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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.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP REEL MINE FOR AMETHYST

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

It has been a pleasure to serve as your club president for the last two years. I am looking forward to handing the reigns to George Brown. He will do a great job. May you all have a very blessed Christmas and successful hounding in 2015.

Norma

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Minutes for November 11, 2014

President Norma Ridenhour called the November 11, 2014 meeting of the CVGMC to order at 7:00 PM. There were 36 members and visitors present.

A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the October 14, 2014 minutes. The Club passed motion.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report:

Reel Mine field trip will be in November 14-16.

Education Committee:

Harry Polly did a presentation on "Gems & Minerals of the Bible". The Hiddenite presentation will be delayed for a few months.

Show Committee:

- Before January 15, 2015 there will be a general meeting at 6:00 PM about the 2015 Show.

Old Business:

- Joan Glover stated the new projector was purchased.
- Motion was made to put the old projector into December auction. The vote did not pass. The old projector will be kept as a backup.

New Business:

- Motion was made by Glen Bolick and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the slate of officers as presented for 2015:
 - o President – George Brown
 - o Vice President – Rick Glover
 - o Treasurer – Terry Russell
 - o Secretary – Dean Russell
 - o Past President – Norma Ridenhour

- o Board Members at Large – Wayne Bowman, Larry Huffman
- The Club passed the motion.
- Table coverings: Motion by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to let Harry and Baxter Leonard determine how many cloths and tables to order. The Club passed motion.
- Motion by Harry Polly and seconded by Glen Bolick that the cloths are royal blue. The Club passed the motion.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Program: "A Visit to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show" was presented by Shields Flynn.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Sims, Acting Secretary



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly,
Field Trip Coordinator

Our December field trip will be to the Propst farm for sapphires. We will meet at the mine site at 9:00 am. Be prepared to get dirty. You will need shovels, mattocks, and hand digging tools. A screen is sometimes helpful if the ground is not wet. Bring warm clothing in case you get wet. There are no facilities and no food close by, so bring everything you need with you. There is a \$5.00 dig fee.

Directions to the farm:

From Hickory take Hwy 321 South to exit 33, Startown Road. Turn right and go approximately 2 miles to the Lincoln county line. When you cross into Lincoln County, turn left at the first house on your

left. Put your money in the coffee can on the carport and park behind the barn. If it is wet, and you do not have 4WD, park in the yard out of the driveway. You may dig anywhere behind the barn in any of the holes there, or start your own hole.



Harry

DECEMBER PARTY / AUCTION



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

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 2014 AUCTION

Terry Russell, Treasurer

Each person who participates in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.). If you plan to participate, please contact me (Terry Russell) at 828-303-1563 (cell) or at 828-584-5360 (work) ASAP and I will assign you a number.



All specimens must be clearly identified with a sticker which should be coded with your assigned number because this is what will be referenced during the auction process.

Since the auction is next week and there isn't enough time to mail out stickers you can either get some small round stickers or come early next Tuesday and I will have them available.

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.

You may also sign up Tuesday night before the meeting; I will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number. As mentioned above, I will also have additional stickers for labeling your auction items. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Terry

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE IN JANUARY



Terry Russell
Membership Information Forms are included with the December newsletter. 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 2015 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 end of February.

Dues will not be accepted at the December meeting because of the activities going on with the auction. The treasurer will accept renewals at the January meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.

Terry

GRAB BAG SATURDAY REMINDER NOTICE

Our January Field Trip is the preparation of grab bags for our Gem and Mineral Show. This is a good time to think about making a donation of material for the bags. We need clean, dry material and of appropriate size (under 3 inches). We like to have a variety of rocks, minerals or fossils when we prepare the bags at the Lenoir-Rhyne Geology Lab.



George Max

George

WOW! SPECTACULAR SPEAKERS, WONDERFUL CLASSES

Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

I'm excited to announce that the speakers for our 2015 EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres have been confirmed. **Bob Jones**, Sr. Editor for Rock & Gem Magazine will be with us in spring. **Denise Nelson**, jewelry appraiser and designer will be our fall speaker.



Dates for spring are Monday, May 18 to Sunday, May 24. We're awaiting notification from the Blumenthal Foundation about our fall session dates and will publish them in the next newsletter and on the EFMLS Wildacres website as soon as available.

More good news! The fee for our 2015 sessions will remain the same as last year — \$390 per person. This includes room and board, gratuity for the Wildacres staff, six talks by our outstanding speaker-in-residence and registration in classes. What a deal!

- *Imagine – a week in the mountains of North Carolina away from the hustle, bustle and noise of our normal lives.
- *Imagine – a week immersed in our hobby – whether you're interested in jewelry, lapidary or minerals.
- *Imagine – a week of no cooking, housekeeping, errand running, blaring radio or TV.
- *Imagine – six fabulous talks given by either Bob Jones (Spring) or Denise Nelson (fall).
- *And imagine – a fun filled week that includes an auction, field trip, a day set aside for you to explore the area (Asheville is but an hour away) and much, much more!

A complete list of our spring classes can be found on page 7 of *EFMLS News* and a registration form on page 8: <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efdec14web.pdf>.

Let's keep the fall session momentum going (we had a waiting list!), and fill all of our available spaces. The experience of an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop is one you won't want to miss.

More information about our Workshops can be found on our web page (efmls-wildacres.org/). More information about the Wildacres Retreat facility can be found at www.wildacres.org.

I'm looking forward to sharing the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop experience with you and your club mates. Register early for your best opportunity to gain admittance to your first choice of classes.

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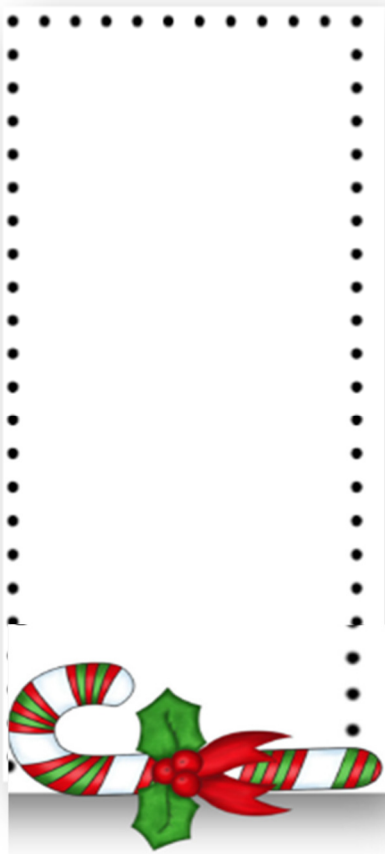
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Club Meeting
Tuesday
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**PARTY/AUCTION
6:30 PM
5:45 to Sign up for Auction**

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