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ROCKHOUND

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Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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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.



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President's Message

As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank everyone in the club for allowing me to serve the club this year. I have enjoyed the opportunity and learned things over the year. Thank you to everyone that has agreed to serve as officers for the club this year. It is a lot of work to keep the club going and I would like to thank everyone that has had a part this year. This is a good time to help the club and to also become more involved. The next meeting is the club's auction. Consider coming out to enjoy this time. Hopefully this year without snow. We hope to see everyone at the December meeting.

Slade

Potluck Sign Up for Auction/December Meeting

The sign up has been set up for the December meeting on Perfectpotluck.com.

Organizer: Russell Password: Rockhound

P.S. No snow is allowed this year! Please do not let Mother Nature know about the meeting. =)

Club Shirt for Sale

There is an option for members to purchase a club shirt. Orders will be taken at the December meeting. An example of the shirt will be available for viewing at the December Meeting. There will be several color choices to choose from and either short or long sleeve. Additional information will be available at the December Meeting.



2020 Club 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 2020 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 March 2020 meeting.

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.

Newsletter Editor Needed

Starting January

The role of newsletter editor is going to be available in January.

I have enjoyed serving in this position for the last several years, but I need to hand off this role at least for this year.

This is a good position for someone that would like to become involved with the club.

The role of the editor is to prepare and send out the monthly newsletter and help send out any emails to the club as needed.

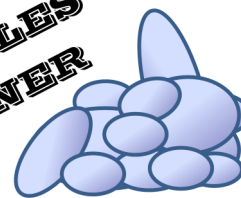
I am happy to talk with anyone that might be interested in accepting this role and the responsibilities for the role.

Thank you,

Slade H.



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.

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather.

Christmas is coming soon. Time to use your hobby for good and others.

This is a good time to be thankful for everything in your life.

Take a minute to remember the fun times you have been able to enjoy this year, rock related or not.

This is a good time to consider making a gift for someone using rocks or other items from the hobby.

It is also a good time to get out and have fun collecting, crafting, or other hobby related.

Think about inviting someone to join you, whether family, friend or someone new that might enjoy the hobby.

Merry Christmas.

Make sure you have fun. Rock on!

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

Until next time.....

Slade

Field Trip

The December field trip will be discussed at the meeting. This will be a trip associated with the Dixie Mineral Council.

Program

The program will be the annual auction. Bring food, drink, and/or dessert, and of course money for the auction.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

CVGMC minutes for November 12, 2019

The November 12, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM. 20 members in attendance.

Introduction of New Members and Guest: Guest: Tim H., Robin H., MC Low, and Sandra B.

Minutes: Motion by Rick G., seconded by Becky S. to accept the minutes for the October 8, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. Waiting on a few vendors contracts yet.
2. Theme of the show: "North Carolina: America's First Gold Rush."
3. There will be a Show Committee meeting at our house on November 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM. If you would like to join the Show Committee, please let me know. We need many volunteers to have a successful show. I will also contact those I have contacted in the past.
4. I have contacted 10 plus print and online publications about the show.
5. We need a grand prize yet. We also need to have a Board of Directors meeting to determine how much to spend.
6. If you have any donations for the hourly adult and children door prizes, please contact Larry H.

Field Trip Report:

1. Nov. 23rd, Johnson Creek Farm, Due West, SC. Fee - \$25.00
2. Dec. 7th, Amos Cunningham, Due West, SC. Fee - \$20.00
3. For your information, the main mine at the Little Pine Garnet/Gem Mine is closed until further notice, because the ceiling is damaged and unsafe. You may collect in the spoil piles though. I suggest you call ahead to see what the availability is.

Old Business: Need a Newsletter Editor by January 2020. See Slade Harvin.

New Business:

- 1) Motion by Becky S., seconded by George B., to nominate and elect the officers for 2020 CVGMC year:

Norma Ridenhour –	President
Joan Glover –	Vice President
Terry Russell –	Treasurer
Dean Russell -	Secretary

The motion was passed by the Club membership.

- 2) Motion by Phillip M., seconded by Jimmy S., to nominate and elect the directors at large for 2020 CVGMC year: Larry Huffman, George Brown and Wayne Bowman. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 3) Slade Harvin will serve as Past President.
- 4) The reason to the extra Director at Large, is that Dean Russell hold two Board of Director positions, Secretary / Show Chairperson respectively. The Club needs nine Board of Directors to conduct business, so one extra Director at Large are needed.
- 5) Auction is at the December 10, 2019 meeting at 6:30PM. See Newsletter for information.
- 6) Sign up for a snack and/or beverage at PerfectPotluck.com. Organizer name: Russell Password: Rockhound
- 7) Columbia, SC Club Show is next weekend

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Program: Flugurites by Rick and Joan Glover

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

2019 December Auction Instructions

It's that time of year for our annual auction.

Instructions for the December 2019 auction (from the treasurer):

Anyone who participates in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.). If you have not requested a number and still need one please contact Terry on her cell phone number (828-303-1563) or by email at tmkrussell5@aol.com. Since there isn't time to mail the stickers she will bring them to the meeting or you can get your own (we are using small round stickers). If you don't get a number and stickers before the December meeting they will be available the evening of the auction so come early. Terry will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number and/or stickers.

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. 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. Terry 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 to record the sellers and buyers.

Items will be auctioned off in order to make it fair for everyone. It will go as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a...etc., then start over at 1b, 2b, 3b...etc. so label your items in the order that you want to sell them, with your best item being the first one. **The Club meeting starts at 6:30 PM followed by the auction and we will sell as many items as possible in the time that we have (ends at 9:00 PM).** There is no limit to the number of items a Club Member can bring.

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 price and 10% will go to the club unless the member specifies all proceeds go to the club.

Please come early to preview the items and make notes (including the number on the sticker) of the ones you are interested in bidding on then you'll be ready when it comes up for bidding. To keep things moving along the items will not be walked around during the auction.

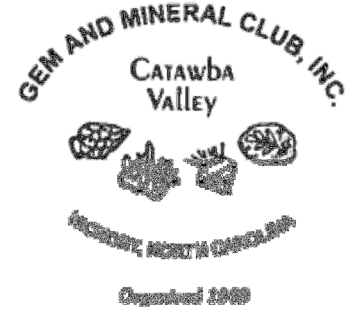
Items will go up in price by \$1.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$25.00, then bidding will go up by \$5.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$50.00. Once it reaches \$50.00, bids will go up by \$10.00 increments per bid. Once the bid reaches \$100.00, bids will go up by \$20.00 increments per bid. Bidding increments can change at the discretion or lack of memory of the auctioneer. If you have an item you want started at a minimum bid, please note it on the label ahead of time.

Remember, guests are welcome, so bring a friend. They can bid on items, but cannot sell items.

Payment method: Cash or checks accepted but sorry, no plastic.

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Club Meeting

Tuesday
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6:30 PM

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