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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.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

We are almost there! Our annual Gem and Mineral Show is just a few weeks away. It will take EVERYONE doing something to make the show a success. The Tuesday night meeting will be an important time to make sure everything is covered.

Last year suggestions were made to improve the logistics of the show. Let's recall those items and put them into practice. Be willing to step up to the plate if you are called upon to help. Work hard and have fun.

Norma

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Minutes for February 11, 2014

The February 11, 2014 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 24 members and visitors present. A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the January 2014 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report: Four hundred and fifty Grab Bags were made in January. Bower's Farm is the February field trip for Limonite, pseudomorphs after Pyrite.

Education Committee: A program for a Cub Pack is in the future.

Show Committee: Vendors are full. Advertising is sent out. The contract with the Convention Center is signed. Ticket sales help is needed; see Terry Russell. Members are needed to help with the student program; about 450 students signed up so far. Pottery Convention attendees, with hand stamp, are admitted free. Catawba Science Center attendees, with sticker, are admitted free. George Max will do the certificates. Club Members are encouraged to have a display case.

Larry Huffman will be the liaison to EMFLS for a future joint Gem Show and EFMLS Convention.

Old Business: None

New Business: Baby food jars needed for the Show. Please call Megan Sims if you have any available. Contact our secretary for Megan's phone number.

Bragging right certificates were handed out.

Motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Larry Huffman to make Francis and Phyllis Sutphin Honorary Members. Motion was passed by the Club.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Program: *Show & Tell* was the February program. Various members told about their favorite collection sites.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

FIELD TRIP NEWS

No field trip this month. The April field trip will be to the Reel Mine. Date and time will be determined.

Harry

MARCH PROGRAM

Rick Glover, Program Director



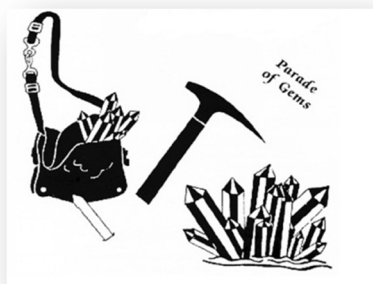
The March program is driven by show preparation. Bring your questions and suggestions. Remember we are scheduling three days for the show itself. Friday is school field trip day with lots of different programs. Warren Hollar can give us an update. We will still have presentations for Saturday & Sunday and Scout troops on Saturday.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up and take-down before and after the show. The more hands helping, the better it will be. Let's have a great show and the show prep starts at this meeting. See you there.

Rick

2014 UNIFOUR GEM, MINERAL, BEAD, FOSSIL, AND JEWELRY SHOW *CRYSTAL SYSTEMS*

Dr. Warren Hollar, Educational Liaison



The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. invites you to the 2014 *Unifour Gem, Mineral, Bead, Fossil, and Jewelry Show*, "Crystal Systems". This will be their forty-fourth annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show. Chaperoned school

groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-Hers, church youth and senior citizen groups, day cares, retirement home groups, and law enforcement officers in uniform will be **admitted free anytime during this 3-day event**.

Two education areas will be in operation on Friday, March 28. As many as 15 small group presentations by club members, geology specialists, gemologists, etc. highlight areas such as minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and gems. School groups will have an opportunity to enjoy four different presentations that align with the curriculum of a number of grade levels during visits on Friday. A second educational area will house a hands-on display where attendees are encouraged to actually handle labeled specimens and to study them with the aid of a magnifying lens. Club members will be on hand to assist in comparing texture, luster, and other properties of minerals and to answer questions. Demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling will also be provided by club members. A number of education displays will be available for viewing. The displays will include high quality specimens enclosed in glass cases. An area with black lights will allow visitors to see fluorescent minerals. A special non-touch area will provide an educational experience with fossils such as shark's teeth. Younger children will enjoy searching for free specimens at a sand table. Participants are invited to bring gem and mineral samples for identification at a booth in the education area staffed by a geologist. Over twenty vendors will be on hand to sell during the show.

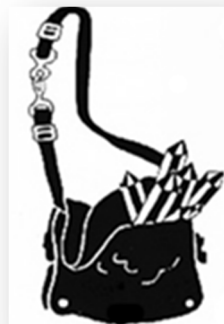
A special area will be in place where Boy Scouts may complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge on Saturday, **March 29 from 9:30-4:00 PM and Sunday March 30 from 1:00-4:00 P.M.** Scouts wishing to complete requirements should bring the merit badge card to be signed by the merit badge counselor. Scouts should have reviewed the requirements before coming to the show in order to be prepared to complete these requirements. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, home-school groups, and other youth groups are also encouraged to attend.

Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour. Special door prize drawings will be held for school and youth groups. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each. Geodes will also be available.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Baxter Leonard, Show Chairman

CVGMC has in the past been fortunate to have volunteers needed to host its annual gem & mineral shows. This year is no exception, as with all the different activities. CVGMC needs all members/volunteers to work in any capacity whether it is for the whole show or a portion of a day.



Please donate what time you have available. This joint effort will ensure that the public and children can enjoy this show and promote knowledge in the earth sciences.

Baxter

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING FOR SHOW

Warren Hollar

We have approximately 350 school age children attending the show on Friday morning. I am still working on getting additional groups to attend.



About two weeks before the show I will finalize the presentation schedule. If you are presenting, plan on doing 3-4 thirty minute sessions. You should be finished by 1:00 p.m. I will send all presenters a schedule well before the show.

1. I have contacted all district executives in the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts and put an article in the "Smoke Signals" newsletter about the merit badge sessions on Saturday and Sunday. I will get information to Rick about numbers and information to be distributed to assistants for this merit badge. We will basically be doing the same as last year.
2. Girl Scout groups in the Unifour area have been invited through their council to attend the show.
3. Home School Groups have been invited to attend.
4. Information has been sent to the 4-H groups in the Unifour area.
5. I sent emails to over 200 pastors in the Unifour area inviting them to bring Senior Citizens groups to the show.
6. If you have questions about how to assist with the educational components of the show, please contact me at (828)446-5400 or whollar@charter.net



ATTENTION SCOUTS: A FREE FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY AND GET A GREAT START ON A GEOLOGY MERIT BADGE



Warren Hollar

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club invites all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Exploring and Venturing groups to attend the forty-fourth annual "2014 Unifour Gem, Mineral, Bead, Fossil, and Jewelry Show, "Crystal Systems." This event will be held on MARCH 28, 29, and 30, 2014 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center @ 1960 13th Avenue Drive, SE, Hickory, just off I-40 with entrances from Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard and Highway 70. Hours are 9:a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Chaperoned scout groups will be admitted free anytime during this 3-day event.



An education area will house hands-on displays where attendees are encouraged to actually handle labeled specimens and to study them with the aid of a magnifying lens. Club members will be on hand to assist in comparing texture, luster, and other properties of minerals and to answer questions. A no touch fossil area will also be available for viewing. Demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling will also be provided by club members. A number of education displays will be available for viewing. The displays will include high quality specimens enclosed in glass cases. An area with black lights will allow visitors to see fluorescent minerals. Younger children will enjoy searching for free specimens at a sand table. Participants are invited to bring gem and mineral samples for identification at a booth in the education area staffed by a club member. Over twenty vendors will be on hand to sell during the show. Door prizes will be given every hour.

A special area will be in place where Boy Scouts may complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30-3:30 PM and Sunday March 30 from 1:00-3:30 P.M. Scouts wishing to complete requirements should bring the merit badge card to be signed by the merit badge counselor. Scouts should have reviewed the requirements before coming to the show in order to be prepared to complete these requirements. Scout masters should allocate 2-3 hours for participation in this activity. Scout and youth groups not requiring assistance with merit badges may visit during any open show times. Please email Dr. Warren Hollar, club educational liaison at whollar@charter.net or call him at (828) 446-5400 with the name of the troop or group, number of scouts, date of attendance, time of arrival, or any special needs of your group. The web page for the club is www.cvgmc.com/.

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club also has an education committee that will provide programs related to gems, minerals, and fossils for various youth groups. Information concerning these services will be available at the gem and mineral show or from Dr. George Max, education chairperson. His phone number is (828) 328-9107.

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!

For those of you who haven't paid your dues for 2014, you need to do so as soon as possible. You can make payments at the March meeting or mail a check and membership form to Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, PO Box 2521 Hickory, NC 28603. **If dues are not received you will be taken off the newsletter distribution list.** If you have any questions, please contact Secretary Terry Russell at 828-303-1563.

No membership applications or membership dues will be accepted at the show. Need a form? Copies are available on the club's website <http://www.cvgmc.com/> or contact an officer.

If you are an honorary member, you should still send in the form so our secretary will know you are alive and kicking up rocks and to ensure updated info.

BABY FOOD JARS



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Admission for the Show

Adults (13 and over)	<i>GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW</i>	\$4.00
Children (12 and under)		FREE
Chaperoned School, Scout, 4H, Church Youth and Retirement Home Group		FREE

Complimentary passes available through club members



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