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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.

VIEW TWO CLUB VIDEOS Photos for Slide Show by Joan Glover

*CVGMC 2012 Annual
Auction & Christmas Party*
Click or Copy Video Link
<http://youtu.be/zILzMsmdAxE>



CVGMC at Catawba Science Center
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<http://youtu.be/FhyaSDIGCSk>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

The March show is just around the corner.

Everyone should attend our February meeting in order to finalize the details. I am looking forward to the show and warmer weather.

Warren Hollar has lined up one of the largest groups of school children we have ever had. Great job Warren!

Thanks also to Dean Russell for making arrangements for the February Field trip.

Please be reminded that we need donations of gems and minerals for the monthly door prizes. I am also going to provide a few grab bags for the drawing. They may be good, great or duds. It should be fun.

See you at Mardi Gras!

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Minutes for January 8, 2013

The January 2013 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Joan Glover at 7:00 PM. There were 34 members.

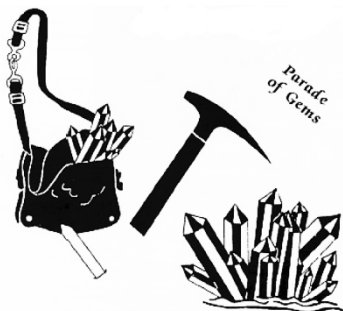
Treasurer Report: Terry Russell reported that the checkbook balance as of December 2012 was \$11,111.88. This balance does not reflect recent large deposits. The Club Auction showed an \$817.00 profit for the club. Terry Russell, treasurer, also requested that if you haven't paid your 2013 dues, to do so as soon as possible.

Field Trip Report: January field trip will be Grab Bag packing at Lenior-Rhyne University on Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 AM.

Tentative February field trip will be to Bower's Farm to collect limonite on February 9, 2013.

Show Committee: Show Chairman Baxter Leonard reported that:

1) 20 vendors are confirmed



2) "Ask the Expert" will be Zan Ritchie at the show.

3) Information for the schools will be sent.

4) Wayne Hollar will coordinate the Boy Scouts Merit Badge. Anyone interested in help Wayne, please contact him.

Education Committee: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1) "Thank you" to Eric Fritz for his interesting display at the Catawba Science Center Salt Block on behalf of the Club.

2) Colburn Earth Science Museum is looking for donations.

Closing of Business: The business meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Program: The **Bragging Rock Contest.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

GEM SHOW SIGN-UP SHEETS

George Max

Check your calendars and come to the February 12 meeting prepared to sign up to help make the show a success. Sign-up sheets will be available for set-up, take-down, ticket sales, grab bags, Children's Corner, and education programs. Over 500 school children are planning to visit the show on Friday, so we need extra volunteers to help with the educational programs and Children's Corner on Friday.

If you can't come to the meeting but are willing to help, contact the following people:

Set-up and/or take-down: e-mail Baxter Leonard
gailandbaxter@aol.com

Ticket sales: e-mail Terry Russell
tmkrussell5@aol.com or Marilyn Max
maxmahickory@gmail.com

Grab bags: call Gloria Sigmon (828-459-7977)

Children's Corner: e-mail Joan Glover
joancsg@embarqmail.com

Educational Programs: e-mail Warren Hollar
whollar@charter.net or George Max
maxmahickory@gmail.com

Everyone's help is needed and appreciated, so let's all work together to make this the best show ever!

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

Limonite Psuedomorph after Pyrite Bower's Farm

Dean Russell, Interim Field Trip Coordinator

The February field trip of the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club will be held this Saturday, February 9th. We will be traveling to Stanly County for Limonite. We will meet at Rose's parking lot on Hwy 70 East at 8:00 AM. We will travel to the town of Norwood to the Bower's Farm to collect.

Photos by
Joan Glover

Handful
(Terry
Russell's)
of
Limonite
Cubes



There is a \$5.00 digging fee. There is a short walk-in of about 1/4 mile on a wooded trail. This trail has uphill and downhill of moderate grade. You will need to bring digging tools, i.e. mattock, shovel, scratching tools food & water, warm clothes and raingear. There are NO facilities.

Those living on the south and east of Hickory may wish to meet at a more convenient place. Please e-mail or call me for suggestions of places.

CVGMCfieldtrips@aol.com or 828-330-0034 (home) or 716-319-0129 (cell). If you would like me to e-mail directions to you let me know.

Dean

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Coordinator

The program for February is "Collecting at Searles Dry Lake in Trona, CA." It is being presented by Thomas and Danya Davis. Thank you Thomas and Danya for sharing your travels with us!

Joan



Hanksite from Searles

SUGGESTIONS FOR UPCOMING APRIL PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Coordinator

As discussed at a previous meeting, Jeff Schlottman agreed to do another program in April. He is allowing the club to pick out the subject matter and sent a list of some of the programs that he already has ready. The following is that list:

- Timeless Impressions: Arizona Petrified Wood (DVD)
- Rhodocrosite: Red Treasure of the Rockies (DVD)
- Collisions & Impacts: Meteorites (DVD)
- Tourmaline (Powerpoint)
- Copper Minerals (Powerpoint)
- Gold Mines (History Channel DVD)
- Silver Mines (History Channel DVD)
- The 400 Million Dollar Emerald (National Geographic DVD)
- Gold Mining in Alaska (Powerpoint & Video)
- The History of Quartz (DVD; Arkansas mining)
- Brazilian Connection (DVD; gemstone mining)

He also offered to try to put together a program on a subject of our choice. Personally, I really enjoyed the program that he did in September and would maybe like to see if anyone has any ideas about another NC mineral subject. If time permits, maybe we could discuss this at the next meeting. Please bring any ideas that you may have with you.

DUES ARE DUE

Terry Russell, Treasurer

Dues are payable before the end of February. For those of you who haven't yet paid please send a check and the member information form to Treasurer Terry

Russell at PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603. I will also collect dues at the February meeting. **If dues are not received you will be taken off the Newsletter distribution list.** If you have any questions, please call Terry at (828) 330-0034 or email me at tmkrussell5@aol.com.

Terry

"WALT'S MINERALS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS"

From Tom Winslow

To View Walt's Estate, Click or Copy

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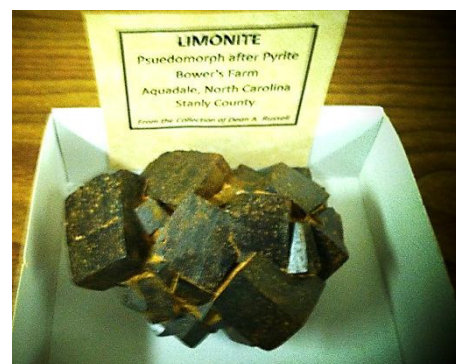
We will be signing an agreement next week to sell, at auction, Walter Mulligan's minerals and personal belongs. The sale will be set for April 6, weather permitting. We will also be bringing in many more items to add to the sale: Silver, Catawba Valley Pottery, coins, Indian artifacts, and minerals from other collections, guns, and much more. The auction will be held at Walt's home in Claremont.

BRAGGING ROCK WINNERS

Joan Glover, Program Director

BEST SELF COLLECTED

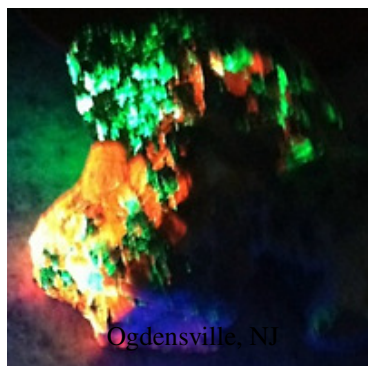
Megan Russell



BEST SELF PURCHASED

Zan Ritchie

Willeminite & Calcite
Sterling Hill Mine



BEST SELF CRAFTED (Tie)

Betty Hollar



back



& Phyllis Bridgeman



COME INTO THE WILD (ACRES)

Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

As I write this our neighborhood deer herd forms a stark contrast to the snow on the ground as they forage in our wooded backyard. Although a beautiful scene, I can't help but turn my thoughts towards springtime and the chance to head off to see the spring blossoms that always greet us upon our arrival at Wildacres.

Not yet been to Wildacres? Are you ever missing a treat! Wildacres Retreat is a conference center that offers its facilities to non-profit groups such as the EFMLS who conduct educational or cultural programs. Situated on 1,600 acres on a mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC (about an hour north of Asheville), the center includes a variety of classroom and meeting spaces, and about 60 double-occupancy bedrooms, each with a private bath. EFMLS has use of Wildacres twice each year and 2013 will be no exception.

In a nutshell...Wildacres is a fabulous place to take classes in lapidary, jewelry making, photography, etc.!!!

Each of our sessions features a guest speaker plus a line-up of interesting classes for participants to choose from. A complete list for each session can be found elsewhere in the EFMLS newsletter (on our web site <www.amfed.org/efmls>).

Spring (April 8-14) will see the arrival of none other than Bob Jones, Senior Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine as our Speaker-in-Residence. Bob will provide all of us with six fabulous talks including some about his adventures around the world. He'll be joined by his wife Carol, an exceptional jewelry artist. Bob really needs no introduction other than to say that he's a marvelous person and speaker and that we're in for a treat.

So what are you waiting for? Registration is now being accepted and since class size is limited, we suggest that you register NOW so you won't be disappointed. Want more information? Visit our web site (www.amfed.org/efmls) or the Wildacres web site or contact us at <info@efmls-wildacres.org>. We promise that you won't be disappointed.

Class & Instructor

Beading/Peyote Pendant-----	Mia Schulman
Beading/Kumihimo-----	Mia Schulman
Cabochons – Basic-----	Bernie Emery
Cabochons – Intermediate-----	Bernie Emery
Faceting-----	B. Jay Bowman
Geology I-----	Rob Robinson
Geology II-----	Rob Robinson
Photographing Small Mineral Specimens-----	Bruce Gaber
Photographing Gems and Jewelry-----	Bruce Gaber
Best of Polymer Projects I-----	Barbara McGuire
Best of Polymer Projects II-----	Barbara McGuire
Silversmithing – Basic-----	Richard Meszler
Silversmithing –Intermediate-----	Richard Meszler

Mineral Poetry

by Emma Fajcz

Inside and Out

*A gray-brown mass of rugged rock
The color of a silver clock.
Rainbow colors add some sheen,
In each crystal hints of green.
Sparkles slightly as I walk.*



A New Find

Colorless

*Rust-colored dirt on the back
Yet to be washed off
Sharply pointed crystals around the base
Top of the crystal's tip is broken
All through the crystal is a haze
Leaning.*



Bookshelf Specimen

*This purple rock slightly bent,
Was to be my friend's present.
I gave it away on Christmas night;
She received it with great delight.
Her bookshelves now proudly display
The mineral she received that day.*



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7:00 PM**

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