

TAR HEEL



ROCKHOUND

December, 2023

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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.



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Annual Club Christmas Party and Auction

The Christmas party and Auction will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at the Club's regular meeting. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm instead of the regular time of 7:00pm.

The meal will be catered by Publix Deli again this year. Chicken tenders, a fruit tray, vegetable tray, meat and cheese platter with croissants, and a Brownie platter will be provided. The club will provide the plates, cups, napkins, silverware and ice.

If you wish to add to the table, chips, desserts and drinks are suggested. Come early, if you can, to help set up the room.

See Auction Rules on page 4

President's Report

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Also, with this being the December newsletter, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year also.

As I have noted in the past, with the cold weather setting in to limit outdoor excursions, now is a good time to sharpen and inspect your tools to have them ready for the next dig. It is also a good time to work on organizing and labeling your collection. Cleaning and prepping specimens may also be able to be done during warmer days or inside if available. As a note, it is not recommended to clean your rocks in a sink (especially the muddy/dirty ones) to keep your pipes from building up with the sediment.

Also, with cooler temperatures, now may be a good time to start planning for this coming year's collecting trips and possibly making some field trips to museums.

Happy Rock Related Activities,

Slade

November minutes

The November 14, 2023 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Joan G. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors: Chris, Holli, Stephanie, Aaron, Daphene, Jocelyn

Program: "Mineral and Geological Museums" by Shield Flynn

Minutes: None. CVGMC held its annual picnic in October and a business meeting was not held.

Treasurer: The bank balance was reported.

Education: None

Show: 1) The next CVGMC show will be March 22-24, 2024. More information in the future.
2) The Flynn's once again, donated minerals for the children's door prizes.

Field Trip: None reported.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion by Harry P., seconded by Becky S., to nominate and elect the officers presented for the 2024 CVGMC year:

President: Traci Jefferies

Vice President: Rick Glover

Treasurer: Terry Russell

***Secretary:** Dean Russell

***Show Chr.:** Dean Russell

Editor: Brenda Huffman

Past Pres.: Slade Harvin

Director at Large: Richard Aultman

Director at Large: Joan Glover

Director at Large: Larry Huffman

The motion was discussed, voted on and passed by the Club members at the meeting.

***Note:** Because Dean Russell holds two of the voting positions on the Board of Directors, but only has one vote, an additional Director at Large was voted to the Board to have the required nine voting members of the CVGMC Board of Directors.

Announcements: The Annual CVGMC Christmas Party and Live Auction will be held during the December 12 meeting. Look in the Tar Heel Rockhound for more information.

The close of the meeting was 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dean Russell, CVGMC Secretary.

2023 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.). Terry will have a list of numbers and stickers at the November meeting so you can sign up for a number and get stickers to label your specimens at that time. If you are not able to attend the November meeting and would like to participate, please call her (828-303-1563) 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 used 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 are bidding. This process should keep things moving and will make it easier to record the sellers and buyers. Please also include a description of the item.

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. We will sell as many items as possible in the time that we have (ends at 8:45 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 group 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 that 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).

2024 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 2024 Membership form. Terry will also bring some blank 2024 Membership forms to the December meeting.

This membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2024 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 2860**

**Terry Russell
CVGMC Treasury**



2024 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Date _____

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:

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

FOR USE BY TREASURER ONLY: Amt Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Date _____



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