

TAR HEEL



ROCKHOUND

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Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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 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.



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President's Message

This is my final message as president of the cl. It has been an honor to serve in this position for the past two years. I hope you have been satisfied with my tenure. As the year comes to a close, let us be reminded of the reason for the season, regardless of our religious beliefs. May God bless each of you in the coming year.

Harry

Showtime! Well, Almost.

The theme for this year's show is:

“Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Sea.”

We can also add shells, pre-fossils, to the theme.

With it getting cold outside, we need you to keep your creativity warm.

Dean is requesting your creativity to help bring the theme together.

Please let Dean know of any ideas.

Also, if anyone would like to be part of the Show Committee, please also let Dean know.

We are planning to have a great show this year.

Be thinking of ways you would be willing to assist with preparations prior to the show and also during the show.

If you have any donations for the hourly adult and children door prizes, please contact : Larry H.

We look forward to everyone's help.

Thank you!

2019 Membership Dues

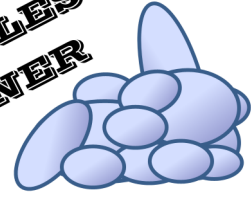
Membership Information Forms are included with the December newsletter. You may also find a copy on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>.

The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2019 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 March 2019 meeting.

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.

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.

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I also want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

The weather is getting cooler and it is a good time to take a younger rockhound/prospective rockhound out with you.

Additionally, with it getting colder, it is also important to remember safety, especially some of the items associated with colder weather.

Make sure that you bring warm clothes. Areas where you dig or head out to search can be colder than the place you are leaving from. Also, watch your step. Areas could be icy, muddy or slick.

Still make sure that you bring something to drink. Granted you may not sweat as much now in the cooler weather, you can still become dehydrated.

Another good idea during the cooler weather is to check your tools to make sure they are in good working order. It is also a good time to sharpen chisels.

Be thankful for this time.

The key is safety and being able to enjoy each trip.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

Until next time.....

Slade



December Field Trip

There will not be a December Field Trip.

Thank you George for accepting the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The program for the December meeting will be the annual Christmas Party and Auction.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

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

Introduction of New Members and Guest: Tom Rice

Minutes: Motion by Shelda A., seconded by Terry R. to accept the minutes for the September 11, 2018 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: George M. spoke to 75 first graders at N. Newton Elementary.

Show Committee:

1. Waiting on a few vendors contracts yet
2. Theme of the show: "Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Sea." I'm good at the paperwork end of the show, but I need someone to do the creative end of bringing the theme together. We can also add shells, pre-fossils, to the theme.
3. There will be a Show Committee meeting at our house on January 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM. If you would like to join the Show Committee, please let me know. We need many volunteers to have a successful show. I will also contact those I have contacted in the past.
4. I have contacted 10 plus print and online publications about the show.
5. We need a grand prize yet. We also need to have a Board of Directors meeting to determine how much to spend.
6. I would like to offer a locality prize, picked from the post cards that we have sent out. If you have any donations for the hourly adult and children door prizes, please contact : Larry H.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Lawndale, NC for Tourmaline, Blue Sapphire, Quartz and possible Gold flakes can be found in the stream. Meet at Roses at 8:00 AM on 11-17-18.

Old Business:

1. Please contact Terry Russell if you are planning on selling any items for your auction number.
2. I will send out an email about the snack sign up. We will use Perfect Potluck again for the sign up.
3. Please review the information in the Tar Heel Rockhound about the auction.
4. Tumbler is functional again.
5. Constitution & By-Laws will be sent out for the new Club year.

New Business:

- 1) Motion by Phillip M., seconded by Shelda A., to nominate and elect the officers for 2019 CVGMC year:
Slade Harvin – President
Rick Glover – Vice President
Terry Russell – Treasurer
Dean Russell - Secretary
The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 2) Motion by Phillip M., seconded by Anne K., to nominate and elect the directors at large for 2019 CVGMC year: Richard Aultman, Larry Huffman, George Brown and Wayne Bowman. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 3) Harry Polly will serve as Past President.
- 4) The reason to the two extra Directors at Large, is that Slade Harvin and Dean Russell hold two Board of Director positions, President / Editor and Secretary / Show Chairperson respectively. The Club needs nine Board of Directors to conduct business, so two extra Directors at Large are needed.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

Program: Club member Zan R. did a presentation on "Volcanos I Have Known."

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Instructions for the Upcoming December 2018 Auction (from the Treasurer)

Anyone who participates in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.). If you have not requested a number and still need one please contact Terry on her cell phone number (828-303-1563) or by email at tmkrussell5@aol.com. Since there isn't time to mail the stickers she will bring them to the meeting or you can get your own (we are using small round stickers). If you don't get a number and stickers before the December meeting they will be available the evening of the auction so come early. Terry will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number and/or stickers.

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. 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. Terry will have bidder 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 to record the sellers and buyers.

Items will be auctioned off in order to make it fair for everyone. It will go as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a...etc., then start over at 1b, 2b, 3b...etc. so label your items in the order that you want to sell them, with your best item being the first one. **The Club meeting starts at 6:30 PM followed by the auction and we will sell as many items as possible in the time that we have (ends at 9:00 PM).** There is no limit to the number of items a Club Member can bring.

Anything rock related can be auctioned; this includes tools, cut stones, display boxes/cabinets, rough stones, jewelry, etc. Members will retain 90% of the sale price and 10% will go to the club unless the member specifies all proceeds go to the club.

Please come early to preview the items and make notes (including the number on the sticker) of the ones you are interested in bidding on so that you'll be ready when the item comes up for bidding. To keep things moving the items will not be walked around during the auction.

Items will go up in price by \$1.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$25.00, then bidding will go up by \$5.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$50.00. Once it reaches \$50.00, bids will go up by \$10.00 increments per bid. Once the bid reaches \$100.00, bids will go up by \$20.00 increments per bid. Bidding increments can change at the discretion or lack of memory of the auctioneer. If you have an item you want started at a minimum bid, please note it on the label ahead of time.

Remember, guests are welcome, so bring a friend. They can bid on items, but cannot sell items.

Payment method: Cash or checks accepted but sorry, no plastic.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found. I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area. I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



2019 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 \$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 _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

How do you want to receive the bulletin? E-mail and/or US Mail

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MAIL TO: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc

c/o Terry Russell

PO Box 2521

Hickory, NC 28603-2521

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

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

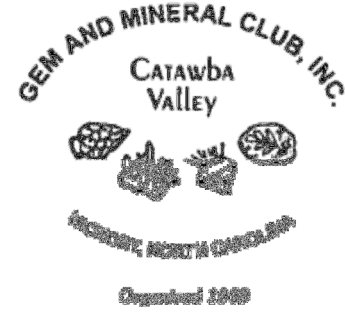
July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

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

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Club Meeting

Tuesday
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7:00 PM

6:30 PM

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