



# THE GOLDRUSH LEDGER



CHARLOTTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

NOVEMBER 2017

## THE PREZ SAYZ

Our Open House at “the Hill” was attended by quite a few new faces. Our friends at CPCC came by to see the facilities and to inquire about our classes. Refreshments were consumed and many questions and answers were exchanged. By the end of the afternoon we even had some new members! All in all it was a successful afternoon for our club.

Our annual Club Auction is coming up at this month’s meeting. Please come, buy some goodies and bring a friend to enjoy the evening.



Please make note that our Annual Christmas Party is coming up December 8.

**Kim Gwyn**  
President  
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club

## IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH:

November 1, 1848 - The first medical school for women opened in Boston

November 2, 1795 - James K. Polk, the 11<sup>th</sup> US President, was born in Mecklenburg County, NC

November 8, 1960 - John F. Kennedy elected the 35<sup>th</sup> President

November 12, 1927 - The Holland Tunnel was opened to traffic.

November 17, 1924 –  
1<sup>st</sup> Macy’s Thanksgiving  
Day Parade



November 19, 1969 –  
Apollo 12 lands on the  
Moon.

November 28, 1995 –  
US ends federal 55 MPH  
Speed Limit

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# WORKSHOPS AT THE HILL

This is our new home to our workshops.



**1346 Hill Road.  
Charlotte, NC**

**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](mailto:gwynkim@gmail.com) to arrange a time(s).

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

**Martha Rogers at :**

**[charlottegemclub@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegemclub@gmail.com)**

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**Currently scheduled classes:**

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

Nov 18 Wire Wrap (3 openings) with Martha Rogers  
\$35.00 Class Fee

Materials & tools provided

Class starts at 9 am, breaks for lunch around noon,  
(Bring a sandwich & Beverage)

Dec 9 Wire Wrap (3 openings) with Martha Rogers  
\$35.00 Class Fee

Materials & tools provided

Class starts at 9 am, breaks for lunch around noon,  
(Bring a sandwich & Beverage)

Dec 16 Cabbing Class (4 openings) with Martha Rogers  
\$50.00 Class Fee

Materials & tools provided

Class starts at 9 am, breaks for lunch around noon,  
(Bring a sandwich & Beverage)

# ***Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club ANNUAL AUCTION***

***November 16, 2017  
at 6:30 pm  
come early and bring a friend.***

***Viewing Starts at 6:00 pm***

***AUCTION STARTS AT 6:30***

## ***Location:***

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

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***. The Charlotte Junior Rockhounds***

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***Meetings are located at the:***

***Matthews Community Center***

***100 McDowell Street***

***Matthews, NC***

***(704) 321-7275***

***November 18 – Jewelry Making***

***To sign up, contact Mary Fisher via email:  
CharlotteJuniorRockhounds@gmail.com***



# Guide to Gemstones

*Gemstones have played various roles in the myths and legends of human cultures throughout history. Some tell a story or are believed to have special powers, but all of them share a common beauty. Each gemstone is unique with a special color, birthplace and story. Gemstones come in every color of the rainbow and are gathered from all corners of the world, with each colored gemstone possessing a unique creation of beautiful color. Some gemstones have been treasured since before history began and others were only discovered recently. Join us as we explore the world of color gemstones*

## ALEXANDRITE

*If you love magic, especially the magic of science, you'll love Alexandrite, the color-change gem. Outside in daylight, it is a cool bluish mossy green. Inside in lamplight, it is a red gem with a warm raspberry tone. You can watch it flick back and forth by switching from fluorescent to incandescent light. The value of the gemstone increases as the color change becomes more distinct.*



*It is truly spellbinding to see the spectacular changing colors in this wonderful gemstone; you just might feel some of the mysterious magic and lore ascribed to it. It's said to strengthen intuition, aid in creativity and inspire the imagination.*

*Originally discovered in Russia's Ural Mountains in the 1830s, it's now found in Sri Lanka, East Africa, and Brazil, but this gem is exceptionally rare and valuable.*

## AMETHYST

*The ancient Greeks and Romans believed Amethyst would ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, and keep the wearer clear headed and quick-witted. For centuries, Amethyst has been associated with many myths and legends as well as religions in numerous cultures.*

*Not only is it the beautiful color that makes this gem so popular but it is also widely available in difference shapes and sizes which makes it more affordable. Amethyst complements both*

*warm and cool colors so it looks fabulous set in both yellow and white metals. This unique ability means it enhances almost every color in your wardrobe.*



## **AQUAMARINE**

*The name Aquamarine speaks for itself, meaning seawater. Aquamarine immediately brings to mind its stunning pastel sky blue or the bright color of the sea.*

*For centuries, this timeless gemstone has been a symbol of youth, hope, health and fidelity. Since this gemstone is the color of water and the sky, it is said to embody eternal life. It was long thought that Aquamarine has a soothing influence on married couples, making it a good anniversary gift.*

*Aquamarines are found in a range of blues; from a pale pastel to a greenish-blue to a deep color. Darker shades of blue are increasingly rare and in turn, make the value increase. Aquamarine is frequently a pastel gemstone but the color can be more intense in larger gemstones, smaller aquamarines tend to be less vivid.*



## REGIONAL DIGS AND SHOWS



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**Columbia Gem & Mineral Society**  
50th Annual  
2017

# Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show

**Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00**  
**Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00**  
**Nov. 19, 11:00 - 5:00**

**Jamil Temple**  
**206 Jamil Rd. Columbia, SC 29210**

Adults \$5.00...Children 16 & under free with adult  
**All Military & their dependents FREE**

803-736-9317    [www.cgams.org](http://www.cgams.org)    

 **\$1.00 off**

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*CGMS will have geodes for sale (\$1.00 per ounce uncut) at the show entrance. We will let you select and we will cut the geode for you. Geodes may contain quartz, amethyst, smoky quartz, calcite. (No one knows what may be inside.)*

*We have a salted mine where for \$1.00 a scoop, you can find crystals, fossils, rocks and minerals. You can "dig" for treasures that the Gem club provides and where they came from. Grab bags for \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 that contain a wide variety of materials that we collect on our field trips and members provide for the Show. You can find almost anything (including small jewelry pieces, shark's teeth and small fossils).*

Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society  
**38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show**

**Salem Civic Center  
1001 Roanoke Blvd.**

**Salem, Va. 24153**

**Nov 24th 2pm-7pm**

**Nov 25th 10am-6pm**

**Nov 26th Noon-5pm**

**Three day admission ticket price \$5**

**Children aged 14 and under FREE**

**FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry  
Panning Sluice, Fluorescent Mineral Display, Kindness Rocks Project,  
Geode Sales, DOOR PRIZES, Videos and more!**

**Contact Carol Messimer, [ckwlt@aol.com](mailto:ckwlt@aol.com)**

*An Official Field Trip of the Emerald City Rock and Gem Club(Greenwood, SC)*  
*(HOST)*

Saturday, *December 9, 2017*

*9:00 am to 2:00 pm EST*

*Diamond Hill Mine*

*Antreville, Abbeville County, SC*

**TRIP:** This is a very popular site that has had the spoil heaps turned over regularly this fall. In our travels around the country we've run into people from all over who love coming here. Recently people have been finding aquamarine in smoky quartz matrix. We often don't know what we've found until we get it home and clean it up!

**COLLECTING:** Quartz crystals (milky, skeletal, smoky, and some amethyst – rare), Beryl/Aquamarine – rare. Garnet and epidote finds have also been reported.

**BRING:** Digging tools, buckets, [work gloves](#), and don't forget weather protection gear, water and snacks. It can be muddy, depending on the weather.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Participants can take away as much as can fit in their car. Recently, there have been some problems with people digging outside the confines of the mine area, specifically into the county road easement. Participants are asked to stay on the mine side of the log. The mounds of dirt are fairly tall, so stout shoes are recommended. A wide path to the back area of the mine has been created making that an easier walk. Hand tools only.

**FEE:** \$20 per adult 18 and up, cash only (Checks are accepted only from a club [account](#)). Teens and Seniors \$10. Children 12 and under \$5.

**CHILDREN:** Yes. This is a great place for children.

**PETS:** Yes. Diamond Hill Mine is pet friendly.

**FACILITIES:** There are picnic tables and a porta potty, but no running water. If you want to clean your finds before taking them home, bring some water and a scrub brush.

## **DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:**

**Meet at:** [50-99 Diamond Mine Rd.](#) **From I-85** – Take exit 19A for US-76 E/Carolina 28 E toward Anderson. [Turn](#) right onto Hwy 28 S E. Turn right on SC-284 S. Turn right on Suber and a right on Diamond Mine Road. About 40 minutes from I-85.

**CONTACT:** Marf Shopmyer at (864) 910-5369



Aquamarine in smoky quartz matrix, found July, 2017



**REMEMBER OUR ANNUAL  
AUCTION IS THIS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
AT THE TYVOLA SENIOR  
CENTER, 2225 TYVOLA  
ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC  
BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!**

