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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.

### Upcoming Field Trips

Ray Mine on July 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Unscheduled Field Trip



Reel Mine in Lincoln County  
 August

Labor Day Kentucky Geode Trip



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

What a great summer we have had so far. I hope you are finding time to increase your knowledge and skills in rock collecting. I have started making rock sculptures which I am selling at the "Resource" in Hickory. It would be great to see what kind of projects you would come up with using rocks, gems and minerals. Maybe we could use that as a future program.

Our June picnic at Harry and Janice Polly's was great! There were many in attendance and the food was wonderful. Thanks to the Polly's for their hospitality and to Larry Huffman who prepared our main courses. No one went away hungry!

I have enclosed information on the cave trip in the newsletter. See you at the July meeting.

*Norma*

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes for June 11, 2013

The June 11, 2013 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:31 PM. There were many members and family present.

**Program:** Annual club picnic at Harry and Janice Polly's house. The discussion was food, food, and more food that club members brought and the meats were catered by PO BBQ.

### **New Business:**

1) Harry Polly discussed a field trip to the Reel Mine for the weekend of August 3-4, 2013. He will send more information to club members.

2) Norma Ridenhour discussed caving trips to Franklin, NC, one near Linville Falls and Worley's Cave in Bluff City Tennessee. Norma will send more information to club members.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

## JUNE PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Director

### Ten Minute Stories

This month has afforded us an opportunity to share with each other our favorite experiences in rock collecting. Our program this month was postponed, so I thought that we might repeat the program last year that was so much fun! If you would like to participate, just send me an email. I am looking for individuals who would like to share for about 10 minutes about their favorite rock hound story.

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*Joan*

## FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip Chairman

There is not a regularly scheduled field trip for July. However, there will be a few members going to the Ray mine on July 21st. If anyone wants to join them, feel free to come on.

### **REEL MINE TRIP:**

The August field trip will be the weekend of August 3rd and 4th. We have been invited to the Reel Mine in Lincoln County. This mine has been closed since the late 90's. MAGMA has had digs there in the past few years, and will be there on Friday, August 2nd. At the present time, Lincoln County will only allow the owner four weekend digs a year. Since MAGMA will be there on the 2nd, this constitutes a weekend. The owner has offered to let our club in for the remaining two days. I KNOW IT IS GOING TO BE HOT. For that reason, I have scheduled half day digs on Saturday and Sunday to offset the heat. We will dig from 8:00 am to noon each day. Normally, the owner charges \$25.00 per day, but since we are scheduling half days, the charge is only \$25.00 for the weekend.

We will meet each day in the Rose's parking lot off Hwy 70 East at 7:30 am. We will travel to the area and return around 1:00 pm each day. There has been some very good specimens come out of there in the past year. I would like for us to have a good turnout for the dig. It could potentially open the door for several future digs there. The owner has promised me a dig in the fall if we have a good turnout.

Tools to bring: You will need just about your whole arsenal. Crack hammer, sledges, chisels, shovels, mattocks, scratching tools. Don't forget WATER, food, sunscreen and bug repellent, and raingear.

## LABOR DAY KENTUCKY GEODE TRIP



This trip will be August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 2nd. We will be going to Danville, Kentucky. We will meet each morning at 900 am in the parking lot of the Quality Inn. I have secured a block of rooms

at the Quality Inn at a special discount rate of \$58.39 per night. Just be sure to tell the clerk that you are with the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Phone 859-236-8600. We must have 10 rooms booked or the price goes to \$72.99 per night. Let's have a good turnout for this trip. This is one of the top rated hotels in the area. Continental breakfast served each morning. If you have already booked your stay at the County Hearth Inn, you must reschedule at this hotel as the Country Hearth is CLOSED.

Tools to bring: Crack hammer, chisels, long handle rake or potato digger, wading shoes or boots, food, water, sunscreen, bug repellent, raingear, and bucket or tubs to store geodes.

The hotel information that was given out at the meetings has been changed. The Country Hearth Inn has been closed. I do not know the reason. I tried to make reservations this morning and could not get an answer. The home office could not get through. I called the Quality Inn down the street and the lady told me that the hotel was boarded up on the 15th. If you made reservations, there, you will need to make other arrangements. I have secured a block of rooms at the Quality Inn. All are non-smoking. They have both single and double rooms available. If we can book ten (10) rooms, we can get a rate of \$58.39, plus tax. If we fall under ten rooms, it will be \$72.99 per night. Be sure to tell them you are with the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. The rate will automatically apply. Phone 859-236-8600. Dates are Aug 30-Sept 2.

Any questions on either of the trips, feel free to call me at 828-244-6651.

**Harry**

## FINAL OFFER – ACT NOW!

Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

The second EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres will be held from September 2 – 8. We have a wonderful line-up of



classes and instructors and we'll be joined for the week by Quintin and Willow Wight, a Canadian couple whose interests are focused on minerals and gems. They will be on campus with us during the entire week.

A week at Wildacres consists of six wonderful talks, lots of time for classes, great meals (and no cooking!), wide porches and a canteen for socializing, plus a raft of other activities including a fun-filled auction and a tail-gate session. You'll also have a day to explore the lovely area around Wildacres and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

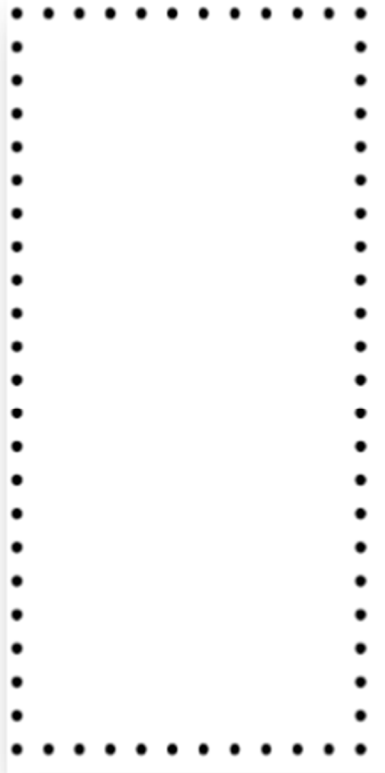
Best of all, a week at an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop gives you an opportunity to meet lots of wonderful people engaged in the same hobby as you. Many, many long-term friendships have started at Wildacres!

The cost for the week is \$380. This fee covers the cost of your room and board, and your access to the classes. There will be a nominal additional fee charged by instructors to cover the cost of the materials you use.

A full list of classes can be found on page 6 of the EFMLS newsletter and an application is on page 8 and you can learn more about the program by visiting our web site [www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls). Just click on "Wildacres".

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Beading – Bracelet	Cheryl Brown
Beading – Necklace	Cheryl Brown
Cabochons – Basic	John Milligan
Cold Connections	Pat Baker
Reactive Metals –	
Anodizing Titanium and Niobium	Pat Baker
Faceting	Steve Weinberger
Intarsia	Richard Shackleton
Basics of Scrimshaw	Sandra Brady
Scrimshaw – Color Basics	Sandra Brady
Silversmithing – Part I	Marge Collins
Silversmithing –Part 2	Marge Collins
Stained Glass	Tony Johnson

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