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## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

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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 NOTE

Rick Glover, Vice President

As our President George Brown continues to struggle with his health issues, let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks to Harry Polly for a great presentation on Gem Stones in the Bible last month. The program this month will be final preparation for our show. There are more tasks than there are people so we all need to pitch in to make this a show to remember. There will be a fun quiz on *Amazing Quartz* hosted by the undersigned.

*Rick*

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

### Minutes for January 13, 2015

The February 10, 2015 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Rick Glover at 7:00 PM. There were 37 members and 2 visitors present.

A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Larry Huffman to accept the January 2015 minutes. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** The bank balance was reported.

#### Field Trip Report:

- 1) No field trip in February.
- 2) March 27 – Reel Mine, March 30 – Probst Farm
- 3) May 8-12 – Pa-NY trip. More information to be in the April Newsletter.

**Education Committee:** None. Members will be working on construction of cases.

#### Show Committee:

- 1) Ticket sales help is needed.
- 2) No new news from Show Chairman
- 3) School information – New schools will be attending this year with approximately 450-500 students.
- 4) Approximately six Scout groups attending.

#### Old Business:

- 1) Skirting for the tables at the Show: Samples of the royal blue skirting were shown at the February meeting. They are \$23.00 per set, with 30 sets available to purchase. A motion was made by Harry Polly, seconded by Glen Bolick for the Club to purchase the 30 sets of royal blue table skirting. This motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 2) Display case: The Hickory Metro Convention Center will not store the case at their site. Baxter Leonard is waiting on the Hickory Library at the

SALT Block to decide if they will display the case at their site after the Show.

- 3) Name tags: A sample of the proposed new name tag was shown. A motion was made by Larry Huffman, seconded by Harry Polly, to redesign the tag by centering the Club logo, having the EFMLS and AMFS logo on each side of Club logo and to have the Club members name at the bottom of the name tag. Also to have a magnetic attachment on the back. This motion was passed by the Club membership.

#### New Business:

- 1) Saturday Dinner Banquet EFMLS will be 7:30-9:00 PM. Club members cost per person is \$15.00, EMFLS member cost is \$28.00. Larry Huggman needs to know by the March meeting who is interested in attending. Payment can be made at the Club meeting on March 10 or sent to the Club's PO Box.
- 2) The grand door prize, a pearl necklace, still has not been found. Does anyone know where it is? If it is not found, an opal necklace is avail for the Club to purchase as the grand door prize. Retail price is \$800.00, but available to the Club for \$250.00.
- 3) An estate mineral auction handout was given out by Tom Winslow for the April event. Check the Club's Facebook page for further information.
- 4) An article on Harry Polly was in the Lenoir News-Topic.
- 5) Bragging Rights certificates will be handed out at the March meeting.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Program:** "Gemstones of the Bible" was presented by Harry Polly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## MARCH PROGRAM

Rick Glover,

Program Director

The program this month will be final preparation for our show. There are more tasks than there are people so we all need to pitch in to make this a show to remember. There will also be a fun quiz on *Amazing Quartz*.

*Rick*



## "SOMEWHERE IN THE RAINBOW"

Featured at

### ***Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club Show***

Warren Hollar, Educational Liaison



The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their forty-fifth annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show on **MARCH 27, 28, and 29, 2015** at the **Hickory Metro Convention**

**Center.** Hours are 9:00 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 school, boy or girl scouts, 4-H, church youth, day care, retirement home groups, and law enforcement officers in uniform will be **admitted free anytime during this 3-day event.** The **Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Convention** will be held in conjunction with the 2015 show. The show will also be held in memory of Terry Ledford, a past vendor and rock hound killed in a mining accident in Hiddenite.

The show theme is "Somewhere in the Rainbow." The show will provide the opportunity to view many once-in-a-lifetime gems. "Somewhere in the Rainbow" is a privately owned collection from the Phoenix, Arizona area. This collection, valued at over \$10,000,000, first started in 2008 with the purchase of several world-class faceted stones. The focus of this collection is to make the collection accessible to the public for educational purposes through exhibits in many venues. A portion of this collection will be available for your viewing at the convention; an exceptional opportunity to see such rare gems. This will be the first showing East of the Mississippi. Many of the items are equal to or exceed the quality of gems and minerals found in the Smithsonian.

An education area will house hands-on displays and demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabachon cutting, and tumbling. 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 geologist. Over twenty vendors will be on hand to sell during the show.

Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each. Cost of admission is \$5.00 which will allow admission for all three days of the show.

## 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."



### FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly, Field Trip Coordinator

We have two field trips planned for March; both are in conjunction with our show/convention.

Trip #1: Friday, March 27th, Reel Mine for amethyst. We will meet at 8:00 am in front of the Hampton Inn. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Bring your whole arsenal of tools. Hammers, chisels, pry bars, shovels, mattocks, etc. Bring a bag lunch. Port-a-jon on site. We will leave in time to get back and clean up before the evening activities.

Trip #2: Monday, March 30th, Propst Farm for sapphires. We will meet at 8:00 am in front of the Hampton Inn. Bring your digging and scratching tools. No heavy tools, aka hammers, chisels, etc. needed here. Bring your lunch. There are no facilities. Digging is in a wooded area. If it is not too wet, a screen is helpful.

Harry Polly  
Field Trip Chair  
828-244-6651 (cell)

**Harry**

### EDUCATION AT THE SHOW

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club has an education committee that will provide programs related to gems, minerals, and fossils in local schools and for various youth groups. An educational exhibit is also available for display in schools for a period of one to two weeks at no charge. Information concerning these services will be available at the gem and mineral show or the club page at [www.cvgmc.com/](http://www.cvgmc.com/)



## PLANNING FOR EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT OF GEM SHOW

Warren Hollar, Educational Liaison

At present we have approximately 525 students and chaperones who will attend the show on Friday. Registrations for scout groups are still underway. Numbers appear similar to last year even though there are two other major scout activities that weekend. We also anticipate cub scout and girl scout groups to be in attendance that will require additional assistance. Friday morning will be the busiest time for education. We will need a number of extra club members to help on Friday. We don't necessarily need anyone to do presentations, but do need assistants to help the various presenters with movement of students and monitoring of displays. Even if you can only give an hour or two, your help would be very beneficial. We still have space for additional presenters if you have any leads. Since George Brown has had some medical issues, we could also use additional volunteers all three days to assist with the mini mine. Additional help could also be used at the hands-on table. See Betty Hollar if you will help there. Who knows, you might even make Jewelry TV or WBTV. I hear that Jewelry TV will be filming and I have also contacted WBTV about filming at our show. Thank you in advance for your support of the educational components of our show.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership *renewals* are due before then. No membership applications or membership dues will be accepted at the show. To pay your dues for 2015, 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/>.

### BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED FOR THE SHOW

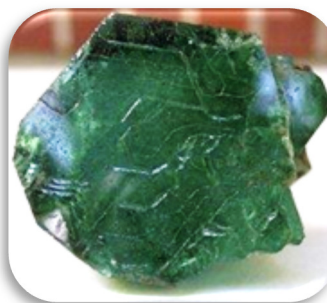
Please call Megan Sims if you have any available. Contact the Secretary for Megan's phone number.



## THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN MEMORY OF TERRY LEDFORD



Terry was a past vendor and rock hound killed in a mining accident in Hiddenite, NC. He found the largest cut emerald on the continent. The gem was 310 carats and later named the "Carolina Emperor." The emerald was presented to the NC Museum of Natural Sciences.



## CAROLINA EMPEROR EMERALD UNVEILING NC MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Video by David Kroll



Click link

<http://youtu.be/xbVHgnxjSMA>

**Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.**  
**45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**UNIFOUR GEM, MINERAL,**  
**BEAD, FOSSIL AND JEWELRY SHOW**  
*IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE*

**Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies**  
**65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**March 27, 28, 29, 2015**



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**

*(Just off I-40 with entrances from Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard and Highway 70)*  
 I-40 exit 125, Hickory, NC

**Admission**

Adults (13 and over)	<b>GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
Children (12 and under)		<b>FREE</b>
Chaperoned School, Scout, 4H, Church Youth and Retirement Home Group		<b>FREE</b>



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7:00 PM

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Hickory, NC

**45th Annual Gem Show/  
Eastern Federation Convention  
March 27, 28, 29, 2015  
Hickory Metro Convention Center**