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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.



Photo: P. Brown Amethyst Cathedral

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President's Message

Well, we have put another show behind us. Thank you to all that helped put this together. I want to say a special thank you to Dean Russell and Warren Hollar for both of their tireless efforts to put this all together. They both have worked many, many hours. Now that the show is over and we can all take a deep breath and relax a little, we must also start getting prepared for next year's show. I have had several people tell me that this show is the best that they participate in. Their words are that this is a well runs how. Congratulations to all who helped make this the best.

Since no one has volunteered to come forth and take the field trip chair, the Forsythe club has asked us to join them on their field trips. Saying this, no field trips will be published in the newsletter. ALL field trips between the two clubs will be announced at the club meeting. The field trip may not be on the Saturday following the club meeting, but time and place will be announced at that time.

The Kentucky trip is still scheduled for Labor Day weekend. This information will be printed in the newsletter. Please make your reservations soon, as the spaces will soon be filled.

Harry

Thank You!

We need to give all the people who participated in helping with the Gem and Mineral Show a big pat on the back. From grab bag packing, publicity, show set up, helping with show activities and the show take down, things went very well because people took responsibility and helped. This has to be one of our best shows and I think the theme of the show helped people understand things our area of North Carolina has to offer.

George M.

The 2018 CVGMC Show was another success for the Club. Attendance was up again overall, the Education Program for the children was once again excellent, thank you Warren H. for the massive amount of time you put into this. The guest speakers, Mark Randle, Ed Speer and Dr. Mike Wise were very interesting. I think that is the largest crowd I have seen for the Saturday afternoon talk in years. If you missed Dr. Wise's talk at the banquet, you missed a good one. What a treasure in our own backyard with Hiddenite. The main displays and the Club members displays were impressive. None of this could have happened without the volunteer work from the Club members. The dealers were very happy with the show. I received several positive comments about the Education Program for the children and also how our show is one of the best in North Carolina. I personally want to thank everyone who may have volunteered a couple hours, to those who spent several days' worth of their time for the success of the show. Next year's show will be March 22-24, 2019.

Thank you,

Dean Russell
2018 CVGMC Show Chairperson

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's show. It could not have happened without you. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Numerous vendors commented on how great this show was and how great it was to have all the help and club members that helped.

This year's show was a huge success and it is only because of all the hard work and participation by the club members.

Thank you again so much and please plan to help again with next year's show.

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April Field Trip

An April Field Trip is currently not scheduled, but future field trips will be discussed at this meeting.

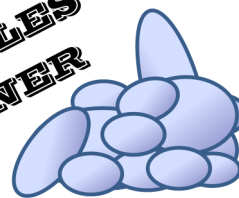
Everyone is asked to please consider taking the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The April program will be "Fire Treated Rocks", by Ron Rushman.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

THE PEBBLES' CORNER



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 welcome any information a member may wish to provide to be included in the upcoming newsletters each month, especially related to items that would be of interest to our younger and aspiring rockhounds.

The club's annual Gem & Mineral Show was March 23-25.

I hope everyone was able to make it and that they were able to spread the news to all the your Rockhounds-In-Training or maybe even "In-Waiting."

I was able to watch all ages of kids and kids at heart have the opportunity to experience the show and enjoy all that was offered.

The kids I spoke to were having a great time. It was fun watching kids walk into the Fluorescent Mineral booth and leave with a huge smile on their face, regardless of the number of times they went back in to see the minerals again.

I hope you were able to purchase a souvenir for your young rockhound or even yourself.

You don't want to miss it next year.

Next year consider volunteering to see those smiles.



Photos: Clip Art

Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The March 13, 2018 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Harry P. at 7:00 PM.

Introduction of New Members and Guest: New member Adam D.

Minutes: Motion by Larry H., seconded by Jimmy S. to accept the minutes for the February 13, 2018 minutes. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None.

Show Committee:

- 1) Tonight's program

Field Trip Report:

- 1) None scheduled for March. See next item below.
- 2) The Club needs a new Field Trip Chairperson.
- 3) Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Rock Swap, Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society (Georgia). See CCGMS.org for more information.
- 4) Saturday, April 28, 2018 is the Sterling, NJ Super Dig. Registration due March 19, 2018.
- 5) Saturday, September 1st to Monday, September 3rd is the Kentucky Geode and Collecting Trip. Let Harry P. know if you are interested. Check March Newsletter for more information.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

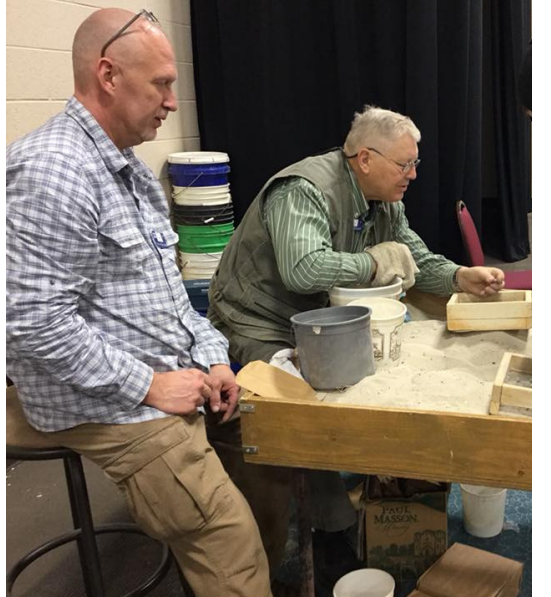
Door Prizes: Several were given out.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Program: 2018 CVGMC Show preparation meeting by Show Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

2018 CVGMC SHOW Photos by P. Brown



NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CVGMC Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show Overview

I want to thank everyone who exhibited or helped with exhibits for the 2018 show.

We had some very good exhibits of local minerals, a world class thumbnail/toenail exhibit and several educational exhibits, and first time exhibitor.

I would like to encourage more club members to exhibit. We need more participation in some of the categories.

The following received awards:

First Time Exhibitor, Slade Harvin
Most Educational, Richard Aultman
Most Interesting, Slade Harvin
Most Beautiful, Wayne Bowman
Best Guest Exhibit, Rich Olsen

Thanks,

Wayne

2018 Labor Day Geode Trip

I have reserved 20 rooms at this golf resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. At this time 20 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation. ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

Bright Leaf Golf Resort

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>

Email: info@brightleafgolfresort.com

Check In: August 31, 2018

Check Out: September 3, 2018

Rate: \$60+/Single Occupancy; \$80+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit is due by May 2018.**

Thank you,

Harry Polly

President

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TICKET SALES

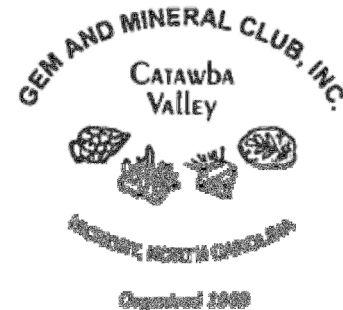
Paid attendance was once again excellent at this year's Gem Show; total sales were up 9% over last year. Attendance numbers were higher than last year for both Saturday (11% increase) and Sunday (16% increase). We heard several vendors comment that they were very pleased with the steady stream of people on Saturday. We sold 1,397 tickets this year (360 on Friday, 622 on Saturday and 415 on Sunday) which was over 100 tickets more than last year!!

CLUB COMPLIMENTARY SHOW TICKETS

Please remember you are responsible for \$2.50 for each ticket redeemed at the show. Terry will be sending an email to the members who owe for these tickets. You can either bring the payment to the next Club meeting or mail it to the Club's PO Box address.

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Club Meeting

**Tuesday
April 10, 2018
7:00 PM
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