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### CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

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 St Aloysius Catholic Church  
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 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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Dues Are Due

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Baxter Leonard, Club President

It is my honor and pleasure to represent the CVGMC membership for the year 2011. I pledge to do my best to provide the leadership that all members deserve.

I enjoy coming to the monthly meetings because I enjoy learning. We learn by listening, reading, and sharing of information with other members. I've expressed my opinion in the past that if a person desires to increase his/ her knowledge on a subject, the best way is perform research and then give a lecture to other members as a monthly program. I still feel this is an excellent tool for self-learning. I encourage all members to consider this, and if you feel that you can provide this service both to yourself & CVGMC, then please contact our Vice President to arrange this.

I challenge every member to improve their knowledge in the field of earth sciences that we love and to share that knowledge with other club members and the public when given the opportunity.

### CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes, December 9, 2010

The December meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Tom Winslow at 6:40 PM. There were 30+ members present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Zan Ritchie stated the current balance was \$11,971.60.

**Show Committee:** George Max stated half of the rental for the March show has been paid. Grab bags for the show will be made on Jan 15, 2011 at Minges Science Building of Lenoir Rhyne University, beginning at 9:00 AM.

**Field Trip Report:** Harry Polly stated the December 18 trip will be to the Sink Hole Mine, weather permitting, meeting at 8:00 AM on that day at the pink BBQ Hut in Hudson, NC.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** It was brought to the member's attention, that a club lap top of the newsletter editor had been stolen from her residence. After discussion, a motion was made for the authorization of purchase of a lap top + software with a maximum of \$700 allotted. This motion was seconded and a resulting vote approval.

**Announcements:** none

**Closing of Business:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

**Annual Auction:** Eric Fritz presided over the auction with his versatile knowledge of the variety of material his humorous approach in coaching the maximum sales and the efficient conduction of the auction. CVGMC wants to thank Eric for his tireless conduction of the auction. The auction was completed approximately 9:00 PM

Respectively submitted  
Baxter Leonard, Acting Secretary

## JANUARY PROGRAM

### Bragging Rock Contest

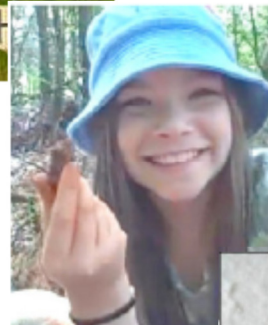
Lloyd Hoke, Program Director

The January program will be the Bragging Rock Contest. The categories are:



BEST PURCHASED  
IN 2010,

BEST SELF  
COLLECTED  
IN 2010,



AND BEST  
SELF CRAFTED  
IN 2010.



All the rocks must have been collected, purchased, or crafted in the year 2010. If you are entering the contest, come a little early to set your materials up to be displayed. Each person competing will get some time to present and explain his/her rock. Club members will get a chance to vote on each entry in the three categories.

## JANUARY FIELD TRIP

### Grab Bag Packing

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

**Time:** 9:00 AM Saturday January 15th.

**Location:** Geology Lab, room 100, Minges Science Building, Lenoir- Rhyne University, 8th St. NE & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (Building with the telescope dome on top). Park in the lot beside the building, enter the north door and go downstairs.

**Your help is appreciated even if you do not have something to donate.**



## DUES ARE DUE

Treasurer Zan Richie is informing members that the membership list will be PURGED on the last day of February. **The Information Form must accompany your dues to be accepted.** Noncompliance will result in being dropped from the membership list and you will neither receive a monthly bulletin nor be insured on field trips.

Time is crucial for Zan to have this information to the *Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies* by their deadline which is March 1, 2011.



## WE HAVE THE DATES! WE HAVE THE SPEAKERS! WE HAVE THE CLASSES!

by Steve Weinberger,  
*Wildacres Workshop Committee Chair*

With the turning of the calendar pages, it's time to plan to attend our 2011 EFMLS Wildacres Workshops. Everything is set except for participants and that's where you and your fellow club members come in.

A week at Wildacres is a fabulous experience! Don't just take my word for it, go to the EFMLS Website <[www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm)> and read what others have said about their experience.

Located off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC, the Wildacres facility offers all the comforts of home except TV, radio, car horns, and street noises. What you do hear instead is laughter and pleasant conversation as you and your fellow participants immerse yourselves in a week of learning, sharing and fun.

On the private mountain that's the Wildacres property you'll find two lodges containing motel-style bedrooms with private baths, a lovely auditorium, dining hall and a variety of classroom buildings. Each day features a combination of class instruction, talks by our guest speaker or other activities such as a tailgate session and auction. And oh yes, there's a "free day" halfway through the week for those who wish to go on a field trip or explore the lovely area - Asheville, for example, is but an hour away.

Tuition for each session is only \$350 per person. This includes your room and board for the entire week! There will be a fee for the materials you use in the class or classes you take during the week, but of course you'll get to take your finished projects home with you at the end of the session.

For 2011 we're honored to have two outstanding speakers. In spring, Gene LeBerge, award-winning Univ. of Wisconsin professor of geology & mineralogy, consummate teacher, and distinguished author. Gene will enthrall us all with his tales and photographs--from tourmaline and copper, to Namibia and Brazil.

In fall we're honored to have Dr. Steve Chamberlain, Chairman of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Steve's a multi-talented fellow who has a passion for minerals - especially those of NY State, hostas, field trips, opera and more.

A complete list of classes for both the spring and fall sessions can be found on page 3 and an application form is on page 14 in the *EFMLS News* -- January, 2011. We encourage you to register as early as possible (but not before January 1) to have a better chance at getting into your 1st or 2nd choice of classes since class size is limited.

Director Fran Sick, Registrar Pam Bryant, and I look forward to spending time with you at Wildacres.

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## WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB GET FOR \$1.75?



Interesting question! The answer, in two words is "a lot"! Membership dues in the *Eastern Federation* are \$1.75 per voting member. That's reasonably inexpensive - other Federations have higher dues and provide similar benefits to ours.

☆ EFMLS provides member clubs free use of programs from our extensive program library. Your only cost is return postage - usually less than \$1. A complete list of available programs can be found in the 2010 EFMLS Directory (yellow cover) that was sent to your president and editor in March.

☆ Your members are eligible to attend the *EFMLS Wildacres Workshops* should they desire to do so. What better place to meet fellow rockhounds, learn a new skill or two and relax in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains?

☆ Your club receives both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters throughout the year. Each has important information for your club including information about pending legislation that may curtail our rights to collect on public lands.

☆ Member clubs are eligible to purchase a good, low cost liability insurance policy each year that helps your club when visiting quarries, host shows etc.

☆ A portion of your dues (\$.75 per member) is used to pay membership in the AFMS; thus your club is an affiliate member of the national organization. Your club receives indirect benefits from AFMS membership including the addition of new programs to our program library each year.

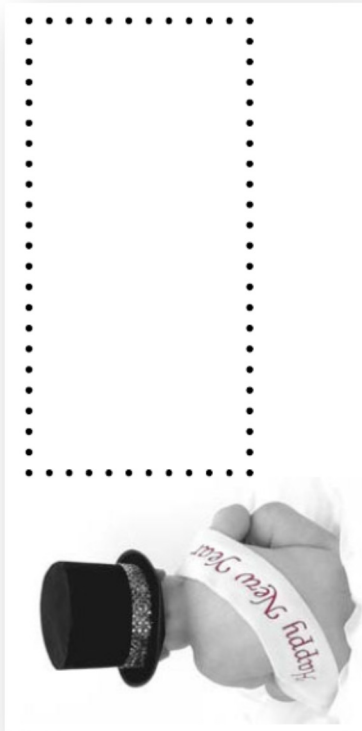
☆ A member Directory listing all EFMLS clubs, shows etc.

☆ Access for your club /members to enter a variety of EFMLS and AFMS sponsored competitions -- Each One Teach One, All American Club, Editors Contest and Web Site Competition.

☆ And the list goes on.....

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