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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.

CVGMC Gem Show March 2015 Video



<https://youtu.be/ITS7m42vtz0>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Brown, Club President

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for being a member in such a great organization. This was never clearer then at this year's show. The work you (ALL) do is nothing but amazing and you all deserve to take a bow on an exceptional job. I thank you for letting me be a small part of it.

George

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes for March 10, 2015

The March 10, 2015 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Rick Glover at 7:00 PM. There were 43 members and 0 visitors present.

A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Richard Aultman to accept the February 2015 minutes. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: The bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) March 27 – Reel Mine, March 30 – Probst Farm
- 2) May 8-12 – Pa-NY trip. More information to be in the April Newsletter.

Education Committee: None.

Show Committee:

- 1) CVCC – Renee G. will help judging the display cases.
- 2) The Club display case that is at the Hickory Library will be returned to the library after the Show. Harry Polly will store the minerals in the case until after the Show.
- 3) EFMLS update – cases have been reserved for the EFMLS displays. Door prizes will need letters for donors.
- 4) Education for the Show – A thank you was given to those who will be presenting.
- 5) Print media advertising news releases, contact Warren Hollar at WHOLLAR@Charter.net.
- 6) Scout leaders in uniform will be free.
- 7) Mini Mine – It appears that there is enough material this year.
- 8) Reminder to Club Members to save material for the Grab Bags when collecting. The number of Grab Bags available was down this year.

- 9) Thank you to Joan Glover and Marcia Hammond for typing addresses for the post cards.
- 10) 2300 post cards to be sent out this year.
- 11) A reminder that Club Passes from members will be \$2.50 this year.
- 12) Rick Glover will take care of the Terry Ledford Memorial.
- 13) Complimentary Passes will go to the Quarry, Metro Center, Doc's Rocks, and the Radio Station.
- 14) Help is needed on Wednesday, March 25 to help move items from the Club trailer to the Metro Center.
- 15) Larry Huffman to purchase plastic containers for the skirting that will be stored in the trailer.

Old Business:

- 1) A motion was made by George Max, seconded by Richard Aultman for the Club to pay \$250.00 for an opal necklace that will be used for the Grand Door Prize at the 2015 Show. This motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 2) Bragging Rock certificates were distributed.
- 3) Name tags: A sample of the proposed new name tag was shown. It will be ordered in time for the Show.

New Business:

A motion by Harry Polly, seconded by Albert Keiser for the Club to make a \$100.00 donation to the EFMLS Scholarship Fund in honor of Vincent Bernesser. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Program: "Amazing Quartz Quiz" presented by Rick Glover.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

APRIL PROGRAM

Rick Glover, Program Director

The April Program will be an AAR, an After Action Review of the show, everyone think about what went right and areas that can be improved. We will be showing the program of *Somewhere in the Rainbow* for those club members who missed the awards dinner.

Rich



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly,
Field Trip Coordinator

The April field trip will be held on Saturday, April 25th. This is one week later than usual. We will be going to the Amos Cunningham farm in Due West, SC for Beryl in pegmatite, smoky quartz and amethyst. You will need digging tools as well as hammer and chisels. The beryl is in a pegmatite dike and has to be broken out. The amethyst and smokies are alluvial and can be scratched out of the float. There is no digging allowed in the amethyst/smoky field. Cost is \$20.00. We can dig from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm. We will meet in the Roses' parking lot on Hwy 70E at 630 am. This is early, but the site is a 2 1/2 hour drive. To give us maximum digging time, we need to leave early. Bring you rain gear, food and water.

Don't forget to make your reservations for Harrisburg, PA and Herkimer, NY dig on May 8-10.

Harry

MANY THANKS

Baxter Leonard, Show Chairman

Many thanks to all members and volunteers. Whether you were able to donate a few hours or several days, all help was appreciated and was instrumental in accomplishing the myriad of duties required to sponsor and accomplish our annual show.



Everyone should be proud and happy of our hard work as the results showed great detail. There were many compliments from the public, vendors, and delegates and officers of the EFMLS. The faces of kids made much of our work worthwhile.

Gratefully, Baxter

We appreciate the careful work done by the people involved with moving the large exhibit case from Patrick Beaver library to the Metro Center and back to the library. We fortunately had the required number of people to transport show materials from the storage trailer. It merits thankful relief to have that work done and still have space in the trailer. A big thanks to all.

George Max

FIELD TRIP TO PA & NY

MAY 8-12, 2015

The CVGMC has been extended an invite by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club to a dig in the Mt Pleasant Quarry & then go to the St Clair Fossil site. Also the Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club of Long Island, has invited us to a dig in their claim in the Herkimer Diamond district in Fonda, NY. The Margaret Hastings mine is where we will be digging.

At the Mt Pleasant Quarry you should be able to find calcite, wavellite, picture sand stone, and fluorite. At the St Clair fossil site you will find white fern fossils in black shale. There is surface collecting in the pit as well as digging large black plates of shale out of the banks and creek beds.

At the Margaret Hastings Mine (Also Known as the Ace of Diamonds Mine) you will be digging and hammering into bed rock looking for seams of mud or pockets with the Herkimer Diamonds (clear quartz). Do a Google search for Margaret Hasting mine and watch the U-Tube clips of other clubs mining. There is a jack hammer on site.



Schedule for the Trip

Friday, May 8 we will leave Hickory and travel to Harrisonburg PA.

Friday evening, May 8 will be dinner with our host, R.J. Harris and his wife.

Saturday, May 9 we will leave the hotel and travel to Mt Pleasant Quarry (mandatory safety talk), then drive on into the quarry.

Saturday Lunch, May 9, Lunch in quarry (POBBQ pulled pork and sides.)

Saturday after Lunch we will travel to St Clair Fossil site.

Saturday dinner as a group (TBD)

Sunday, May 10, Leave for Fonda NY.

Sunday Night, May 10, dinner as a group (TBD)

Monday May 11, Margaret Hasting Mine dig. (There are other mines in the area if you wish to explore after lunch.

Monday, May 11 Lunch, please bring a packed lunch to this site.

VINCENT F BERNESSER JR.



Vincen "Vince" Francis Bernesser Jr., 86, of Bethlehem, formerly of Climax, N.Y., passed away Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Trinity Village in Hickory. Vince was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn. Vince and Evelyn were longtime active members of our club. He was born March 14, 1928, in Bronx, N.Y., to the late Vincent and

Emilie Bernesser. On Oct. 10, 1953, he married Evelyn Bergman and they started a family. While they began their family, Vince developed his entrepreneurial skills by owning and operating several businesses; Vince's Floor Covering, Wishy Washy Laundromat and Cocksackie Carwash. Through the example he set as a father and businessman, he instilled in his children the belief that they could accomplish anything they committed their hearts and minds to. In 1984, they retired to Bethlehem, where he was a member of the Gems & Minerals Club of Catawba Valley, Toastmasters, St. Aloysious Catholic Church in Hickory and St. Francis of Assisi in Lenoir. He was a strong, hardworking man who loved the country and outdoors. Vince loved to garden. In the last few years, he became passionate about singing, eating shrimp and drinking margaritas. He continued to profess to us all, "Make your good better, better best and never let it rest." Condolences may be sent to the Bernesser family at ajcunninghamfh.com.

ALENE STARNES

The Club offers condolences to member Keith Starnes in the passing of his mother. Alene Bertha Mosteller Starnes, 89 of Granite Falls, went to her heavenly home, Monday, March 2, 2015. Alene went to work at the Pentagon shortly after its construction. She worked there as a secretary for five years. After being married she worked with her husband Dale in their income tax preparation business. Together, they started an antique glassware and china business. Alene enjoyed crocheting, gardening, and reading. She was an award winning garden club member. She taught at Concord Baptist Church in Granite Falls in both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Like the woman described in Prov. 31: 26-27, she spoke with "wisdom and faithful instruction", she watched over "the affairs of her household" and did not eat "the bread of idleness". She set an example of Christian behavior, and she and the life she lived will be missed.



A BIT OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

by Steve Weinberger

We just returned from Tucson and the big gem and mineral shows. I can tell you honestly that living out there with 80 degree weather for two weeks was wonderful. I can also tell you that getting off the plane and finding ourselves faced with 15 degree temperature and ice and snow on our parked car was quite a shock! I can only imagine how those living in New England with all its bitter cold and 7+ feet of snow must have felt upon their return.

While enjoying all the wonderful gems and minerals in Tucson we also had an opportunity to visit with our two Speakers-in-Residence for our **EFMLS Wildacres Workshops**. Both are excited to be coming once again...in fact, Bob Jones, the May 18 - 24 speaker has already given us the titles of his six talks for the week and Denise Nelson, the August 24 - 30 speaker, has already planned her talks as well. You're really in for a wonderful treat regardless of which session you can attend.



Bob Jones



Denise Nelson

The chance for your club to win a scholarship to one of the 2016 Wildacres Workshop sessions is still on. Just send an e-mail a copy of your club bulletin containing a story about Wildacres (or a poem, or reprint of this article) and we'll give you one ticket per article for the drawing. The correct e-mail to use for the contest is <efmlswildacres@gmail.com>. If you don't have e-mail, we'll accept your bulletin copies via "snail mail". Just use the address listed on page 15 of this issue. In July we'll put all the tickets in a large container and select one as the 2016 scholarship recipient. If your club holds the winning ticket, you can decide who the lucky scholarship recipient is. Bulletins published between December 2014 and June 2015 are eligible.

During the week you'll have an opportunity to take either one class that lasts 4 days or two classes that each last 2 days. The list of what's being offered on the EFMLS website: <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efmarch15web.pdf>.

Room and board along with gratuities, class instruction, six talks by our Speaker-in-Residence, and much much more is only \$390 per person! Materials fees for classes are extra and will vary depending on the class (or classes) you take. In addition to the classes and the talks by our Speakers - in - Residence, you'll participate in our tail-gate session, auction, and sharing session along with time to go on a field trip or explore the beautiful Little Switzerland area and much more. In the meantime, send in your reservations for either the May or August sessions. **EFMLS News --March, 2015**

EXHIBIT AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 2015 SHOW

Norma Ridenhour---First Time Exhibitor
 Richard Aultman---Most Interesting
 Richard Aultman---Most Educational
 Betty Hollar---Most Beautiful and a Blue
 Ribbon from the Eastern Federation in
 the Novice category
 Jake Canipe---Personally Crafted
 Wayne Bowman---Personally Collected
 Mark Godon---Best Guest
 Rich Olsen---Student's Choice



Richard Aultman---Most Interesting



Warren was in charge of the educational activities for the three days of the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Show that was held this past weekend. I helped along with my club member friends at the educational tables. We taught students and scouts about the "Hands on" mineral specimens. We had a huge number 650 or more of students and scouts to attend. There were lectures, a mini mine, sand crafting to show sedimentation, jewelry making, show case displays, venders, hands on minerals and much more. Don't miss the show next year in March.

Betty Hollar, Most Beautiful Exhibit



Jake Canipe---Personally Crafted



Mark Godon---Best Guest



Betty Hollar---Most Beautiful Exhibit

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Club Meeting

**Tuesday
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7:00 PM**

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