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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.

I Held a Jewel
 a poem by Emily Dickinson

*I held a jewel in my fingers
 And went to sleep
 The day was warm,
 and winds were prosy
 I said, "Twill keep"
 I woke - and chide
 my honest fingers,
 The Gem was gone
 And now an amethyst remembrance
 Is all I own.*



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Minutes for January 13, 2015

The January 13, 2015 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Rick Glover at 7:00 PM. There were 31 members and visitors present.

A motion was made by Norma Ridenhour and seconded by Harry Polly to accept the December 2014 minutes. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Auction totals and the bank balance were reported.

Field Trip Report: Grab Bags for the Show will be made in January. Bower's Farm is now closed to collecting. February field trip to the Amos Cunningham Farm/Mine, Due West/Antreville area, South Carolina is tentative. This site contains quartz & varieties of beryl.

Education Committee: Scouting groups were given the information on the 2015 Show.

Show Committee: Vendors are full. Advertising has been sent out. Ticket sales help is needed.

Old Business:

1) Badges for the Show: A motion was made by Larry Huffman, seconded by Rick Glover, to continue with the existing Show badges for the vendors. Club members will have a new name badge for the Show. For a member to receive a free name badge, he or she must work at the Show. If a member who doesn't work at the Show and would like a new name badge, that member must pay for the cost of the badge themselves. New members will have a onetime new badge charge added to their membership fee when they join the Club and a new badge will be ordered for them. It will be the responsibility of each Club member to keep and maintain their own badge. If a badge is lost, it will be the responsibility of that member to pay for a new badge. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

2) Skirting for the tables at the Show: Samples of the skirting will be shown at the February meeting.

New Business:

1) Baby food jars needed for Show. Please call Megan Sims if you have any available. Contact the Secretary for Megan's phone number.

2) Happy Birthday to Norma Ridenhour.

1) A motion was made by Larry Huffman, seconded by Richard Aultman, to make a donation to the EMFLS Scholarship Fund in memory of Club member, Kate Ritchie. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

2) There was a discussion of the Club purchasing a new display case for the Show instead of moving the

existing case from the Library. Further discussion was tabled until the February meeting. Baxter Leonard will check with the Library to see if the Club will continue to display the minerals that are there now. He will also check with the Metro Center to see if the Club could store the case there.

3) A motion was made by Richard Aultman, seconded by Ryan Sims, to have the Club reduce its share of the profits to 10% and the seller to receive 90% of the price of sold items at the annual auction. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

4) A sign-up sheet to work at the ticket sales at the Show was passed around by Terry Russell.

5) Harry Polly mentioned that Wild Acres will be in session May 18-24, 2015. Check the EFMLS website for more information. Rock & Gem Magazine's senior editor, Bob Jones, will be speaking.

6) A suggestion was made to contact Hickory High School to have their students build a case for the Club.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Program: The program was the annual *Bragging Rock Contest*.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Rick Glover,
Program Director

February program will be *Gemstones in the Bible* presented by Harry Polly.

Rick



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip
Coordinator

We will discuss the field trip at the meeting. I have a couple of places to talk about and need the club's direction.

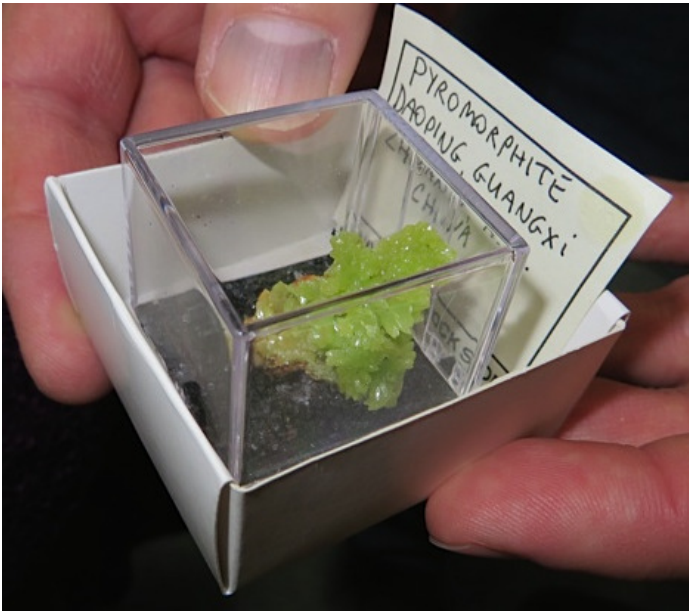
Harry

**BRAGGING ROCK CONTEST
WINNERS**

Best Collected: Smokey Quartz from the Reel Mine;
Wayne Bowman



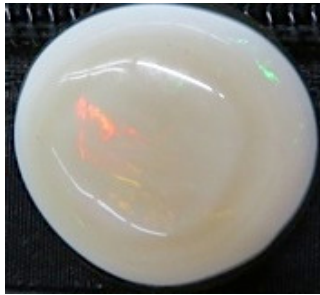
Best Purchased: Pyromorphite; Dean Russell



Best Crafted: Faceted Sphere; Jimmy Strickland



OTHER ENTRIES



PLANNING FOR EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT OF GEM SHOW

Warren Hollar, Educational Liaison

Plans are well underway of the educational components of our gem and mineral show. Education, scout, 4-H, and senior group leaders have been notified of activities during the show. School group's numbers are very similar to last year and this is early in the request time. We anticipate larger numbers this year. A number of Boy Scout groups have requested the opportunity to work on the geology merit badge. We also anticipate Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups to be in attendance that will require assistance as they work with areas related to gems, minerals, and jewelry.



We will operate with three grouping of students on Friday morning and early afternoon. Groups will spend approximately 45 minutes in each area. The large room on the southwest side of the show will house special presentations led by club members and community volunteers. The area in the southeast side of the show will house displays, Cabachoning, fossils, member cases, mineral and gem exhibits, mini-mine, etc.

In order for the educational programs to be very meaningful to those in attendance, we will need the support of many club members. At present we do not have enough presenters and helpers for Friday morning. We ask your assistance in helping to locate persons to present and also ask that as many members as possible help with the large number of students who will be present on Friday morning. **We will also need volunteers to help with visitors to educational exhibits at other times.** We hope to develop solid commitments from presenters and volunteers at our February Gem Club meeting. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who would be willing to present on Friday, please email me at whollar@charter.net or call me at (828)446-5400. Presenters do not have to be experts, but simply have an interest in sharing their knowledge with young people. Presenters will not be expected to do long speeches or presentations. **Note: We could also use additional small specimens, etc. to be used for door prizes for the various children and youth groups. Thank you in advance for your support of the educational components or our show.**

GEM & MINERAL SHOW TICKET SALES

Terry Russell, Show Ticket Sales Chairperson
It's not too early to be thinking about the Gem & Mineral Show coming up in March. One area where we need volunteers is for ticket sales. With that being said, I am soliciting volunteers NOW to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift seems to be three, but if we can have four per shift, it gives us more flexibility. Each shift is 3 hours long. I would like to have the work schedule finalized by the end of February so I have time to communicate the process to everyone. PLEASE consider volunteering – it's a great way for new members to get involved.



MEMBER'S DUES DEADLINE

Terry Russell, Treasurer



The deadline for member's dues will be February 28, 2015.

Honorary members must return the form as well. After that date

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

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

BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED FOR SHOW

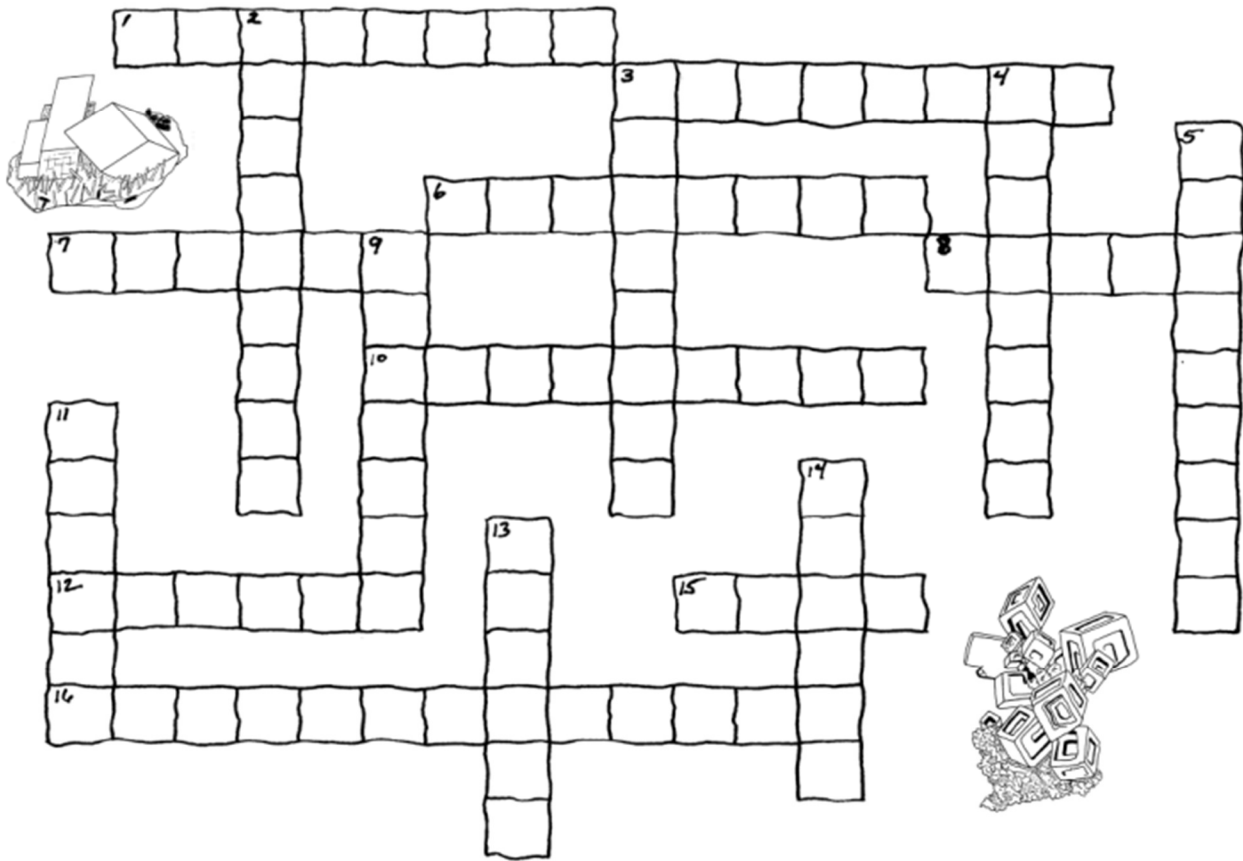
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Always has a blood-red streak. An iron ore.
3. Orthoclase _____.
6. No. 9 on the mineral hardness scale.
7. An ore of lead. Lead sulfide.
8. Emerald and aquamarine are varieties of this mineral.
10. Contains the element uranium.
12. Also called "fool's gold." Contains iron and sulfur.
15. A soft, yellow, metal, often found in rivers as rounded nuggets.
16. Pink to red carbonate mineral. Often forms rhombohedral crystals.

Down

2. An iron oxide mineral that is magnetic.
3. Contains the element fluorine which is used to make fluoride for your toothpaste.
4. A fibrous mineral that does not burn.
5. A copper ore that is often found in large, banded masses.
9. A copper mineral that is light to dark blue. It is often found with the similar copper mineral called malachite.
11. The mineral used to make electrical wire and water pipes.
13. Amethyst, citrine, smoky _____.
14. This mineral's chemical symbol is Ag.

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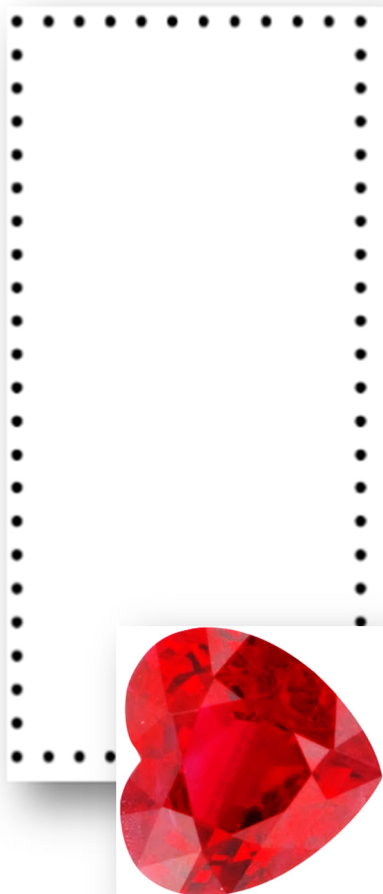
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