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ROCKHOUND

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Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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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

Once more, the club program chairman came up with a fun new topic for February - "Rock Bingo". Rick Glover called out the definition of the mineral and we had to place the button on the rock picture on the card. Thanks to Shields Flynn, we had some very nice prizes for the Bingo winners. (No, I did not win).

The March Program will be led by club show chairman, Dean Russell, who will bring us the latest info on what will be happening at our 50th Anniversary Show (2 years later due to COVID)! We still have slots open for ticket sales up front. Please see Terry Russell to sign up.

Below in the newsletter is the membership form to pay your dues with. Please bring to the March meeting or mail to Terry. At the February meeting, a lot of members had not yet paid.

Below also is the form to request a display case for the show. George Max is once again heading up the show cases. Please get your request to George ASAP to reserve your case.

Till next month, happy rock hounding whether with the rock pick or the Golden pick, may you find your most "sought after" mineral specimen. Have you tried the Dr Pepper Cream Soda? **Try it ... you will like it!**

Larry

GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

The 2022 Gem & Mineral Show is just around the corner and one of the areas we need volunteers for is with ticket sales and grab bags. Terry Russell is soliciting volunteers NOW to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift is three (2 for ticket sales and 1 for grab bags), however, if we can have four per shift it gives us more flexibility. Each shift is 3 hours long. Terry would like to have the work schedule finalized by the March meeting so she has time to communicate the process to everyone. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING** – it's a great way for new and returning members to get involved and get to know other. Terry will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

February Minutes

CVGMC minutes for February 8, 2022

The February 8, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – Shawn O.

Program: CVGMC BINGO by Joan G.

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. seconded by Becky S. to accept the January 11, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported. (38,723.10)

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. 2022 Spring Show is scheduled for March 25-27, 2022. We are planning on putting on a full show with exhibits, door prizes, Mini Mine, Children's Table, demonstrations by Club members, display by the Reed Gold Mine and the App. State Geobago.
2. The Club will need many volunteers to run the show, please volunteer. More information to follow.
3. Show Committee meeting is set for February 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Dean R's. house. All Club members are invited. If you need directions, please contact Dean R.
4. There will also be a fall show November 11-13, 2022. Both patrons and vendors had asked if we were having a second show in the fall. Patrick and Anne K. have offered to co-promote the fall show and the Board of Directors will meet and discuss the offer and will present their recommendation to the Club at a future meeting.
5. Contracts have been sent to 31 vendors for the show.

Field Trip Report: None scheduled at this time.

Old Business:

1. The May Auction will be rescheduled to the December Club meeting. Dean R. had looked into available May dates and the only one available for the room was at the same time as the Gun Show. He felt that this was going to be detrimental to possible attendance because of lack of parking. He will look into a room at HMCC in December to hold the auction in. The additional space in the room will allow for CVGMC to open the auction up to other clubs, with more items available to bid on.
2. The Club Grad Bags are in good condition and will be sold at the show.
3. Super Dig in Franklin, NJ, April 23, 2022. Check the website www.SuperDiggg.com for more information.

New Business:

1. There will be a Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the Show Committee Meeting on Saturday, February 12, 2022.
2. Membership dues are due now.

Announcements:

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

**UNIFOUR GEM, MINERAL, AND JEWELRY SHOW
HICKORY METRO CONVENTION CENTER**

Exhibits of minerals, fossils or gemstones are one way we can help to educate ourselves and the general public about our hobby. That is one of the main purposes of the Club. Hopefully many of you will choose to participate in this joint activity. To encourage this, the club awards five trophy plaques each year. Check your first choice category for judging.

- MOST BEAUTIFUL
- MOST INTERESTING
- MOST EDUCATIONAL
- BEST FIRST TIME EXHIBIT
- BEST GUEST EXHIBIT

Please fill out this form and return it by March 10, 2022 to George Max, 2020-13th Street NE, Hickory, NC, 28601.

DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT: _____

SELECT YOUR CASE REQUIREMENTS:

- I will furnish a case of the following dimensions: W _____ D _____ H _____
- I will need a club case. Please check preference:
 - Regular 40" W X 19" D X 22" H
 - Larger 48" W X 24" D X 24" H
- I need a case with risers.

INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL:

The exhibit should be set up by Thursday, March 24, 2022 between 4PM and 9PM, and removed at the end of the show at 5 PM, Sunday, March 27, 2022. If you are unable to meet this schedule, please contact the Exhibits Chair about making other arrangements.

SECURITY AND LIABILITY:

Professional security will be provided around the clock, beginning at 4PM on Thursday and ending at 7PM on Sunday. The Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club will take all reasonable precautions to protect property and person of each exhibitor, however, it is mutually agreed that Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc, or its members shall not be liable for any damage to or the loss of any exhibit. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to his/her person resulting from any cause. All claims for any such damage, loss or injury are expressly waived by the exhibitor. Submission of the signed application for exhibitor's space constitutes acceptance of ALL the rules and regulations as outlined herein and releases the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc or its members from all liability as outlined above.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Wildacres Spring Session

If you have had Wildacres on your bucket list, the Spring Session of Wildacres (May 16-22) is open for you to register. Wildacres, sponsored twice a year by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS), provides room and board, classroom instruction with a small number of students, lectures by the Speaker-In-Residence, a tailgate with a chance to buy or sell hobby related items, an auction, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, the comradery of being with others in the hobby, to name a few perks of attending Wildacres sessions -- all this for a very reasonable fee.

Why not join the thousands who have attended Wildacres, made lasting friendships, took home new skills and knowledge, and much more. This is saying nothing about the bond of friendship and fun while being on top of the mountain.

EFMLS WILDACRES HISTORY

In 1973, the Eastern Federation began a new venture – Wildacres. Located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, NC, Wildacres is a non-profit facility dedicated to the betterment of human relations. The first session was held in August 1973 and several years later the second session was added -- Years of providing excellent instruction in new and old areas of the hobby!

SPRING SESSION, MAY 16-22, 2022

The **Speaker-In-Residence** will be Dr. Nathalie Brandes – See attached Speaker-In-Residence for a bio.

Classes – Whether looking to learn a new aspect of the hobby or just wanting to improve your knowledge and skills in an area you already know, with eight (8) classes to chose from, there is sure to be a class for anyone. See attached Wildacres 2022 Spring Class Schedule for a description of the class offerings.

Registration – Fill in and follow the instructions on the attached Registration Form to register. Note that single rooms will be available for an additional fee.

FALL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2022

More information on the Fall Session to be announced.

QUESTION?

If you have any questions, concerns, etc. for either session, you can contact:

Steve Weinberger, Chairman of the Wildacres Committee (cscrystals2@gmail.com)

Suzie Milligan, Registrar – for info regarding registration (smilligan@stny.rr.com or 607-687-5108)

Mark Kucera, Director – for info regarding classes and instructors
(mark_j_kucera@yahoo.com or 914-423-8360)

P.S. The Speaker-in-Residence, Class Schedule, and Registration forms are also available on the EFMLS website -- www.efmls.org.

Pebble Pups to Rock Hounds

COLLECTING MINERALS AND STONES CAN OPEN DOORS TO EARTH HISTORY AND SCIENCE

By Pamela Y. Wiggins

Don't overlook rocks if you're looking for a low- to no-cost collection you can share with a youngster. Children are fascinated by the colors, shapes and textures of stones, and they can be found virtually everywhere. But can picking up rocks here and there lead to a rewarding hobby? You bet!

Kids can expand their collections to include gems, minerals, fossils and more with a little help from a collecting mentor or a helpful book, such as the recently published *Collecting Rocks, Gems and Minerals, 3rd Edition* (Krause) by Patti Polk. Sound advice goes a long way in helping kids grow their wish lists and learn more about what they're collecting.

KIDS & COLLECTING

That's how Craig Kissick, director of nature and science at Heritage Auctions, got his start. His grandfather took notice of his interest in geology when he was about 9 years old and gifted him an intriguing piece of purple fluorite along with a great book about rock collecting. Kissick's interest grew over the following decades from a cool hobby into a rewarding career surrounded by things that continually fascinate him.

"It's really more like a calling," Kissick admits of his love for rocks, minerals and the like, and it all started with that special book inscribed by his grandfather. Now, he's a full-fledged "fossil guy" with a keen interest in paleontology, and he still looks forward to his next dig after all these years.

There are basically two ways to obtain rocks and minerals, Polk writes in her book. "Either by going into the field and hand collecting them or by purchasing them from a source such as an internet dealer, a rock shop, a yard or estate sale, or a gem and mineral show." She also notes that each option employs different strategies.

Membership forms

Membership Information Forms are included in the February newsletter below. You may also find a copy on the club's website: <http://www.cvgmc.com/>.

The membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2022 club roster and to receive the monthly newsletter. Honorary members must also fill out the form each year in order to keep the club records up to date and to maintain your honorary membership status.

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately. The treasurer, Terry Russell, will be deleting anyone from the roster who does not renew their membership by the April 2022 meeting.

The treasurer will accept renewals at the January or February meeting or you can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box.

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Please Check all the Appropriate Boxes

New Member Renewal

(New members must attend TWO meetings and may apply for membership at the second meeting)

Single \$18/yr Family \$25/yr Honorary \$0/yr

Onetime fee for name badge \$10/person Quantity

** Spelling on badges ONLY IF PURCHASING any: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & FILL IN ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (family membership): _____

ADDRESS (Street): _____

ADDRESS (City, State, and Zip Code): _____

MINOR CHILD (family membership): _____ Age _____

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HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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DUES (NEW MEMBERS ONLY) SHALL BE PRORATED AS FOLLOWS:

January 1 – June 30: full amount of annual dues

July 1 – September 30: 50% of annual dues

October 1 – December 31: full amount of annual dues shall apply as payment for the following year

FOR USE BY TREASURER ONLY: Amt Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Date _____

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Club Meeting

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