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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

Wow, it is hard to believe that this year is already half over. Now that we are in the HOT days of summer, I caution everyone to stay hydrated, especially if you are outdoors. This is a great time to be out collecting, but be aware of your body. Drink lots of fluids, and stay cool. Keep that hat on, especially covering your ears. Put on that sunscreen. Above all, stay safe and have a wonderful summer.

It is not too late to make those reservations for the Kentucky Labor Day trip. Details are included in the newsletter.

Harry

2018 Labor Day Geode Trip

I have reserved 20 rooms at this golf resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room.

BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate.

At this time 20 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation.

ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

Bright Leaf Golf Resort

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330
Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>

Email: info@brightleafgolfresort.com

Check In: August 31, 2018

Check Out: September 3, 2018

Rate: \$60+/Single Occupancy; \$80+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. ***Deposit is due by May 2018.***

Thank you,

Harry Polly

President

ANNUAL PICNIC!

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the picnic. I hope that everyone that attended enjoyed their time eating and enjoying good company.

We had a good turnout and the weather was excellent. Thank you to the Polly's for hosting this event and everyone else that helped.

We hope that those that were unable to attend this year will be able to make it next year.

Thank you again.



July Field Trip

A July Field Trip is currently not scheduled.

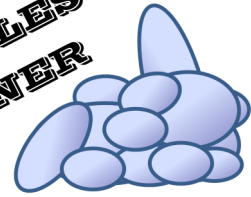
Everyone is asked to please consider taking the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The July program will be a video presentation on the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

THE PEBBLES' CORNER



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 was blessed to be taken to a gem mine for sluicing on Father's Day by my family. It was up in the mountains so the temperature was about 77 degrees. It was a real joy to watch as the minerals were found in the sluice box. I was tasked with the job of scooping material into everyone's box. We came back home with quite the haul, both gems and memories.

This was a fun activity and I recommend, if you know small kids or adults, that you consider this activity or a similar activity. You can go to a gem mine or a park or your backyard.

My family generated a fun contest for our time there while sorting through the treasures. Contest prizes were given (Any prize or encouragement is valid) as follows:

- Most unique gem;
- Funniest saying. (Ours was, "Look at this rock, I think it might be a petrified brick.")
- Neatest colored gem;
- Prettiest gem;
- Other categories are endless and your creativity is encouraged;
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The key is to have fun and enjoy the time together and "making a memory" in the process. Any gems found are an added bonus.

If you engage in this activity, I hope your time rocks as much as mine did.

Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

There was not an official club meeting at the June 2018 Annual Club Picnic; therefore, no minutes were taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

SAFETY MATTERS: YOU ARE BEING WATCHED

Ellery Borrow, EFMLS Safety Chair

You are indeed being watched. While out on a club dig or field trip searching for some nice collectables people are mostly interested in looking at the hole they are digging. Next, people are looking at the marvelous "sparklies" they are finding in the hole. Lastly, they are looking at the people all around them to see what is going on nearby. If you are near one of those intrepid diggers you are being watched by them.

So, because you are being noticed by other collectors, are you setting a good example for them? Are you wearing appropriate footwear? Do you have on suitable protective garments? Might the safety goggles you are wearing be proper for the site? Gloves, are they being worn? Seriously, people are watching you. Are you setting a good example for them?

Many a time it has been said kids sometimes do not take instructions well. They are, after all, moving toward finding their own independence. Kids however are also little sponges, soaking up information about everything and everyone around them. Kids can't wait to be grown ups, and so are always watching adults... what we are saying, what we are doing, what we are wearing... all while pretending to be ignoring us.

With all that said - kids are hungry for example setters and role models. Therefore, we adults should be aware of the examples we are setting for all the kids around us. So, I ask again, are you setting a good example for your kids, and all the other kids around you? Even adults learn from those who set good examples.

Please consider this: utilizing your personal protective equipment is great for you and your family... and it may also be setting a great example for those around you.

You can do this - wear good footwear, proper protective clothing, gloves, goggles, and keep those tools in good repair. Be a trend setter. Be a good example. As a bonus, you will be safer, and you will be helping other people learn to be safer as well! Your safety matters, as does everyone else's!



EFMLS Wildacres Fall Workshop By: Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Chair

Registrations for the Fall EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres are now being accepted by Registrar Suzie Milligan. [A registration form can be found on the EFMLS website: efmls-wildacres.org in addition to class descriptions.]

Fall is a lovely time of year "on the mountain". Temperatures are usually warm, but not too hot, skies are clear, and evenings comfortable. We encourage you to come and see for yourself.

Each workshop week consists of a "Speaker-in-Residence" who gives six talks during the week plus the opportunity to participate in one or two classes, a field trip, auction, lots of time to sit in the rocking chairs and talk, visit the canteen or explore the wonderful area around the property.

The Wildacres Retreat is located about an hour north of Asheville, NC and about 2 hours from Charlotte, NC. If you're flying, we suggest checking airline rates for both cities as well as Raleigh and Hickory, NC. You will have to rent a car to get you from the airport to Wildacres since there is no regular taxi or bus service.

Once "on the mountain" you'll be able to relax, learn some new skills (or refresh previously learned ones), meet new fellow rockhounds and enjoy the talks given by Speaker-in-Residence Alfredo Petrov.

The atmosphere at Wildacres is relaxed and casual. Meals are served family style in the lovely dining room, bedrooms all have a private bath and are comfortable. Days are filled with the sounds of people laughing and talking, sometimes music from a visiting musical group, and the chirping of birds. Being off the mainline of traffic, auto noise is limited.

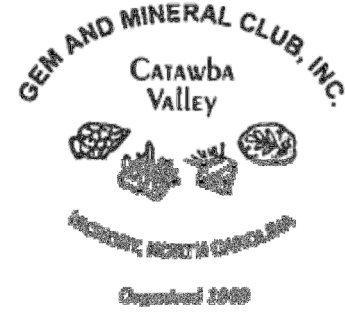
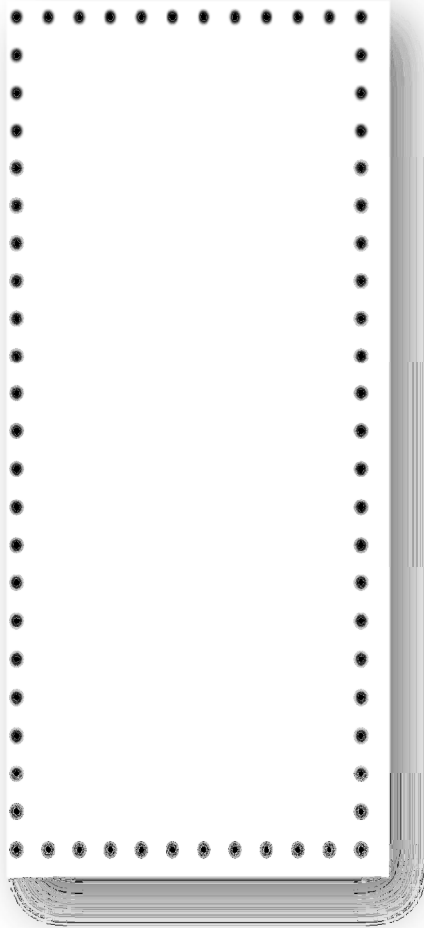
The cost for the week at Wildacres is \$425 which includes your room and board plus a gratuity for the permanent Wildacres Retreat staff. Instructors volunteer their time and talents and many have returned to this idyllic spot several times now to share their expertise with us. We've included a list of the classes and instructors [are on the Wildacres website, provided above, along with the registration form].

I hope to see you "on the mountain" this September 3 - 9. But hurry! Class size is limited and assigned on a first come - first served basis.



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