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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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Sun. 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

George Brown, Club President

Well it is almost SHOW TIME! So mark your calendars, clear your schedules, and at the April show see what you can do to help us keep putting on one of the best shows in the South.



George

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Minutes for February 9, 2016

The February 9, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 28 members and 1 visitor present.

Program: "A Bolivian Amethyst Mine" was presented by Jeff Schlottman.

Minutes: Motion by Harry P., seconded by Rick G. to accept the minutes for the February 9, 2016 minutes as changed. The changes were under the Show Committee 1) E) Projected dates for the 2017 Show are March 24-26, 2017 and 3) Warren Hollar's name was corrected. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Bank balance was reported.
- 2) Membership dues and paperwork are due by the end of February.

Education Committee: Warren H. reported Boy Scouts of America purchased 200 acres of land and the Scout Executive was wondering if the Club and Council can do a joint field trip.

Show Committee:

- 1) Terry R. has sign-up for the ticket table volunteers.
- 2) Meg S. needs baby food jars.
- 3) Terry R. has banquet sign-up. George B., Renee D. and possibly Glenn B. to judge cases.
- 4) Sign-up for Education Area will be at the next meeting.
- 5) The Club needs as many volunteers as possible for the Show. Please help.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) The Club is still looking for a Field Trip chairman. A motion by Larry H., and seconded by Harry P. to have Dean R. as acting Field Trip Chairman. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 2) Tracy N. and Tom (T.I.) D. expressed interest, but are not able to do it right away.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Larry H. reported on:
 - A) He has raffle tickets for the AMFS drawing.
 - B) Save the dates of August 8-14, 2016 for the Lake Superior Agate trip to Munising, MI. More information to come in March.
- 2) Joan G. handed out the Bragging Rocks Contest certificates.
- 3) The Club reviewed recommendations from the Board of Directors.
 - A) The Board of Directors recommended that the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club (CVGMC) receive the physical assets from the Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society (WPMGS). The motion was passed by the Club membership.
 - B) The Board of Directors recommended that the CVGMC offer a one year free membership to the members of WPMGS. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
 - C) The Board of Directors recommended that the CVGMC apply to join the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (SFMS). - There was discussion that the reason for joining the SFMS in addition to having membership in the EFMLS, was that the number of collecting sites available to the CVGMC has steadily gone down over the last several years. By joining the SFMS, this will open up more collecting sites throughout the Southeast. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
 - D) The Board of Directors recommended having the Club hire someone/company to move the Show stock from the storage trailer to the Hickory Metro Convention Center (HMCC) before the Show. Then after the Show, to move the Show stock from the HMCC to the storage trailer. A maximum fee of \$600.00, to include truck and labor was decided. - There was a discussion of using a source such as Exodus House for this. The motion was passed by the Club membership.
- 4) Richard A. suggested that someone volunteer to assist or be co-chairman for the 2017 Show.
- 5) George B. stated that the club will need someone to take over the position of newsletter editor in the future.
- 6) The Club Library - George B. will make sign-out cards for Club members to borrow items.
- 7) Zan R. discussed the minimum square footage needed for a club house.
- 8) Larry H. mentioned that he had an Ultratech V2 faceting machine for sale.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Dean Russell,

Acting Field Trip Chair

There were 8 CVGMC members on the Diamond Hill Mine near Antreville, SC on Saturday, February 20th

We are going to Hiddenite on Saturday, March 12th, with a rain date of March 19th. We are going to meet in the Taylorsville Wal-Mart parking lot, by the gas station on Rt. 16 at 9:00 AM. The property we are going to dig at is next to the Alexander Quarry (NAEM). There are reports of lots of quartz veins on the property. The owner says we should only need a small pick, but I would take along some digging tools. As far as I know, there are no restroom facilities. Bring water, lunch and the belief you are going to come home with a giant emerald.

Dean



Diamond Hill Mine
Photos submitted by Joan Glover



MARCH PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Director

The program will be devoted to the Gem Show's coordination and preparation.

Joan

The Program last month was "A Bolivian Amethyst Mine" presented by Jeff Schlottman. Here is Jeff's Bolivian Amethyst. Photo by Joan Glover.



GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

Terry Russell

Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift is three, but if we can have four per shift, it gives us more flexibility. Each shift is 3 hours long. I would like to have the work schedule finalized by the March meeting so I have time to communicate the process to everyone. **PLEASE** consider volunteering – it's a great way for new members to get involved and get to know other club members. I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.



BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED FOR THE SHOW

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



CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB SHOW *NC Emeralds and Diamonds Featured*

Dr. Warren Hollar, Educational Liaison

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their forty-sixth annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show on **April 1, 2, and 3, 2016** 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 show theme is "**North Carolina Emeralds.**"

The feature exhibit this year will be Crabtree Mine Emeralds from Mitchel County and Hiddenite Emeralds from Alexander County. On Saturday, a display will feature the last verified **North Carolina diamond** discovered by Roger Grinnell. This Diamond was found in McDowell County in 2008. Ed Spear, internationally known geologist and Roger Grinnell will man a table with a microscope to educate visitors about diamonds and emeralds. Club members and several vendors will provide outstanding displays of various precious stones from around the world for enjoyment by show visitors. On Saturday, April 2, Ed Spear, geologist will offer two slide show presentations for visitors. The first show will be presented at 1:00 p.m. and will feature North Carolina Emeralds. The second show will be presented at 3:00 p.m. and will highlight North Carolina diamonds.

An education area will house hands-on displays and demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabochon 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.

If you have additional questions concerning bringing a group to the show, please contact Warren Hollar or Baxter Leonard. Dr. Hollar's email address is whollar@charter.net and his phone number is (828)446-5400.

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\$5.00 for all three days

**Exit 125, I-40 next to Interstate
(Just off I-40 with entrances from**

Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard and Highway 70)

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Hosted by Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

GEM SHOW COMPLIMENTARY PASS

REMEMBER you are responsible for \$2.50 for each ticket redeemed. The treasurer will bill you. Print off as many as you want or need.

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Name: _____

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Saturday Night CVGMC Banquet

Guest Speaker Ed Speer

Saturday April 2, 2016

6:30 Hickory Metro Center

Menu

Pulled Pork BBQ (sauces on side)

Roasted Chicken

Corn Muffins

Baked Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Southern Style Baked Beans

Strawberry Shortcake and Banana Pudding

The cost is \$20 per person. Please bring your payment to the club meeting March 8th. This is open to all club members and their guest. All the Show Dealers will be in attendance; this would be a great time to get to know them personally. Cash bar open at 6:15 and after the program.

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Club Meeting

**Tuesday
March 8, 2016
7:00 PM**

**St Aloysius Catholic Church
921 2nd St NE
Hickory, NC**