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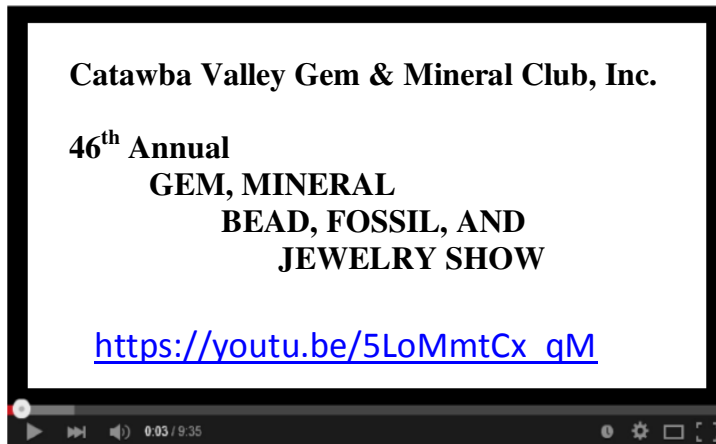
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921 2nd St NE Hickory, NC

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.

GEM SHOW VIDEO



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Brown, Club President

I would like to personally take this time to thank all the people who volunteered their time and efforts to make last weekend another successful CVGM Gem Show.



I would like to acknowledge a few people specifically: Baxter Leonard, whose yearlong work behind the scenes made the show possible; George Max, (the man behind the curtain) that helped the set up and tear down go like clockwork; Terry Russell, who set up operations at the entrance way, oversaw the shows finances and was nice enough to let her husband Dean come and play Warren Hollar for the day; Dean, *The Fastest MIKE in the East*.

I know there were a lot of other people working behind the scenes, and please believe me that all your hard work did not go unnoticed and appreciated

Great Job All!

George

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Minutes for February 9, 2016

The March 8, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 41 members present.

Minutes: Motion by Harry P., seconded by Rick G. to accept the minutes for the February 9, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee:

- 1) George M and Harry P. will go to Mooresville for mineral identification program.
- 2) George M will go to the Tuttle Middle School and to the Lenoir-Rhyne Retirees.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Saturday, March 12, 2016 to the Sharpe Farm in Hiddenite.
- 2) April 22-24, 2016 to the Sterling Hill Mining Museum Super Dig in New Jersey. Leave 4-22, dig on 4/23, and come home 4-24. Check out www.sterlinghillminingmuseum.org/superdig/schedule for

more information. Also see Larry Huffman for more information.

- 3) August 8-15, 2016 the Michigan Trip. Register after 4-1-2016. See Larry Huffman for more information.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Larry H. reported:
 - A) He has raffle tickets for the AMFS drawing.
 - B) Save the dates of August 8-14, 2016 for the Lake Superior Agate trip to Munising, MI. More information to come in March.
- 2) Tom W. is in Iredell Memorial Hospital
- 3) Ann K. is back home.
- 4) The Western Piedmont Mineral and Gem Societies (WPMGS) presented their key to their storage shed and the contents which are now property of the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club (CVGMC). The transfer form was signed by WPMGS President Gerald Munson and CVGMC President George Brown. We welcomed the WPMGS members as new members of the CVGMC.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Program: A review of what was needed for the 2016 CVGMC Show.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Dean Russell,

Acting Field Trip Chair

The April field trip of the CVGMC will be held on Saturday, April 16th. We will be going to Little Pine Garnet Mine in Marshall in Madison County, NC. We will be collecting Red Almandine Garnets. Collecting hours are from 10 AM – 4 PM. You are able to collect 2 ½ gallons of garnets.

We will meet in the Roses' parking lot on Hwy 70E at 8:00 am. There is a \$25.00 dig fee. You will need to bring digging tools, scratching tools, hammers and chisels. If you are collecting in the mine, you will need a headlamp or lighting of some sort. There is a lot of poison oak/ivy on the hillside, so wear appropriate clothing. Bring your food and water. There is a port-a-john on site and picnic tables.

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Dean

APRIL PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Director

The program will be *Photographing Fluorescents* by Jimmy Strickland.

Joan

EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION! DONATE, DONATE!!!



Cheryl Neary,
Auction Chair

I can't say it enough times please consider donating to the annual auction, which this year will be held in Rochester in October at the Annual Convention.

If you want to be entertained this is the place as well. For the last two years Matt

Charsky, our current AFMS President and Larry Huffman (Regional Vice President) were the auctioneers. Thanks to their persistence and fun-filled time, the auction was quite a success. Of course, there would not have been such a great time if you had not donated items and / or bid on them – the first steps in a successful auction!

So plan on attending the Convention and of course the auction and give them a run with your money! All proceeds fund the principal of the Eastern Foundation Fund. The interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs, which you and your club benefit from!

I would hope that all the clubs would make a donation. Perhaps if you have a show you can solicit items from your dealers. Items will be identified from donors, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. So, please ask your dealers – it is an advertising event for them!

If you are interested in donating items, please email me at ciervo.neary@gmail.com or call or text me at 516.449.5341 to inform me what items you will be sending and I will give you an address to ship them to.

Lastly, if you are attending the convention, and I hope you would consider attending the event- then you can personally hand me the item(s) preferably at either the Cracker Barrel Meeting or at the Annual Meeting.

If attending- Bring money - (quite a bit!) - There is a great deal of nice "stuff"! Matter of fact, this year we have equipment being donated by our President – Larry Heath!

Thank you all in advance for your participation.

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WONDERFUL WILDACRES

by Steve Weinberger,
EFMLS Wildacres Committee Chair

In recent days I've spoken to a number of people who tell me that they plan on attending Wildacres this year. "Have you sent in your registration form yet?" I ask. "Not yet" is too often the reply. If you're like the people I'm referring to, my question is



"What are you waiting for?"

We've put together what I think are two dynamite sessions for 2016. The first, May 9 – 15 features Helen Serras-Herman as our "speaker in residence". Helen is a world renowned glyptographer (gem stone carver) a terrific, knowledgeable speaker and a darn nice lady. She'll present several programs during the session which are sure to be of interest to everyone. Her images are always great too. (Take a look at examples of Helen's amazing work on her website <www.gemartcenter.com>.)

The second session, September 5 – 11 will feature Alfredo Petrov as the "speaker in residence". Alfredo has travelled the world and is extremely knowledgeable about minerals. Most recently, Alfredo has been honored by having a new mineral, Alfredopetrovite, named after him. He's a charming and interesting fellow and his photographs and tales about his travels are amazing.

There's nothing like a week at the Wildacres Retreat. Our sessions are always relaxing and enjoyable and you're sure to come away with new skills learned during class, new friendships made, and a better appreciation for our hobby.

So...What are you waiting for?

Tuition for the entire week is \$400 per person including room and board, gratuity for the Retreat employees, and instruction given by our outstanding cadre of teachers. The only extra charge is for the materials that you use in the class or classes you take. Meals are wholesome and tasty, rooms comfortable, the air unpolluted, and the camaraderie among participants always terrific.

So...What are you waiting for?

A complete listing of classes can be found on the website <http://efmls-wildacres.org/page5/index.html> and a registration form is on page 12 in the EFMLS News – March 2016.

Come and join the fun at Wildacres in 2016!

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SHOW CHAIRMEN, BAXTER LEONARD



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BEST GUEST EXHIBIT

Rich Olson



MOST BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT

Richard Aultman



MOST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Richard Aultman



SHOW EXHIBIT WINNERS

BEST PERSONALLY COLLECTED EXHIBIT

Wayne Bowman



MOST INTERESTING EXHIBIT

Wayne Bowman

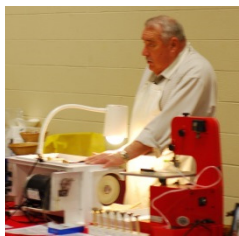
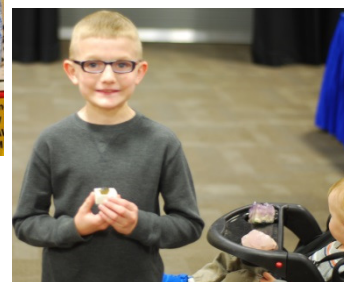


COMPLIMENTARY SHOW PASSES

REMEMBER you are responsible for \$2.50 for each ticket redeemed. The treasurer will bill you.

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