



Goldrush Ledger

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter

February 2020

Prez Sez.....

In these cold winter months, I hope you're finding time to work on your rock projects at home! If you've got a project you're proud of (or something you need advice on), bring it to the next meeting! We have so many talented members in our club!

It's that time of year—Dues are Due! Please renew your membership by the February meeting. Sam Baker will be collecting dues at the meeting, or you can use the online membership form to mail a check. The form is available at charlottegem.org.

We are hosting the SFMS DMC Field Trip in April! If you'd like to attend, please make sure your dues are current for 2020. It should be a great dig, with amethyst, beryl, and epidote at the site. The February meeting is your last chance to sign up for the Field Trip through our club. Following our meeting, enrollment will be opened to the rest of the DMC clubs and is expected to fill up. If you sign up later, please follow the DMC Field Trip instructions for signup and payment.

At our January meeting, Kris and Xavier Bulla did an awesome presentation on their experiences at William Holland last year. They showed us what they made during their week-long class, and shared some information about the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

For February, Jimmy Strickland will give a presentation on Fluorescent Minerals and Photography Techniques for Fluorescents. Jimmy has an extensive knowledge of minerals and photography of all types and we look forward to what he's putting together for us this month!

At the meeting we will also announce the winners of the William Holland Scholarships for 2020!

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Kim Gwyn

Club President

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club

*You might be a
rockhound if...*

*-- Your rock garden
is located
inside your house!*



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Cantera Opal

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Cantera opal is a type of Fire opal that does not show play of color and are sometimes referred to as jelly opals. Cantera means “quarry,” and such stones come from quarries at Magdalena, Queretaro and possibly other Mexican locations. Mexican opals are sometimes cut in their rhyolitic host material if it is hard enough to allow cutting and polishing. This type of Mexican opal is referred to as a Cantera opal. Also, a type of opal from Mexico, referred to as Mexican water opal, is a colorless opal which exhibits either a bluish or golden internal sheen.

A little rock riddle:

Minerals are found in me.
And I am found in minerals too.
What am I?

— Answer on page 3

Next Club Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020
Social Time begins at 6:30 PM
MEETING BEGINS at 7:00 PM

Tyvola Senior Center
2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte



**JUST
ONE MORE
ROCK
I PROMISE
BUT THAT ONE
LOOKS GOOD TOO**

Dues are Due!

Please renew your membership by the end of February! A membership form is available on our website at www.charlottegem.org. Membership fees are still just \$20 for individuals, and \$25 for families. Your annual membership fees help to cover club costs such as meeting space, refreshments, and club insurance. Membership gives you discounts on classes, and access to sponsored field trips like the DMC digs listed below.

Upcoming Field Trips

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

Note: DMC Field Trips are for club members of DMC-affiliated clubs and their families only. Liability issues mean that these trips cannot be attended by the general public unless otherwise noted. Because this dig is not open to the public, full details are not published in our newsletter. As a benefit of membership, our club is a DMC-affiliated club and CGMC members who are current on their 2020 dues may attend.

February 2020 - Cancelled

March 2020 - Mobile Rock & Gem Society, Inc. (Mobile, AL)

April 2020 - Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club

May 2020 - Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS)

June 2020 - Gaston Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club

For more information about these digs, please contact charlottegem@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Shows

50th Annual Catawba Valley Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

Hickory Metro Convention Center

Hickory, NC

March 27-29

Hours:

9am-6pm – Fri & Sat

10am-5pm – Sunday

Please note, our club will not have a booth at the Catawba/Hickory show this year.

Riddle answer: A mine!

