



Goldrush Ledger

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter

November 2022

Prez Sez.....

For the October meeting we did a Show & Tell Round Robin! It was interesting to see and hear about everyone's projects and special interests. Thanks to all who participated!

November is our **Club Auction!** The Auction begins at 6:30 PM, with a preview at 6:00 PM. We get good participation from our club members as well as others in the community. There is always a good selection of specimens, and this year we also have some equipment up for auction. Don't miss this one!

We will start the meeting with our **Board Member Elections** for 2023. We are a volunteer-led organization, and we count on our members to run the club. If you want to become more involved in the club's decisions, this is your chance.

Board positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Program Chair
- Special Events Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Field Trip Chair
- Director-at-Large (2 positions open)

Looking ahead, the year-end **Holiday Party will be held on December 9th.** This is a covered-dish potluck meal. The club will provide meats and drinks; please bring a vegetable side or a dessert and join the party!

Congratulations to Jimmy and Becky Strickland! In honor of their ongoing service and dedication to the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club, Jimmy and Becky have been awarded Lifetime Membership in our club!

A special note: This is my last newsletter as President of the Club. After seven years, I want to thank all of the volunteers who have served along with me to make this club so successful. We've had some great times, and I am sure that the club will continue to do well in future years.

Kim Gwyn
Club President
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club

***You might be a
rockhound if...***

There's at least one
rock in every room
of your house!



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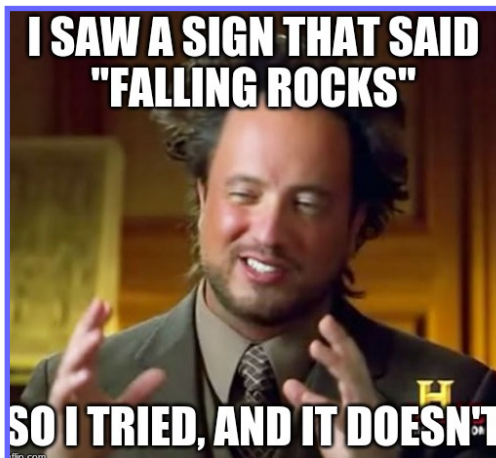
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Mineraloids

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AMBER
MOOKAITE
MOLDAVITE
CHRYSOCOLLA
PEARL
TEKTITES
FULGURITE
ANTHRACITE
JET
OPAL
LIMONITE

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November 17 Meeting

Topic: Club Auction!

Come Early to preview the items for sale!

6:00 - Preview

6:30 - Meeting / Elections / Auction begins

Tyvola Senior Center



Regional Rock Happenings

SFMS Lodestar - Regional Newsletter

The Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club is a member of the national AFMS American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and its regional organization, the SFMS Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The SFMS publishes a monthly newsletter, the Lodestar, to keep us up to date on regional club happenings. If you are interested in receiving the SFMS Lodestar via email, send a message to our newsletter editor, Mary Fisher, mefisher2010@gmail.com.

New Website! Check out the new SFMS website at SoutheastFed.org

Upcoming Gem Shows:

Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Show — November 11-13 in Hickory NC

Columbia Gem and Mineral Club Show — November 18-20 in Columbia SC

Field Trip Opportunities:

Morefield Gem Mine — Last chance sale (mine is closing): - Nov 19 in Amelia, VA

SFMS Workshops

William Holland and Wildacres are hosting classes this year and next!



In Memoriam

We are saddened at the recent loss of a beloved club member: Dr. Murray Simon was our Club President for 10 years. He was a defining presence for our club. His innovation and tireless effort helped to secure the club's future.

Among his accomplishments were negotiating our current meeting location, advertising our club in new ways, and obtaining the John Orchard mineral collection which has stabilized our financial future. He drove the effort to establish a workshop space where we were able to hold classes and grow the club membership over several years.

Murray's energy and enthusiasm were remarkable. He greeted every visitor, introduced every new member, and made a point of helping newcomers feel included and welcome. His smiling face, boisterous laugh and dynamic personality will be deeply missed.

Dr. Murray Simon



Dr. Murray Simon, 85, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 29, 2022. He was born on May 15, 1937 in Malden, MA, son of the late George and Anne Goldstein Simon.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Linda Simon; children, Julie Tracey (Mick), David Udell Simon (Cathi) and Daniel Aaron Simon (Evelyn); grandchildren, Alix Thairuammit (Alexander), Claire Simon, Jake Tracey, Max Tracey and Sara Tracey.

Murray had many "faces". Most important was husband to Linda, father to his children and "playmate" to his grandchildren. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, a dentist in Westport, Ct., and president of D/R/S Healthcare Consultants. He served as president of the Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club and was a volunteer at Atrium Hospital - Pineville. Murray and Linda shared hobbies and interests in travel, magic and making fine art jewelry.

Memorial and graveside services were held at the Hebrew Cemetery Chapel on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to your favorite charity.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.McEwenPinevilleChapel.com for the Simon family.

