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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.



Photo: J. Glover Turquoise Jewelry (By: B. Hollar)

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President's Message

Well, March is upon us. This means it is showtime. Volunteers are desperately needed. If you have not signed up to volunteer in one of the many areas, I urge you to do so soon. The Board of Directors voted to give a \$10.00 discount to the banquet to any member that volunteers for at least ten hours. That is not hard to do, since we are counting our grab bag makeup in January, plus setup on Wednesday and Thursday, and working during the show Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and teardown on Sunday evening. We can use your help at any of these times. Contact Terry Russell, Rick Glover, George Brown, Warren Hollar or Dean Russell if you want to volunteer or unsure where and when help is needed. **DO NOT DELAY.**

A field trip chairperson is desperately needed for the club. Please consider taking this post. It is one of the life-bloods of any gem club. All of the past field trip information, i.e. who to contact, etc., will be passed on to you. All of the help you need will be given to you.

I am going to book a block of rooms in Harrodsburg, KY for Labor Day weekend. I need to know how many are planning to go. Please email me if you are planning to go. This will be three days of collecting. Day one will be the Danville quarry for calcite and fluorite, day two will be the Faircloth mine for fluorite, and day three will be geodes. We may do another site also, depending on how long we get to stay in the quarry.

Harry



Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

March 23, 24, and 25. 2018- Hickory, N.C. Metro Convention Center

Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday

Admission - \$5.00 good for all three days. Free admission for children 12 and under, scouts, youth groups, military in uniform, law enforcement, organized senior groups.

Show Theme, "Treasures in Our Back Yard, Gems and Minerals of the Catawba Valley"

Displays of emeralds, rutile, hiddenite, quartz, amethyst, etc.

Over 20 vendors selling gems, minerals, jewelry, and fossils

Education area, Mini-mine, Fossil and Geologist booths, Demonstrations - faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling.

Presentations on emerald and hiddenite collecting, careers in geology

Scout and 4-H activities,

Hourly and Grand Door Prizes and Grab Bags

Information: www.cvgmc.com

"LAST CALL" FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

There are several people who haven't sent in their membership dues for 2018. This is the "last call" before you are removed from the newsletter mailing list. You can find membership forms on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>. Blank forms will also be available at the March meeting.

The yearly dues are \$25 for a family membership and \$18 for single memberships.

The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2018 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter. Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately. Please make checks PAYABLE TO: CVGMC (CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC). You may also mail your dues with the membership form to: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. c/o Terry Russell P.O. Box 2521 Hickory, NC 28603-2521.

Once again anyone who doesn't renew their membership will be removed from future mailing lists and will not be able to participate in upcoming field trips.

March Field Trip

A March Field Trip is currently not scheduled.

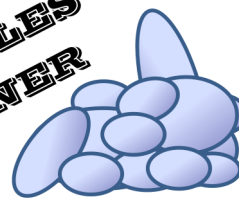
Also, everyone is asked to please consider taking the Field Trip Coordinator position for the Club.

Program

The March program will be on the final preparations for the show with updates from those responsible for each area.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

THE PEBBLES' CORNER



This section of the newsletter is being started to help generate more interest and interaction with younger rockhounds and to have fun in the process.

I welcome any information a member may wish to provide to be included in the upcoming newsletters each month, especially related to items that would be of interest to our younger and aspiring rockhounds.

The club's annual Gem & Mineral Show is coming March 23-25.

I hope everyone is getting ready to attend the Gem & Mineral Show this month. If not, don't worry, there is still time to add the show to your plans.

There will be a "Mini Mine" for kids to mine for some minerals. There are also grab bags that can be purchased. Start saving your allowance. =)

This is a fun and educational event. There is so much to see. The event will also give you some time to have fun together. So plan to come on out and have a "Rockin' Good Time." Kids I have talked to that attended last year had a great time and they are looking forward to coming this year.

There will also be opportunities to purchase a souvenir for your young rockhound or even yourself.

The most important thing to remember is to have fun!

You don't want to miss it.



Photos: Clip Art

Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The February 13, 2018 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Harry P. at 7:00 PM.

Introduction of New Members and Guest:

Minutes: Motion by Larry H., seconded by Jimmy S. to accept the minutes for the January 9, 2018 minutes. 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: None.

Show Committee:

- 1) Schools have been contacted about the show. Approximately 300+ students to attend as of now.
- 2) Warren H. is contacting local colleges and university to get volunteers to help with the Show.
- 3) He is trying to get Grab Bag orders from the teachers ahead of the Show.
- 4) We need volunteers to demonstrate on Friday, March 23rd for the schools.
- 5) The Mini Mine needs donations.
- 6) Volunteer Sign-up sheets were passed around.
- 7) To continue the tradition of great shows, the Club will once again need many volunteers.**
- 8) Club Members – Let George M. know what size case you will need for the show.
- 9) The Show is in memory of Ken A., Roger C., Jake C., and Danny J., who passed away in 2017.
- 10) Banquet will be \$20.00 per person. The menu is the same as last year.
- 11) The Club Board of Directors has offered a \$10.00 per person meal cost, if you volunteer ten (10) hours or more for the Show.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) None scheduled for February. See next item below.
- 2) The Club needs a new Field Trip Chairperson.

Old Business: Bragging Rock Contest winners certificates were handed out.

New Business: The State Museum in Asheville had a \$10,000 emerald stolen.

Announcements:

- 1) AFMS Raffle tickets are still available, see Larry H.
- 2) Betty H. has donated four items as door prizes for the Show.
- 3) Richard S.'s request for The Guinness Book of World Records for "The Chief" has been granted.

Door Prizes: Several were given out.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM

Program: "Gold" by Don Markum, et al

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

2018 CVGMC SHOW UPDATE

The 2018 CVGMC Show will be March 23-25, 2018 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center (HMCC). To keep this year's show as a successful as in the past, we need Club members to volunteer to help in several areas.

Wednesday, March 21st at 3:00 PM, we will need at least 8 members to meet at the HMCC to help set up the Club portion of the show after everything is delivered. Setting up display cases, putting table skirts on, putting out the minerals and displays for the Children's "Hands On" Corner and setting up the Mini Mine. (And anything else that I have forgotten.)

Friday, March 23rd – Sunday, March 25th "The Show" We will need help with tickets, the Children's "Hands On" Corner, Mini Mine, and the Grab Bags/Geodes. On Friday, the school groups are coming in the morning and we will need extra help at the Grab Bags, the Children's Table and the Mini Mine.

Sunday, March 24th- After the end of the show, 5:00 PM, we will need at least 10 people to help break down the Club's part of the show for the movers to take back to the trailer. We will need help undoing everything we set up on Wednesday. The quicker we get the show broken down, the quicker the movers can get the assets back to the trailer.

On Saturday, March 24th, after the close of that day's show, the Club is having a Banquet/Thank you dinner for the vendors. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you are going to volunteer at least ten (10) hours, your cost will be only \$10.00. The menu will be: Pulled pork, BBQ sauces on the side, roasted chicken, corn muffins, baked potato salad, Cole slaw, Southern style baked beans, Strawberry shortcake and Banana pudding. Sweet and Unsweetened Tea and Coffee. Please RSVP and pay by the March 13th Club meeting. Remit payment to the treasurer, Terry Russell.

If you can't come to the meeting but are willing to help, contact the following people:

Set-up and/or take-down: e-mail George Max maxmama@gmail.com

Ticket sales: e-mail Terry Russell tmkrussell5@aol.com

Children's Corner: e-mail Joan Glover joancsg7@gmail.com

Educational Programs: e-mail Warren Hollar whollar@charter.net

Grab Bags: e-mail Dean Russell cvgmcsecretary@aol.com

Any question: e-mail Dean Russell cvgmcsecretary@aol.com

Everyone's help is needed and appreciated, so let's all work together to make this the best show ever! Thank you.

Dean Russell
2018 CVGMC Show Chairperson

CVGMC Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show Overview

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their forty-eighth annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show on **March 23, 24, and 25, 2018** at the **Hickory Metro Convention Center**. The convention center is located at 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC. Hours are 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Chaperoned school, boy or girl scouts, 4-H, church youth, day care, retirement home groups, law enforcement officers and military in uniform will be **admitted free anytime during this 3-day event**. Admission is \$5.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

The 2018 show theme, "Treasures in Our Back Yard, Gems and Minerals of the Catawba Valley" will be highlighted with displayed discoveries of several club members and other well-known collectors in the Catawba Valley area. Focal displays will include emeralds, rutile, hiddenite, quartz, amethyst, etc. Plans also call for presentations about gem and mineral collecting in the area by well-known rock hounds and experts in the field on Saturday, March 24. The show is being dedicated to deceased club members, Jake Canipe, Ken Arnold, and Danny Jones.

Many other educational displays and presentations will be in operation during regular show hours. Some of the areas will include fossils, Indian artifacts, wire-wrapping, cabochoning, faceting, and other lapidary arts. In addition to the focal Catawba Valley gem and mineral displays, other glass-enclosed displays will feature high quality specimens from many United States locations and other countries.

Two education areas will be in operation on Friday, March 23. As many as 12 small group presentations by club members, geology specialists, gemologists, etc. highlight areas such as minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and gems. Public, private, and home school groups are invited to attend the educational activities on Friday, March 23, to enjoy these different presentations that align with their geology curriculum. School groups will need to pre-register with the club to attend. A second educational area will house hands-on display where attendees are encouraged to 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. Other educational demonstrations include the lapidary arts and a display using black lights will allow visitors to see fluorescent minerals. A special limited-touch area will provide an educational experience with fossils such as shark's teeth. Younger children will enjoy searching for free specimens a mini mine. 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. Some vendors provide jewelry benchwork such as stone mounting and wire-wrapping.

A special area will be in place where Boy Scouts may complete most requirements for two merit badges on Saturday or Sunday, **March 24 from 9:30-4:00 p.m. and on March 25 from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Scouts wishing to complete requirements should have reviewed the requirements before coming to the show, so they are prepared to complete these requirements. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth groups are also encouraged to attend.

Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour. A grand door prize of significant value is given at the end of the show. Special door prizes will be given school and youth groups. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each. Geodes will also be available.

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club also 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 from Dr. George Max, education chairperson. His phone number is (828) 328-9107. The web page for the club is www.cvgmc.com/. For additional information concerning the show, contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or Dr. Warren Hollar, club educational liaison, at whollar1@gmail.com.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathy to Kathleen Bolick on the loss of her sister, Jewell Little Bolick, on February 15th. Many of you in Gem Club know that Kathleen's sister Jewell was married to Glenn Bolick's brother Ervin.

GRAB BAG PACKING/BRAGGING ROCK CONTEST PHOTOS Photos by: J. Glover



GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of volunteers for the ticket sales 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. PLEASE consider volunteering – it's a great way for new members to get involved and get to know other club members. Please see Terry Russell at the meeting to sign up for a time slot.

COMPLIMENTARY SHOW TICKETS

There is a sheet of complimentary tickets included in this newsletter which can be given out by Club members. You can give out as many tickets as you'd like. Please remember to fill in the person's name you are giving it to and also your name so we know who to collect the money from. The Club member is responsible for paying \$2.50 for each ticket handed in. The treasurer will collect the money at the end of the show. I will bring extra sheets of these tickets to the March meeting if you didn't get a chance to print any. If you have any questions regarding these tickets please contact the Terry Russell.

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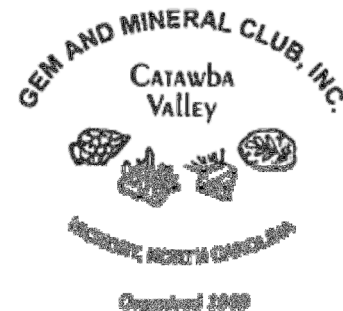
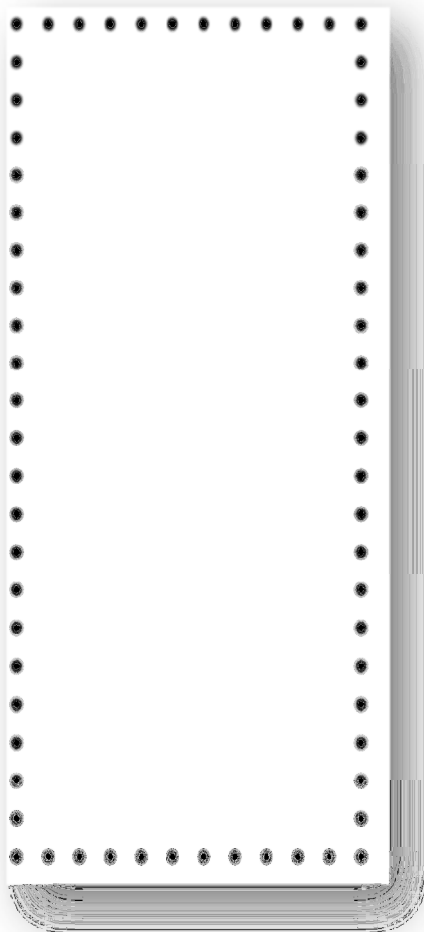
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