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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.



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President's Message

Where does the time go.
We need to reach out and show
the next generation of rock hounds
the thrill and excitement we found
when we started and still find
today.

For they are the future of the
CVGMC.

George

November Program

Joan Glover, Program Director

The program this month will be "Tsumeb, Namibia and its Minerals." The presentation will be given by Shields and Frances Flynn. Members are asked to please bring any specimens they might have from Tsumeb to share with the group.

The presentation will cover why Tsumeb is considered to be one of the premier mines for collectors in the world. A mine that has resulted in the publication of numerous books and online resources that describe the history, geology, and mineralogy of this mine. The talk will include an overview of the geology that helped to create this unusual environment as well as photographs of a few of the over 300 mineral species that have thus far been discovered, in addition to a recently added new mineral for Tsumeb that was described only this year.

Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Minutes for October 11, 2016

The October 11, 2016 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President George Brown at 7:00 PM. There were 30 members and 4 guests present.

Minutes: Motion by Larry H., seconded by Slade H., to accept the corrected minutes for the September 13, 2016 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance given.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

- 1) All of last year's vendors are returning for the 2017 Show.
- 2) Richard S. will be displaying two items of his collection.
- 3) New Show Chairperson, Dean R. will need a lot of help from Club members to work in the various areas as needed to make the Show a success.
- 4) Donations of quality adult door prizes are needed. Please see Larry H.

Field Trip Report:

- 1) Rick G. led the October trip to the Lucky Strike Gold & Gem Mine.
- 2) Need a Field Trip Coordinator ASAP.

Old Business: The Glenn Bolick article will appear in the December issue of "Rock & Gem Magazine."

New Business:

- 1) EFMLS Annual Auction needs donations. See Larry H.
- 2) Larry H. will be the Club and EFMLS District 6 representative in Rochester, NY.
- 3) Information of the Annual Club Auction will be in the November Tar Heel Rockhound.

Announcements: Richard S. and Danny J. are still recovering from their procedures.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Program: John Sinclair did a presentation on North Carolina Meteorites.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

Field Trip News

Our President, George B. will be leading the November 12, 2016 field trip. It will be to a road cut in Jonesville, SC. Expect to find Amethyst Quartz and possibly, clear Quartz. We will meet in the Roses' parking lot on Hwy 70E at 8:00 am. There is not a digging fee. You will need to bring digging tools, scratching tools, hammers, chisels, protective eyewear, and bug spray for chiggers. They have made an appearance in the past. Bring food and water. Restrooms may be the farthest tree.

We still need a field trip coordinator. Harry P. and Dean R. will be happy to help you out with locations and contacts. Anyone interested in leading a single field trip to a favorite site, please contact Dean R.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

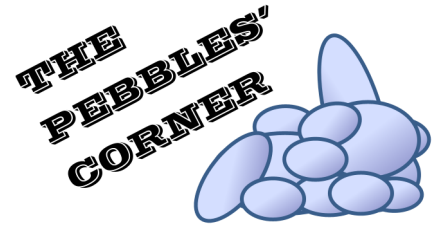
ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION

Instructions for the upcoming December 2016 auction.

It's approaching that time of year again for the annual Club auction. In preparation for the auction in December, Terry R., the Club Treasurer, will have a signup sheet at the November meeting for anyone who is interested in participating in the auction.

You will need an assigned number (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), whether you are planning to buy or sell specimens. Once you sign up you will also receive stickers to label your specimens. All specimens must be clearly identified with a sticker which should be coded with your assigned number since this is what will be referenced during the auction process. Your specimens should be labeled as follows: if your assigned number is 2 and you plan to sell 5 items then the stickers should be labeled as 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e. Anything rock related can be auctioned; this includes tools, cut stones, display boxes/cabinets, rough stones, jewelry, etc. Members will retain 90% of the sale and 10% will go to the club unless the member specifies all proceeds go to the club. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Russell at 828-303-1563 (cell) or 828-584-5360 (work).

Items will be auctioned off in order, so that it is fair to everyone participating. It will go as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a,...., then start over at 1b, 2b, 3b....etc. We will sell as many items as we can in our time limit of 9:00 PM. There is no limit to the number of items a Club Member can bring. Remember, guests are welcome to sign up to bid, but cannot have any items for sale.



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 encourage everyone to make sure you thank any veterans you know or see for their service. They deserve to be thanked for all they have done and the sacrifices they have made along with the sacrifices their families have also made.

Some ways to thank a veteran for:

- Saying, "Thank you" to them
- Writing them a "Thank you" card
- Attending a Veteran's Day Event
- Going to visit a friend that is a veteran
- Being thankful for their service
- Thanking their family
- Many other ways.....

THANK YOU, VETERANS!!

Until next time.....

Slade



ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEWS

Cobb Gem and Mineral Society's 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show

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November 18-20, 2016  
Friday & Saturday 10a-6p, Sunday 10a-5p  
548 S. Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES**

If any of your membership information changes (address, phone number, email address, etc) please notify the treasurer, Terry Russell, as soon as possible so she can update the Club roster.

## **OCTOBER FIELD TRIP PHOTOS**



## 2017 CVGMC Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will hold their forty-seventh annual gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry show on March 24, 25, and 26, 2017 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. Hours are 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Chaperoned school, boy or girl scouts, 4-H, church youth, day care, retirement home groups, and law enforcement officers and military in uniform will be admitted free anytime during this 3-day event. General admission is \$5.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

The 2017 show theme, "Dinosaurs + Meteorites = Extinction?" will be highlighted with a focal display and presentations to investigate the role of meteorites in the extinction of the dinosaurs. The display will include dinosaur bones and meteorites collected by John Sinclair who is currently curator of meteorites and minerals at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute in Rosman, N.C. and by Ron Ruschman, a University of Cincinnati graduate geologist, dealer and collector who has also appeared on several television shows. Both men will provide informative sessions investigating the issues connecting meteorites and the downfall of the dinosaurs.

Added attractions at this year's show are displays by CVGMC member Richard Sipe of the world's largest carved sapphire at over 80,000 carats which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records (Called the Sipe Sapphire). Another Sipe display, called "The Chief" is verified as natural ruby corundum, as identified by New York gemologists, which weighs 112 pounds and 6 oz. and 255,000 carats. It has a very unique design, thus the name "The Chief." A number of other educational displays will be available for viewing. The displays will include high quality specimens enclosed in glass cases.

Two education areas will be in operation on Friday, March 24. As many as 15 small group presentations by club members, geology specialists, gemologists, etc. highlight areas such as minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts, and gems. Public, private, and home school groups are invited to attend the show on Friday, March 24. School groups will have an opportunity to enjoy several different presentations that align with the curriculum of a number of grade levels. A second educational area will house a hands-on display where attendees are encouraged to actually handle labeled specimens and to study them with the aid of a magnifying lens. Club members will be on hand to assist in comparing texture, luster, and other properties of minerals and to answer questions. Demonstrations of the lapidary arts of faceting, cabochon cutting, and tumbling will also be provided by club members. An area with black lights will allow visitors to see fluorescent minerals. A special limited-touch area will provide an educational experience with fossils such as shark's teeth. Younger children will enjoy searching for free specimens in a mini mine. Participants are invited to bring gem and mineral samples for identification at a booth in the education area staffed by a geologist. Over twenty vendors will be on hand to sell during the show.

A special area will be in place where Boy Scouts may complete the majority of requirements for the geology merit badge on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-4:00 PM. Chaperoned cub scouts, girl scouts, and other youth groups are also encouraged to attend and will provided assistance by club members.

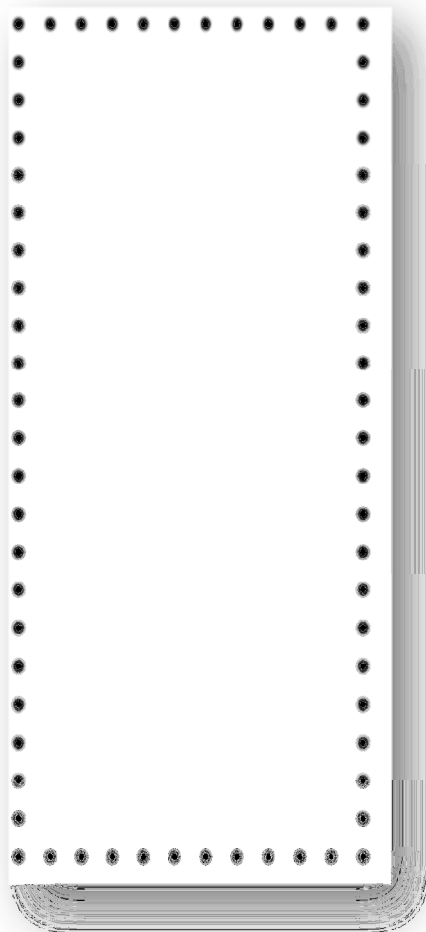
Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour. Special door prize drawings will be held for school and youth groups. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each. Geodes will also be available.

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club also has an education committee that will provide programs related to gems, minerals, and fossils in local schools and for various youth groups. An educational exhibit is also available for display in schools for a period of one to two weeks at no charge. Information concerning these services will be available at the gem and mineral show or from Dr. George Max, education chairperson. His phone number is (828) 328-9107. The web page for the club is [www.cvgmc.com/](http://www.cvgmc.com/).

For general show information contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at (828) 303-1448 or [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com). For information concerning school or group visits, please contact Dr. Warren Hollar at [whollar@charter.net](mailto:whollar@charter.net) by email or phone at (828)446-5400. We look forward to seeing you at the show.

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