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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 Message

This is my first message as president of the club and I hope to serve the club well. I hope that this coming year brings happiness and fun memories to you and your family. The start of the New Year brings many opportunities to you associated with the club. The club's annual show is coming up in March and there are plenty of ways you can help both prior to and during the show. Also I hope you all can attend the club meetings and I encourage you to bring or invite a friend. Happy New Year!

Slade

Showtime! Well, Almost.

The theme for this year's show is:

“Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Sea.”

We can also add shells, pre-fossils, to the theme.

With it getting cold outside, we need you to keep your creativity warm.

Dean is requesting your creativity to help bring the theme together.

Please let Dean know of any ideas.

Also, if anyone would like to be part of the Show Committee, please also let Dean know.

We are planning to have a great show this year.

Be thinking of ways you would be willing to assist with preparations prior to the show and also during the show.

If you have any donations for the hourly adult and children door prizes, please contact : Larry H.

We look forward to everyone's help.

Thank you!

2019 Membership Dues

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 2019 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 April 2019 meeting.

Dues will NOT be accepted at the January meeting because of the activities going on with the auction. The treasurer will accept renewals at the February meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.



January Field Trip

The January Field Trip will likely be the packing of grab bags for the club's upcoming show in March. Details will be discussed at the meeting.

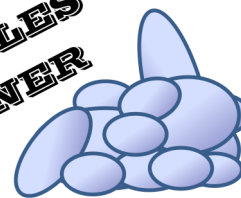
Thank you George for accepting the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The program for the January meeting will be the annual Christmas Party/ New Year Celebration and Auction due to the adverse weather in December.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

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 that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The weather is getting cooler and it is a good time to take a younger rockhound/prospective rockhound out with you.

It may be time to consider a New Year's Resolution that benefits you and possibly be fun.

Since it can be cold this time of year, it is time to do those things you have been putting off until it was colder.

Now is a good time to make labels for your new specimens and organize your collection. It may even be a good time to go through those boxes and buckets to get rid of those items you may no longer want. These unwanted or extra specimens may be great for grab bags.

Take time to start planning for the things you would like to do this year and start learning new things.

Be thankful for this time and the upcoming year.

The key is safety and being able to enjoy each trip and the times in between trips.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

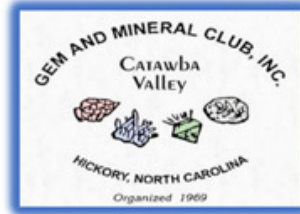
Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The December Meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather.

There are no minutes for December.



Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

March 22, 23, and 24. 2019- Hickory, N.C. Metro Convention Center

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday

Admission - \$5.00 good for all three days.

Free admission for children 12 and under,

Scouts, military in uniform, law enforcement, approved youth groups and organized senior groups.



Show Theme, "Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Coast"



29 vendors selling gems, minerals, jewelry, and fossils

Education area, Mini-mine, Fossil and Geologist booths, Demonstrations - faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling.

Scout and 4-H activities,

Hourly Door Prizes for Adults & Children

Grand Door Prize – entry with paid admission

\$1.00 Grab Bags & Geodes available

Information: www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html



Instructions for the Upcoming January 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 so that you'll be ready when the item comes up for bidding. To keep things moving 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.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found. I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area. I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



2019 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 _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

How do you want to receive the bulletin? E-mail and/or US Mail

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MAIL TO: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc

c/o Terry Russell

PO Box 2521

Hickory, NC 28603-2521

DUES (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) SHALL BE PRORATED AS FOLLOWS:

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

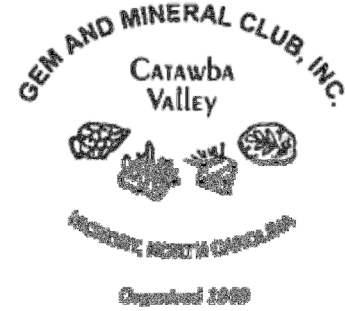
July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

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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Club Meeting

Tuesday
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6:30 PM

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