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 St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 921 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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INC.**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Members,

Our yearly trip to Kentucky went well. Our club was well represented with six members attending. Over the weekend we collected at two quarries and visited a creek to look for geodes. Many people commented that it was more difficult this year to find nice specimens. However, the specimens that were collected were amazing. I am sure we will see some of these specimens in our January 'Bragging Rights' from Dean and Slade. Again, it was nice to see old friends from other clubs, share stories, trade and sell rocks, and make some new friends!

Tracie Jeffries

## CVGMC MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2024

**Call to Order:** The August 13, 2024 meeting of the CVGMC was called to order by President Tracie J. at 7:00 PM.

**New Members** – Ron & Carolyn T.

**Visitors** – David & Tori I.

**Program:** Quiz Bowl – “Who or What am I?” by VP Rick G.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Rick G. and seconded by Becky S. to accept the July 9, 2024 minutes. Motion was passed by the Club.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance was reported.

**Education Committee:** Maiden Center Geode presentation went well.

**Show Committee:** The CVGMC Annual Show will be October 18-20, 2024, at the Hickory Metro Convention Center in the Hickory Room. This year's theme is: “An Explosion of Color (The Wonderful World of Rocks & Minerals)”. There will be 30+ vendors. Tracie J., the Exhibit Area Coordinator, will need your help in set-up, take down, running the exhibits and members setting up their own display case.

**Field Trip Report:** August 17th field trip to the Sink Hole Mine postponed. The Kentucky field trip will be Labor Day weekend.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:** Annual Club Picnic will be October 8, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM at Harry & Janice P. house. Watch for more information in the future.

**Closing of Business:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Russell, Secretary

### **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**

Our next meeting will be September 10 at 7:00 PM. The program will be, 'Geology at the Norwegian Geological Museum'. The presentation will be given by our own club member, George M.

### **OCTOBER GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**

The October 2024 Gem and Mineral Show is just around the corner and one of the areas we need volunteers for is with ticket sales and grab bags. Terry Russell is soliciting volunteers NOW to help sell tickets at the front tables. The ideal number of people per shift is three (2 for ticket sales and 1 for grab bags), however, if we have four per shift it gives us more flexibility. Each shift is 3 hours long. Terry would like to have the work schedule finalized by the October meeting so she has time to communicate the process to everyone. PLEASE

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – it's a great way for new and returning members to get involved and get to know other club members. Terry will have a signup sheet at the September meeting. Below are other areas where you can also help!

**Making Grab Bags:**

- **NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE DATE AND TIME!**
- September 28, 8:00 – 11:00 AM
- For details see the announcement later in the newsletter.

**Selling Grab Bags:**

- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 18 – 20th
- Terry R. will have a sign-up sheet at the Sept. and Oct. meetings.

**Ticket Sells:**

- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 18 – 20th
- Terry R. will have a sign-up sheet at the Sept. and Oct. meetings.

**Show Cases:**

If you plan on doing a show case please fill out the form supplied in this newsletter.

**Demonstrations:**

We need volunteers to demonstrate lapidary arts such as cabbing, faceting, and wire wrapping especially for Saturday. If you are interested, please see Tracie J.

**Mini Mine :**

We need volunteers to help run the mini mine on Saturday and if possible, on Sunday. This is a very popular activity with the smaller children. If you are interested, please see Tracie J.

**Kid's Corner:**

- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 18 – 20th
- We would like to run this all three days if possible. The children love this area, where they can touch, explore, and ask questions about rocks, minerals, and fossils. If you are interested, please see Tracie J.

**Set up:**

We need volunteers to help set up Wednesday Oct. 16th in the afternoon, especially tables and exhibit cases.

**Exhibit Cases:**

If you are entering a show case you will be able to come in Thursday afternoon to set your case up.

**Take Down :**

We need volunteers to help take down tables, exhibit cases, and pack materials for storage on Sunday October 20th in the afternoon.

Thank-you for all you do!

## **GRAB BAG WORKDAY**

### **NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THE DATE AND TIME!**

We will pack grab bags for the show on **Saturday, September 28** from **8:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. We will meet at the **St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 629 Eighth Street NE, Hickory**. We will work in Fellowship Hall on the bottom floor so park in the lot at the back.

Please bring a variety of different rocks, minerals, and fossils which are clean and of appropriate size (no larger than a baseball.) Remember everything has to fit into a small paper bag. Grab bags are a very popular item at our rock shows especially with the children and we need as many as we can make.

We also need to keep in mind that we have another show next March. That gives us very little time to collect for more grab bags. So please when you go on trips gather as much material as you can and depending on how many bags we make, we may want to discuss holding some bags back for the show in March.

Even if you don't have material, you can still come to help and join the fun!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA**

Did you know that the Gem and Mineral Museum in Franklin NC has one of the largest collections in the southeast! The museum is in a historic jail (established in 1850) located in the downtown area. They have eight rooms filled with gems and minerals from all over the world! Each room has a different theme such as the NC room, fossil room, and fluorescent room. They also have a gift shop, library, and a workshop where they offer lapidary art classes.

Cost: Free

Address: 25 Phillips Street, Franklin, NC

Current operation hours for May 1- October 30 are Thursday thru Saturday noon to 4:00 PM.

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
Forsyth Gem and Mineral Show	Sept. 6 - 9 Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 11:00-5:00	Address: 421 27th St NW Dixie Classic Fairgrounds Educational Building Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Show	Oct. 18 – 20 Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-5:00	Address: 1960 13th Ave Dr SE Hickory Metro Convention Center Hickory, NC 28602
Leaf Lookers Gemboree	Oct. 18 - 20 Hours: Fri/Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-4:00	Address: 1288 Georgia Rd Macon County Community Building Franklin, NC 28734
Treasures of the Earth	Nov. 15 – 17 Hours: Fri Noon-6:00 Sat/Sun 10:00-5:00	Address: 4285 Trinity Rd North Carolina State Fairgrounds Raleigh, NC 27607

### **FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Please see your e-mail about the latest DMC Sponsored Field trip!



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**Club Meeting Tuesday**

**SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**St Aloysius Catholic Church  
921 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE Hickory, NC**

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