



THE GOLDRUSH LEDGER



CHARLOTTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

FEBRUARY 2017

THE PREZ SAYZ

I just spent the morning at the dairy going over some of my faceting rough with our resident Gemologist, Carl Lockwood. He brought his equipment over and gave me a quick lesson on how to identify some stones of mine. While obviously not an expert, I now understand the use of a refractometer and a polariscope and how they can be used to benefit me in my faceting.

I buy quite a bit of rough on EBay, with many items coming from China or India. These sellers aren't always truthful in describing their products. So being able to verify the ID of various stones is very important to me. Additionally, I need to know the refractive index of a stone to choose the correct design to use while cutting it.

This session gives me hope in that I have a 73.2 lolite piece on the way (from California) and look forward to verifying the type of rough I bought.



Which leads me to a couple of points. First, we were able to meet at and utilize the dairy workshop while I was there cutting slabs for our cabochon classes. The workshop can be made available for

various club functions - remember the picnic? Just touch base with us when you see a need. Secondly, there are some very knowledgeable and talented individuals within our membership who are willing to share what they know to help other members. Sometimes all it takes is to ask.

In closing, I am very appreciative of Carl taking the time to show me what all he did, and I hope you will feel more comfortable in looking for advice and help from your fellow members.

We now have a date and more information about our club dig in April. This will be discussed at our meeting this Thursday.

Kim Gwyn
President
Charlotte Gem & Mineral
Club

**YEARLY DUES ARE
DUE. IF YOU HAVEN'T
RENEWED THEM YET,
PLEASE DO SO AT THE
MEETING.**

**\$25 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
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WORKSHOPS AT THE DAIRY

This is home to our workshops.



Art in The Dairy

7701 Tuckaseegee Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28214

Currently scheduled classes:

(Classes are from 9:00 am to Approx 4:00 pm)

Please Note:

For **insurance** purposes, 2017 CGMC dues must be paid or be current before taking class. Non-members must join.

(\$20/yr single membership, \$25 family membership)

Faceting Classes are available on an “as available” basis. If you are interested in **learning** to facet, contact Kim at gwynkim@gmail.com to arrange a time(s).

Anyone who wishes to **sign up** for any of our classes should contact

Martha Rogers at :

charlottegemclub@gmail.com

Feb 25 Opals 2 - Continue the Opal Experience (0 **openings**) with **Sarah Lee Boyce**

(\$30 Class Fee with a \$20 materials fee)

Class starts at 9 am, breaks for lunch around noon,

(Bring a sandwich & Beverage)

No Cabochon experience required for this class

Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

Thursday February 16, 2017

Social Hour from 6:00 – 7:00

Meeting to Start at 7:00

Location:

Tyvola Senior Center
2225 Tyvola Rd., Charlotte NC 28210 (704)
522-6222

Our Monthly Presentation:

Our very own Anne Lockwood will be doing a presentation on the classes available at the Dairy. You will be able to learn more about what the Dairy is, classes that are taught, instructors and items that have already been completed.

There have also been a demand for looking at various resources to learn more about gems, minerals and fossils. We will discuss thoses resources – books, magazines and online sites.



ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE



RENEW AND WIN!!!!

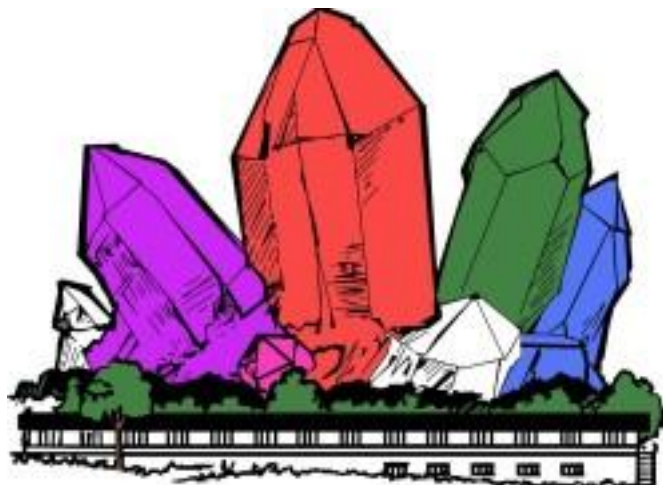
\$25.00 for your entire family

or

\$20.00 for an individual membership to:

**Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club
c/o Ellen Gwyn
1293 India Hook Rd
Rock Hill, S C 29732**

When you renew your dues, you can enter to win a class of your choice at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. This includes a class of your choice with the usual room and board for the week



GEMS IN DREAMS

We may say we dream of one day of owning a beautiful gem, but sometimes we literally have dreams involving gems and jewelry while we are asleep. Various meanings have been attributed to such nocturnal visions, and it is believed that understanding these interpretations can allow us to predict the future, understand our hopes and fears, or avoid a potentially unfortunate or dangerous situation.

Precious stones are thought to symbolize aspects of life. In general a dream about gems is usually a good sign for personal affairs, love life and business dealings, since jewels are generally thought to signify pleasure and riches.

A dream about looking at a precious stone could mean that you are tempted by material possessions and a dream that you are considering purchasing gems should be interpreted as a warning that you may have to learn to live without some of the things that you are taken for granted.

On the other hand, if you receive a gift of a gemstone in your dream, it is a sign that your wealth will increase. However, if you dream of wearing gemstones, according to some, your dream may be telling you that you are arrogant and self centered. According to others, wearing gems is a sign of rank or achievement. If you see other people in your dream wearing gems, it could mean that you or maybe a friend will rise to an esteemed position.

Dreams of finding precious stones and semi-precious gems are an indication that something of value is about to occur, but surprisingly, the converse is not true – dreaming of losing a gemstone is thought to predict unexpected good fortune. However, if you give away jewels in a dream, it may be a warning of some threat to your person or estate, or else it could mean that you are subconsciously acting to your own detriment. A dream of inheriting jewelry means that you will prosper but in some unusual way, which may not be quite what you expected or hoped for.

The colors of gems in dreams are also significant. Finding a blue gemstone symbolizes inspiration, new ideas or even a new body of learning, while a red stone may foretell a new romantic connection. If you find a yellow gem, you should be ready for a new opportunity through a distant connection, and a violet stone is a sign that you should pay more attention to the spiritual side of your life. Green gems can bring money and newfound wealth into your life.

If you are a young woman some of these dreams may be interpreted in a different way; if you dream about receiving gemstone jewelry, it may mean a desirable marriage in the near future, whereas a dream of losing jewels is a warning against those who may give insincere compliments.

So dream on...but take special note whenever your dreams involve gemstones, because all gemstones meanings can impact your life.



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CHARLOTTE JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

The theme of the Charlotte Junior Rockhounds this year will be learning about rocks and fossils. The January meeting introduced the Junior Rockhounds to the properties of minerals and precious and semi-precious stones.



On Saturday, March 4th, the theme of the meeting will be studying fossils. Mr. Neil Hohmann, longtime club member and fossil hound, will give a special presentation on fossil history and excavation. Feel free to bring a rock/fossil from your collection for show and tell. The meeting will be in the Conference Room at the Matthews Community Center from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Parents are requested to attend with their Junior Rockhounds.

Our March Meeting will be Saturday, March 25th. We are Planning a field trip to the Hickory Gem and Mineral Show. You can go anytime, but if you want to go as a group we will be Meeting at 10:00 am at the ticket desk. For any students who are available to go on Friday, there are educational/student programs available.



March 24-26—HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory Metro Convention Center; 1960 13th Ave Dr SE; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children free; Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club Show. Hourly and grand door prizes, 20+ vendors with gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry; Theme- "Meteorites + Dinosaurs=Extinction?"; Programs for school groups, children, and adults; Displays of meteorites, dinosaur bones, Guinness Record sapphire, 112 lb. ruby corundum, educational displays, mini-mine, faceting, cabochoning, specimen identification by geologists.

To sign up, contact [Mary Fisher via email:](mailto:CharlotteJuniorRockhounds(at)gmail.com)
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Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club at the Dairy

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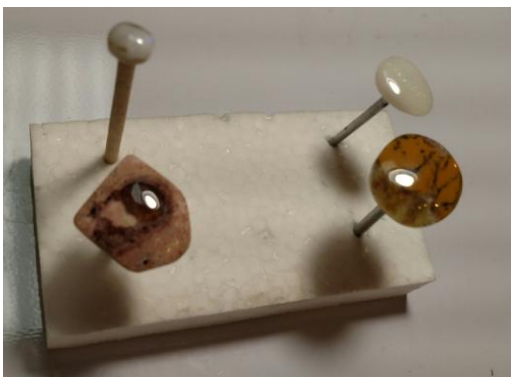
GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE



In Sara Lee's January Beginning Opal class, students created these masterpieces!



Anyone who wishes to sign up for any of our classes should contact **Martha Rogers** at charlottegemclub@gmail.com



UPCOMING SHOWS

March 10-12—AUGUSTA, GEORGIA: Annual show; Aiken and Augusta, Julian Smith Casino; 2200 Broad Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Admission \$3, Children under 12 free ; Vendors that offer a wide variety of jewelry, rare fossils and mineral specimens, gems of all colors shapes & sizes, lapidary and much more. Member show cases, lapidary demonstrations, educational resources, grab bags, treasure dig, geode sales & cutting, mineral panning, hourly Door Prizes and a Grand Prize that will be awarded at the end of the show on Sunday. ; contact Richard McNutt, (706)-650-8280

March 17-19—ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; M.A.G.M.A., Camp Stephens; 263 Clayton Rd. ; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; 6th Bi-Annual Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show! Numerous indoor outdoor vendors specializing in gems, minerals, fossils, meteorites and artifacts from North Carolina and around the world. The kitchen will be serving a variety of great food. Rain or shine. ; contact Richard Jacquot, PO Box 542, Leicester, NC 28748, (828)-779-4501; e-mail: rick@wncrocks.com; Web site: www.americanrockhound.com

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March 31-April 2—RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Raleigh, NC; Kerr Scott bldg, NC State Fairgrounds; Fri. 3-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Hospitality - grab bags, raffle tickets for door prizes & geodes, Silent Auction for gems, minerals, fossils & jewelry, Demonstration area with gem trees, faceting, cabbing, wire wrapping, Geode area - purchase geodes for cutting.; contact Cyndy Hummel, 10609 Chelsea Dr, Raleigh, NC 27603, (919)-779-6220; e-mail: mchummel@mindspring.com; Web site: tarheelclub.org



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THEM AT THE MEETING**