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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.



Best Crafted Winner for 2023
 Slade Harven with a Bismuth Crystal

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President's Report:

Hello Fellow Members,

Despite the January meeting being canceled, I think our year is off to a great start. I really enjoyed last month's program, "Bragging Rights". It was a fun lighthearted event that allowed members to interact and get to know each other better.

Congratulations to the winners!

The program in March will be about 'Volcanoes' followed by a program on 'Igneous Rocks' in April. Don't miss them, I've heard these are hot topics!

We also sent an e-mail about several collecting opportunities with more to come later this year. One trip opportunity has already passed, the February 24th trip to Girard, Georgia to collect Savannah River Agate. If you went, please share your experience and show us some of the material you collected. I know we have several members planning on going to Missouri April 3-7 to collect for drusy, barite, and other specimens. Our club is hosting the April 20th collecting trip to the Mason Sapphire Mine in Franklin. Unfortunately, I have another commitment that day but it would be nice to have several club members attend, participate, and help meet and greet people from other clubs. Tina has worked hard on setting this trip up and is doing a great job as our Field Trip Coordinator.

Don't forget to collect specimens through-out the spring and summer for our grab bags!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 12th meeting!

Tracie

The March program will be presented by Tracie Jeffries. 'Volcanoes'! You will not want to miss this program. Also, the awards will be presented to the winners of the 2023 bragging rights contest, plus door prizes. See you there!!!

February Minutes

CVGMC minutes for February 2024

The February 13, 2024 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Tracie J. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors – John G.

Program: CVGMC Bragging Rights by Rick G., et al

Best Collected – Shelda A.

Best Crafted – Slade H.

Best Purchased – Tracie J.

Minutes: A motion was made by Larry H. and seconded by Harry P. to accept the November 14, 2023 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: Last program for school was in November 2023

Show Committee:

Because the Catawba Rooms will not be ready for our spring show, the 2024 Spring Show is rescheduled for October 18-20,2024. We are planning on putting on a full show with exhibits, door prizes, Mini Mine, Children's Table and more.

Field Trip Report: April – Sapphires in Franklin, NC, also collecting in Sullivan, MI.

Old Business:

New Business: Motion to move picnic to October 8, 2024 (requested by the picnic hosts) by Harry P, seconded by Richard A. Motion was passed by the Club.

Announcements: Former Club member Beatrice Wilma Kupke passed away in January.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary**

2023 Bragging Rights Winners



Shelda Aultman “Best collected”



Tracie Jeffries “Best Bought”



Slade Harvin “Best Crafted”

2024 Gem Mineral Show Theme

Our annual show will be October 18-10 this year. Fellow club member Baxter gave me several ideas for show themes. I thought it was a sign when one of his ideas matched a topic I have been thinking about. Our theme this year will be “A Rainbow of Rocks, Gems, and Minerals.”

I envision people selecting specific-colored gems, rocks, and minerals for their display cases. For example, a display case of nothing but green specimens such as; actinolite, amazonite, beryl, bloodstone, calcite, emerald, epidote, fluorite, fuchsite, garnet, hiddenite, malachite, moss agate, olivine, peridot, serpentine, tourmaline, unakite... To get enough specimens you can combine close colors such as red and pink, blue and purple, yellow and orange, white and clear, or brown and black.

Other case ideas that would fit the theme would be fluorescent minerals, or cases highlighting certain minerals that come in a large variety of colors. For example, Jeff Schlottman’s recent program on Fluorite and its amazing variety of colors comes to mind. Other potential minerals would be quartz, calcite, tourmaline, topaz, and beryl varieties. Some of the latter can give our lapidarists a chance to show off some of their beautiful creations.

I am excited about this theme and I am sure you will design some creative, colorful, and amazing cases!

I recently read an article on how to set up creative, eye-catching cases. I included the link below.

<https://wheretofindrocks.com/best-practices-guide-to-gem-show-display-case-design/be>

Tracie

2024 Membership Dues

This is a reminder that the membership dues are now being collected. If we do not receive your membership dues form by the March meeting your name will be removed from the roster and the mailing list!!

Included in this month's bulletin is a blank 2024 Membership form. Terry will also bring some blank forms to the meeting.

This membership form must accompany your dues in order for your name to be included on the 2024 club roster.

Please print clearly and legibly on the form so that your information can be updated accurately.

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.

**You can send your payment and form to the Club PO Box (address on the membership form) or directly to Terry Russell at the following address:
5254 Olde School Drive
Hickory, NC 28602**

**Terry Russell
Treasure CVGMC**



2024 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Date _____

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:

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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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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