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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.



**Old Joke
Worth Repeating:**
**What do you get when
you drop a piano down
a mine shaft?**

A Flat Minner
Darryl Powell

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Norma Ridenhour, Club President

The weather has teased us with a taste of fall. I will be glad when it finally arrives and I doubt that will be very long. I am anxious to hear from all who went to the Labor Day Geode hunt. There is usually at least one exciting adventure to share.

Since we are getting close to the end of the year, it is time to start thinking about serving as an officer in the club. This has been a great year for me and I would love for someone else to have the opportunity. I certainly appreciate Dean and Terry Russell serving as secretary and treasurer. George Max and Bob Tallent have met the education needs superbly. And where would we be without Harry Polly leading us into places we can never find our way out?

Hopefully many of our leaders will be willing to carry us through another year. If you would like to serve as an officer let myself or another officer know.

Norma

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Minutes for August 13, 2013

The August 13, 2013 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Norma Ridenhour at 7:00 PM. There were 30 members and visitors present. A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to accept the July minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

Treasurer Report: Bank balance was reported.

Field Trip Report:

1) August trip to the Reel Mine had 20 members participate.

2) Annual Kentucky Geode Trip will be Labor Day weekend.

3) October field trip to be announced.

Education Committee: St. Stephen's Library presentation was done by George Max.

Show Committee:

1) Baxter Leonard said to think about a theme for next year's show.

2) A motion by Warren Hollar and seconded by Rick Glover to reimburse George Brown for his cost of grab bag and door prize material. Motion was passed by the Club.

3) Warren Hollar mentioned that there may be a restriction on the number of students allowed to the Show because of the ability of volunteers to teach large numbers properly.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A motion was made by Harry Polly and seconded by Rick Glover to purchase up to \$75.00 worth of grab bag material from Mike Mulligan (Walt's son). Motion was passed by the Club.

Old Business: None

Program: Harry Polly presented "Proper care and cleaning of specimens you collect."

Closing of Business: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Joan Glover, Program Director

The program this month will be given by Betty and Warren Hollar. Betty will present "Jewelry and Gemstone Tips," and Warren will present "There's Gold in Them Thar Hills."

Joan



Darryl Powell

KENTUCKY FIELD TRIP



GEODE HEAVEN

PHOTOS BY JOAN GLOVER



AFMS/SFMS 2013 Annual Meeting

September 18th-22nd

Sponsored by the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society, Inc

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All AFMS and SFMS meetings will be hosted at the:
Marriott, Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256, 904-296-2222 or 1-800-962-9786
(Mention AFMS meeting for \$82 room rate. Offer Expires
August 5, 2013.) (This rate is good from Sep 15th to 25th)

AFMS Uniform Rules - Wednesday 7pm
AFMS Annual Meeting - Thursday 9am
AFMS Scholarship foundation- After Annual Meeting

You are invited Thursday Night to Hanna Park at the beach. Star Gazing with Northeast Florida Astronomy Society members and Telescopes (Saturn will be spectacular!) Cook out provided by Host society JGMS.

JGMS Annual Show and Sale Starts - Friday 1pm
SFMS Cracker Barrel Meeting - Friday 7pm
SFMS Annual Meeting - Saturday 9am
ALAA Meeting - Saturday 2:30pm
Awards Banquet - Saturday 6pm
Editors and Webmasters Breakfast - Sunday 9am

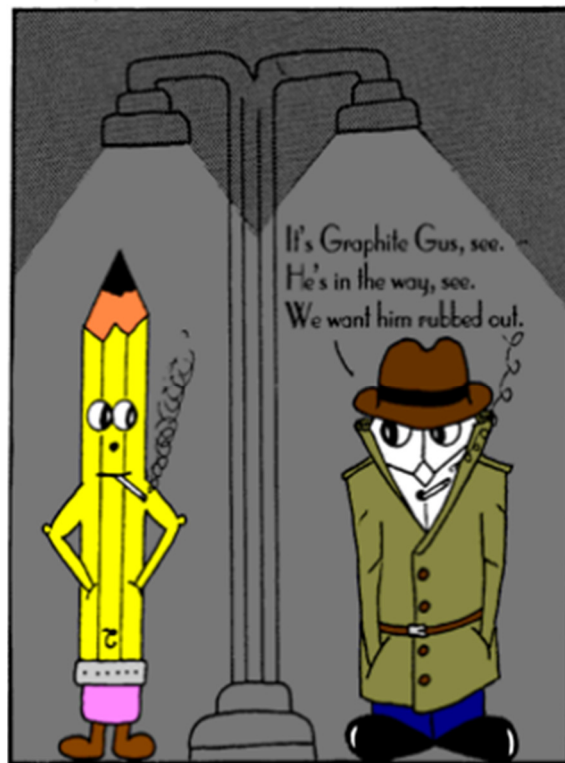
40+ retail dealers, Fantastic exhibits and speakers from around the country. See the NASA Moon Rock, Lectures on near earth bodies, meteorites, demonstrations, workshops, hourly door prizes, silent auctions and more. Enjoy the Annual Jacksonville Gem Show!!!

Heavens and Earth

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society,
25th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale
September 20-22, 2013 Morocco Temple

MINI MINERS MONTHLY

Darryl Powell



Late last night, down by the docks...

This mineral is named after the Greek word which means "to write" because it is soft, dark and used to write on paper. It is often called "lead" but it is not lead at all. What is this mineral? _____

LUSTER

Many minerals, like quartz, tourmaline, calcite and fluorite have a luster that is described as glassy. The word mineralogists use for glassy is _____.



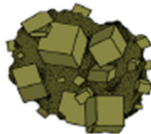
HARDNESS

Name the mineral that is too hard to leave a streak. It is number 9 on the hardness scale. _____

Give the proper mineral name for the mineral that you probably use every day on your food. It is soft, soluble in water, and has a salty taste. _____



The name for this mineral is from the Greek word for fire. _____



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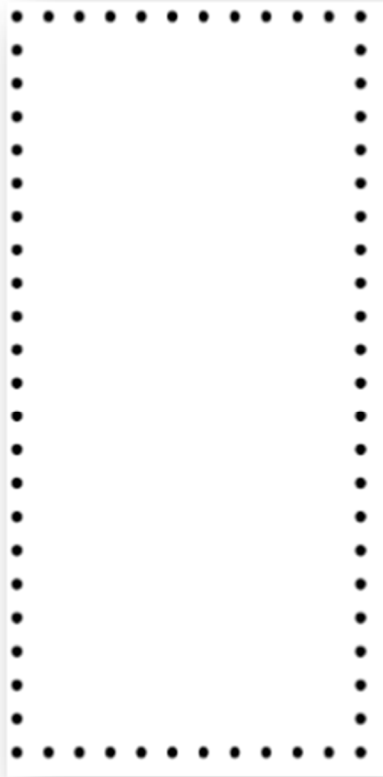
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ANSWERS: Pencil "lead" is made of graphite (mixed with clay), Glassy=Vitreous, Hardness: Corundum, Halite, Mineral named for "fire" is pyrite.

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Club Meeting

**Tuesday
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7:00 PM**

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