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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

It has definitely been a cold and wet winter. I hope everyone has been able to stay warm and dry.

Take advantage of the time inside to organize your collection, prepare and clean your tools, in addition to other rock hobby activities.

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped with the grab bags.

The club's annual show is coming up in March and there are plenty of ways you can help both prior to and during the show. This meeting there will be more discussed about the upcoming show and ways you can help and be involved. Help is greatly needed and there are numerous ways that you can help and be involved.

Also I hope you all can attend the club meetings and I encourage you to bring or invite a friend. Happy New Year!

Slade

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

The deadline for the membership dues is March 31, 2019. You can find membership forms on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>. Blank forms will also be available at the February meeting.

The membership form must accompany your dues, so your name can be included on the 2019 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter. **Honorary members must also fill out the form each year to keep the club records up to date, maintain your honorary membership status and to stay on the roster.**

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately. Please make checks PAYABLE TO: CVGMC (CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC). The treasurer will accept renewals at the February meeting or you can mail your payment and form to: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. c/o Terry Russell P.O. Box 2521 Hickory, NC 28603-2521.

Anyone who does not renew their membership by the end of March 2019 will be removed from future mailing lists and will not be able to participate in upcoming field trips.

February Field Trip

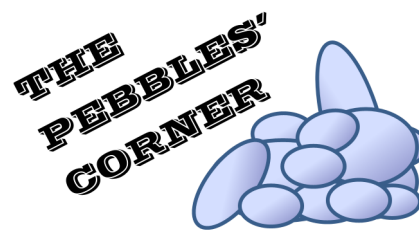
The February Field Trip will be discussed at the meeting.

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

Program

The program for the February meeting will be the annual Bragging Rock Contest. The categories will be the Best Collected, Best Purchased, and Best Crafted during 2018.

We look forward to seeing everyone.



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 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The cold and wet winter may provide a good opportunity to spend some time with a younger rockhound/prospective rockhound. Consider inviting someone to see your collection or even help someone with their collection.

Offer a younger rockhound some books or magazines to help educate them on the hobby.

Since it can be cold this time of year, it is time to do those things you have been putting off until it was colder.

Now is also a good time to care and repair your tools. Consider doing some of these activities with a younger rockhound. This will provide you some company, but also provide a good way to teach safety and what needs to be considered with tools and proper tool care.

Take time to start planning for the things you would like to do this year and start learning new things.

Be thankful for this time and the upcoming year. The key is safety and being able to enjoy each trip and the times in between trips.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The January 8, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 6:30 PM.

Introduction of New Members and Guest: Ron Sipe, Mike Sims

Minutes: Motion by Larry H., seconded by Rick G. to accept the minutes for the November 13, 2018 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership. (Note: There were no December 2018 minutes because of the meeting being cancelled due to inclement weather.)

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was not reported. The bank statement had not arrived before the Club meeting

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. 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.
2. If you have any donations for the hourly adult and children door prizes, please contact: Larry H.
3. If you are do a case at the show, please do not use tape on the interior.

Field Trip Report: Grab bags at St. Andrews Lutheran Church at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Ron Sipe thanked Warren H. for his help with his father's, Richard Sipe, paperwork for the Guinness Book of World Record submissions. Ron also presented framed copies of the certificates. Ron will also graciously display the two pieces at the 2019 CVGMC Show.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM

Program: Annual Auction

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Results of the January 2019 Club Auction:

The total sales at the January auction were \$1,283 (82 items sold) and the proceeds to the Club were \$534. This compares to \$1,751 (89 items sold) at the 2017 auction of which \$328 went to the Club. Although the sales were less this year, the proceeds were higher than 2017 because more of the items sold were donated to the Club at 100%. Thank you to Larry Huffman, Becky & Jimmy Strickland and Baxter Leonard for donating 100% of the proceeds of the items you sold to the club.

Instructions for the Upcoming January 2019 Auction (from the Treasurer)



Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

March 22, 23, and 24. 2019- Hickory, N.C. Metro Convention Center

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday

Admission - \$5.00 good for all three days.

Free admission for children 12 and under,

Scouts, military in uniform, law enforcement, approved youth groups and organized senior groups.



Show Theme, "Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Coast"



29 vendors selling gems, minerals, jewelry, and fossils

Education area, Mini-zines, Fossil and Geologist booths, Demonstrations - faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling.

Scout and 4-H activities,

Hourly Door Prizes for Adults & Children

Grand Door Prize -- entry with paid admission

\$1.00 Grab Bags & Goods available

Information: www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html



JANUARY MEETING AND AUCTION PHOTOS By: Joan G.



Annual Club Gem and Mineral Show

Planning for the March 22-24 Gem and Mineral Show - Club leaders have been doing preparations for our keynote activity and major fund-raising effort of the year. The success of the show will be directly related to having an adequate number of volunteers to work before, during, and after the show.

Volunteers - Members will be asked to volunteer in one or more of the following activities during the show – Set up, grab bags, tickets, mini-mine, education area, case preparation, scout badges, student programs, and take down. Sign-up sheets will be available at our February meeting.

Banquet – Rich Olsen, renowned thumbnail collector, will be our guest speaker. Rich will do the talk that he did at the 2018 Tucson Show on “Gem Crystals”.

2019 CVGMC Show Banquet Menu - Pulled pork, BBQ sauces on the side, Roasted chicken, corn muffins, Baked Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Southern Style Baked Beans, Strawberry shortcake and banana pudding, Sweet and Unsweetened Tea, Coffee. There will also be a cash bar available.

The cost to a CVGMC member is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person for attending the banquet dinner. **There is a possible discount for Club members.** They would only have to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) for their banquet dinner at the 2019 CVGMC Show, as long as they have met the requirement for the discount. The requirement is as follows: Sign up for at least ten (10) hours of volunteer time for the 2018 CVGMC Show. The volunteer time can start on Wednesday, March 20th with the set-up of the Club’s assets through the breaking down of the Show on Sunday, March 24th. If a member has also put in time on pre-show preparation, that time will also count. The Club will use the honor system for members requesting the discount. If it is later determined, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, that a Club member did not fulfill the discount requirement, they will be expected to pay the difference in the banquet dinner fee and will so be notified by the Club Treasurer for remittance.

Grab Bags – Dean expressed his appreciation for those who provided specimens for the grab bags and for those who worked on a cool Saturday morning. Thanks also go to George for procuring the church as a preparation area. If you have interest in coordinating the sale of the grab bags, speak to Dean.

Cases - Please come prepared at the next meeting to let George Max and Wayne Bowman know about whether you will need a large or small case. We also need to determine the number of focal cases needed.

Door Prize Donations – Speak with Larry Huffman if you have door prizes you would like to donate.

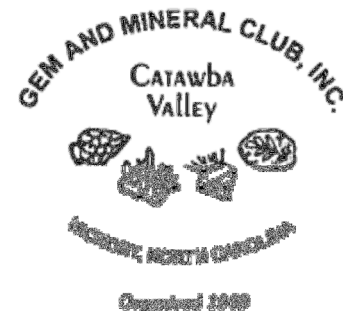
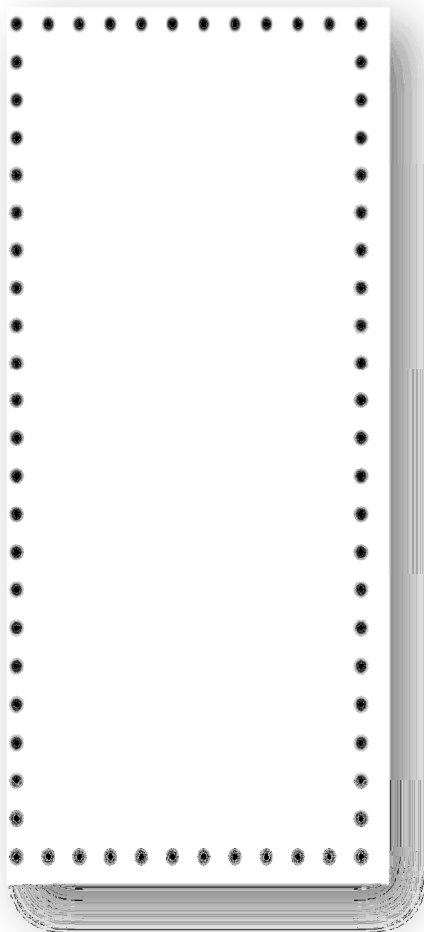
Your Input – Your input is always valued. If you have a concern or a suggestion for improving the show, speak with Dean Russell, show chairperson, or Slade Harvin, club president. We also welcome new members stepping forward in leadership roles. Using your expertise is always appreciated in the education area. From the input we receive from dealers, our show is the benchmark for a quality show that involves many groups including young people.

GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

The 2019 Gem & Mineral Show is just around the corner and one of the many areas we need volunteers is with ticket sales. I am soliciting volunteers NOW to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift is 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 March meeting so I have time to communicate the process to everyone. PLEASE consider volunteering – it’s a great way for new members to get involved and get to know other club members. We will also need help with the grab bag sales at the front table. I will have signup sheets at the February meeting.

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Club Meeting

Tuesday

February 12, 2019

7:00 PM

St Aloysius Catholic Church

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