



THE GOLDRUSH LEDGER



CHARLOTTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

AUGUST 2016

THE PRES SAYZ

Here we go again – Matthews Alive is less than a month away. Without a doubt, this is the busiest time of year for the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club. For newer members who have not participated in this unique event, allow me to explain. Approximately 35 years ago there used to be a modest Labor Day weekend event in Matthews called “The Stumptown Festival” consisting of food vendors, crafts for sale and activities for kids. Today it is called

The Matthews Alive Festival, dedicated to the support of local non-profit organizations and it draws approximately 20,000 people. Over the three day Labor Day weekend there is food, kiddy rides, outdoor entertainment, craft vendors and The Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club.

We have participated continuously in this event for about thirty-five years. We started out as a tent in a field with a few crates of geodes out front and a couple of power saws under the canvas. Purchase a geode and

we will cut it in half for you. Now we occupy three 12 by 12 tents with three power saws, many hundreds of pounds of geodes and a custom-made 16 foot sluice. A good portion

of the money raised goes towards education in the fields of geology, earth sciences and jewelry making.

You don’t have to be a geology genius to work the booth. We need members who can handle money, wrap geodes, instruct kids in how to use the sluice, talk about our

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club, etc. It's a very unique way to spend a part of your holiday weekend for the following reasons:

- The excitement and anticipation on the kids' faces is priceless
- It's a terrific bonding/getting to know you experience for newer club members
- Cutting open a geode is messy but fun
- The monies raised go to a worthy cause

We are sending out recruitment emails every week this month in an effort to fill our needs for a full roster of workers for this three-day event. For further information and to volunteer, go to charlottegem.com and click on "Matthews Alive Schedule"

Murray Simon

President

Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club



Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

Thursday August 18, 2016

Snack/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

We will have a selection from the Orchard Collection for purchase before the meeting.

Our Monthly Presentation:

Dr. William Logan, author and collector, will speak on

The Beauty of Rhodochrosite



WORKSHOPS AT THE DAIRY

Location:

Art in The Dairy
7701 Tuckaseegee Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28214



Currently scheduled classes:

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).

Aug 13 – Grooved or Beaded Pendant (3 openings) with Martha Rogers
– Grooved Pendant is 1/2 day and \$20, Beaded is whole day and \$40 class fee

Aug 13– Cabochon Making (Class Full) with Sarah Lee Boyce
– \$40 class fee

Aug 20– Cabochon Making (1 openings) with Sarah Lee Boyce



Contact Martha Rodgers to register for a class.

Email: charlottegem@hotmail.com

Call: 704-543-6651.

How you as a CGMC member can help at Matthews Alive



Our club's participation in Matthews Alive 2014 is scheduled for August 29 through September 1. We need help from our members to make this a success. Since we have less than a month before show time, your immediate attention is needed.

From past events, we have determined that we need 7-9 members per time slot to be effective in greeting and taking care of festival patrons.

Please remember that Matthews Alive Festival is our majority money maker for the year. Your help is needed to make this show a winner for us.

The income from this festival provides money for (A) scholarships for 2 college students as well as (B) the scholarships to the regional lapidary schools for 2 of our members. Additionally, we have to cover the other expenses for the weekend, such as booth rental, supplies such as saw blades and materials for the sluice as well as geodes.

How can you help?

First, you can sign up to work during one of the time segments that doesn't have enough volunteers.

Second, you can come ready to promote our booth as well as our club. We have the opportunity to let people know what our club (and club members) do. This is a valuable source for reaching potential new members.

What do you get out of it?

You get to spend time with other members, friends you already have and ones you get to make.

You get to meet the people who come by the booth, as customers, or possibly new members.

The satisfaction of knowing you did something important for our club. Donating your time and effort to make our club a little bit better.



Thank you,

The CGMC Board Members



Directions:

From Interstate 77 South: I-77 to I-485 East and follow to Matthews exit. Turn left onto East John Street. Take East John Street to Historic Downtown Matthews.

From Interstate 85 South: Follow I-85 to I-77 South to Brookshire Boulevard East. Follow to the U.S. 74 (Independence Boulevard) exit, and exit left. Take U.S. 74 to Matthews, turning right on Sam Newell Road, and follow across Matthews Township Parkway (N.C. 51) to North Trade Street and Historic Downtown Matthews.

Parking

People with disabilities may use the “horseshoe” parking area located at the side of the Matthews First Baptist Church, off of Sadie Drive. If those spaces are filled, there are handicapped accessible spaces in our Town public parking areas (see below) and at adjoining businesses that are closed during festival hours. Our festival parking attendant can direct you to open spaces.

Free public parking areas are located by the train tracks at North Trade Street and Charles Street. Matthews Station offers parking in front of and behind Town Hall (across from public parking). Parking is also available at many businesses along John and Trade Streets, Matthews Presbyterian Church on John Street and Matthews United Methodist Church on South Trade Street (accessible from Fullwood Lane off N.C. 51)



Historic Downtown Matthews, NC



MATTHEWS ALIVE 2016

*Please contact msimonnc@gmail.com
to have your name added to the list*

We ideally need 9 to 12 people per time slot

*Signing up for more than one shift is
allowed, encouraged & appreciated*

Saturday – Sept 3

11:00 – 3:00

Anne & Carl Lockwood

Ellen Gwyn

Shelley Pawlyk

Mary & Archie Graham

Linda Simon

3:00 – 7:00

Dottie Carrano

Carl Lockwood

Linda Simon

Sunday – Sept 4

12:00 – 4:00

Shelley Pawlyk

Dottie Carrano

Gale & Tom Blevins

Mary & Archie Graham

4:00 – 7:00

Kris & Xavier Bulla

Dottie Carrano

Anne Lockwood

Monday – Sept 5

9:00 – 1:00

Dottie Carrano

Gale & Tom Blevins

Ellen Gwyn

1:00 – 5:00

Dottie Carrano

George Libby

Linda Simon



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (HOST)

Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine
Franklin, NC

Saturday, August 20, 2016

9am-6pm EST

Fee Site (RSVP)

Free food and free area entertainment

Trip/History: Gem mining has been evident in Macon County since 1870. Called corundum, the minerals found commercial value that Tiffany's found interesting. In the 1890's American Prospecting & Mineral Co. and US Ruby Mining Co. worked to find the source. In the early 20th century they left the area and now Franklin's nickname is: The Gem Capital of the World. The source of the minerals has not yet been found. The Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine has been in operation since 1984 and is still under the same ownership today. It is located right off Hwy 441 N. three miles from Franklin, NC.

Collecting: You can find anything from ruby, sapphire, garnets, amethyst, topaz, smoky and rose quartz. The flume is 150 foot long, covered and lighted for your comfort. Food, clean restrooms and water comes with your native bucket, all for \$15. **Free parking and pets are welcomed, but must be kept on a leash at all times.**

Fees: \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. This fee includes one bucket of natural material, use of 150 foot flume and equipment, food (burgers, dogs, salad, fixings), free entry into the Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum, 25 Phillips

St. from 12 pm until 6 pm, and free local entertainment near the Museum (12th Annual Folk Festival open all day and Pickin on the Square- 6:30 until) bring a chair for the square!

RSVP: All the participating club field trip leaders, send me a list of your total collectors and those staying for lunch by 08-17-16. Send to marsha.harmon@frontier.com or call 828 369-7262, for food count representation. Thanx, but just want to make sure we have plenty of food for you.

Bring: Old clothes, rubber gloves if you want (water is cold), cushion or old towel to sit on, tennis shoes/boots and a plastic bag for muddy shoes/clothes.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

From Atlanta, Ga

- Take I-85N/GA-403N
- Keep left to take GA-365 via exit 113 towards Gainesville for 52.7 miles
- Merge onto US-23N/US into Cowee Mtn Ruby Mine

From Charlotte, NC

- Take I-85 South towards Gastonia for 70.5 miles
- Merge onto I-26W via exit 70 towards Asheville, NC for 57.8 miles
- Merge onto I-40W/US-74 via exit 32B on left towards Canton/Knoxville 18.3 miles
- Merge onto US-74W via exit 27 towards Clyde/Waynesville/Murphy /Atlanta/Maggie Valley 1.3 miles
- Merge onto US-23S/US-74W for 24.9 miles
- Merge onto US-23/US-441S via exit 81 towards Dillsboro/Franklin/Atlanta for 14.5 miles
- Turn left into Cowee Ruby Mine

Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine

6771 Sylva Rd.

Franklin, NC

(828) 369-5271

www.coweemtnrubymine.com



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An Official Field Trip of the Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Cornelia, GA) (HOST)

Saturday, September 10, 2016
Clarkesville, GA
10:00 AM Eastern (9 AM Central)
Fee: \$10 per person

TRIP: This location is located in a band of kyanite bearing material. The material has been moved around so the kyanite is not in situ, but with a little digging and some perseverance, it has become a fun and productive site.

COLLECTING: Kyanite blades and cobbles, small mica books, and graphite specimens (rare). The kyanite ranges from gray to pale blue and may contain graphite. Some of the blades can be polished and, because of the graphite, they have a curious depth and shimmer when they are polished.

FEE: \$10 per person

BRING: Small blades can be found weathering out onto the surface. Bigger blades and cobbles are found by digging. You will need scratching tools and baggies for surface collecting, and a shovel and pick for digging. All holes must be refilled. This site can be muddy at times, so a change of clothes would be good too.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the site, but Northeast Georgia members will have free water and snacks available for everyone.

CHILDREN: This field trip is suitable for children but they must be supervised at all times.

PETS: Because this is a working farm, pets are not allowed.

SAFETY: There are electrified fences on the farm so do not touch any fences. Field trip leads will open and close gates. This is a working farm and there may be animals present – do not approach any of the animals. Do not enter pastures where animals are present.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

We will be meeting at 10:00 am Eastern time

Ingles Market (the only Ingles in Clarkesville)
199 East Louise Street (US Old/Historical 441)
Clarkesville, GA 30523

Coordinates: 34.603124,-83.517801

- 1) From Atlanta, take I-985 North towards Gainesville
- 2) I-985 will transition to GA 365/US 23
- 3) Continue on GA 365/US 23 to GA 197
- 4) Take GA 197 north to Clarkesville (about 3.5 miles)
- 5) Ingles is on the right, we will meet in the parking lot close to the highway.

CONTACT: John Rees, NEGMS Field Trip Chair
Phone: 706-865-5495



Kyanite cobble and blades

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aug. 12-14—DALTON, GEORGIA: Annual show; Mohammad Tahir, Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center; 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd.; Fri. 2-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$4, Free admission for children; There will be door prizes daily and a grand door prize of a 1/2 carat gold diamond ring! This will be the 25th year for our annual show! Many of the finest bead, pearl, fossil, mineral and jewelry merchants in the country will be there. Custom work and repairs will you wait. This show is fun for the kids and the whole family!; contact Mohammad Tahir, PO Box 4046, Alton, GA 30719, (706)-537-8960; e-mail: tahir1269@yahoo.com

Sept. 2-5—RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Shows, North Carolina State Fairgrounds; 1025 Blue Ridge Road; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; Adults \$5, Students 16 and under free; Vendors from across the United States bring a variety of merchandise. Their items include 14K and sterling silver, classic, estate, fashion and handmade jewelry. Wide selection of custom faceted gemstones. Loose stones, beads and findings, pearls. Mineral specimens, rocks, fossils, crystals, lapidary supplies. Jewelers and wire wrappers who can design, remount and set stones and make repairs on site. ; contact Jane Westbrook, PO Box 59, Gloucester Point, VA 23062, (804)-642-2011; e-mail: ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com; Web site: www.treasuresoftheearth.com

Sept. 2-5—HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Whitmire Center; 301 Lily Pond Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6, Mon. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$4, Children under 12 free; There will be displays, demonstrations, vendors, exhibits, refreshments, and hourly drawings.; contact Diane Lapp, (828)-776-8098; Web site: HCGMS.com

Sept. 9-11—WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA: Show and sale; Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club, Educational Building, Fairgrounds; Gate 9 from 27th St.; Fri. 10 -7 , Sat. 10 -7 , Sun. 12-5 ; Adults/Seniors \$3, Students grade K - 12th free with adult, Children free with adult; 45th annual show & sale featuring dealers specializing in fine jewelry, gems, fossils, minerals, beads, cutting materials, equipment and supplies. Over 30 educational exhibits. Visit the club corner for geode sales & cutting, grab bags, demonstrations and techniques of mineral identification. Hourly door prize drawings, food and refreshment stand on site. ; contact William Marion, 1163 Bear Creek Church Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028; e-mail: mariona1@yadtel.net; Web site: www.forsythgemclub.com

Sept. 16-18—ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; M.A.G.M.A., Camp Stephens; Camp Stephens Boy Scout Camp, Clayton Road; Fri. 9-6; Free Admission; 5th Bi-Annual Asheville, North Carolina Gem, Mineral and Fossil show. Sponsored by Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association. Numerous indoor and outdoor vendors with a top selection of gems, minerals and fossils from the USA and around the world. ; contact Richard Jacquot, PO Box 542, Leicester, NC, (828)-779-4501; e-mail: rick@wncrocks.com; Web site: www.americanrockhound.com