

TAR HEEL



ROCKHOUND

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## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

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Club Address: PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603-2521  
Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
St Aloysius Catholic Church  
921 2nd St NE Hickory, NC  
Annual Dues: Family, \$18; Individual, \$12; Junior, \$6

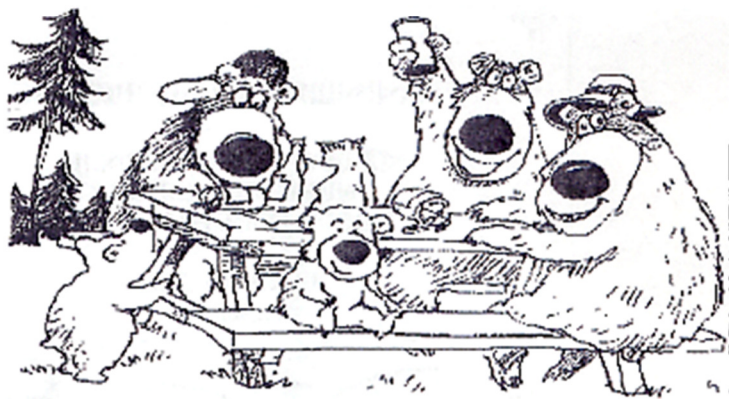
The purpose of the Club is to increase the individual's knowledge of the earth sciences and to aid in the development of lapidary and related arts and skills; to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; to hold exhibitions, contests, lectures and demonstrations for educational purposes; to help interest more people in the gem and mineral hobby; and to capture and preserve the beauty of nature, the arts, and the works of man.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

GLENN HILTON  
MEMORIAL PARK  
6:30 PM

**Guests & Members Welcome!!**

Burgers, Hot Dogs, & Drinks  
Provided by the Club  
*Members Bring  
Covered Dish or Extras*



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## SUMMER IS COMING, AND WITH IT COMES PICNICS!



Our June meeting will be held at *Glenn Hilton Park*, starting at 6:30 PM. This is our annual picnic. **We start at 6:30 because we must be out of the park at dark. Come a little earlier to set up.**

Several at the meeting signed up for food. Please review the list and add any dishes that you would like to bring. The club will provide the meats, drinks, and the paper products. We need dishes like salads, desserts, baked beans, chili, slaw, lettuce, tomatoes, etc. Below is the list of those signed up so far and their dishes.

Terry & Dean Russell - Macaroni & Cheese  
George & Marilyn Max - Blueberry Dessert  
Betty & Warren Hollar - Chocolate Cake  
Glenn Bolick - Dessert  
Zan Ritchie - Cake  
Beth Ozkowski - Pasta Salad  
Norma Ridenhour - Cole Slaw  
Anthony Frushour - Pasta Salad

There will be follow-up e-mail and phone calls to make sure we have enough of the right kinds of dishes. Please respond.

*Harry Polly*

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes, May 10, 2011

The May 10, 2011 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Baxter Leonard at 7:00 PM. There were 32 members and guests present. The minutes of the April 2011 meeting were read and an error to the Club's checkbook balance was corrected. The minutes were then approved by the Club.

### Treasurer Report:

- 1) Zan Ritchie reported that the checkbook and savings balance was \$12,079.61.
- 2) Zan handed out a copy of the Club's 2011 Show Report to the membership.

- 3) He also noted that there was a \$2,000 increase from the Hickory Metro Convention Center from last year. George Max will investigate the increase.

### Field Trip Report:

- 1) The April field trip to collect Kyanite at the Presnell Mine in Yancy County on April 16, 2011 was cancelled due to severe weather.
- 2) The May field trip will be to the Ray Mine on May 14, 2011.

**Show Committee:** None

**Education Committee:** None

### Unfinished Business:

- 1) The returned, 2011 Show yellow cards from the USPS were given to George Max.
- 2) 2011 Bragging Rights Contest winners were announced. (See April Newsletter for results).
- 3) Zan Ritchie volunteered to hold onto the Club's projector for safety concerns. He will deliver to whoever wants to use it. Motion to approve this idea by George Max, seconded by Beth Ozkowski and passed by the club.

### New Business:

- 1) It was noted with sadness that Larry Huffman's father had passed away on May 9, 2011.
- 2) Kenneth and Brenda Isaac donated their fine collection to the Club.
- 3) It was noted that George Max has been the club's *Show Chairman* for 15 years.
- 4) Motion was made by Glenn Bolick and seconded by Eric Fritz that Kenneth and Brenda Isaac and George and Marilyn Max be *Honorary Members* of the club. Motion approved by the club.
- 5) Ken Twardziak donated a flat of minerals from *Diamond Hill* for members to choose from.

**Announcements:** June meeting will be the annual Club picnic. A sign-up sheet was passed around. **Note: meeting starts at 6:30 PM at the Glenn Hilton Memorial Park.**

**Program:** Dale Russell, a member of the Buffalo Geological Society, did an interesting talk and power point presentation on his 25 years of collecting in Western and Central New York and in Southern Ontario, Canada.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

Our last field trip was held on May 16th. We had a good turnout going to the Ray mine. Rain was in the forecast late in the day, so it made a good day for digging. We had nine people show up for the dig. A few specimens were found.

### JUNE FIELD TRIP

The field trip for June will be to the Presnell mine for kyanite. This trip was requested by several members since our trip in April was cancelled due to heavy rain. This trip will be held on June 18th. We will meet in Morganton at exit 100 at the waffle/pancake house at 8:00 am. Digging tools, crack hammers, chisels are in order here. Bring your lunch, drinks, and raingear. There is no fee and no facilities. There is a short walk-in over uneven terrain with some climbing involved.

*Harry*

## LAST CALL -- SEPTEMBER WILDACRES

by Steve Weinberger,  
Wildacres Workshop Committee Chair



The views of the mountains during our April 2011 Wildacres session were spectacular! Early morning risers were greeted with wonderful sunrises on many mornings, the air was crisp and the arrival of spring was evident with the flowering trees and rapidly growing perennials in the garden beds.

Although we had one night with 70 mph winds and heavy rain, most days were terrific albeit a bit cool. No matter - the assembled group enjoyed talks by speaker Gene LaBerge, got totally absorbed in their classes and produced some amazing projects. The canteen and porch rocking chairs were usually filled during non-class hours with people engaged in lively conversation and folks were all reluctant to leave when the session was over on Sunday.

Many of our first time attendees wondered why they had not come to Wildacres before and all vowed to make a return trip in the near future. So we ask, if you've never been to Wildacres yourself, isn't it time for YOU to find out for yourself how fabulous a week at an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop is? And the good news is...there is still time for you to register!

The September week at Wildacres is scheduled for September 5 - 11. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Steve

Chamberlain, Chairman of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Steve will be presenting six talks during the week and living on campus with the group.

## CLASSES BEING OFFERED DURING THIS FALL SESSION ARE:

### Two Day Classes (you can take 2)

Cabochons - basic  
Cabochons - Intermediate  
Chainmaille - Basic  
Chainmaille - Continued  
Cold Connections  
Working With Reactive Metals  
Scrimshaw - Basics  
Scrimshaw - Color Basics  
Silversmithing  
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Basic  
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Inter.

### 4 day Classes (you only take 1)

Faceting  
Gem Identification  
Polymer Clay - Making Canes

Complete descriptions of all classes can be found on the EFMLS website <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>. Just click on the Wildacres tab.

Tuition for the entire week is a mere \$350! This includes lodging in comfortable motel style rooms with private bath, all meals, and instruction in the class or classes you are assigned to. There is an additional fee charged by each instructor to cover materials that are used for the projects that you get to take home with you at the end of the week.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Space in classes is limited, so register today so you won't be disappointed. For your convenience, we've included a registration form in this issue on page 10 EFMLS News --June-July, 2011.

*EFMLS News --June-July, 2011*

## GUY LAWSON HUFFMAN

It was noted with sadness that Larry Huffman's father had passed away on May 9, 2011. Guy Lawson Huffman, 86, of Hickory, was born on March 15, 1925 in Burke County, he was the son of the late Wade Huffman and Isabelle Smart Huffman. Mr. Huffman was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hickory, where he was a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years, Deacon and Trustee of the Church. He was a veteran of the U.S.Navy during World War II and had retired from U.S. Postal Service. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.bass-smith.funeralhome.com](http://www.bass-smith.funeralhome.com).







## Rock Star of the Month

### Emma Fajcz

We are so pleased to recognize Emma as our "Rock Star" of the month. Emma has submitted articles and now poetry for *Mini Miners Monthly*. Through the years she has shown that collecting and appreciating minerals is more to her than putting nice specimens on a shelf or in a drawer. Minerals inspire her. They inspire her mind to write informational articles about minerals. They also inspire her to be creative and through poetry she has become a word artist.

Starting with her love for minerals, Emma chooses and arranges words in the form of poetry to display the beauty of minerals through language. Thank you, Emma, for sharing your talents!

In what ways do minerals inspire you? Are you inspired to draw? To write? To sing (we haven't heard any mineral songs yet, so someone out there has to write one for us? To do experiments? To travel? One of the things we love about minerals is that they can lead to all sorts of other interests. So, we ask you again, how do minerals inspire you? Let us know at [diamondddan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:diamondddan@rochester.rr.com).

#### LAPIS

Royal blue,  
So deep and true,  
Like the sea,  
Lapping on brown  
sand,  
White foam on  
Its crests.

Type: Free Verse

#### AMAZONITE AND SMOKY QUARTZ

Heavy,  
Crystal facets  
Short, thick, and a dull  
brown  
A forest of amazonite,  
Smoky.

Type: Cinquain

#### MY MINERAL COLLECTION

Amazing Amethyst,  
Glowing deep purple.  
Cool Calcite,  
A clump of crystals.  
Fantastic Fluorite,  
Large and light green.  
Magnificent Mica,  
A stack of thin sheets.  
Pretty Pyrite,  
Sparkling crystals.  
Smelly Sulfur,  
A bright lemon yellow.  
Thin Tourmaline,  
Black and glassy.

Type: Free Verse

~Darryl Powell,  
Editor

"Cinquain" is a poetic form that uses a 5-line pattern. It was inspired by Japanese haiku. The cinquain poetry form was created by the American poet, Adelaide Crapsey (1878-1914). Just like Adelaide Crapsey's cinquain poetry, Emma follows the same pattern of syllables: 2, 4, 6, 8, 2.

Thank you, Emma, for your poetry. You are a talented and bright young lady. It is exciting that minerals inspire these beautiful poems in you.



## From Hwy 321

Turn between Arby's and the Nissan onto the Old Lenoir Rd (cross railroad tracks).  
Turn LEFT onto 12<sup>th</sup> St Dr NW.

Follow curvy road and cross bridge.

Turn RIGHT at Glenn Hilton Park sign.

You will see club members under one of the shelters.

# PICNIC MAP

## From the Club Site

From the church travel 127 North.

Turn LEFT at the light (Copperbeans Coffee is on left before turn) onto 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NW.

Look for the sharp curve at the flashing light and turn right onto 6<sup>th</sup> St NW.

Travel on toward the river and turn LEFT at the Glenn Hilton Park Sign.

You will see club members under one of the shelters.



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Annual Picnic  
Tuesday  
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Hickory, NC**

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