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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:

*Hello Fellow Members,*

*I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays! We are starting a new year with lots of excitement and new opportunities, especially for me as the new club president. This past week I read the constitution and by-laws of the club and for the first time really thought about the club objectives. Since I have been a member of this club, I have enjoyed informative programs, field trips, helping with the annual gem and mineral show, and helping with Heritage Days at Maple Grove but, the thing I have enjoyed most is making new friends and the fellowship. I try to get to meetings a little early and it seems like I am one of the last to leave. I have enjoyed getting to know various members and talking about our shared passion for rocks, minerals, gems, and fossils! Our club represents such an impressive wealth of experiences, knowledge, and skills. I hope that as we move forward this year that we can share this passion for the earth sciences and lapidary arts with each other and our community. I look forward to 2024 and the great things our club will do!*

*Thank-you,  
Tracie Jeffries*

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

The program for January 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

# CVGMC Christmas Party and Auction 2023



**A special thank you to Jeff Schlottman for being our Auctioneer.**



**Thank you to Dean, Shelda, and Terry for being our auction helpers and clerks.**



**2024 President Tracie Jeffries enjoying the food before the auction.**



**Enjoying the food**



**Looking at the Auction Items**





**Over forty members of the club's membership attended the Christmas party and year end auction. The food was catered by Publix and treats were added to the table by members who wanted to share. Thanks to all who attended and shared the Christmas season with their friends who had similar interests in gems, minerals and jewelry.**

## **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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**Club Meeting**

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