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 Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
 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 Report

As we are now in the cold months of old man winter, what do we do? It is too cold to get out and dig in the dirt, or to play in the creeks. Do we just sit back and wait for the warm weather, or do we do something to enhance our knowledge of the hobby that we all enjoy so much?

How about reorganizing your collection, or make new labels? How about cleaning all of those finds from the previous year that you haven't had time to do?

I am trying to get caught up on my cutting and polishing which will never happen. I've got too much, but I can try. So, sit down with a cup of coffee or your favorite drink, stay warm, and get busy. That's what I am going to do.

Harry

Our February program

The program for January is "NC Mineral Prospecting " by Daniel Coleman

Rick Glover

**Planning for the March 24-26, 2023, 53rd
Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show –**

Club leaders have been doing preparations for our keynote activity and major fund-raising effort of the year. The success of the show will be directly related to having an adequate number of volunteers to work before, during, and after the show.

Volunteers - Members will be asked to volunteer in one or more of the following activities during the show – Set up, grab bags, tickets, mini-mine, education area, case preparation, scout badges, and take down. Sign-up sheets will be available at our February meeting.

Grab Bags – Dean expressed his appreciation for those who provided specimens for the grab bags and for those who worked on a cool Saturday morning. Thanks also go to George for procuring the church as a preparation area. If you have interest in coordinating the sale of the grab bags, speak to Dean.

Cases - Please come prepared at the next meeting to let George Max and Wayne Bowman know about whether you will need a large or small case. We also need to determine the number of focal cases needed.

Door Prize Donations – Speak with Dean if you have adult door prizes you would like to donate. We do have 2-3 years of children's door prizes at this time.

Your Input – Your input is always valued. If you have a concern or a suggestion for improving the show, speak with Dean Russell, show chairperson, or Harry Polly, club president. We also welcome new members stepping forward in leadership roles. Using your expertise is always appreciated in the education area. From the input we receive from dealers, our show is the benchmark for a quality show that involves many groups including young people.

Dean

Show Flyer to print and post.



Catawba Valley Gem Mineral Club Show March 24-26, 2023

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. will hold their 53 rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry show on March 24, 25, and 26, 2023 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The convention center is located at 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC. Hours are 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 10:00 a.m.till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 which is good for all three days.

Children 12 and under are admitted free. Law enforcement officers and active or retired military with credentials, Scouts and Leaders in uniform will be admitted free anytime during this 3 day event.

Scheduled are many educational displays and presentations that will be in operation during regular show hours. Some of the areas will include Children's "Hands On" table, Mini Mine for children. Other glass- enclosed displays will feature high quality specimens from many United States locations and other countries.

On Saturday, March 25 th , CVGMC members will be demonstrating wire-wrapping, cabochoning, and other lapidary arts from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour and a Grand Door Prize will be drawn on Sunday at 5:00 PM. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each for as long as they last.

The web page for the club is: www.cvgmc.com **Special Events.**

The Facebook page with show news is:

[Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Annual Show.](#)

For additional information concerning the show, contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or (828) 303-1448.

Bragging Rights Winners



Richard Aultman "Best Collected"

**Phareodus - Approx. 52 million years old
Green River Formation**



Richard Aultman "Best Purchased"

**Trinitite - desert soil fused into glass by atomic
(1945) blast. Collected by miner Sam Jones**



**Slade Harvin "Best Crafted"
A Labradorite Cabochon**

2023 Membership Dues

This is a reminder that the membership dues are now being collected. If we do not receive your membership dues & form by the March meeting your name will be removed from the roster and the mailing list!!

Included in this month's bulletin is a blank 2023 Membership form. I will also bring some blank forms to the meeting.

This membership form must accompany your dues for your name to be included on the 2023 club roster.

**Family membership is \$25
Single membership is \$18**

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately.

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.

**You can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box (address on the membership form) or directly to Terry Russell at the following address:
5254 Olde School Drive
Hickory, NC 28602**

Terry



2023 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 \$18/yr Family \$25/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 _____

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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

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Club Meeting

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