

TAR HEEL



ROCKHOUND

October 2021

Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
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 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.



2021 LABOR DAY FIELD TRIP

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President's Message

The Labor Day Field Trip saw 20 + "Rockhounds" join the CVGMC at Danville, KY for a fun-filled 3 days of busting rocks, cracking geodes, surface collecting, and tailgating at the parking lot rock swap in very beautiful weather. We started with dinner at the Bright Leaf Resort on Friday night followed by the mineral-rock swap and sale.

Saturday saw a group gather at the Caldwell Stone Quarry in Danville, Ky (see group photo on page 1). At this site, the sawing and busting of rocks produced a lot of calcite crystals and a few fluorite cubes. After 12:30, some of the group went to Gary Phillip's Farm in Junction City to hunt and crack geodes. Lunch was picnic-style eating under the shade trees. There was a bounty of geodes washed out from the creek bank in recent rains. The group found all the geodes they wanted to crack and keep. After dinner at the resort, the group went to the parking lot for the tailgate swap again.

Early Sunday morning the group car-pooled to the Litter Quarry in Webster, Ky about 2 hr. away. Mr. Croomer of the quarry was a gracious host, allowing the group to stay all day and he opened the field office up for bathroom breaks. Several nice pockets were found that contained dogtooth calcites. One pocket found by Dean and Slade opened up to produce 7 cumulative hours of digging and chiseling for dogtooth calcites. (see photo of all they found in the one pocket!)

Monday morning found some of the group headed home, while the rest went back for another day at the Litter Quarry and more pockets of calcite. Most agreed that this was the best hunt at the Litter Quarry since we have been going there.

Next month, we will be presenting a slide show on starting a Junior's program.

'til then, keep your digging tools sharp and ready for the cool fall weather of rock hounding and your cooler full of cold Dr. Pepper.



Someone had to be the boss!

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - September MINUTES

CVGMC minutes for September 14, 2021

The September 14, 2021 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM. There were 17 members present.

Visitors: None

Minutes: Motion by Harry P., seconded by Rick G., to accept the minutes for the August 10, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: Discussed the October 2, 2021 BSA Geology Merit Badge Day and what is needed from Club members. Warren H. handed out the paperwork members will need.

Field Trip Report: September was the Kentucky geode and quarry collection trip.

Show Committee:

- 1) CVGMC will hold another "Only Vendor" Show October 29-31, 2021. (30 vendors)***
- 2) Hopefully, the Club can hold a full show with all of the exhibits in March 25-27, 2022.***
- 3) Ticket taker volunteers are needed for this show. Sign up tonight, the next meeting or contact Terry R.***

Old Business: CVGMC equipment sale, see August Tar Heel Rockhound for information and check the October Tar Heel

Rockhound for a list of items, date is yet to be set.

New Business:

Announcements: Equipment Sale – see September Tar Heel Rockhound

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

Program: CVGMC 2021 Kentucky collecting trip review and slide show by club member Joan G.

***Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary***

Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show
October 29-31, 2021

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show on **October 29, 30, and 31, 2021** at the **Hickory Metro Convention Center**. The convention center is located at 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC.

Hours are 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$5.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Law enforcement officers and active or retired military with credentials will be admitted free anytime during this 3-day event.

The show is scheduled to have 29 vendors on hand to sell gems, minerals, jewelry, and fossils during the show. Several of these vendors provide jewelry-working services including ring sizing and stone mounting.

Start your Christmas holiday shopping early and also pick up something for yourself.

The web page for the club is www.cvgmc.com and
the Facebook page is [Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Annual Show](#)

For additional information concerning the show, contact Dean Russell, Show Chairperson, at cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or 828 303-1448.

Please Sign Up to Help

Please contact Terry Russell (828-303-1563) if you are interested in working at the ticket table for the show. We still have several time slots open on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. As a thank you we are giving out a free food voucher (valued at \$8) to anyone who volunteers to sell tickets.

Newsletter Editors Comments

We plan to send the Tar Heel **ROCKHOUND** newsletter to the membership by the first of every month. If you want to submit any articles for the month, please have them to my email by the 20th of the previous month. We welcome your input into this publication!

Thanks for your support. *Brenda Huffman*

Caldwell Stone Quarry on Saturday morning



Phillips Farm Junction City, Ky
Saturday afternoon



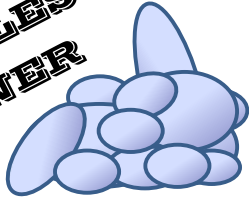
Liter Quarry on Sunday and Monday



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**THE
PEBBLES'
CORNER**



The Program for October will be a slide presentation on How to start a Junior's program from the AFMS.

**OR HAVE YOU ALREADY
FIGURED OUT that ...**

1. We like the idea of having kids in our Rock Club!

2. We want kids to know they are welcome!

3. We want to share our love of this hobby –and the knowledge that goes with it –with kids...

First Class Mail



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Club Meeting

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