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ROCKHOUND

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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.

“Let’s Have a Party!”
... With an Auction!!

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President's Report

It is with sadness and joy that I write this last news article as the President of our club. As I took over 2 years ago from President Norma Ridenhour, our club was just starting to come out of COVID. Since those early months in 2021, we have started having more and more of our members starting to attend the monthly meetings ... we started to have guest speakers again for our meetings ... we hosted 3 highly attended shows ... and guests and new members are now showing up each month. I would say our club has rebounded and improving each meeting.

This was accomplished by the club officers and dedicated club members of the CVGMC. It has truly been a great joy to work with these fine rockhounds! Hats off to our Secretary and Show Chairman, Dean Russell and Treasurer Terry Russell for outstanding promotion of our annual shows. Thanks to Rick and Joan Glover for the great programs they were able to have presented at the meetings. A heart-felt thanks to Mike Streeter for keeping our website up and running each month and to Brenda Huffman for editing our newsletter.

Finally, to the club members who worked the shows and presented some of the programs this past year, our club is thriving and in good financial shape, thanks to you.

It has been a pleasure to get to know the members of our club and work alongside them to make our club one of the best, oldest, and most active clubs in NC.

Till I see you at the next meeting, keep on looking for that elusive mineral specimen that is still not in your collection. Don't forget a slice of lemon in a cup of hot Dr Pepper will warm the evening after rockhounding this winter.

Larry

Our December program will be our annual club Christmas Party and Auction on Tuesday, December 13th! The Party starts at 6:30 instead of our usual time of 7 pm. Please come to this great social meeting and who knows you may be able to find the one Mineral Specimen you have been looking for. Look for the "reminder" email about the Christmas party.

CVGMC Fall Show Recap

The 3 rd Annual CVGMC Fall Show was a success. The Club set a paid attendance record for a fall show with 1,391 people attending. Even though we only had vendors at this show selling their merchandise, to have this success, it took many people helping out in various roles with the show and I would like to thank them.

Terry R., the CVGMC Treasurer and Show Ticket Chairperson, for her countless hours behind the scenes assisting me with computer updates and paperwork, with the financial end of the show and for organizing the ticket selling for the show.

Larry and Brenda H., for getting and stocking the snacks for the vendor snack area. Many vendors commented to me that they quite enjoyed this bonus.

Keith P. and Andrew K., for their willingness to give vendors, who were alone in their booths, relief when needed.

Steve P., Robbin C., Richard and Shelda A., Camilla L., Tim H., Janet B., Brenda H., Keith P., Anne K., Nancy F., Tina L., Becky S. and Joan G. for selling tickets, answering questions and promoting the Club.

I am looking forward to our 53 rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show which will be held March 24-26, 2023 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. This will be a full CVGMC Show with the vendors, the Children's "Hands On" table and "Mini Mine" along with various exhibits for children and adults to help promote our hobby.

I would also like to thank Tracie J. for volunteering to oversee the Exhibit Area. We will need even more Club members to help out during this show to make it a success. Please consider which area you would like to volunteer with.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Thank you,
Dean Russell
CVGMC Show Chairperson**

November Minutes

CVGMC minutes for November 8, 2022

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

Visitors – David D.

Minutes: A motion was made by Keith P. and seconded by Harry P. to accept the October 11, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Program: “Red Feather Quartz, Part 2” – Ron Ruschman

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

- 1. 3 rd Annual Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show this weekend.**
- 2. 35 Vendors – 12 new vendors**
- 3. Complimentary Club Member tickets with instructions in the Tar Heel Rockhound.**
- 4. March Show will be March 24-26, 2023**
- 5. January 14 th at St. Andrews Church to assemble grab bags for March Show.**

Field Trip Report: None scheduled at this time.

Old Business: The Annual CVGMC Christmas Party/Auction will be during the regular December 13 meeting. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM. Look in the Tar Heel Rockhound for more information.

New Business:

- 1. Motion by Larry H., seconded by Dean R., to nominate and elect the officers for 2023 CVGMC year:**

Harry Polly – President

Joan Glover – Vice President

Terry Russell – Treasurer

Dean Russell – Secretary and Show Chairperson

Larry Huffman – Past President

Wayne Bowman– Director at Large

Keith Pagett– Director at Large

Rick Glover– Director at Large

Brenda Huffman – Editor

Motions was passed by the Club.

Announcements: None

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary**

2022 December Auction Instructions:

It's that time of year for our annual auction.

Anyone interested in participating in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.). If you would like to participate please call Terry (828-303-1563) as soon as possible to get a number. If you don't get a number and stickers before the December meeting they will be available the evening of the auction, however please 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. 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 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 feel free to bring a friend. They can bid on items, but cannot sell items.

Payment method: Only cash or checks accepted, no plastic (credit cards).

2023 Membership Dues

Please Note: Dues will not be collected during the December meeting due to the auction activity.

Included in this month's bulletin is a blank 2023 Membership form. This membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2023 club roster.

Family membership is \$25

Single membership is \$18

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately.

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.

**You can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box (address on the membership form) or directly to Terry Russell at the following address:
5254 Olde School Drive
Hickory, NC 28602**



2023 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 _____

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HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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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

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Club Meeting

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