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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.



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### President's Message

With August upon us, we experience the typical Carolina weather. Hot, humid, and lots of thunderstorms. Be careful when out of doors. Stay cool, stay hydrated, and if that thunderstorm catches you outside, seek shelter. Stay safe, don't take those unnecessary chances with the weather.

It is not too late to sign up for the KY trip. If you have not done so, and want to go, make your reservations today before all of the rooms are gone. It is shaping up to be a great trip. Will give more details at the meeting.

*Harry*

### **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](mailto: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. Rooms are believed to still be available.***

Thank you,

**Harry Polly**  
President

# Field Trip Report

On July 21st, we had six people show up for the rock cleaning at my house. The weatherman was calling for 90% chance of rain, but he could not have been more wrong. It was an absolutely gorgeous day with lots of sunshine.

We did not get them all cleaned, but we did make a dent in them. It will probably take two more days of cleaning to get all of them.

We found lots of good material, some of it too good for grab bags, but worthy of specimens for the auction and show door prizes.

I want to thank all who came, Steve Page, Larry Huffman, Dean Russell, George Brown, and Wayne Bowman.



## August Field Trip

The August Field Trip will be the Annual Labor Day Geode Trip.

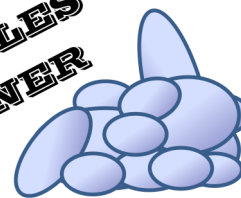
Everyone is asked to please consider taking the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

## Program

The August program will be "Show and Tell, KY Field Trip." Everyone that has attended in the past is asked to bring in a specimen and talk about it.

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.

With summer nearing an end, the start of school is drawing closer. Once school starts, the homework and school activities also begin.

Try thinking of some fun rock activities to add to the mix of the school year. Here are some examples to consider:

- Use rocks for crafts/projects
- Book reports: Mineral and geology books
- Presentations: Rock collection; rocks trips; places I would like to visit
- Math: Use rocks for counting and visual tools
- Art: Use rocks or minerals or draw a picture of them

The key is to have fun and enjoy the time together and "making a memory" in the process. Just think, the use of rocks might just add extra credit.

Feel free to let me know of any activities or uses for rocks you come up with during the school year.

I wish all the students a "Rockin' School Year."

*Until next time.....*

**Slade**

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The July 10, 2018 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Harry P. at 7:00 PM.

**Introduction of New Members and Guest:** N/A

**Minutes:** There were no minutes from the June meeting, as it was the Club's Annual Picnic.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance was not reported, due to the bank statement had not arrived in time for the meeting.

**Education Committee:** None.

**Show Committee:**

- 1) Mountains and sea theme recommended by Slade H.
- 2) No response from the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies on the CVGMC hosting the 2020 SFMS Convention during our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. They are still discussing it.

**Field Trip Report:**

- 1) Kentucky trip – book your rooms now.
- 2) The Club needs a new Field Trip Chairperson.
- 3) "Field Trip" to Harry P's. house on Saturday, July 21 to clean material for Grab Bags.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

- 1) Baxter L. reported, through a letter, the Club had two exhibit cases on loan to the Catawba Science Center (CSC) that needs to be returned to the Club because of a change in the CSC exhibits. Dean R. said he would check into removing the cases and minerals.
- 2) A motion by Phillip M., seconded by Slade H. to have the Club host the 2020 EFMLS Convention in conjunction with CVGMC's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. There was discussion among the Club membership. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 3) A motion by George B., seconded by Rick G., for CVGMC to submit a bid to host the SFMLS and the AFMS 2020 Conventions in conjunction with CVGMC's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. There was discussion among the Club membership. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 4) Future Amendment proposals for the CVGMC Constitution and By-Laws will be sent to the Club membership to be voted on at the July 10, 2018 meeting.

**Announcements:**

- 1) The Club members present, discussed the addition of Article XV, Field Trips, to the Club's By-Laws. A copy of the proposed By-Law was sent to each member by email or USPS ahead of time to review. Changes were made to the wording after the discussion. A motion was made by Larry H., seconded by George B., to accept the changes in wording and to approve the addition of Article XV, Field Trips to the Club's By-Laws pending approval of the wording by the Eastern Federation of Mineral & Lapidary Societies, Steve Weinberger. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 2) The Club members present, discussed the addition of Article XVI, Convention Representation, to the Club's By-Laws. A copy of the proposed By-Law was sent to each member by email or USPS ahead of time to review. Changes were made to the wording after the discussion. A motion was made by Phillip M., seconded by Slade H., to accept the changes in wording and to approve the addition of Article XV, Convention Representation to the Club's By-Laws. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 3) The Club Secretary said he would send out updated CVGMC Constitution and By-Laws to the Club Membership by email or USPS as soon as he can.
- 4) The Estate Sale of Danny Jones/Firebird Minerals will be at the Grassy Creek show July 29-August 5.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

**Program:** Club member Slade H. presented a video from the Club's Library on Petrified Wood. Also celebrated, with cake, Dean R's. 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## EFMLS Wildacres Fall Workshop By: Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Chair

Registrations for the Fall EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres are now being accepted by Registrar Suzie Milligan. [A registration form can be found on the EFMLS website: [efmls-wildacres.org](http://efmls-wildacres.org) in addition to class descriptions.]

Fall is a lovely time of year "on the mountain". Temperatures are usually warm, but not too hot, skies are clear, and evenings comfortable. We encourage you to come and see for yourself.

Each workshop week consists of a "Speaker-in-Residence" who gives six talks during the week plus the opportunity to participate in one or two classes, a field trip, auction, lots of time to sit in the rocking chairs and talk, visit the canteen or explore the wonderful area around the property.

The Wildacres Retreat is located about an hour north of Asheville, NC and about 2 hours from Charlotte, NC. If you're flying, we suggest checking airline rates for both cities as well as Raleigh and Hickory, NC. You will have to rent a car to get you from the airport to Wildacres since there is no regular taxi or bus service.

Once "on the mountain" you'll be able to relax, learn some new skills (or refresh previously learned ones), meet new fellow rockhounds and enjoy the talks given by Speaker-in-Residence Alfredo Petrov.

The atmosphere at Wildacres is relaxed and casual. Meals are served family style in the lovely dining room, bedrooms all have a private bath and are comfortable. Days are filled with the sounds of people laughing and talking, sometimes music from a visiting musical group, and the chirping of birds. Being off the mainline of traffic, auto noise is limited.

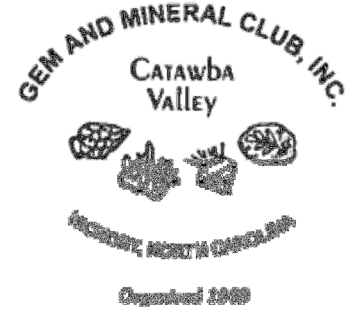
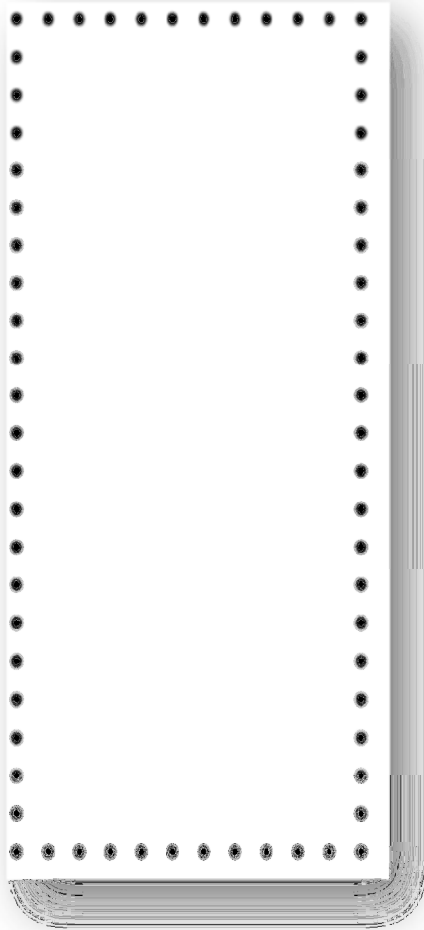
The cost for the week at Wildacres is \$425 which includes your room and board plus a gratuity for the permanent Wildacres Retreat staff. Instructors volunteer their time and talents and many have returned to this idyllic spot several times now to share their expertise with us. We've included a list of the classes and instructors [are on the Wildacres website, provided above, along with the registration form].

I hope to see you "on the mountain" this September 3 - 9. But hurry! Class size is limited and assigned on a first come - first served basis.



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