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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.

BRAGGING ROCK CONTEST

- Best Self Purchased**
- Best Self Collected**
- Best Self Crafted**

All of these categories must have been during the year 2014 only.

NO PRIOR YEARS

Please come early enough to get set up.



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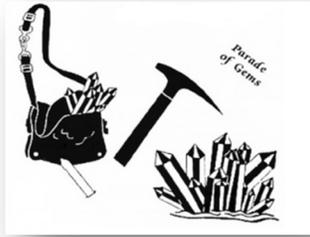
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PRE SHOW MEETING

Baxter Leonard, Show Chairman

All members are encouraged to be at our club's pre show meeting which starts promptly at **6:00PM** on Tuesday January 13, 2015.

We have many details to review, and everyone's attendance and participation should minimize omissions and errors, and let's not forget to have fun in carrying out our work.



Baxter

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Minutes for December 9, 2014

President Norma Ridenhour called the December 9, 2014 meeting of the CVGMC to order at 6:35 PM. There were 41 members and visitors present.

A motion was made by Rick Glover and seconded by George Brown to accept the November 11, 2014 minutes. The Club passed motion.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report:

Propst Farm field trip will be in December. The field trip for January will be at Lenoir Rhyne College for filling grab bags.

New Business: Thank you to Larry Huffman for catering the meal for the Party/Auction.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Program: Annual Club Auction

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

JANUARY PROGRAM

Rick Glover, Program Director

The January program is The Bragging Rock Contest: Best self-collected, best purchased and best crafted in the **year of 2014**. Members can enter one specimen in each category and be prepared to convince the club that theirs is the Best!

Rick

FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

There is not a field trip planned for January. As in the past, our field trip day will be used to make up grab bags. We will meet January 18 in the chemistry lab, basement level, of the Mingus Science Building of Lenoir Rhyne



University at 9:00 am. If we have good participation as in the past few years, we should finish by noon or shortly thereafter. Everyone is asked to bring clean material, no larger than fist size. The more material we have, the more grab bags we can fill.

Harry

GRAB BAG SATURDAY

George Max

On Saturday, January 17th, at 9:00 AM, the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will pack grab bags for the upcoming Gem and Mineral Show. Grab



bags are a popular item at our Gem Show, and we invite and encourage your participation in this project. The Minges Science building is on the east end of the LR campus near the intersection of 8th St. NE and 8th Ave. NE. Park in the parking lot beside Minges Science Building at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Enter the science building through the north door (near the metal storage building.) We will meet in the Geology Lab on the bottom floor.

We need a variety of different minerals which are clean and of appropriate size (no larger than a baseball.) Even if you do not have material to donate, we welcome your help. It's a great way to enjoy other club members while participating in a project which helps school children and others learn about gems and minerals.

So, if you would like the opportunity to clear out a few rocks and have fun making surprise bags, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 18th!

George

KATHLEEN "KATE" ADAMS HILL RITCHIE

Kate Ritchie, beloved member, wife of Zan Ritchie, died on December 21, 2014 after a brief illness. Kate attended Gem Club meetings with Zan, and she helped with ticket sales at the show last year. She will be greatly missed.



Kathleen "Kate" Adams Hill Ritchie, 67, of Hickory, died unexpectedly at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, Dec. 21, 2014. She had great love for friends and family, and always looked for the good in people, particularly her students. Her big laugh, sense of humor, quick wit and intellect were larger than life.

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES – DUE IN JANUARY!!!

Terry Russell, Treasurer

Membership Information Forms were 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 2015 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.



GEM & MINERAL SHOW TICKET SALES

Terry Russell, Show Ticket Sales Chairperson
It's not too early to be thinking about the Gem & Mineral Show coming up in March. One area where we need volunteers is for ticket sales. With that being said, I am soliciting volunteers NOW to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift seems to be three, but if we can have four per shift, it gives us more flexibility. Each shift is 3 hours long. I would like to have the work schedule finalized by the end of February so I have time to communicate the process to everyone. PLEASE consider volunteering – it's a great way for new members to get involved and get to know other club members. I will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.



WONDERFUL WILDACRES

Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

As I write this our neighborhood is blanketed in snow - snow in Maryland before Thanksgiving? Sure an odd sight! Although a beautiful scene, I can't help but turn my thoughts towards springtime and the chance to head off to see the spring blossoms that always greet us upon our arrival at Wildacres. And this time, with a late May date, it's doubtful that we'll be greeted with snow showers...or even bitter cold weather. Not yet been to Wildacres? Are you ever missing a treat! Wildacres Retreat is a conference center that offers its facilities to non-profit groups such as the EFMLS who conduct educational or cultural programs.

Situated on 1,600 acres on a mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC (about an hour north of Asheville), the center includes a variety of classroom and meeting spaces, and about 60 double-occupancy bedrooms, each with a private bath. EFMLS has use of Wildacres twice each year and 2015 will be no exception. In a nutshell...Wildacres is a fabulous place to take classes in lapidary, jewelry making, photography, etc.!!! Each of our sessions features a guest speaker plus a line-up of interesting classes for participants to choose from. A complete list for each session can be on our web site <efmls-wildacres.org>).

Spring (May 19 – 24) will see the arrival of none other than Bob Jones, Senior Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine as our Speaker-in-Residence. Bob will provide all of us with six fabulous talks including some about his adventures around the world. He'll be joined by his wife Carol, an exceptional jewelry artist. Bob really needs no introduction other than to say that he's a marvelous person and speaker and that we're in for a treat.



EFMLS News -- January, 2014

DECEMBER PARTY/AUCTION

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CVGMC AUCTION & PARTY VIDEO

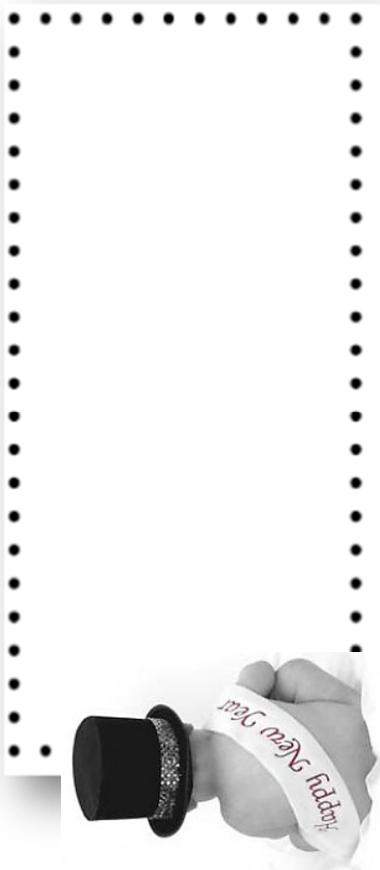
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**Tuesday
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**Club Meeting
7:00 PM**

**6:30 PM Setup
*Bragging Rock Contest***

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