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MARCH 2013

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

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Club Address: PO Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603-2521
 Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
 St Aloysius Catholic Church
 921 2nd St NE Hickory, NC
 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.

IT'S SHOWTIME!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

March will be a busy month with St. Paddy's Day, Easter, and of course our *Gem and Mineral Show*. There will be a lot to do both setting up and breaking down the show. The last time I looked, I was the only one signed up for ticket sales. **We need everyone to help in order to live up to our own standards.** Details will be given at the March meeting on areas that still need assistance. We will also discuss as a group the Smithsonian setting up a display. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Tuesday.



Norma

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes for February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 32 members and visitors present. A motion was made by Terry Russell and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the January minutes. The motion was passed by the club.

Treasurer Report: Terry Russell reported that the checkbook balance as of January 2013 was \$15,675.49.

Field Trip Report: February field trip was to Bower's Farm to collect limonite on February 9th. Five club members attended.

Program: Thomas and Danya Davis talked about their western collecting trip. They discussed Jet, OK, Bisbee, AZ and their main collecting at Trona, CA at Searles Dry Lake for hanksite.

A motion was made by Rick Glover and seconded by Baxter Leonard to accept a bid by Catawba Direct Marketing Solutions for post cards for the 2013 Show. The motion was passed by the club.

Show Committee: Show Chairman Baxter Leonard reported that:

- 1) Twenty nine vendors are confirmed.
- 2) Newspaper ads are taken care of.
- 3) Door prizes are needed for students, non-student, main door prize and post card door prize.
- 4) Wayne Hollar will coordinate the Boy Scouts Merit Badge. Wayne also reported on the schools attending the show. He reported the need for active and passive activities for the students. He is also looking for volunteers to help with the students on the Friday of the show. Anyone interested in helping Wayne, please contact him at whollar@charter.net.
- 5) Sign-up sheets to work at the show were passed around.
- 6) Pottery show attendees will be admitted with their hand stamp.
- 7) Member exhibits are needed.
- 8) An invitation was given to the Catawba Science Center to exhibit.

9) The school with the most students attending will be given a mineral case.

10) Saturday night of the show will be the dealer's dinner at PO BBQ at 7 PM hosted by Larry Huffman.

Education Committee: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) If you need show flyers, contact Harry Polly.
 - 2) Complimentary show tickets to be given out by club members – Harry Polly will send an email to club members. Remember, for each ticket given out that is redeemed, the club Member is responsible to reimburse the club \$2.00 per ticket.
- March Meeting:** Usually the club does not have a meeting before the show, but moving the show back a week will give the club a chance to do some last minute planning to help the show run smoother.

Closing of Business: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

INCREASED YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL GEM SHOW

Warren Hollar, Education Liaison

We have had great registration from school groups to attend our show in March. As of March 5, we have 761 students and chaperones from Unifour schools registered to attend. School groups will begin arriving at approximately 9:00 and will stay until approximately 12:30 on March 22. Thanks go to all who have agreed to provide presentations or demonstrations for the show. Presently, we have 15 stations established for students to visit. We could still use more stations if you have interest in presenting or demonstrating some skill. We are also in need of persons to help direct school groups to the appropriate stations. A map of the education area will be available. Some of the presentations and demonstrations include: *Fossils, Fluorescent Minerals, Hands On Rocks and Minerals, Polishing Stones, Cabochoning, Display Case Review, Mini-Mine, Jewelry Making, History of Gold Prospecting in NC, Minerals of Catawba County, Ask the Geologist*, and much more. At our march club meeting we will make sure everyone knows their assigned responsibilities.



The club has also invited Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Exploring, Venturing, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and Home-School groups to attend our forty-third annual show. Participants are invited to bring gem and mineral samples for identification at a booth in the education area staffed by a geologist. A special area will be in place where boy scouts may complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge. Demonstrations of many lapidary arts as well as numerous displays will be available for review. Plans also call for several large group presentations on Saturday.

Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
43rd Annual
**UNIFOUR GEM, MINERAL,
 BEAD, FOSSIL AND JEWELRY SHOW**
 March 22, 23, 24, 2013
 Friday- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Hickory Metro Convention Center

CVGMC FEBRUARY 2013 FIELD TRIP TO BOWER'S FARM FOR LIMONITE CUBES

Video by Joan Glover



http://youtu.be/1zGjcQF_CE4

PURPOSE OF THE SHOW

The purpose of our show is to bring you the finest in displays of gem and mineral specimens for your appreciation as well as education. You may not know it, but you may have gemstones in your own back yard.



North Carolina is rich in precious and semiprecious minerals. We wish to make you more aware of this fact. This show is for you as a novice or as an experienced collector.

You may just observe or you may wish to buy or trade a fine specimen. After you have seen all, you may wish to become more involved in this fast-growing, world-wide hobby. Let us welcome you as a "rockhound."

NO DUES ACCEPTED AT THE SHOW!

Our club is required by the Eastern Federation to provide them with the membership count for field trip insurance purposes before March 1st. Membership *renewals* are due before then. No membership applications or membership dues will be accepted at the show. To pay your dues for 2013, send an application form and a check for the appropriate amount shown on the form to Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, P.O. Box 2521, Hickory, NC 28603. Need a form? Copies are available on the club's website <http://www.cvgmc.com/>.

FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

Dues Shall Be Pro-Rated by the Following Formula:

January 1-June 30, full amount of annual dues

July 1- September 30, 50% of annual dues

October 1 - December 31, full amount of annual dues (shall apply as payment of year following payment date)

Renewals are always due January. You will receive a *Membership Information Form* in December. Forms are required to be updated annually for membership renewal. Please keep the club informed of changes.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

•I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

•I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

•I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

•I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

•I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, and buildings.

•I will leave all gates as found.

•I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

•I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

•I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

•I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

•I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

•I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

•I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

•I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

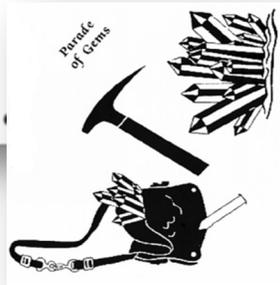
•I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

•I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

•I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



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Club Meeting

Tuesday
March 12, 2013
7:00 PM

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Hickory Metro Convention Center
1950-A 13th Avenue Drive SE
 (Just off I-40 with entrances from Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard and Highway 70)
I-40 exit 125, Hickory, NC

Admission for the Show
GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW

Adults (13 and over)

\$4.00

Children (12 and under)

FREE

**Chaperoned School, Scout, 4H, Church Youth
 and Retirement Home Group**

FREE

Complimentary passes available through club members





COMPLIMENTARY SHOW TICKETS

CVGMC members: This is a page of complimentary tickets. Make as many copies as you want, but remember that YOU are responsible for the ticket price of \$2.00 each if the recipient comes to the show. The tickets are not valid unless signed by a club member.

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