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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.

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President's Report

What a great Labor Day Field Trip to Kentucky! With James Johnson's group joining the CVGMC members, we had over 20 Rock Hounds banging and hammering, and sawing on a lot of rocks in the two quarries that we visited in south central Kentucky. The Litter's Quarry was the best collecting site with the dogtooth Calcite's collected there. The Caldwell Quarry did produce several nice Fluorite purple cubes along with several nice pockets of dogtooth Calcites. Several of our new members enjoyed their first time on one of our field trips. Great to see new members taking an active part in the club.

The south-central Kentucky area did not have flooding rains like the upper Kentucky area had so the creek beds were not running full like in years past. The geodes were there, but not as plentiful as when the floods come. I saw three basketball size and several volleyball size cracked geodes with nice Calcite crystals in them. I collected a 5 gallon bucket of baseball sized uncracked geodes to give to my grandkids. Everyone seemed to collect all they wanted. Mr. Gary C, the land owner, came out and visited with us and wished us good hunting.

On the way back home Monday some of the new members stopped at the Hwy 150 road cut and found some Calcite & Dolomite Vugs in the slate matrix. Yes, Eagle Eye Harry spotted some on the way into Danville on Friday and we had to stop. Almost late for dinner that night.

How about that Turquoise presentation by Jeff Schollotman last month as our program! Can you now tell Sleeping Beauty Turquoise from other locations? Great job Jeff, our hats are off to you.

Till next month stay healthy and keep on drinking that cold Dr Pepper!

Larry

**October program will be Ron Ruschman presenting a talk on
"Red Feather Quarts".**

Upcoming Dates to remember

November 11-13 3rd Annual Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show

November meeting will be election of officers

December meeting will be our annual club auction and Christmas Party (Details to follow)

September Minutes

CVGMC minutes for September 13, 2022

The September 13, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – Barbara F. and Felicia B. (second meeting)

Program: Jeff S. presented Turquoise - “A historical and informational look at one of the oldest gem minerals, prized by cultures for its beautiful blue-green colors for over 5,000 years”.

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. seconded by Rick G. to accept the August 9, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. There will also be a fall show November 11-13, 2022. Terry R. will need ticket volunteers.
2. 2022 Spring Show is scheduled for March 24-26, 2026. We need someone to volunteer to head up the exhibit area for the March Show. Please contact Dean Russell (828) 303-1448 if interested.

Field Trip Report: Kentucky trip report by Slade H.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Christmas Party/Live Auction will be on December 13, 2022 during the regular CVGMC meeting. More details to follow.
2. 2023 CVGMC Election Committee to be chaired by Harry P.

Announcements:

1. Albert K. memorial service at the Salt Block September 18.
2. Larry H. will be the CVGMC delegate for the EFMLS annual meeting.
3. Club member Cheryl Neary will be the next AFMS President.
4. Mary R. birthday today.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Help Needed

Vice-Chairperson in charge of the Exhibit Area.

Due to the long term and lasting effects of the severe concussion I suffered five years ago, I can no longer coordinate an entire show. Thus, the Club needs someone to coordinate the Exhibit Area of the Annual Show, otherwise this area will be dropped from the show. I would hate for the Exhibit Area to be discontinued because it is a great way to educate people about our hobby and a pathway to new members joining the Club. The Club has been blessed with volunteers doing a *fantastic* job running the various exhibits during the Show. We just need someone to coordinate them.

Duties would be:

Develop a Show theme and have exhibits to enhance it.

Coordinate the various exhibits and to have volunteers run them.

Mini Mine

Children's Hands-On Table

Mineral identification.

Working Demonstrations

Scouts Coordinator

Exhibit cases and judging

External exhibitors – examples: ASU Geology Department, Reed Gold Mine, etc.

Coordinate the transportation of the Club's assets to HMCC and back to the storage trailer.

Coordinate the set up and breakdown of the Club's assets.

Coordinate the Grab Bags & Geodes

If you are interested in helping CVGMC run a successful show, please contact me at either cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or (828) 303-1448. I am more than willing to sit down with you and help you learn what is needed to be done for this position.

If you try to contact me between August 8-19, 2022, I am not ignoring you, Terry and I will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary and no phones or computers allowed. (ha-ha)

Sincerely,

Dean Russell

CVGMC Show Chairperson

September Club Meeting and Field Trip Pictures



Jeff Schlottman showing a sample of Turquoise



Slade handing Ken one of the clusters across the Berm



Jack Reitzel looking at a sample of Sleeping Beauty Turquoise



Slade reaching the vug in the rock wall with a 10' Reach stick

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