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Club Address: PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603-2521  
 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.

Due to the cancellation of last month’s meeting due to bad weather, this month’s program will be the Bragging Rights contest. Please see below for instructions.

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## President's Report:

Hello Fellow Members,

After having to cancel our January meeting due to inclement weather I realized just how much I look forward to our meetings. I was especially curious about the "Bragging Rights Contest".

I can't remember why, but I missed last year's contest. Catching bits and pieces of conversations through-out the past year I apparently missed quite an entertaining meeting with some wild and crazy tales! Luckily, we will have the "Bragging Rights Contest" for our February meeting. I am looking forward to hearing a combination of tall tales, adventures, exploits, and stories of creative labor from my fellow rockhounds! So don't be shy, come share, listen, laugh, applaud, and enjoy the meeting, you just might win some bragging rights!

Tracie

### **Our February meeting will be "Bragging Rights" by Rick Glover.**

The program for February will be our annual Bragging Rights Contest. Participants may enter 1 specimen in each category as follows:

1. Best Collected - Specimens you have found in 2023.
2. Best Purchased - Specimens you have purchased in 2023.
3. Best Crafted - Specimens you have crafted in 2023.

The Bragging Rights Contest is open to club members only. The prize for each category is bragging rights.

Respectfully,  
Rick Glover

## **2024 Membership Dues**

**Included in this month's bulletin is a blank 2024 Membership form. Terry will also bring some blank 2024 Membership forms to the December meeting.**

**This membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2024 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 2860**

**Terry Russell  
CVGMC Treasury**



# 2024 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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