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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, \$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.

**The May program topic will be sent out latter as a reminder notice for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

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## President's Message

The April monthly meeting was attended by four guests who also attended the March Club Show. We welcomed them and encouraged them to attend next month and become members of our club.

Warren Hollar presented the monthly program on Hiddenite and Emeralds found in Alexander County. The program was accompanied by a slide show; some photo/slides are shown below. Mark Randle provided some of the pictures and Wayne Bowman brought a collection of older news/magazine articles about the collecting in Alexander County. Look for this: One of the pictures of great interest to our club was taken at our club show in 2018 showing Mike Wise, of the Smithsonian, Red Reitzel, and Renn Adams, long time Emerald hunters sitting in front of the display that the Smithsonian exhibited at our show. Many thanks to Warren for a well-documented program.

Our club should take great pride in our club's standing in the earth science field. The Smithsonian does not send displays but to one or two shows a year and we have been blessed to have had their displays many times over the years. Our past members like Glenn & Kathleen Bolick and Eric Fritz, who made our club well known as a public educational club with over 50 years of show exhibits, are to be thanked.

*Larry*

## Labor Day Field Trip to KY

Slade has reserved 10 rooms at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. At this time 10 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation. ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: **CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB**. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

### **Bright Leaf Golf Resort**

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>

Email: [info@brightleafgolfresort.com](mailto:info@brightleafgolfresort.com)

**Check In: September 2, 2022 (Friday)**

**Check Out: September 5, 2022 (Monday)**

Rate: \$68+/Single Occupancy; \$88+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit due by June 30th.**

This year we plan to go to two quarries and also a location for geodes. We hope to see you there.

## CVGMC minutes for April 12, 2022

**Visitors** – Tracie J., Michael P., Natalia P., and Emma P.

**Program: “Romancing the Stones; The Search for Green Bolts” Presented By Warren H.**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Becky S. seconded by Richard A. to accept the March 8, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance as of March 31, 2022 were reported.

**Education Committee:** None

### **Show Committee:**

1. The March 25-27, 2022 CVGMC Show was a success. The show had record paid attendance (2051), a great volunteer staff by Club members, the Exhibit area of the Mini Mine, Children’s Table, Club Member display cases, App. State Geology and the Reed Gold Mine was well received. Unfortunately, because of inclement weather, the GeoBago was unable to come to the show on Saturday. Instead, they had several people at the show with an interactive exhibit. Both App State and the Reed Gold mine people were impressed at the show and would be interested in coming again next year.
2. Please start collecting Grab Bag material for next year.
3. There will be a fall show November 11-13, 2022. This will not have exhibits similar to the previous two fall shows.
4. For future spring shows, I need someone to be in charge of the Exhibit Area. That include a “Show Theme”, Mini Mine, Children’s Table, Club Cases, Demonstrators, Club Cases, Scout and School groups, etc.

### **Field Trip Report:**

1. Super Dig in Franklin, NJ, April 23, 2022 has been postponed indefinitely.
2. Kentucky Trip over Labor Day. Bright Leaf Golf Resort has 10 rooms reserved in the Clubs name.
3. DMC Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Barlow Quarry in GA. Check email.

**Old Business:** Club equipment sold at the show netted \$710.00 for the Club.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## Wildacres Spring Session

If you have had Wildacres on your bucket list, the Spring Session of Wildacres (May 16-22) is open for you to register. Wildacres, sponsored twice a year by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS), provides room and board, classroom instruction with a small number of students, lectures by the Speaker-In-Residence, a tailgate with a chance to buy or sell hobby related items, an auction, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, the comradery of being with others in the hobby, to name a few perks of attending Wildacres sessions -- all this for a very reasonable fee.

Why not join the thousands who have attended Wildacres, made lasting friendships, took home new skills and knowledge, and much more. This is saying nothing about the bond of friendship and fun while being on top of the mountain.

### EFMLS WILDACRES HISTORY

In 1973, the Eastern Federation began a new venture – Wildacres. Located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, NC, Wildacres is a non-profit facility dedicated to the betterment of human relations. The first session was held in August 1973 and several years later the second session was added -- Years of providing excellent instruction in new and old areas of the hobby!

### SPRING SESSION, MAY 16-22, 2022

The **Speaker-In-Residence** will be Dr. Nathalie Brandes – See attached Speaker-In-Residence for a bio.

**Classes** – Whether looking to learn a new aspect of the hobby or just wanting to improve your knowledge and skills in an area you already know, with eight (8) classes to chose from, there is sure to be a class for anyone. See attached Wildacres 2022 Spring Class Schedule for a description of the class offerings.

**Registration** – Fill in and follow the instructions on the attached Registration Form to register. Note that single rooms will be available for an additional fee.

### FALL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2022

More information on the Fall Session to be announced.

### QUESTION?

If you have any questions, concerns, etc. for either session, you can contact:

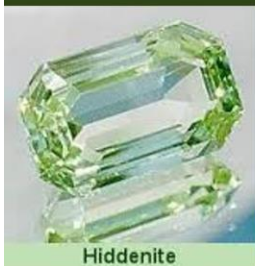
Steve Weinberger, Chairman of the Wildacres Committee ([cscrystals2@gmail.com](mailto:cscrystals2@gmail.com))

Suzie Milligan, Registrar – for info regarding registration ([smilligan@stny.rr.com](mailto:smilligan@stny.rr.com) or 607-687-5108)

Mark Kucera, Director – for info regarding classes and instructors  
([mark\\_j\\_kucera@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_j_kucera@yahoo.com) or 914-423-8360)

P.S. The Speaker-in-Residence, Class Schedule, and Registration forms are also available on the EFMLS website -- [www.efmls.org](http://www.efmls.org).

Sampling of slides from Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club presentation on April 12, 2022 by Warren Hollar



Hiddenite

## Romancing the Stone(s): The quest for Green Bolts (Hidden Treasures)



History of Mineral and Gem Collection in Alexander County

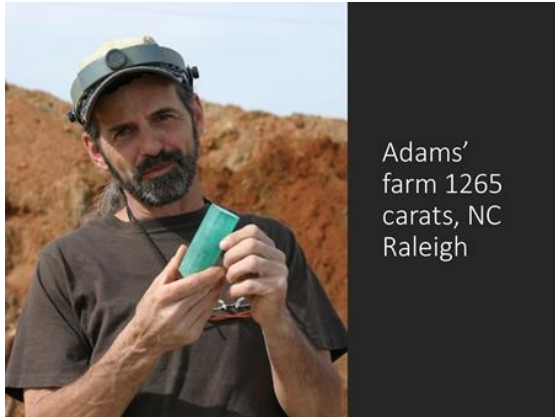
Compiled and Presented by:  
Dr. Warren Hollar



Right: Mike Wise, Smithsonian;  
Red Reitzel, Renn Adams at CVGMC Show



## Mark Randle



Adams' farm 1265 carats, NC Raleigh



## Terry Ledford 1956-2014



## 1971 Reitzel Emerald Twin of 1,493 cts found

- At the time, this was largest emerald crystal ever found in North America; now in Smithsonian
- 1971 6,900 cts of Emerald crystals found in one vein pocket. Included crystals of 267 cts, 723 cts, and 1,377 cts (now in Smithsonian)



***If You have not field out a membership form for 2022, please do so.***

## ***Membership forms***

***Membership Information Forms*** are included in the February newsletter below. 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 2022 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 2022 meeting.

The treasurer will accept renewals at the May meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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