more information at <dickpankey@juno.com>.

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Club Meeting

Tuesday
December 8, 2015

PARTY/AUCTION
6:30 PM/5:45 setup

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



2016 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Please Check all the Appropriate Boxes

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

(New members must attend TWO meetings and may apply for membership at the second meeting)

☐ Single \$12/yr ☐ Family \$18/yr ☐ Honorary \$0/yr
☐ Onetime fee for name badge \$10/person ☐ Quantity

Spelling on badges as follows: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL IN ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (family membership): _____

ADDRESS (Street): _____

ADDRESS (City, State, and Zip Code): _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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DUES (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) SHALL BE PRORATED AS FOLLOWS:

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

October 1 – December 31: full amount of annual dues shall apply as payment for the following year

FOR USE BY TREASURER ONLY: Amt Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Date _____