



Goldrush Ledger

Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter

January 2019

Prez Sez.....

With this being January, I hope all of you had a Happy New Year! We were able to cap off a good 2018 with our Christmas Dinner last month. We not only had good food and good company, but some members even went home with presents. To recap last year: we had a great show at Hickory, another good year at Matthews and our July picnic was held indoors and turned out to be a winner. Our annual auction in November was a huge success, with many members adding some great rocks and minerals to their collections. These events allowed us to add \$6,000 to our accounts.

You might be a rockhound if...

*-- your spouse has asked
you to stop identifying
mineral occurrences in the
road cuts at 70+ mph.*

Looking Ahead

We have renewed our lease for another year of regular meetings at the Tyvola Senior Center. As you come in the door, we will now be the 1st room on the right. Looking forward, mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Hickory show March 22-24 and Matthews Alive, Aug 31-Sept 2, for our geode cutting and gem sluice fundraiser!



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Going on a great rockhounding trip this summer? Share your photos with us!

Dues are Due

It's that time again! Our annual dues are due by end of January. Dues are the same as previous years: \$20 for individuals and \$25 for the family. Membership forms are available at the club meeting, and also on our website at www.charlottegem.com. Please mail in your payment if you are unable to attend this month's meeting on the 17th.

Membership dues provide many benefits including access to drawings and special events such as the summer picnic, club field trips, and Dixie Mineral Council field trips. It will soon be time to draw for the scholarships to William Holland for the coming year, and only current members will be available for the drawing.

New Newsletters

We are attempting to start up the newsletter again, and much help is needed. If you can take on the task of generating the newsletter, please let Kim Gwyn or Mary Fisher know. In the meantime, we will attempt to add information about sites, rocks, digs and any other pertinent subject. Please forward pictures, facts and ideas that can be used when preparing our upcoming newsletters.



What are you working on?

Send us your pictures to share with our members. We really want to showcase the lapidary talents in our group.

Kim Gwyn faceted these lovely 10mm synthetic Morganite stones to create necklaces for his daughters.

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Enameling Class at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

What does your workshop look like?

This year we are having a contest for best workshop by a club member. To participate, we will need 3 pictures capturing the best qualities of your work area. This could be a garage, basement, spare room, wherever you do your lapidary work. These pictures will be submitted to Kim Gwyn (email in the sidebar), and then posted anonymously on the website for voting. Once votes are tabulated, a winner will be determined and the winner will win a Prize to be determined.

How can you help our club this year?

Like every great group, this club relies upon participation from our members to support the club's activities. Join in on the fun, and build friendships along the way!

1. Sign up to bring snacks for one of our meetings.
2. Make a presentation on a vacation, dig, trip, class.
3. Volunteer for a committee (Matthews Alive).

Upcoming Field Trips

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

Note: DMC Field Trips are for club members of DMC-affiliated clubs and their families only. Liability issues mean that these trips cannot be attended by the general public unless otherwise noted. Because this dig is not open to the public, full details are not published in our newsletter. As a benefit of membership, our club is a DMC-affiliated club and CGMC members who are current on their 2019 dues may attend.

Saturday, Jan 19, 2019

An Official Field Trip of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club (Winston Salem, NC)

The Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club is hosting a DMC dig on January 19, 2019 to a site at Douglas Lake near Dandridge Tennessee, to hunt for double-terminated quartz crystals.

For more information about this dig, please contact charlottegem@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Feb 16

An Official Field Trip of the Athens Rock and Gem Club

Details to be announced

Upcoming Gem Shows

**49th Annual Catawba Valley
Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show
Hickory Metro Convention Center
Hickory, NC
(Come and visit our club booth at the show!!)**

March 22-24

Hours:

9am-6pm – Fri & Sat

10am-5pm – Sunday



Day Trip Ideas

Pilot Mountain has been a navigational landmark for centuries. Rising abruptly more than 2,000 feet, this unique location, designated as a State Park, offers a fascinating geological history display as well as hiking, camping, and rock climbing opportunities, just 1.5 hours north of Charlotte.

Like the rocky escarpments in nearby Hanging Rock State Park, Pilot Mountain is a remnant of the ancient Sauratown Mountains. A quartzite monadnock, this rugged mountain rock has survived for millions of years while the elements have eroded surrounding peaks to a rolling plain.

The 0.8 mile roundtrip Jameokee Trail makes a loop around the Big Pinnacle, offering an stunning view of the rock formations that comprise Pilot Mountain.