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 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

The weather has finally gotten cooler and the leaves are changing colors and collecting on the ground.

This is a good time to get out to collect or other hobby related activities. Get out and enjoy the cooler weather.

Elections for the club's officers are coming up in November.

This is a good time to help the club and to also become more involved.

Also, the annual show is in the Spring, but now is a good time to ask how to help and start getting ready.

Involvement and help is always welcome and needed.

We hope to see everyone at the November meeting.

*Slade*

### **Show Committee Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting**

Show Committee Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting:

Sunday, November 17, 2019 starting at 2:00 PM at Dean & Terry Russell's house. The Show Committee meeting will be first to discuss The 50th Annual CVGMC Show. Looking for volunteers, ideas, logistics, etc. Following will be a CVGMC Board of Directors meeting. All Club members are invited to both the meetings. If you need an address or directions to the Russell's house, please call Dean or Terry. Thank you.

### **2020 Club Membership Dues**

**2020 Membership dues will NOT be collected during the December meeting due to the auction activity. A 2020 membership form will be included in the December newsletter.**

## ***Newsletter Editor Needed***

The role of newsletter editor is going to be available in January.

I have enjoyed serving in this position for the last several years, but I need to hand off this role at least for this year.

This is a good position for someone that would like to become involved with the club.

The role of the editor is to prepare and send out the monthly newsletter and help send out any emails to the club as needed.

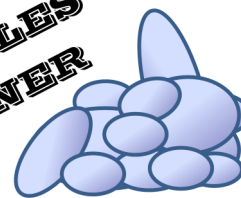
I am happy to talk with anyone that might be interested in accepting this role and the responsibilities for the role.

Thank you,

Slade H.



## ***THE PEBBLES' CORNER***



*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.

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather.

Thanksgiving is coming soon. While the turkeys may be worried, you should not be.

This is a good time to be thankful for everything in your life.

Take a minute to remember the fun times you have been able to enjoy this year, rock related or not.

It is also a good time to get together with friends and family.

It is also a good time to get out and have fun collecting, crafting, or other hobby related.

Think about inviting someone to join you, whether family, friend or someone new that might enjoy the hobby.

You may just be able to find something else that you are thankful for.

Make sure you have fun. Rock on!

Be safe so another trip can be enjoyed!

And have fun!

*Until next time.....*

***Slade***

### **Field Trip**

The November field trip will be discussed at the meeting. This will be a trip associated with the Dixie Mineral Council.

### **Program**

The program will be announced at the meeting. Come and be surprised.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

## CATAWBA VALLEY GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - MINUTES

The October 8, 2019 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Slade H. at 7:00 PM.

**Introduction of New Members and Guest:** Guest: Tim H., Robin H., MC Low, and Sandra B.

**Minutes:** Motion by Harry P., seconded by Norma R., to accept the minutes for the September 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance is \$22,946.65.

**Education Committee:** School program being arranged.

**Show Committee:**

- 1) Contracts were sent out to vendors and several have been received already.
- 2) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show – the theme is: North Carolina, America's First Gold Rush.

**Field Trip Report:** October 12, 2019 to Senatobia, MS. For fossils and quartz.

**Old Business:** EFMLS is starting a collecting club, similar to the Dixie Mineral Club.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** Need a new Newsletter Editor.

**Closing of Business:** Motion by Harry P, seconded by Phillip M., to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. The motion was passed by the Club membership.

**Program:** Richard Buchanan presented "Gold and Gems from the South Mountain Area"

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Russell, Secretary

## 2019 December Auction Instructions

### ***It's that time of year for our annual auction.***

Anyone interested in participating in the auction (selling AND/OR buying) needs to have a number assigned to them (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.). Terry will have a list of numbers and stickers at the November meeting; you can sign up for a number and get stickers to label your specimens at that time. If you are not able to attend the November meeting and would like to participate please call and leave a message at her work number (828-584-5360) by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate the number of stickers needed. She will then mail the stickers and a number to you. If you don't get a number and stickers before the December meeting they will be available, the evening of the auction so please come early. Terry will be at the church by 5:45pm for anyone who hasn't signed up to participate and needs a number and/or stickers.

**All specimens must be clearly identified with a sticker which should be coded with your assigned number** because this is what will be referenced during the auction process. Please label your specimens as follows (using this example): 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. **It is VERY important to label ALL specimens so the correct information is recorded.** This same number will also be your bidding number. Terry will have bidder cards at the meeting with the numbers on them for people to hold up when they win a bid. This process should keep things moving and will make it easier to record the sellers and buyers.

Items will be auctioned off in order to make it fair for everyone. It will go as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a...etc., then start over at 1b, 2b, 3b...etc. so label your items in the order that you want to sell them, with your best item being the first one. We will sell as many items as possible in the time that we have (ends at 8:45 PM). There is no limit to the number of items a Club Member can bring.

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 price and 10% will go to the club unless the member specifies all proceeds go to the club.

Please come early to preview the items and make notes (including the number on the sticker) of the ones you are interested in bidding on so that you'll be ready when the item comes up for bidding. To keep things moving the items will not be walked around during the auction.

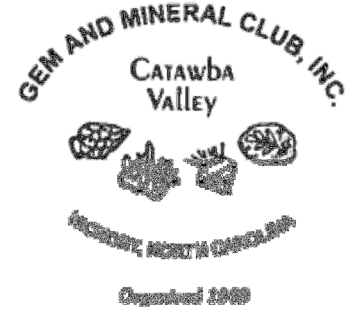
Items will go up in price by \$1.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$25.00, then bidding will go up by \$5.00 increments per bid until it reaches \$50.00. Once it reaches \$50.00, bids will go up by \$10.00 increments per bid. Once the bid reaches \$100.00, bids will go up by \$20.00 increments per bid. Bidding increments can change at the discretion or lack of memory of the auctioneer. If you have an item you want started at a minimum bid, please note it on the label ahead of time.

Remember, guests are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend. They can bid on items, but cannot sell items.

**Payment method: Cash or checks accepted but sorry, no plastic.**

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7:00 PM

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