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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.



Photo: S. Harvin

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### President's Message

The 2016 shows seems like it was yesterday.  
Summer is just flying past!  
Before you know it, we will be toasting "Xmas Cheer".  
So why not turn our thoughts now to the 2017 Show.  
Let's make it a gem!



**George**

### September Program

*Joan Glover, Program Director*

The program this month is about the Labor Day Weekend Kentucky Geode Field Trip. Slade Harvin will share about the trip and provide a perspective from someone attending for the first time.

### **Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.**

#### **Minutes for August 9, 2016**

The August 9, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 26 members and 2 guests present.

**Minutes:** Motion by Harry P., seconded by Bill G., to accept the minutes for the July 12, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Glenn Bolick.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance given.

**Education Committee:** None

**Show Committee:** None

**Field Trip Report:**

- 1) Need someone to lead a field trip for August.
- 2) Kentucky Geode Trip is Labor Day Weekend.
- 3) Need a Field Trip Coordinator ASAP.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1) The Club received a certificate of appreciation from the Aurora Fossil Museum.
- 2) Larry H. submitted pictures of a bolo and a necklace to Rock and Gem Magazine and they will be in the September issue.
- 3) A motion by Harry P. and seconded by Richard A., to donate \$250.00 to the EFMLS Scholarship Fund in memory of Glenn Bolick. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 4) A motion by Larry H. and seconded by Harry P., to create a Glenn Bolick Scholarship Award. The scholarship will be valued up to \$500.00. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 5) A motion by Warren H. and seconded by Harry P. to have the 2017 Club Show be in honor of Glenn Bolick and an article be sent to a national magazine. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 6) Larry H. recommended that an email suggestion from Baxter L. to have Ron R. and John S. as speakers for the 2017 Show be tabled until the Club has a new Show Chairperson.
- 7) Please update any new email addresses, address changes and/or phone number changes to the Treasurer.

**Announcements:** None

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM

**Program:** Club member, Joan G. talked about her, Rick and Jackie's trip to Crater of Diamonds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

### Field Trip News

There will not be a field trip for September, since the Kentucky Field Trip took place over Labor Day Weekend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS**

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES

If any of your membership information changes (address, phone number, email address, etc) please notify the treasurer, Terry Russell, as soon as possible so she can update the Club roster.

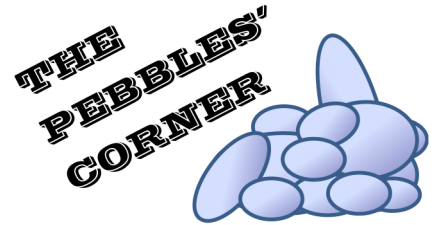
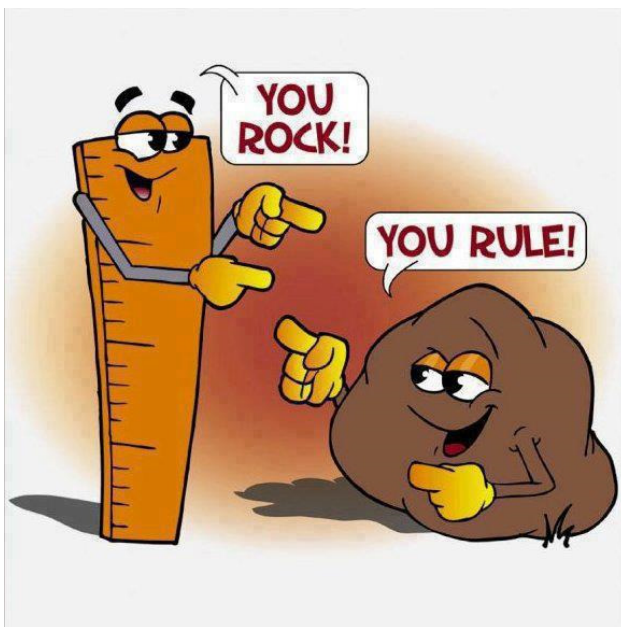
### **GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW**

**When:** Saturday Oct.1, 2016 10am- 4pm

**Sponsored by:** The Central NC Mineral Club

**Location:** Seymour Center  
2551 Homestead Road  
Chapel Hill, NC

Gemstones and Minerals for sale! Demonstrations of gem carving, drilling and polishing! Activities for kids! A fine selection of facet grade rough, minerals, rough for cabbing and some pre-cut and pre-formed gemstones available. Free Entry!



*This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.*

I encourage everyone to contact a younger person and invite them to go on a scavenger hunt. Take time to search, talk and just enjoy the moment. Relax and have fun.

Things to look for:

- Smooth rock
- Black rock
- White rock
- Gray rock
- Shiny rock
- Biggest rock
- Smallest rock
- Flat rock
- Round rock
- Square rock
- Funny looking rock
- Multi-colored rock

For an extra treat, bring a snack and a drink to sit and "rest" and just talk during the search. Also, don't forget to bring a bag or container to place all your treasures. It may be hard to not bring some back.

*Until next time.....*

**Slade**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEWS**

### **CONGRATULATIONS LARRY!!!!**

In case you were unaware, Larry Huffman won the Lapidary of the Month in the September issue of Rock and Gem. I was at the Springfield show in the beginning of August and happened to witness Bob Jones, Senior Editor to the magazine, congratulate Larry on the achievement at one of Bob Jones' lecture that weekend. Along with others in the EFMLS, I took a photo of the impressive event.

Now you are probably wondering why the event was so impressive – and I am going to inform you! If you do not know of Bob Jones – then you should most certainly find out! First of all, Bob is in his early 90's, but you would not be able to tell with all his stamina. He has traveled throughout the world and has so many wonderful stories to share about rock collecting, the people and the places. He proudly speaks of his family. One of his sons, Evan is a dealer at the Springfield show. Talk about magnificent pieces!!

I met Bob Jones at Wildacres many, many ... years ago. (I hear he may be doing another session soon as Speaker in Residence.) Bob walked into the lecture room at Springfield and recognized many of the EFMLS people already seated in anticipation of another great lecture. Bob remembered Larry as one of the field trip coordinators at Wildacres. (Harry Polly has been donating his time as field trip leader for Wildacres for many years – also impressive!)

Bob was greatly impressed when he realized that the Lapidary of the Month winner was standing next to him and sincerely congratulated Larry for a job well done. I think both Bob and Larry were "tickled pink" during the photo op, since there had to be at least six of us taking photographs!

More impressive was that everyone found out that the pieces that were written about were the same pendant and bolo that was donated to AMFS for the Endowment Fund. (Thanks also to the many other club members who donated to the cause or bought raffle tickets!) Larry had intentionally submitted an article in hopes that it would generate more funds for the Endowment Fund. This was not to be the case, since he won the award after the national convention was held, but regardless, his work was recognized for the beautiful workmanship and detailed article on instruction How To.

I am not going to tell you about the pieces in the article –or how to make them - just read the article!

It is truly impressive to see fellow rock enthusiasts take the time to write an article and to share with everyone something that they found enjoyable to create. I am sure the American Federation Endowment Fund winner of the donated pieces is enjoying them as well! -- **Cheryl Neary**



Photo of Bob Jones (L) and Larry Huffman (R). Photo by Cheryl Neary.



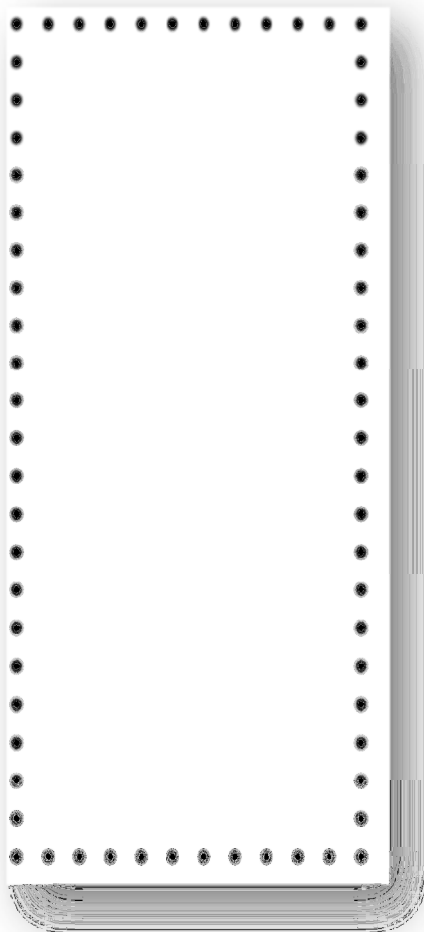
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