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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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President's Message

The May meeting was sparsely attended due to the lack of gas that night (Colonial Pipeline disruption). You missed a great presentation by Jeff Schlottman on Basic Crystal Structure and Growth. Jeff gave the talk in Layman's terms. His Power Point pictures showed the examples of the different crystal structures and explained how they grew to form all the different shapes and colors. After the talk there was a question and answer session from the audience. Thank You, Jeff.

Please don't forget the two upcoming dates:

June 8, 2021 6:30 pm picnic at Harry & Janice Polly's 2821 Blowing Rock Blvd., Lenoir, NC 26845

September 3, 2021 Leave for Kentucky for the Labor Day Field Trip. See below for details.

The June Program will be the annual picnic.

'til next month... when you are out rockhounding in this wonderful spring weather, don't forget to take along a cold Dr Pepper.

Larry

2021 Labor Day Field Trip

I have reserved 10 rooms at the Bright Leaf 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 10 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: September 3, 2021 (Friday)

Check Out: September 6, 2021 (Monday)

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

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit was due by June 1, 2021.**

This year we plan to go to two quarries and also a location for geodes. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Slade Harvin

ANNUAL PICNIC!

It is once again time for the club's annual picnic!

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

6:30 PM

The Club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and paper products.

Members, please bring a covered dish and/or a dessert or chips and a soda to share.

Don't forget your lawn chair.

To sign up to bring food, please go to this link:

perfectpotluck.com

Event coordinator last name: Russell

Password: Rockhound

This will let us know what is needed to bring for the picnic. Thank you.

Newsletter Editors Comments

We plan to send the Tar Heel **ROCKHOUND** newsletter to the membership by the first of every month. If you want to submit any articles for the month, please have them to my email by the 20th of the previous month. We welcome your input into this publication!

**** *"Thank you for your kind and gentle comments on the first issue sent in May ... It is still a learning curve, and I do appreciate any critique offered as a suggestion for improvement."***

Brenda Huffman

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CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

CVGMC minutes for May 11, 2021

The May 11, 2021 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors:

Minutes: Motion by Rick G., seconded by Richard A., to accept the minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Rooms are setup for the Labor Day KY trip. (See Slade H. for information)

Show Committee:

- 1) CVGMC will hold another "Only Vendor" Show October 29-31, 2021.
- 2) Hopefully, the Club can hold a full show with all of the exhibits in the Spring of 2022.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) The Annual Club Picnic will be the June meeting. Harry and Janice P will again host at their house. The picnic will start at 6:30 PM and more information to follow.
- 2) The Club would like to thank Brenda H for volunteering to be the new Tar Heel Rockhound Newsletter Editor.
- 3) The CVGMC Board of Directors voted to have the Tar Heel Rockhound Newsletter only sent by email. After fourteen months without an editor, the BOD were looking for ways to get someone to volunteer, this was one of the concessions for that to happen.
- 4) The Board of Directors will consider possibly purchasing a new computer in the future for the newsletter editor. This is something the Club has done in the past.
- 5) Boy Scouts are looking for help with the Geology Merit Badge, if you are interested, see Warren H.
- 6) Check the Catawba Valley Visitors Bureau to advertise the Club meetings.
- 7) Discussed the Club tumbler and whether a new may need to be purchased. Tabled for now.

Announcements:

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

Program: Club Member Jeff Schlottman presented a talk on "*The Basics of Crystal Structure and Growth*"

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Alfie Norville University of Arizona Museum



An Interesting Read ...

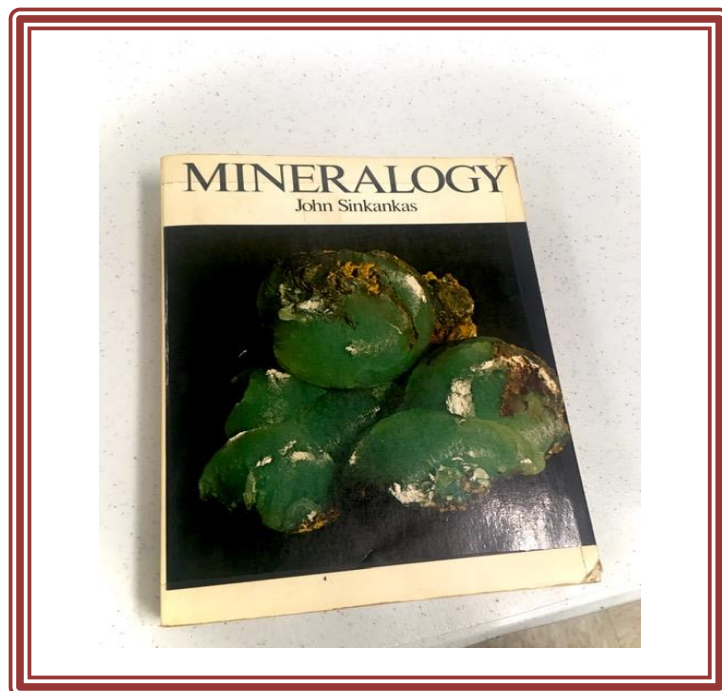
I highly recommend that you read about the new Mineral Museum being completed in Tucson, Arizona, because the former CVGMC member Eric Fritz is the Museum Manager. In *Rock & Gem* magazine, Vol 51. No 6 – June 2021, Bob Jones, a member of the Rockhound Hall of Fame and who holds the Carnegie Mineralogical Award, has written an article **ON THE ROCKS** (pg74 – 80) about the new Alfie Norville University of Arizona Gem and Mineral Museum and his “surpassing expectations” as he toured it with Eric Fritz recently. According to Eric Fritz, a very realistic timing for its opening is February 2022, coinciding with the annual Tucson gem and mineral event. Bob Jones states in this article that “The Alfie Norville University of Arizona Gem and Mineral Museum has taken the nationwide modern museum renaissance movement another step into the modern age! ... Instead of being a secluded, stogy depository of natural objects, ... museums have become more interactive, more educational, and more welcoming.... The goal is to introduce the visitor to the concept that minerals are the basis of the earth’s formation and development.” It is an interesting read and somewhere I hope I can visit in 2022!

Brenda

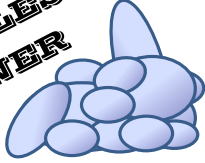
Basic Crystal Structure and Growth ...

In his lecture at the club meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, Jeff Schlottman stated that *Mineralogy* by John Sinkankas is the one mineral reference book to own.

Thank you, Jeff, for your interesting and informative presentation!



**THE
PEBBLES'
CORNER**



Cheryl Neary, a member of the CVGMC, shared with us her Pebble Pup article that she compiled for the Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club of Long Island, NY:

From the words of our pebble pup members – they were asked to submit a sentence or two about rocks, crystals, gemstones or fossils –Please enjoy what the pebble pups have to share with us rockhounds! Editor’s Note: I corrected all the spelling.

Crystals By Ripley

Crystals are like the rainbow with so many colors. Some from the ground, some from the water – but all crystals are unique!

Rocks By Carly

Every rock, has a story of where it’s from and why. My favorite rock has holes – it’s thick and round and looks like it fell from the sky. My rock is not from the moon it was found on the ground. I hope you like my favorite rock - it is the greatest rock around!

My rocks are cool and they don’t like fools-
My favorite rock is cool, looks nice and fine

Rocks By Kyle

I like shining rocks. They are different, hard to find and you can fit it in my sock. You can find them on the beach, school grounds and streets. When I find them, my collection will be complete!

Favorite By Frankie

My favorite gemstone is my birthstone – Amethyst, which are a pretty purple, but mine is purple and white. Amethyst is often used in jewelry. It is also use spiritually. People believe amethyst stone has the power to calm. I believe it too!

Crystals By Olivia

Crystals are beautiful things, being made in the world, with what looks like wings. They are clear like fresh water. Some being short, some being taller. In Britain in 2013 rock crystals were the April birthstone. It’s also Monday’s stone.

Crystals bring wonder and peace.
There are lots of crystals.
Each piece is special in their own way.
They are not beasts.
They are clam and creased.
They are charged by the moon – at night or noon

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Club Meeting

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@ **Harry's House**

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