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921 2nd St. NE Hickory, NC
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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.



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President's Message

The weather is starting to warm up and it is nice weather to get out and start looking for the next piece for your collection.

Remember that during the hunt, safety is also important.

Make sure that you always let someone know where you are going and when they can expect you back.

Drink plenty of fluids and make sure that you bring sunscreen and a good hat and rest when needed.

Also watch out for poison ivy and be careful if reaching in any dark areas or holes (a tool or stick may be used instead of your hand).

Enjoy the time and make sure that you have fun.

Slade

2019 Labor Day Field Trip

I have reserved 10 rooms at the Bright Leaf Golf Resort. All of the rooms have two double beds. Please call them and give them your credit card information to reserve your room. BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB in order to get the special rate. At this time 10 rooms at the resort have been reserved in a block. Everyone will need to call or email the resort for their own reservation. ALL of the rooms will be reserved under one entity: CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB. Everyone needs to make sure that you let the resort know that you are with the CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB.

Bright Leaf Golf Resort

1742 Danville Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Telephone: (859) 734-5481; (800) 469-6038

Website: <http://www.brightleafgolfresort.com>

Email: info@brightleafgolfresort.com

Check In: August 30, 2019 (Friday)

Check Out: September 2, 2019 (Monday)

Rate: \$60+/Single Occupancy; \$80+/Double Occupancy

Deposit: A \$70/room deposit is required to secure the reservation. **Deposit was due by May 3rd 2019.**

This year we plan to go to two quarries and also a location for geodes. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Slade Harvin

President

ANNUAL PICNIC!

It is once again time for the club's annual picnic!

Details can be found in a separate email or flyer that will be sent to members.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

6:30 PM

The Club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and paper products.

Members, please bring a covered dish and/or a desert or chips and a soda to share.

Don't forget your lawn chair.

To sign up to bring food, please go to this link:

www.perfectpotluck.com

Event coordinator last name: Russell
Password: Rockhound

This will let us know what is needed to bring for the picnic. Thank you.

Field Trip

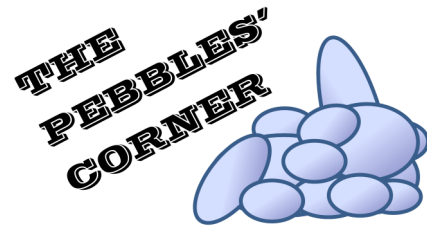
A May field trip location has not been provided in time to add to the newsletter. A field trip can be discussed at the May meeting.

The Labor Day Trip in Kentucky is getting closer. Please make your reservations.

Program

The program for the May meeting will be "The Keweenaw: Its Mines and Minerals, Then and Now" by Jim Hird.

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.

Spring is here! The weather is warming up.

It is a great time to invite someone out with you for fun, especially a child and possibly a future rockhound.

A good activity is a scavenger hunt. I have done this idea before, but hopefully I have added some new items:

scavenger Hunt Items/Activities: (Competition Optional)

- Pine cone
- Largest leaf
- Smooth rock
- Rock that sparkles
- See how high you can stack smaller rocks
- Unique shaped rock
- Feather
- Flat rock
- Round rock
- Rock with at least three (3) different colors
- Rock that looks like something else
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Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

Until next time.....

Slade

CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The April 9, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors: Pat S., Dave W., and Brent W.

Minutes: Motion by Harry P., seconded by Becky S. to accept the minutes for the March 12, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Trip to Hiddenite on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Club. Attendance is limited to the first 20 CVGMC members.
- 2) The New Jersey Super Dig is also on April 27, 2019. Keep in mind for 2020, if members are interested in going, is to rent a large van for everyone to travel in.
- 3) Check Newsletter for information on the Kentucky Labor Day Trip.

Show Committee: There were 1542 admission tickets sold. This was an increase of 145 more than 2018.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. See Zan R. for information on a long wave UV light on eBay if you are interested.
- b. Motion by Harry P., seconded by Larry H. for the Club to donate \$100.00 to the EMFLS Scholarship Fund in honor of Carolyn Weinberger, the longtime EFMLS Newsletter Editor, who passed away recently.

Announcements: The Annual Club Picnic will be Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Harry P's. house. Larry H. will cook hot dogs and hamburgers. The Club will supply the paper products. Look for more information in the May and June Newsletters.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM

Program: Labor Day Field Trip information by Slade H.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

46th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium (April 11-14) by: Larry Huffman

This year's RMS was as advertised a wonderful learning experience. From the talks on the contributed papers on Specimen Mineralogy, to the wonderful power points presentations on various topics such as: what's new in minerals by award winning photographer Jeff Scovil and mineral dealer John Betts. They showcased what was new to the mineral collector from around the world. Other talks on Arizona Sulfates and Collecting Arizona by Les Presmyk, one of the leading authority on Arizona minerals and their localities, was another of the highlights of the symposium.

Dr. Christopher Stefano, Associate Curator of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum, gave a talk and power point on "Lucius Lee Hubbard: one of the Copper Country's greatest Mineral Collectors". For anyone who collects Michigan Copper this is a "must see" talk.

For those of you who would like to see these talks, one of the great assets of the RMS is their video CD's collection of all their presenters from 1984 to present. For Rochester Mineralogical Symposium DVDs, contact Dan Imel – email: lapidry@aol.com. He will provide an order form of all the videos they have to be bought for a modest fee of \$15.00 each.

Dale Russell, brother of our sectary Dean Russell, had two display cases exhibited. One was of his fine self-collected minerals from the Caldwell Quarry that he collected with the CVGMC field trip to KY.

This is only a snippet of all that went on, I've not even told of the whole 4th floor of the hotel which had each room with mineral dealers selling, Like Dave Bunk, John Betts, and The Collector's Matrix to just name a few. The RMS Hospitality room was also here where you could meet and talk with all the dealers and presenters.

Next year's RMS is April 23- 26, 2020. Mark your calendar it will be a great weekend.



L: Minerals Dale Russell collected at Caldwell Quarry with CVGMC.
R: Minerals Bud Poulin, a mineral dealer at the RMS has collected while attending the Symposium.



Hiddenite Field Trip Photos by: Tracy N.



SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2019

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Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)
1st annual Rockhound Round-Up.

Who: All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome. From Clubs in good standing with SFMS. Members in good standing from over 74 Clubs in: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

What: A good old-fashion Rock-Swap

When: May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2019.

Where: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Drive
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683
www.musicliveshere.com

How Much: For Buyers Only: the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also.

For Sellers: \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.
Park Admission—Paid directly to the Park as a daily fee, each day entering the Park.
Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.

Vendors MUST have Application and Payment delivered by May 13th 2019.

For Overnight Stays: The Park offers several overnight or weekend options,
Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel / Motels.
Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

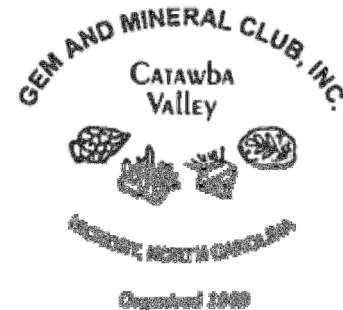
This Rockhound Round-Up is provided in conjunction with our 2019 SFMS 2nd Quarterly Meeting.

- Bring rocks you might want to swap with, remember this is a Rock-Swap!
- Bring Cash, etc. (The Campground does have 2 ATMs on the premises.)
- Vendors may or may not accept credit / debit cards, and may or may not have service.
- Bring flyers for your shows in the next season!
- Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!
- Rock and Roll with us all weekend!

Rock On!

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Club Meeting

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