

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

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MEETING: The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be held at **7:30 PM, Nov 16, 2017**, the third Thursday of the Month, at **Vulcan Materials Company's Training Center, 4401 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC.**



PROGRAM: Our speaker for the meeting is a club member, Steve Hebert, who will talk about wire-wrapping



Refreshments: Refreshments for the October meeting will be provided by **the Marions and Reeds**. The Club will provide cups and napkins and ice for the refreshments. Those volunteering to provide refreshments need only provide sufficient drinks and snacks, such as, cookies, cakes, crackers, or donuts *and ice*

.2017 Refreshment List

January	Sandra & Stephanie Myers, Jim Jones	July	Beards, Sturiks
February	Brent Beck, Charles Whicker	August	Picnic
March	Bakers, Hughes	September	Show
April	McGilvarys, Brouhles	October	Caroline Jones, Daniel Bowles
May	Goodes, Pete Smith	November	Marions, Reeds
June	Gaskills, Schlottmans	December	Holiday/Show Dinner

If you enjoy the refreshments, please be prepared to take a turn in furnishing them. NOTE: if you volunteer to bring refreshments, please do so. If you are unable to attend for any reason, contact Vickie Gaskill or Jeanne Schlottman prior to the meeting so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Note: Due to equipment issues in the meeting area kitchen, it will be necessary for the refreshments providers to also bring ice for the drinks, at least for the next couple of months.



Refreshment Volunteer Time

As this year comes to a close it is once again time to start sign-ups for providing refreshments for next year's meeting. Anyone who wishes to sign up should contact Hospitality Chair Vickie Gaskill to get on the list.



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS



No December Program

Just a reminder that there is no program meeting for December. Instead the club will hold its annual show and holiday celebration dinner.



Membership Renewal Soon Due

As the year comes to a close it is a reminder that most members will need to renew their membership soon. Renewals are due by the end of the year. Members who have not renewed by the end of February will be dropped from the roles.

A copy of the membership form is included in this newsletter. The form can also be downloaded from the club's web site. Note that ALL members, including existing members, must fill out the form each year so that FGMC can keep the records up to date.

Membership can be renewed at any of the upcoming meetings, including at the December dinner. Or they can be mailed to the Treasurer.



Time For Elections

The November meeting is the time of the club's annual "Business" meeting. One of the key functions of this meeting is the election of officers for the new year.

The Nominating Committee (Sherry Marion and Ken Reed) have produced the following slate of candidates:

President	Albert Gaskill
Vice-President	Jeff Schlottman
Treasurer	Alex McGilvary
Secretary	Lisa Reed
Directors	David Goode Sandra Myers Sherry Marion Ken Reed

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Note that if you plan to nominate someone else it is strongly preferred that you get the potential nominee's agreement that he/she will be willing to serve.

Additional functions such as Hospitality Chair, Field Trip Chair, Program Chair, and Newsletter Editor are appointed positions and will be assigned by the new President.

Installation of the new officers is done at the end of the December dinner.



Congratulations to Case Winners

The 2017 show again included the "favorite case" contest where attendees could vote for the case that they like best. This year's winners are:

Junior: Alexis Reed

Adult: Vickie Gaskill



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Western South Carolina Gem & Mineral Society (Greenville, SC) - HOST
An Official Field Trip of the Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club

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.

Amos Cunningham Farm

Registration at the site - Fee: \$25 per person

TRIP: The collection site is known for its beryl, amethyst and smoky quartz. The site is flat to rolling land of South Carolina red clay. The digging areas have been machine trenched down to white kaolite veins that have the beryl and quartz crystals. Dirt and rock removed from the trenches and piled up, also contain beryl and are good places to search. Extracted from Microscope Talk.

COLLECTING: Beryl and quartz crystals.

BRING: A small rock hammer, collection bucket, food & water and personal protection (including sunscreen, hat, etc.) Also sturdy shoes and safety glasses.

FEE: \$25 per adult, children 12 and younger free.

REGISTRATION: Bob Green and Bill Wetzel (on site)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Adequate parking. Some places are relatively steep slopes. Not handicap accessible.

CHILDREN: Yes.

PETS: Yes, on a leash.

FACILITIES: Portable toilets available.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The DMC December trip will occur before the December newsletter will be published, so it is included in the November newsletter.



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Diamond Hill Mine

Fee (See Below)

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.



Inclement Weather Procedure

Winter is just around the corner and with it chances for bad weather for the next few months, so it is time to review the procedures to be followed in case of bad or threatening weather on any of the event or meeting dates.

If inclement weather is a possibility, plans are to try to make a go/no-go decision by the day before the meeting. If the decision is made to cancel, an email alert will be sent out, as well as a notice posted on the club web page. Members who do not have email or internet capability should call one of the officers.



Upcoming Shows

November 17 - 19, 2017 - The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its **50th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show** – Fri, Sat.: 10:00 -6:00, Sun: 11:00 - 5:00 – Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Rd. - Columbia, SC 29210 - Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale. Geodes sold & cut. Club member’s rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations.- Lots of fun for the whole family. South Carolina amethyst on display. Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society - \$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free with adult. All military & their dependents free. Sue Shrader: 803-736-9317 ashrader@mindspring.com Dealers; Sharon Sterrett 803-356-1472 ssterrett@sc.rr.com - www.cgams.org

November 24 - 26, 2017 - Salem, VA - 38th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Show - Fri, Sat: 2pm to 7pm, Sun: Noon to 5pm Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard, Salem, VA 24153 - Free Parking - Hobby related exhibitors, Fluorescent Mineral Display, Club Member Displays, Geode Cutting, New this year is a video room showing gem and mineral related videos all day - Admission is \$5.00 ticket good for all three days -14 and under free with adult -Door prizes drawn hourly Grand prizes drawn 4:30pm Sunday - For further info, CKWLT@aol.com.



Meeting Minutes

The October FGMC meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on October 19 by club president Jeanne Schlottman. There were 31 members and guests present.

The program was a presentation by Andrew Heckert on “Big Data from Small Fossils – Triassic fossils of NC”.

Door prizes were won by Arvil Marion, who chose a copralite sample from Mahajanga Provice, Madagascar, and Scott Brouhle, who chose a copper piece from Michican upper peninsula.

The nominating committee (Sherry Marion and Ken Reed) presented the slate of officers for the coming year (published elsewhere in the newsletter).

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Ketner, Secretary



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