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ROCKHOUND

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Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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 Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
 St Aloysius Catholic Church  
 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.



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## **December Program**

*Joan Glover, Program Director*

This month's program will be the club's Annual Auction. Information for the auction is provided on page 4.

### **Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Minutes for November 8, 2016**

The November 8, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 24 members and 3 guests present.

**Minutes:** Motion by Larry H., seconded by Jimmy S., to accept the minutes for the October 11, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance given.

**Education Committee:** None

**Show Committee:**

- 1) 3 publications will have show announcements.
- 2) Grand Door Prize will be a Citrine necklace and earring combination.
- 3) New Show Chairperson, Dean R. will need a lot of help from Club members to work in the various areas as needed to make the Show a success.
- 4) Donations of quality adult door prizes are needed. Please see Larry H.
- 5) A 2017 Show Committee meeting will be held in January. Date to be announced.

**Field Trip Report:**

- 1) Field trip to Jonesville, SC was moved to November 19th.
- 2) Need a Field Trip Coordinator ASAP.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) Larry H. was the Club and EFMLS District 6 representative in Rochester, NY., for the EFMLS Annual meeting and gave his report on the meeting. It will be studied whether or not to reduce Wildacres to one week. He also reported on the field trip to the Finch House.
- 2) Final information of the Annual Club Auction will be in the December Tar Heel Rockhound.
- 3) November 17<sup>th</sup> is the Charlotte Club's Auction. All are invited.

**Election of 2017 Club Officers:** A motion was made to accept the slate of officers for the 2017 Club Year by Warren H. and seconded by Albert K. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

President – Harry Polly

Vice President – Joan Glover

Secretary – Dean Russell

Treasurer – Terry Russell

Past President – George Brown

Directors at Large – Larry Huffman and Rick Glover

\*Two directors at large were needed, because Dean R. holds two board positions. (Secretary and Show Chairperson.)

**Announcements:** Harry P., Jake C. and Danny J. were reported on and are on the mend.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

**Program:** Shields and Frances Flynn did a presentation on "Tsumeb, Namibia and its Minerals."

Respectfully submitted, Dean Russell, Secretary

### President's Message

HO, HO, HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
IT'S PARTY TIME!

Lets all bring some food and drink we would like to feast on.  
Some rocks and gems we would like to sell.  
And most of all.

Our great Christmas Spirit and Brotherhood we want to share!

ps check Deans article for items to sell.  
pps We still need a Field Trip Leader

**George**

### Field Trip News

There is not a scheduled December field trip.

A field trip coordinator is still needed. Harry and Dean would be glad to assist.

January's field trip will be the Annual Grab Bag Day. Details to follow later.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS**

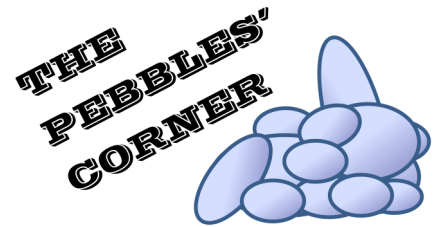
### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

#### **2017 Membership Dues – Due in January**

**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 2017 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.



*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.*

As an introduction, I plan to include information regarding birthstones for each month of this upcoming year.

I welcome any information a member may wish to provide to be included in the upcoming newsletters each month corresponding to the particular month's birthstone.

Some possibilities may include:

- A recent find of the stone
- A poem mentioning the stone
- A piece of jewelry with the stone
- A picture of the stone
- Many other opportunities.....

*Until next time.....*

**Slade**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEWS

### ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

Instructions for the upcoming December 2016 auction (from the 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 less than two weeks away and there isn't enough time to mail out stickers you can either get some small round stickers or come early the evening of the auction 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.** Additionally, if there is a minimum bid you want an item to start for, please note this on the label ahead of time. This same number will also be your bidding number. I will have bidder 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 the night of 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.

Anything rock related can be auctioned; this includes tools, cut stones, display boxes/cabinets, rough stones, jewelry, etc. Members will retain 90% of the sale and 10% will go to the club unless the member specifies all proceeds go to the club.

Items will be auctioned off in order, so that it is fair to everyone participating. It will go as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a,...., then start over at 1b, 2b, 3b....etc. We will sell as many items as we can in our time limit of 9:00 PM. There is no limit to the number of items a Club Member can bring.

Please come early to preview the items and make notes of the ones you are interested in (including the number on the sticker) then you'll know when it comes up for bidding.

Items will go up in price by \$1.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$25.00, then bidding will go up by \$5.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$50.00. Once it reaches \$50.00, bids will go up by \$10.00 increments per bid. Once the bid reaches \$100.00, bids will go up by \$20.00 increments per bid. Bidding increments can change at the discretion or lack of memory of the auctioneer.

Remember, guests are welcome to sign up to bid, but cannot have any items for sale, so bring a friend.





## 2017 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 ONLY IF PURCHASING any: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

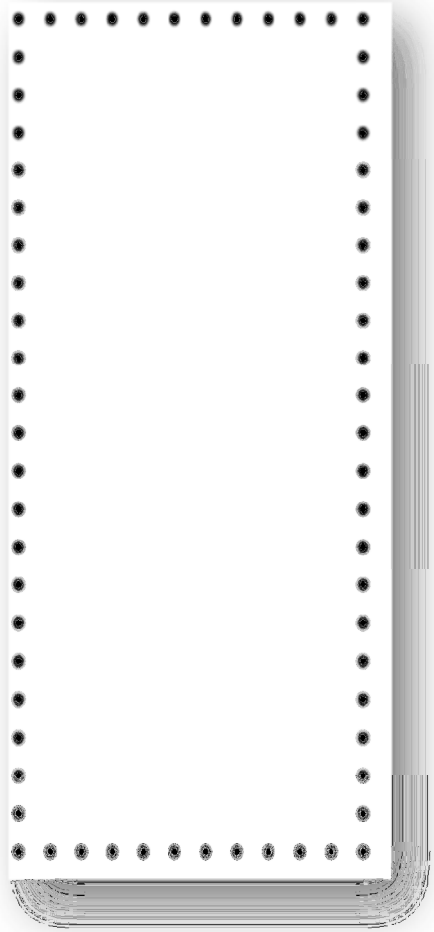
July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

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

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**Club Meeting**

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