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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church
 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.



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**Our own Cheryl Neary being installed
as President of the AFMS**

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President's Report

Thanks to Joan, Rick, Slade who helped make the best of our October program. First, Ron was unable to attend in person but sent the program to Joan, who was unable to get our projector to work. Finally, with the help of Slade, they were able to show the program on three computers. This month, Ron will be in attendance to present Part 2 of Red feather Quartz and a Dino dig.

The November meeting will also be the election of officers. My 2-year term as president is up. We need a new president. Please give Harry Polly, our election chairman, a call if you are willing to serve as president. Harry's number is (828) 244-6651.

Below in the newsletter you will see a call for help in selling tickets at our November 11,12, & 13th show. A few 3- hour slots are still not filled. Please look and see if your schedule will permit you to help our club.

Our Annual Christmas Party and Auction Info is listed below in the newsletter. Please attend this festive event. This is a great evening of fun and fellowship with your club members. This year the food is being catered. So, come on out, let's make this year our best party ever!

Congratulations to our own club member, Cheryl Neary, who was installed as President of the American Federation of Mineral Societies (AFMS) at the annual convention in New Orleans last month.

Till next month, happy digging and finding that great mineral specimen. Remember, keep plenty of Dr Pepper on hand for the upcoming Holidays.

Larry

**November program will be Ron Ruschman presenting a talk on
"Red Feather Quartz" part 2.**

Upcoming Dates to remember

November 11-13th 3rd Annual Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show

November 8th meeting will be election of officers

December 13th meeting will be our annual club auction/Christmas Party (Details to follow)

October Minutes

CVGMC minutes for October 11, 2022

The October 11, 2022 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Larry H. at 7:00 PM.

Visitors

Program: Rick and Joan G. presented Ron Ruschman's "Red Feather Quartz, part 1"

Minutes: A motion was made by Harry P. seconded by Rick G. to accept the September 13, 2022 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Education Committee: None

Show Committee:

1. There will also be a fall show November 11-13, 2022. Terry R. will need ticket volunteers.
2. 2022 Spring Show is scheduled for March 24-26, 2023. We need someone to volunteer to head up the exhibit area for the March Show. Please contact Dean Russell (828) 303-1448 if interested.

Field Trip Report:

1. Need Field Trip organizer. See Club President if you are interested.
2. Discussion of possible places for the Club to go collect.

Old Business:

1. Christmas Party/Live Auction will be on December 13, 2022 during the regular CVGMC meeting. More details top follow in the next newsletter.
2. Suggestion of catering the meal was presented. Club members to bring a dessert and drink. Motion by Terry R., seconded by Slade H., to have the Club cater the event. Motion was passed by the Club. Larry H. to investigate the meal.

New Business:

1. May need new a new projector. Joan G. to investigate. The Board of Directors will have a meeting to discuss what to do.

Announcements:

1. EFMLS Convention – see EFMLS Newsletter for more information.

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Russell, Secretary

2022 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 her (828-303-1563) by November 25 th . 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, however 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 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: Only cash or checks accepted, no plastic (credit cards).



CVGMC is having its 3rd Annual Fall Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show, Nov. 11-13 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The hours for the show are; Friday & Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will have 35 vendors, 11 new to the show, selling a variety of gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gem trees and equipment. Start your Christmas shopping early and make sure you pick out a few gifts for yourself.

Enclosed in the *Tar Heel Rockhound* are six (6) CVGMC Member complimentary passes for you to hand out to friends and family for the show. Please follow the instructions at the bottom of the complimentary pass page.

Thank you ahead of time to Terry R., all the ticket selling volunteers, Larry & Brenda H. and Patrick & Anne Kelley for their help with the show.

Please check out the show's Facebook page:

Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Annual Show

Just a reminder, the CVGMC annual spring show will be March 24-26, 2023.

See you at the show.

Keep on Rockin',
Dean Russell
CVGMC Show Chairperson

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Each CVGMC Member has six *Club Member Show Passes* available to them to give out to family or friends for free admission into the CVGMC Fall Show, November 11-13, 2022. Each *Club Member Show Pass* **must** be signed by the Club Member to be valid. If the pass is not signed by a Club Member, the free admission will not be allowed. Each *Club Member Show Pass* is good for one adult admission and can only be used once for the show. If CVGMC receives more than six signed passes from a Club Member, the member will be charged \$6.00 for each additional pass received. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Show Chairperson, Dean Russell at (828) 303-1448.

GEM SHOW TICKET VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of several more volunteers to sell tickets at the November 11-13 Gem Show. The time slots which are still open are as follows:

Saturday (Nov 12 th)

9:45am - 1:00pm (one person needed)

12:45pm - 4:00pm (one person needed)

Sunday (Nov 13 th)

9:45am - 1:00pm (two people needed)

Please consider helping out at the ticket table!

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Russell (828) 303-1563

Annual Club Christmas Party and Auction

The Christmas party and Auction will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at the club's regular meeting. The meeting will start at 6:30 instead of the regular 7 pm.

The club voted to have the meal catered this year. Publix Deli will be catering the meal. Chicken tenders and several side dishes will be provided.

All who attend are asked to bring a drink or dessert. The club will provide the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, and ice.

Come early to help set up the room if you can.

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Club Meeting

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November 8, 2022
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