



THE GOLDRUSH LEDGER



CHARLOTTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

November

THE PREZ SAYZ

Fall has fallen and here we are once again looking at two very busy months. Get your calendars out and mark the following dates – before Thanksgiving is the annual Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club auction on Thursday evening, November 17. Beautiful pieces from the Orchard Collection present a wonderful opportunity to conveniently get some Christmas shopping done. There will be collectibles for all ages and these represent unique items you will not find anywhere else in the greater Charlotte area. For the more mechanically minded, we will have some pieces of equipment for sale as well. Viewing will be from 5:30 to 6:00PM and the auction will start precisely at 6 (we have to vacate the premises by 9). Bring your cash and checks (time and logistics do not allow us to accept credit cards) and be prepared to leave with some amazing treasures. Prior to the auction a vote will be taken on the proposed slate of officers for 2017.



On Friday evening December 9th we will have our annual club Christmas party at the senior center. This will be a somewhat nostalgic event for me as it will be my last official function as President of this great organization. Details will be forthcoming in email blasts and on the CG&MC website right after Thanksgiving.

Lapidary classes at the Dairy are getting busier with various members and non-members learning techniques to make one of a kind holiday gifts for families and friends. Our good friend Sarah Lee Boyce is soon due to return to Charlotte from her extended season teaching at the William Holland Retreat. This gives us 3 to 4 months of her knowledge and skills in teaching cabbing. Take advantage of this wonderful resource and sign up soon for one (or more) of her classes - they fill up rather quickly. Kim Gwyn has started classes in faceting so if you've got that diamond rough that needs to be faceted (quartz is OK too), give him a call or shoot him an email. We also have a few members who are regularly taking advantage of half-day sessions of equipment use at \$20 per session . . . there are days when our Dairy workshop looks and sounds more like a clubhouse than a lapidary studio. And that's not a bad thing! Hope to see more of you there.

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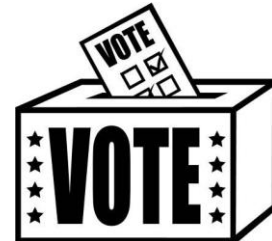
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Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017

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Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

Thursday November 17, 2016

Preview 5:30- 6:00

Auction Starts Promptly at 6:00

Do your Christmas Shopping Early

Location:

Tyvola Senior Center

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

**Bring your cash, checkbook, and any rock related items
to the CGMC Annual Auction! There will be all kinds
of great items up for bid from rough to tools to supplies
and tons of stuff in between.**

****Auction Will Begin At 6:00!****

Charlotte Junior Rockhounds

Saturday November 19, 2016

Topic: Making Gifts with Rocks and Minerals

10-11:00 - Class 1

11-12:00 - Class 2

Matthews Community Center

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).

Dec 3 - Cabochon Class (4 Openings) with Murray Simon
\$40 Class Fee

Dec 17 - Cabochon Class (3 Openings) with Murray Simon
\$40 Class Fee

Dec 17 - Wire Wrap or Polymer Clay (3 Openings) with Linda Simon
\$20 Class Fee



Contact Martha Rodgers to register for a class.

Email: charlottegem@hotmail.com

Call: 704-543-6651.

Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club Monthly Meeting

***No Monthly Meeting For December! ***

**The annual club Christmas party will be
held Friday evening, December 9 -
details to follow
right after Thanksgiving**



Dues are due starting in January

Happy Holidays!

The CGMC is looking forward to a great new year in 2017!

Axinite Gems



Axinite Gemstone

Axinite is a group of brown to violet-brown or reddish brown minerals that sometimes occur in gem quality. Axinite is distinctive due to its strong vitreous luster when polished and its interesting pyro- and piezo-electric properties. Axinite is popular with mineral collectors because of its unusual crystal structure.

Axinite is referred to as a "group" because there are a number of minerals with a slightly different chemical composition, but with a common crystal structure. All the axinite minerals have a triclinic structure with unique, flattened spatula-shaped crystals.

The different members of the axinite group vary slightly in composition. The axinites are defined as calcium aluminum boro-silicates by composition. Members of the group are distinguished depending on whether the calcium is replaced by iron, magnesium or manganese. As the chemical composition varies, there are corresponding differences in color and specific gravity or [density](#).



Cushion Cut Axinite Gem

Axinite is a fairly rare gem. Though it is sufficiently hard to be used for jewelry, it is so uncommon that few jewelers work with it. Axinite deposits are found in Brazil, France, Mexico (especially Baja California), Russia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Pakistan. © 2005-2016 [GemSelect.com](#) all rights reserved



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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An Official Field Trip of the Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society (Aiken, SC)

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Diamond Hill Mine 100 Diamond Mine Road, Antreville, SC

8:00 AM Eastern (9:00 AM Central) to Dusk

- **COLLECTING:** You can find smoky quartz, amethyst, skeletal quartz, milky quartz, garnets, aquamarine, drusy quartz, mica, & epidote.
- **BRING:** Clothing appropriate to the weather (note: if there have been recent rains, the area will be very muddy, so boots will be very helpful), a potato rake, a bucket, safety glasses, a rock hammer and chisel, gloves, small bags for delicate specimens like mica, and paper for wrapping your findings.
- **FEE:** \$15 Per Person regardless of age.
- **CHILDREN:** Ok with adult attendance and supervisor at all time.
- **PETS:** Must be leashed at all times.
- **FACILITIES:** There are 2 portapotties on site. No food or drink is sold on site, so bring drinks and snacks - The Aiken Club will have limited supplies of water and snacks available. You will be able to leave the site for lunch and return if you like. The nearest towns with restaurants are Iva, SC (10 miles away) and Abbeville, SC (16 Miles Away)
- **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** All safety rules must be followed. A copy of the safety rules can be obtained from the Field Trip Leader. Remember, any time eye hazards may exist, such as hammering or prying, safety glasses MUST be worn. This is an active mine with dangerous areas. All young children must be under CONSTANT ADULT SUPERVISION and NEVER allowed to roam around. Shoes must be closed and laced (no flip-flops or Crocs).
- **DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:**
- **WHERE:** We will be meeting at 8:00 AM Eastern Time at Diamond Hill Mine. The facility is located at 100 Diamond Mine Road Antreville, SC.
Directions to our meeting place:
From I-20 in SC
Take Exit onto SC 19, Follow SC North to junction with US 25. Take US 25 thru Edgefield, Past Edgefield, turn left onto SC 283, Follow SC 283 until it ends on SC 28. Turn Right on SC 28, stay on it for 41 miles until you get to Emanuel Baptist Church (On Left), turn right here onto Suber Road, Travel 0.7 miles to Diamond Mine Road, turn right onto Diamond Mine Road, you will see the mine entrance on your right.
From I-85
Get off I-85 on US-76(Clemson Blvd) towards Anderson, turn right off US-76 onto SC 28, follow US 28 around Anderson, stay on it until you get to Emanuel Baptist Church (On Right) Turn Right onto Hwy 284, travel 2.8 miles to the "old house" on the right, Turn right here onto Suber Road, travel 0.7 miles to Diamond Mine Road, turn right onto Diamond Mine Road, you will see the mine entrance on your right.
- **CONTACT:** John Kolmar
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UPCOMING SHOWS

Nov. 18-20—COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA: The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 49th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show, Jamil Temple. 206 Jamil Rd, Columbia, SC 29210 Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5. Adults \$5 Sixteen and under free with adult, All Military & their dependents free. Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver & tools for sale, Geodes sold and cut Club member's rock collections on exhibit and lapidary demonstrations. South Carolina Amethyst on display. Contact Sue Shrader: 803-736-9317 ashnader@mindspring.com. Dealers: Sharon Sterrett 803-356-1472 ssterrett@sc.rr.com. www.cgams.org

Nov. 18-20—MARIETTA, GEORGIA: Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society (CCGMS) invites you to join them in their Annual Gem and Mineral Show as we return to our newly renovated home, Cobb County Civics Center in Marietta, GA. 548 Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060. Fri 10-6, Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5. Free Admission and free parking. Come immerse yourself in a showcase of rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils collected and sold all over the world! Enjoy a weekend of shopping, live lapidary and artisan demonstrations, mineral identification and instruction, the chance to buy and crack open you very own geode and much more. Be sure to listen for the hourly door prizes!

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