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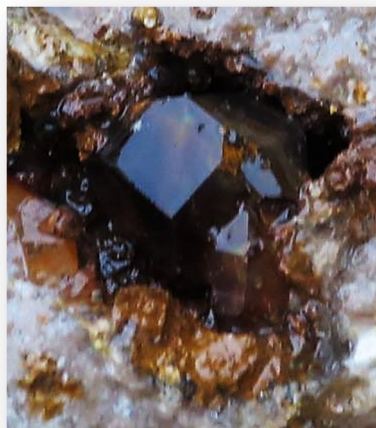
Regular Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM

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.



REEL MINE FIELD TRIP

Weekend of
May 24 , 2014

Lincoln County
for amethyst

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

It is great weather for rock hunting before the summer heat hits. This year I am planning to dig in my back yard and see what I can find.



Of course right now I can think of little more than our **Annual Picnic** in June. I enjoy being with the members on occasions other than in the meeting room and the food is always delicious.

Since I was unable to be at the April meeting, I would like to have a brief, brief, brief Board of Directors meeting immediately following the May meeting. We will address honorary membership and whether to increase yearly dues.

Thank you for your dedication to the club.

Norma

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC. Minutes for April 8, 2014

The April 8, 2014 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by Vice President Rick Glover at 7:00 PM. There were 39 members and visitors present.

A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Kate Ritchie to accept the March 11, 2014 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report: Reel Mine in April 12.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee: Baxter Leonard thanked everyone involved for a successful show. Richard Aultman commented on how well the set up and take down went. Nine hundred and eighty-four tickets were sold. Six hundred and two grab bags were sold. Thirty-seven complimentary tickets from Club members were distributed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1) EFMLS report by Larry Huffman:

2015 auction will be held on the Saturday of the Show.

Only two cases were judged in Philadelphia. The excellence of cases at our Shows should be impressive. The Field trip will be to the Wharton Museum.

2) Baxter Leonard will take minutes at the May meeting.

3) Motion by George Brown, seconded by Larry Huffman that the Club develop membership cards starting in 2015. Motion was passed by the Club.

4) Motion by George Brown, seconded by Larry Huffman to hold the June Club Picnic at Harry Polly's house again. Motion was passed by the Club.

5) Motion by Dean Russell, seconded by Harry Polly, that PO BBQ cater the picnic. Motion was passed by the Club.

6) It was noted that it was Zan Ritchie's birthday.

7) Glenn Bolick's emerald necklace and gems will be shown at the Club's 2015 Show. The emerald in the necklace was mined by Glenn Bolick.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Program: Ron Ruschman, one of our vendors, talked about AMT sites #5 (Colorado) and #9 (Arkansas).

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

MAY PROGRAM

Rick Glover, Program Director

The May program will be presented by Richard Aultman.

That strange looking rock you found may actually be part of a prehistoric animal. Come and discover *Fossils*.

Rick



FIELD TRIP NEWS

Harry Polly,
Field Trip Chairman

The May field trip will again be to the Reel mine for amethyst. It will be held on the weekend of the 24th. This is one week later than

normal, but this month has too many conflicts. We will have a rain date on the weekend of the 31st. We will meet on Saturday morning, May 24th at 8:00 am in the Rose's parking lot on Hwy 70E. Digging tools, scratching tools, crack hammers, and chisels will be needed. Bring food and drink and rain gear. There are no facilities. We have the whole weekend reserved, so if anyone wants to go down on Friday or Sunday, they may. Overnight camping is allowed at no extra charge. There is a \$25.00 per day dig fee. This will be our last dig here until October. If anyone has a question, call me at 828-244-6651.

KENTUCKY GEODE FIELD TRIP LABOR DAY WEEKEND

I have reserved a block of 25 rooms at the Quality Inn in Danville, Kentucky at a corporate rate of \$72.00 per night plus tax. Arrival date will be August 29, and departure date is Sept 1. The phone number is 859-236-8600. Be sure to tell the receptionist that you are with the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. The cutoff date to reserve rooms is August 1st. Also tell the receptionist if you want 1st floor accommodations, double beds, king, smoking or nonsmoking. At this time all of these rooms are available. There is not an elevator between 1st and 2nd floors, so keep this in mind if you have problems with stairs. Make your reservations early to insure the type of room for you.

Harry

JOANNA CONNOLLY



Just days after our March Show, our club lost a major supporter and educational booster. Joanna became an integral part of the educational presentation at our shows. Her love of geology and enthusiasm made her a real treat for the students attending our shows. She, with the assistance of the CVCC Geology club, was responsible for the show's beautiful fossil display. She will

be sorely missed, not only by her family and students, but by all who knew her.

Joanna Michie Connolly passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2014. She was a Geology Professor at Catawba Valley Community College. She was passionate about the earth and all of its creatures.

You may sign the guest book at:

<http://www.jegacy.com/obituaries/shelbystar/obituary.aspx?pid=170701592&sthash.Q2r2Mkga.dpuf>

WILDACRES - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



Steve Weinberger
Chair, EFMLS Wildacres
Committee

Wildacres has been a tremendous resource to members of EFMLS clubs. It has been a source of education, inspiration, and joy over these past 42 years.

Unfortunately, our fall enrollment numbers are currently low—too low, in fact, to justify going through with our planned fall session.

To this end, I am asking all EFMLS current and past officers (especially regional vice-presidents), committee chairmen, club officers, former attendees and anyone else who knows just what a fantastic resource Wildacres is to us to help us get the word out NOW! If we do not get sufficient registration by early summer, we will have to do the unthinkable, namely cancel our fall session. If we do this, who knows what the future will be?

I urge you now to do everything that you can to insure that we can continue this fantastic opportunity for our members to enrich their lives by attending, learning, and enjoying our two sessions at Wildacres.

Full details on cost, class selections, etc. are on our website (efmls-wildacres.org/).

Let's be sure that we did all that we could to insure that our sessions at Wildacres did not become just a fond memory.



REEL MINE FINDS
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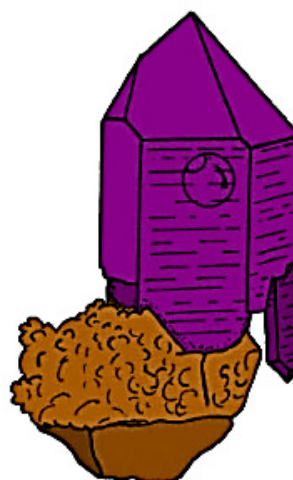
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