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DECEMBER 2013

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Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
St Aloysius Catholic Church
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.



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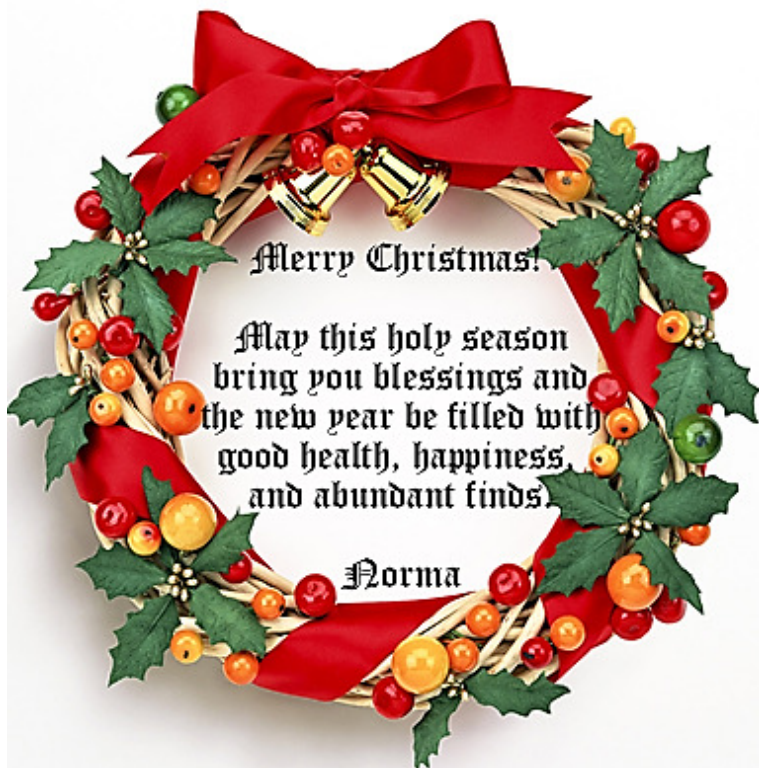
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President



CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes for November 12, 2013

The November 12, 2013 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 33 members and visitors present.

A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the October minutes after the correction to Kate Ritchie's name. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report: November 16, 2013 at the Sink Hole Mine. We are hoping to be able to go to the Reel Mine in December. Grab Bags in January.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1) The CVGMC Show will be March 28-30, 2014. Twenty vendors have signed up with two vacancies yet to be filled.

2) "Crystal Systems" will be the theme.

3) Warren Hollar discussed members helping the children's education section, and limiting the

number of schools and children attending Friday's Education Day. He was also looking for help with the merit badge for Scouts.

4) Larry Huffman made the suggestion of gift certificates to children door prize winners to be spent at the vendors. He also reported that the Club submitted to host the 2015 EMFLS Convention.

Elections: A motion by Kate Ritchie was made and seconded by George Max to accept the slate of officers for 2014. This was passed by the Club.

President – Norma Ridenhour

Vice President – Rick Glover

Treasurer – Terry Russell

Secretary – Dean Russell

BOD Members at Large – Richard Aultman, Thomas Davis, and Larry Huffman

December Christmas Party and Club Auction:
December 10, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

1) A motion was made by Rick Glover, seconded by Richard Aultman to have PO BBQ cater the food. This was passed by the Club.

2) Rick Glover, Richard Aultman, and Meg Sims volunteered to help with the minerals.

3) Harry Polly will contact Eric Fritz, Tom Winslow and Warren Hollar about being auctioneers.

4) Terry Russell discussed labeling the auction items. She will send an email with further information.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1) Loyd Hoke has available the book he wrote, "A Book for Ambrose".

2) There will a Board of Directors meeting after the club meeting in January

3) The snow policy was reviewed, if the Hickory City Schools are closed, there will not be a Club meeting.

Program: "Exploring Namibia and the Minerals of Tsumeb" was presented by Shields and Frances Flynn.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

DECEMBER PARTY / AUCTION

Eric Fritz



The Christmas Party will be going on during the auction. You may bring a dessert to share if you wish. Barbeque and all the fixings including drinks will be catered by Post Office BBQ.

Our Annual Auction is at the December meeting. Please note start time is **6:30 sharp**. This gives us time to get all the auction material set up, have a short, very short, business meeting and get started with the auction by 7:00 pm. If you bring items to sell, come as early as possible.



All members are welcome to bring anything hobby related to be auctioned off. Please have your specimens **clearly labeled**. Every item needs a label which should have the number-code as shared by Terry. You can contact her with any

questions. Put the number and letter on the label. The label is what I will reference during the auction. We do not want to waste a lot of time trying to figure out what it is. Members will retain 75% of the sale and 25% will go to the club unless the Member specifies all proceeds go to the club. You may set a minimum bid of at least 20.00 and as high as you like. There will be no minimum bids below the \$20.00 threshold. Make sure you mark any minimum prices on the label. *Guests are welcome to purchase but may not bring auction material to sell.* Guests may bid and purchase as much as they like.

RULES FOR THE AUCTION

Eric Fritz

Anything rock related can be auctioned. This includes tools, specimens, cut stones, cutting rough, display boxes or cabinets. Items for sell will be offered in increments of \$1.00, until the item reaches \$20.00. At that time, the increments will increase to \$5.00. At the \$50.00 level, the increments will increase to \$10.00. At the \$100.00 level, the increment will increase to \$25.00. This insures us of not getting bogged down with small increases and speeds up the auction process. The club will keep 25% of the proceeds of the sale price; the owner will keep 75%, unless the article is deemed a donation to the club, in which case all proceeds will go to the club.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPCOMING DECEMBER 2013 AUCTION

Terry Russell, Treasurer

Each person who participates in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) will have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, etc). I created a log with the list of numbers at the November meeting and gave each person who signed up some small round stickers to be put on the specimens they will be selling. If you did not receive a number at the last meeting and you plan to participate, please contact me (Terry Russell) at 828-303-1563 (cell) or at 828-584-5360 (work) and I will assign you a number and give you some round stickers (we'll figure out how to get the stickers to you).



You may also sign up Tuesday night before the meeting. Please label your specimens as follows (using this example): if your assigned number is 2 and you plan to sell 5 items then the stickers should be labeled as 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. It is VERY important to label ALL specimens so the correct information is recorded. This same number will also be your bidding number. I will have cards at the meeting with the numbers on them for people to hold up when they win a bid. This process should keep things moving and will make it easier for me to record the sellers and buyers. **I will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

The December field trip of the CVGMC will be held on December 14th. We are going back to the Reel mine in Iron Station for amethyst. Those of us that went in August had good success. The landowner has given us permission to come at this time. We will meet at 8:00 am in the Rose's parking lot on Hwy 70E. You will need digging tools, crack



Reel Mine-Lincoln County

hammers and chisels. Bring your raingear and warm clothing. Bring your food and drinks. There is a \$25.00 charge to dig. Everyone must sign in, which will be done the day of the dig. Those that know the way, and live closer to the mine, may want to meet us there

Harry

DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 2014 DON'T GET DROPPED

Members will be receiving the *Membership Information Forms* with the December newsletter. You may also find a copy on the club's website:

<http://www.cvgmc.com/>.

Treasurer Terry Russell will be purging the membership list the first of the year. The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to show up on the 2014 club roster. Honorary members also need to fill out the form in order to keep records up to date and maintain your honorary membership.

Dues will not be accepted at the December meeting due to the activities going on at the party/auction. Treasurers Terry Russell will be accepting renewals at the January meeting or you may send your renewal by mail to the club PO Box.



KENTUCKY GEODE FIELD TRIP YOUTUBE VIDEO

By Joan Glover



<http://youtu.be/MU3v1eboFPc>

PIKES PEAK PEBBLE PUPS AND EARTH SCIENCE SCHOLARS POETRY

FOSSILS

By Reed Noller

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Fossils are hidden
Ensnared by water or sand
And they lie waiting...

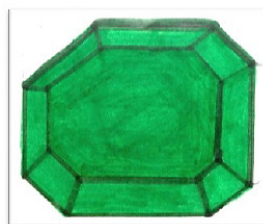


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EMERALD & FOSSIL HAIKU

By Gavin Noller

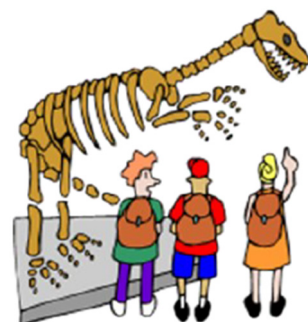
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Under the gray ground
Emeralds on a blue field
Waiting to be found

In an age long past
Giant creatures roamed abroad
Whose bones turned to stone



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MINI MINERS MONTHLY

PIKES PEAK PEBBLE PUPS AND
EARTH SCIENCE SCHOLARS

AN ODE TO A ROCK

By Kurt Lahmers,
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society

GOLD RUSH

By Ciena Higginbotham, Lake George Gem and Mineral Club

There was once a fellow from the days of old
Who stumbled upon a chunk of gold.
He tried to keep quiet but rumor got out
Everyone knew there was gold, no doubt.

People everywhere, came from all around
Hoping to find their own sparkling mound.

They knelt in the stream and sifted away
Through rock and sand—searching everyday.

They searched and searched and searched for gold
Hoping to find some before they are old.
They persevered and never gave up
And soon they had gold in their cup.



It all started when a fellow found gold,
And this is how the story is told.

EXTINCTION

By Zachary, Sepulveda Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society

As one dies another entity emerges;
new and young and strong.

It struggles at first, then comes into its own—
peerless to all around.

It lives and thrives, longs and strives
to be the best that it can be.

All of its potential, bursting at the seams—
it's finally reached its peak, hopes soaring to the sky.

Little does it know, it too will die.

Something else arises.

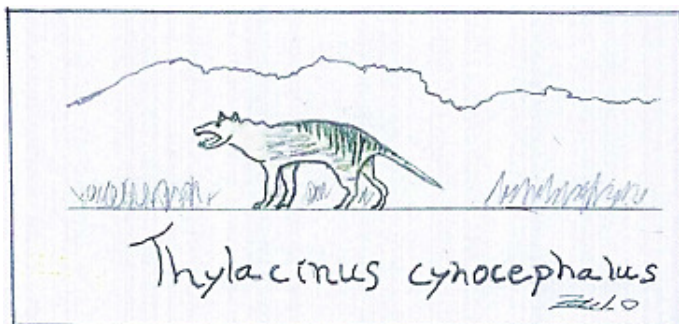
Something bigger, faster, stronger,
better than our thing could ever be;
our entity's life and vigor, slowly receding,
gradually outcompeted, vying for its title;

But always bested.

It screams unto the heavens,
“Why, why must it be I who goes?”

And the heavens reply,

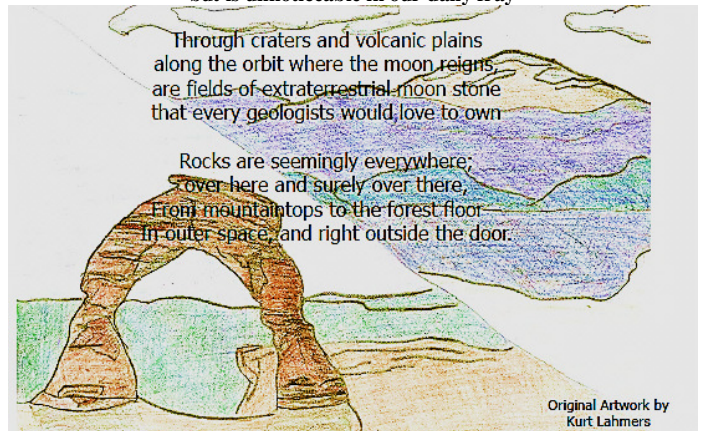
“You have had your time;
you must go extinct for others to survive.”



Thylacynus cynocephalus

From a presidential mountain face,
to the far reaches of outer space;
lays boundless, amazing discoveries,
as rocks yield their secrets in all countries.
Some rocks can reach massive sizes,
while others fit through needle eyes;
some are shiny, and others are not.

But all are remarkable, when put to thought
The sandstone arches in the Utah sun
is a rock landscape that can't be outdone.
The relentless, ever-changing weather
brings rain, snow and ice altogether.
The granite peaks through Colorado
Create a large elongated shadow show
While they slowly erode, silently away—
but is unnoticeable in our daily fray



Original Artwork by
Kurt Lahmers

Through craters and volcanic plains
along the orbit where the moon reigns,
are fields of extraterrestrial moon stone
that every geologists would love to own

Rocks are seemingly everywhere;
over here and surely over there,
From mountaintops to the forest floor—
in outer space, and right outside the door.

THE AGE OF FISHES

By Teddy Reeves

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society

In the age of fishes

The period was blazing,
The cooling plants were few,
The creatures were amazing.

On the land above

The air was thinner than today,

The mammals were none—

Much to my dismay.

The biggest underwater

Could not be beat,

Larger than three elephants,

Length: more than thirty feet!

The greatest jaws of old,

A mouth that could crush steel.

Delicacies of bone

Made for a great meal.

Dunkleosteus

If you had come upon one,

You should've started a will,

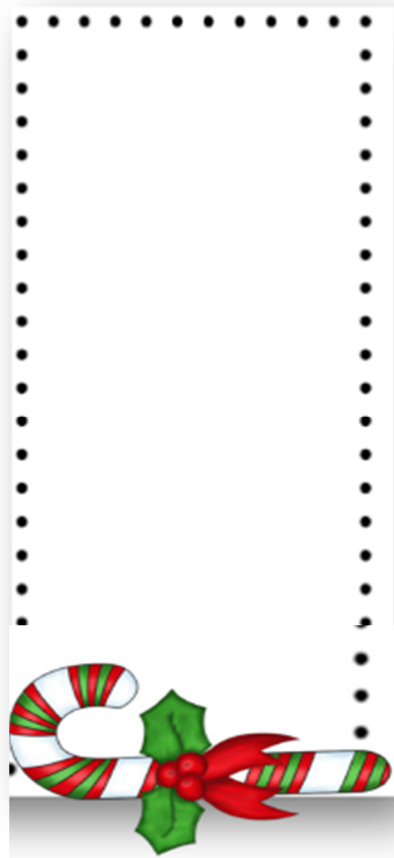
For your time left was none.



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Club Meeting

Tuesday
December 10, 2013

**PARTY/AUCTION
6:30 PM**

St Aloysius Catholic Church
921 2nd St NE
Hickory, NC



2014 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

☒ *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 \$12.00/YR ☐ Family \$18.00/YR ☐ Junior \$6.00/YR
☐ Honorary \$0.00

Date: _____

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: (for family membership) _____

ADDRESS _____

MINOR CHILD: (for family membership) _____ Age _____

MINOR CHILD: (for family membership) _____ Age _____

MINOR CHILD: (for family membership) _____ Age _____

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c/o Terry Russell
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DUES (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) SHALL BE PRO-RATED BY THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

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 of year following payment date)

RENEWALS ARE ALWAYS DUE IN JANUARY. You will receive a *Membership Information Form* by December. Forms are required to be updated annually for membership renewal. Please keep the club informed of changes.