



Goldrush Ledger

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter

June 2021

Prez Sez.....

It's been a year like no other. I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well. With heavy hearts, we acknowledge the loss of two valued club members in the last year. Please take a moment to remember Del Rogers and John Orchard, Jr. though the memorial in this newsletter.

Hopefully a year without club meetings hasn't meant a year without gems and minerals in your life! There are so many ways that you can enjoy this hobby at home and through the internet.

The club officers have continued to meet periodically and keep things on track for the club. Club officer roles remained the same for 2021, but we look forward to involving more club members for 2022.

We are all looking forward to being able to get together and socialize again. To that end:

- Club Meetings will resume in July, with an informal gathering and fun activities for all. For Show & Tell, please bring some of the lapidary projects you've been working on over the last year! I'll send out an email blast as soon as the July Meeting plans are confirmed.
- We are still working on contract details with the Senior Center for 2021; we hope to move our meetings back to the large conference room. This will give us more room to space out seating and provide better physical distancing.

Note that Masks will NOT be required at meetings unless the state mandates change, or the Senior Center requires it. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

Our club has always thrived on our strong sense of community – as we ease back into meeting spaces, let's do what we can to help others get comfortable with in-person meetings again.

Better days are ahead. Stay tuned for emails that will provide more details on upcoming meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Kim Gwyn
Club President
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club

*You might be a
rockhound if...*

*You have a scar from
walking into things while
searching the ground
looking for rocks!*



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Upcoming Shows

Gaston Gem, Mineral and Faceters Club is hosting a
Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

Johan Newcombe Event Center/Habitat for Humanity

1840 East Franklin Boulevard

Gastonia, NC

June 19-20

Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4

Matthews Alive

**We have made the difficult decision to NOT have
our Geode booth at the
Matthews Alive Festival this year.**

**There are too many unknowns and concerns
for our club volunteers for this year.**

We will resume our participation in 2022.

Meetings will resume in July!

Kim will send an email with details soon.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings!

No Dues for 2021

Good News! Dues are not due until January 2022!

If you were a current member in 2020, your
Membership is valid through December 2021.

No DMC Field Trips for 2021

The Dixie Mineral Council has cancelled all Field
Trips for 2021. The schedule will resume in 2022.

The Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club is scheduled to
host a dig in April 2022.



In Deepest Sympathy

With heavy hearts, we send our condolences to the families of club members that we have lost over the last year.

Del Rogers

Martha's husband, Del Rogers passed away on January 23, 2021. He was an Air Force Veteran, and worked 20 years at NAPA. At the time of his passing, Del was employed with Baucom Service Inc. in Parts and Inventory Control.



Del was an avid reader, and was known for his encyclopedic memory of auto parts, farm and heavy construction equipment. Del was ever present at our club Christmas Parties, and supported Martha in her rock collecting and jewelry making hobbies. He was an insatiable reader, history enthusiast, everyone's problem solver and friend to everyone.



John Orchard, Jr.

John Orchard, Jr. passed away on June 3, 2020. Though he rarely attended our club meetings, John was a tremendous benefactor to our club.

Through his father's collection and with the help of our club, John made significant Mineral Specimen donations to the UNCC Geology Department. He also provided our club with a supply of sellable minerals that has helped to ensure our financial stability for years to come.

John was born in New York, he grew up in North Carolina and was known in Charlotte and Raleigh. He worked as a Department Manager in Grocery retail.

