



THE GOLDRUSH LEDGER



CHARLOTTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

JUNE 2015

THE VEEP SAYZ

While Murray is on a mental vacation, I have been asked to fill in for this edition of Prez Says. Since we are at the beginning of summer, we need to be aware of one of the premier rock events in our region. I am speaking of the N.C. Gem & Mineral Showcase in Franklin, NC. There are multiple locations with hundreds of dealers. Collectors and Cutters alike have a terrific selection to choose from. The show runs from July 23rd thru the 26th. Then many of these same dealers pack up and move down the road to Spruce Pine the next

week to showcase their wares there.

During this same time in July, there is another event called FFF8, Franklin Faceters Frolic sponsored by the United States Faceters Guild (USFG). This event catering to faceters has been so successful that it has spawned a Tucson Faceters Frolic as well as a Florida Faceters Frolic in Jacksonville. This show not only has machines and rough, but has some of the premier faceters in the country in attendance and are available for you to pick their brains.

Looking at the whole package, this is the Tucson of the East and is an event for every rockhound in the area. Do yourself a favor and attend this event, I will be there.

*Kim Gwyn
Vice President
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Mineral Club*



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2015 ANNUAL CHARLOTTE GEM AND MINERAL SUMMER PICNIC

We have the 2015 picnic coming up soon. It will be a blast including activities like swimming, boating, relaxing, pie eating contest, singing and dancing. The event will be held on July 11th. There is a rain date of July 12 in case of inclement weather.

Please make reservations so we know how much food to provide! The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and refreshments. You are encouraged to bring a side dish. Bring your own folding chairs and towels. Please make reservations with Martha Rodgers by July 3rd. Just send an email to: martha4854@gmail.com

Directions:

Rt. 77 North to Exit 36/Mooresville

Left at top of exit ramp onto Rt 150

In one mile pass a large QT station on the right

Another mile to the intersection of Rt150 and Dooley RD
(Harris Teeter on your right)

Left onto Dooley Road

First left (approx. ½ mile) onto Lineberger Drive = a short paved road leading onto a dirt road (2 speed bumps)

Approx. ½ mile on dirt road, turn left at golf cart with CG&MC sign

A 50 minute drive from the Senior Center

If you drive your car into the lake call Murray at (704) 668-5658



Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

Thursday June 18, 2015

Social Hour from 6:00 - 7:00

Silent Auction and Personal Collection Table 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:

This month we will have a super special surprise speaker that you will not want to miss.

**There will not be a July meeting
due to the annual picnic.**

***Jewelry Making Workshop prior to the
meeting* 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Class will be taught by Linda Simon – Your instructor
will teach a simple yet attractive technique for mounting
cabochons**

ROCK OF THE MONTH

AMAZONITE

Amazonite (sometimes called “Amazon stone”) is a green variety of microcline feldspar.

The name is taken from that of the Amazon River, from which certain green stones were formerly obtained, but it is doubtful whether green feldspar occurs in the Amazon area.

Amazonite is a mineral of limited occurrence. Formerly it was obtained almost exclusively from the area of Miass in the Ilmensky Mountains, 50 miles southwest of Chelyabinsk, Russia, where it occurs in granitic rocks. More

recently, high-quality crystals have been obtained from Pike’s Peak, Colorado, where it is found associated with smoky quartz, orthoclase, and albite in a coarse granite or pegmatite. Crystals of amazonite can also be found in Crystal Park, El Paso County, Colorado. Other localities in the United States which yield amazonite include the Morefield Mine in Amelia, Virginia.[4] It is also found in pegmatite in Madagascar and in Brazil.

Because of its bright green color when polished, amazonite is sometimes cut and used as a gemstone, although it is easily fractured.

For many years, the source of amazonite’s color was assumed a mystery. Naturally, many people the color was due to copper because copper compounds often have blue and green colors. More recent studies suggest that the blue-green color results from small quantities of lead and water in the feldspar.



~From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

CHARLOTTE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, July 11

(Raindate – July 12)

12:00 - 5:00

251 Lineberger Drive Mooresville, NC

- Make reservations by contacting Martha Rogers at: martha4854@gmail.com
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided.
- This is a lake side location, so bring your swim suit and towels!
- Kids, spouses, and significant others are welcome.
- See page 2 of the June newsletter for more information and directions.



UPCOMING SHOWS

July 22-26—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Damian BellGali, Echo Valley Show Plave (across From GLW); 6456 Sylva Rd. (across fr GLW); Wed. 9 am-5 pm, Thu. 9 am-5 pm, Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sat. 9 am-5 pm; Admission is Free; Wholesale and retail dealers from around the world selling minerals, fossils, gem, and rough rock; open to the public Sunday hours 9-4pm; contact Damian Bellgali, (678) 852-8273; e-mail: mandybelghali@yahoo.com

July 23-26—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Retail show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Thu. 10 am-5 pm, Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-4 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children Under 12 FREE; 50th Annual Macon County Gemboree featuring dealers from across the country. Rough and cut gemstones, gold and silver jewelry, minerals, findings, beads and demonstrations. Door prizes drawn every hour. Repairs and settings done at the show. ; contact Linda Harbuck, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (800) 336-7829; e-mail: lindah@franklin-chamber.com; Web site: www.visitfranklinnc.com

**July 30 - Aug. 2---SPRUCE PINES, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual Show; North Carolina Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Festival; 12183 S 226 Hwy Spruce Pine, NC 28777-8908; Thursday-Saturday 10-6, Sunday 12:30-5:00; Admission: \$3 / Kids Under 10 are Free Thursday Sr. Citizen Day \$1 Admission Sunday Mitchell County Residents Day \$1 Admission; Whether you are looking for a diamond engagement ring, beautiful colored gemstones or a one of a kind gift, you will find it all right here at the NC Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Festival. Our vendors come from around the country and offer a huge selection of quality jewelry, gemstones, minerals, crystals, beads, fossils and more!
Web site: <http://ncgemfest.com/>**

Jewelry Making Classes



Learn the art of jewelry making from one of your fellow club members. The above works of art were created by members like you during a previous jewelry class. Classes are available to all up to date members.

Class will be taught by Linda Simon. Your instructor will teach a simple yet attractive technique for mounting cabochons

***Next Class is Thursday June 18th
from 5 to 7 prior to the club meeting***