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Club Address: PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603-2521
 Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
 921 2nd St. NE Hickory, NC
 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.

Tuesday, April 12th Program

“Romancing the Stones; The Search for Green Bolts”

Presented By Warren Hollar and Mark Randle

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President's Message

We set a record for the club's show (March 24 – 26, 2022) attendance - Over 2,000 paid admissions plus the pottery show visitors who were given free admission. From the Friday 10 am opening until the 5 pm closing on Sunday, every dealer had customers. Even though the school children were not allowed field trips on Friday, we still had lots and lots of children with their parents on Saturday and Sunday.

A special **THANK YOU to all the volunteers** who made this show a great success. Show chairman Dean Russell along with his trusty assistant Slade Harvin made sure the show ran smoothly. They were constantly checking with the dealers to make sure everything was okay with them and that they did not need anything from the club.

For the first time since 2019 we had a fine assortment of display exhibits for the public to see. We had exhibitors representing Juniors to Guest exhibitors. Please see the pictures of the award winners below on pages 5 and 6.

'Till next month Keep on drinking that Dr Pepper and looking for that once in a lifetime mineral find.

Larry

A note from the CVGMC Show Chairperson:

I would like to thank all the Club volunteers that helped put on a very successful show. Without the volunteer help with the unloading and reloading of the Club's stock in and out of the convention center, ticket sales, demonstrations, Mini Mine, Children's table, display cases, coordinating the Reed Gold Mine and ASU Geology students and assisting me with vendors throughout the show, we would not have had such a smooth-running show. We had record attendance and all the vendors left very happy. More details on the Show at the April meeting.

Dean Russell
CVGMC Show Chairperson

GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

Thank You So Much!

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Terry Russell

March Minutes

CVGMC minutes for March 8, 2022

The March 8, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

New Members – Shawn O., Patrick K. and Anne K.

Program: CVGMC March 25-27, 2022 Show Preparation

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. seconded by Richard A. to accept the February 8, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was not reported because the bank statement had not arrived in time for the meeting.

Education Committee: St. Stephen's – George M. helped evaluate the Geology supplies for the school while it is going through a building renovation. He also received supplies for the Club that the school was not going to keep.

Show Committee:

1. 2022 Spring Show is scheduled for March 25-27, 2022. We are planning on putting on a full show with exhibits, door prizes, Mini Mine, Children's Table, demonstrations by Club members, display by the Reed Gold Mine and the App. State Geobago.
2. The Club will need many volunteers to run the show, please volunteer.
3. There will be a fall show November 11-13, 2022. This will not have exhibits like the previous two fall shows.

Field Trip Report:

1. DMC had not sent out an updated collecting schedule in time for the meeting.
2. Super Dig in Franklin, NJ, April 23, 2022. Check the website www.SuperDiggg.com for more information.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Harry P. Reported on the Club lapidary machinery to be sold at the CVGMC March 2022 Show.

Announcements:

1. Shawn O. brought in Graves Mountain material to take home.
2. George and Patty B. are recovering from a brief illness.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Wildacres Spring Session

If you have had Wildacres on your bucket list, the Spring Session of Wildacres (May 16-22) is open for you to register. Wildacres, sponsored twice a year by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS), provides room and board, classroom instruction with a small number of students, lectures by the Speaker-In-Residence, a tailgate with a chance to buy or sell hobby related items, an auction, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, the comradery of being with others in the hobby, to name a few perks of attending Wildacres sessions -- all this for a very reasonable fee.

Why not join the thousands who have attended Wildacres, made lasting friendships, took home new skills and knowledge, and much more. This is saying nothing about the bond of friendship and fun while being on top of the mountain.

EFMLS WILDACRES HISTORY

In 1973, the Eastern Federation began a new venture – Wildacres. Located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, NC, Wildacres is a non-profit facility dedicated to the betterment of human relations. The first session was held in August 1973 and several years later the second session was added -- Years of providing excellent instruction in new and old areas of the hobby!

SPRING SESSION, MAY 16-22, 2022

The **Speaker-In-Residence** will be Dr. Nathalie Brandes – See attached Speaker-In-Residence for a bio.

Classes – Whether looking to learn a new aspect of the hobby or just wanting to improve your knowledge and skills in an area you already know, with eight (8) classes to chose from, there is sure to be a class for anyone. See attached Wildacres 2022 Spring Class Schedule for a description of the class offerings.

Registration – Fill in and follow the instructions on the attached Registration Form to register. Note that single rooms will be available for an additional fee.

FALL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2022

More information on the Fall Session to be announced.

QUESTION?

If you have any questions, concerns, etc. for either session, you can contact:

Steve Weinberger, Chairman of the Wildacres Committee (cscrystals2@gmail.com)

Suzie Milligan, Registrar – for info regarding registration (smilligan@stny.rr.com or 607-687-5108)

Mark Kucera, Director – for info regarding classes and instructors
(mark_j_kucera@yahoo.com or 914-423-8360)

P.S. The Speaker-in-Residence, Class Schedule, and Registration forms are also available on the EFMLS website -- www.efmls.org.

AWARD WINNING SHOW CASES FOR MARCH SHOW 2022



Most Beautiful Exhibit

Richard Aultman



Best First Time Exhibit

Laura Harvin



Most Educational Exhibit

Slade Harvin



Most Interesting Exhibit
Wayne Bowman



Best Guest Exhibit
Jim Hird

Membership forms

Membership Information Forms are included in the February newsletter below. You may also find a copy on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>.

The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2022 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter. Honorary members must also fill out the form each year in order to keep the club records up to date and to maintain your honorary membership status.

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately. The treasurer, Terry Russell, will be deleting anyone from the roster who does not renew their membership by the April 2022 meeting.

The treasurer will accept renewals at the April meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.

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Please Check all the Appropriate Boxes

New Member Renewal

(New members must attend TWO meetings and may apply for membership at the second meeting)

Single \$18/yr Family \$25/yr Honorary \$0/yr

Onetime fee for name badge \$10/person Quantity

** Spelling on badges ONLY IF PURCHASING any: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL IN ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (family membership): _____

ADDRESS (Street): _____

ADDRESS (City, State, and Zip Code): _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

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HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

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DUES (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) SHALL BE PRORATED AS FOLLOWS:

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

October 1 – December 31: full amount of annual dues shall apply as payment for the following year

FOR USE BY TREASURER ONLY: Amt Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Date _____

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Club Meeting

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