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Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
921 2nd St. NE Hickory, NC  
Annual Dues: Family, \$25; Individual, \$18;

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**

It has definitely been wet so far this year. Hopefully no one has mildewed with all the rain.

It makes it tough to get outside and collect with the wet weather.

You are in luck this month regardless if it rains. The club's show is inside and the convention center is climate controlled.

The club's annual show is coming up March 21-23 and there are plenty of ways you can help both prior to and during the show. This meeting there will be more discussed about the upcoming show and ways you can help and be involved. Your help is greatly needed and there are numerous ways that you can help and be involved.

Remember, we cannot put this show on without help from all the club members. Your help is important and needed.

***Slade***

### **Showtime! It is Almost Here!**

### **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.

We can also use additional help with selling grab bags.

### **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.

**\*\*\* Please remind the people you give these tickets to that they are only good for one day and will be collected the day they use it.**

## **Final Notice:** **2019 Membership Dues**

The deadline for the membership dues is March 31, 2019. 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 membership form must accompany your dues, so your name can be included on the 2019 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter. **Honorary members must also fill out the form each year to keep the club records up to date, maintain your honorary membership status and to stay on the roster.**

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). The treasurer will accept renewals at the February meeting or you can mail your payment and form to: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. c/o Terry Russell P.O. Box 2521 Hickory, NC 28603-2521.

Anyone who does not renew their membership by the end of March 2019 will be removed from future mailing lists and will not be able to participate in upcoming field trips.

### **March Field Trip**

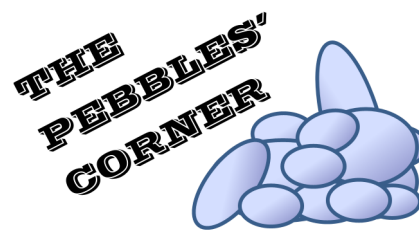
The March Field Trip will be discussed at the meeting.

Labor Day Trip in Kentucky information will be available at meeting and in the next newsletter.

### **Program**

The program for the February meeting will be Prepping for the Club's Show. Be thinking about how you would like to volunteer and help with the show.

We look forward to seeing everyone.



*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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The time is approaching for the Club's annual gem and mineral show.

This is a good opportunity to invite a young and/or new rockhound out to see the show.

In addition to seeing all the items from the vendors, there are plenty of educational items associated with gems and minerals.

Rockhounds can provide valuable insight and advice to younger and less experienced rockhounds.

It is also a good way to make new friends and catch up with old friends.

Also consider purchasing a neat specimen or mineral related item for a young rockhound or even a gift for that special someone.

We hope to see you at the show.

Remember that the mini mine is a favorite item for kids.

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

*Until next time.....*

***Slade***

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The February 12, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

**Introduction of New Members and Guest:** Ron Rice, Cliff & Madeline Beisler

**Minutes:** Motion by Harry P., seconded by George B. to accept the minutes for the January 8, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance was reported.

**Education Committee:** None

**Field Trip Report:** Trip to Diamond Hill on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Meet at Roses at 6:30 AM.

**Show Committee:**

Please decide where you would like to volunteer. Contact these people:

George Max - Cases/Moving In Day/Moving Out Day

Joan Glover – Kids Table

George Brown – Mini Mine

Terry Russell – Tickets

Warren Hollar – Schools/Scouts

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- 1) Harry P. reported that All Glass has a very nice display case for sale for \$95.00
- 2) Harry P. reported that he has several saws, tumblers and capping equipment for sale. Contact him if you are interested.
- 3) Club Secretary reported notes from the January CVGMC Board of Directors meeting. Highlights were:
  - a. Motion by Wayne B., seconded by Slade H. for the Club to cap the cost of the Grand Door Prize for the 2019 CVGMC Show at \$300.00 and to have Larry H. choose and purchase it when he goes to the Tucson Show. There was discussion and the motion was approved by the Board of Directors.
  - b. Motion by Harry P., seconded by Larry H., for the Club to present a "Loyalty Door Prize". That prize will be drawn from the postcards that are sent out and returned when those people attend the 2019 Show. The value of the prize was capped at \$50.00. Wayne B. said he had a mineral donation that could also be used for that prize. There was discussion and the motion was approved by the Board of Directors.
  - c. Motion by Harry P., seconded by Richard A., for the Club to offer a \$1.00 off an adult admission to the 2019 Show coupon in the print advertising media. The coupon would be for one adult per coupon. Each advertising outlet would have their own code on the coupon, so the Club could track the effectiveness of each outlet and determine in the future to continue or not advertising with them. There was discussion and the motion was approved by the Board of Directors.
  - d. Motion by Dean R., seconded by Harry P., to charge a CVGMC member twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person as the fee for attending the banquet dinner. The Club would cover the difference in cost to promote more members attending the banquet. There was discussion and the motion was approved by the Board of Directors.
  - e. Motion by Dean R., seconded by Harry P., to charge Club members ten dollars (\$10.00) for their banquet dinner at the 2019 CVGMC Show, as long as they have met the requirement for the discount. The requirement is as follows: Sign up for at least ten (10) hours of volunteer time for the 2019 CVGMC Show. The volunteer time can start on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with the set-up of the Club's assets through the breaking down of the Show on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. If a member has also put in time on pre-show preparation, that time will also count. The Club will use the honor system for members requesting the discount. If it is later determined, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, that a Club member did not fulfill the discount requirement, they will be expected to pay the difference in the banquet dinner fee and will so be notified by the Club Treasurer for remittance. There was discussion and the motion was approved by the Board of Directors.

**Announcements:** None

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

**Program:** "Annual Bragging Rights Night"

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## Instructions for the Upcoming January 2019 Auction (from the Treasurer)



# Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

March 22, 23, and 24. 2019- 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, military in uniform, law enforcement, approved youth groups and organized senior groups.



Show Theme, "Gems, Minerals & Fossils from the Mountains to the Coast"



**29 vendors selling gems, minerals, jewelry, and fossils**

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

Scout and 4-H activities,

Hourly Door Prizes for Adults & Children

Grand Door Prize -- entry with paid admission

\$1.00 Grab Bags & Goods available

Information: [www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html](http://www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html)



## 2019 CVGMC Show Update

The 2019 CVGMC Show will be March 22-24, 2019 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> **"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 24<sup>th</sup> - 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. (The Club pays the movers by the hour.)

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. Ask Dean Russell how you can get \$10.00 off your meal price. 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, Coffee.

Renowned thumbnail collector, Rich Olsen will give a talk on "Gem Crystals". This is the talk he gave at the Tucson Show. Make sure you check out his case at the show.

***Please RSVP and pay by the March 12<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.*** Remit payment to the treasurer, Terry Russell. Checks should be made payable to: CVGMC.

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](mailto:maxmama@gmail.com)

**Ticket sales:** e-mail Terry Russell [tmkrussell5@aol.com](mailto:tmkrussell5@aol.com)

**Children's Corner:** e-mail Joan Glover [joancsg@gmail.com](mailto:joancsg@gmail.com)

**Educational Programs:** e-mail Warren Hollar [whollar1@gmail.com](mailto:whollar1@gmail.com)

**Any question:** e-mail Dean Russell [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com)

This is the Club's *one* main event of the year. **EVERYONE'S** help is needed and appreciated, so let's all work together to make this the best show ever! Thank you.

Dean Russell,  
2019 CVGMC Show Chairperson



## Annual Club Gem and Mineral Show

**Planning for the March 22-24 Gem and Mineral Show** - Club leaders have been doing preparations for our keynote activity and major fund-raising effort of the year. The success of the show will be directly related to having an adequate number of volunteers to work before, during, and after the show.

**Volunteers** - Members will be asked to volunteer in one or more of the following activities during the show – Set up, grab bags, tickets, mini-mine, education area, case preparation, scout badges, student programs, and take down. Sign-up sheets will be available at our February meeting.

**Banquet** – Rich Olsen, renowned thumbnail collector, will be our guest speaker. Rich will do the talk that he did at the 2018 Tucson Show on “Gem Crystals”.

2019 CVGMC Show Banquet Menu - 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, Coffee. There will also be a cash bar available.

The cost to a CVGMC member is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person for attending the banquet dinner. **There is a possible discount for Club members.** They would only have to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) for their banquet dinner at the 2019 CVGMC Show, as long as they have met the requirement for the discount. The requirement is as follows: Sign up for at least ten (10) hours of volunteer time for the 2018 CVGMC Show. The volunteer time can start on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with the set-up of the Club’s assets through the breaking down of the Show on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. If a member has also put in time on pre-show preparation, that time will also count. The Club will use the honor system for members requesting the discount. If it is later determined, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, that a Club member did not fulfill the discount requirement, they will be expected to pay the difference in the banquet dinner fee and will so be notified by the Club Treasurer for remittance.

**Grab Bags** – Dean expressed his appreciation for those who provided specimens for the grab bags and for those who worked on a cool Saturday morning. Thanks also go to George for procuring the church as a preparation area. If you have interest in coordinating the sale of the grab bags, speak to Dean.

**Cases** - Please come prepared at the next meeting to let George Max and Wayne Bowman know about whether you will need a large or small case. We also need to determine the number of focal cases needed.

**Door Prize Donations** – Speak with Larry Huffman if you have door prizes you would like to donate.

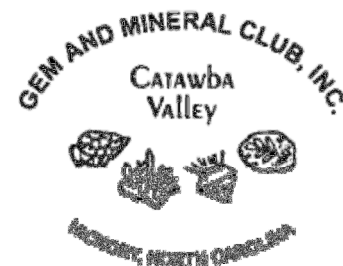
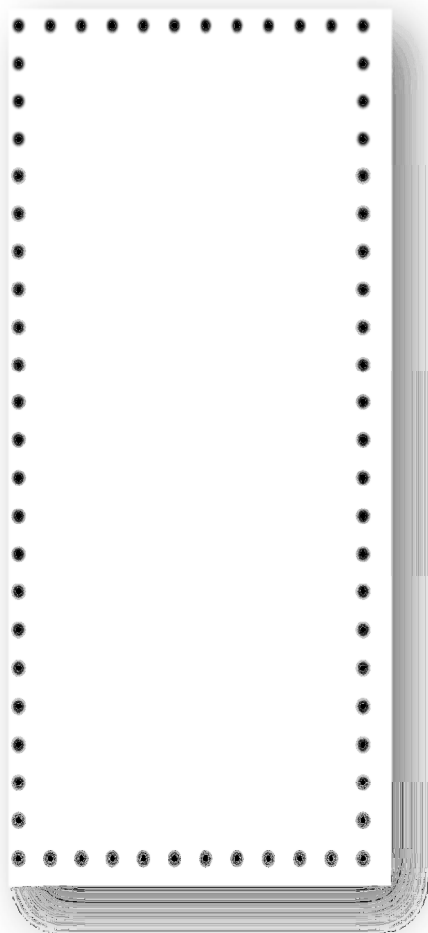
**Your Input** – Your input is always valued. If you have a concern or a suggestion for improving the show, speak with Dean Russell, show chairperson, or Slade Harvin, club president. We also welcome new members stepping forward in leadership roles. Using your expertise is always appreciated in the education area. From the input we receive from dealers, our show is the benchmark for a quality show that involves many groups including young people.

### GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

The 2019 Gem & Mineral Show is just around the corner and one of the many areas we need volunteers is with ticket sales. I am soliciting volunteers NOW 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. We will also need help with the grab bag sales at the front table. I will have signup sheets at the March meeting.

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**March 12, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**St Aloysius Catholic Church**

**921 2nd St NE**

**Hickory, NC**



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