

The Prez Sez

Hope everybody enjoyed the holidays, and stayed cozy during the blizzard. Going back to a full working week starting tomorrow just doesn't seem right after the last couple of weeks. We have taken a major step with the purchase the faceting machines for the NC State Crafts Center. The logical question is "what do we do now?" This will be the topic for discussion on the 15th. Please bring your suggestions, hopes, questions, even complaints.



Robin

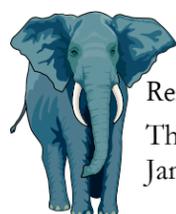
From the Editor...



You will see the preliminary membership list enclosed. Please verify that your information is correct. If not, contact me immediately. There is no need to save the inner pages, as a booklet with membership information will be developed by February. A separate list will be created for phone numbers, email addresses and street addresses.

Please notice the two open positions as stated on the inner cover. If you enjoy programs and would like for them to continue, we need you to plan the programs. Contact the President or volunteer at the January meeting.

The same goes for field trips. We have several people willing to help, but a chairperson is needed. If you would like to serve on the committee or direct the trips, contact the President or volunteer at the January meeting.



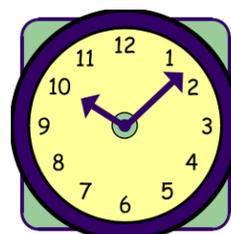
Reminder

The President has the honor of bringing the refreshments for the January meeting.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the president. There were 20 members present.

There was an amendment to the October minutes: Robin Suddaby has one faceting machine and Prep Maynard has the other. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes with this amendment.



Elections:

Cyndy Hummel made a motion, and Gary McCutcheon seconded, to close nominations for president. Robin Suddaby was reelected president.

Gary made a motion, Cyndy seconded, to close nominations for Vice President. Marion Broadway was reelected vice-president.

Cyndy made a motion, and Corrine Hummel seconded, to close nominations for secretary. Becky Farmer was reelected secretary.

Mickey Broadway made a motion, and Gary seconded, to close nominations for treasurer. Corinne Hummel was elected treasurer.

Walt Olds made a motion, and Eric Motzno seconded, to close nominations for at large council members. Walt Olds and Cyndy were approved by acclamation.

Other Business:

Corinne Hummel gave a treasurer's report on checking and savings account. She plans to move all monies into the State Employees Credit Union after Christmas and will check into moving some from checking into savings.

We have 2 dealer contracts returned. The remainder is due by December 15, 2001.

Cyndy will contact former member Bob Dolezal about a web site for the club.

Raffle: We drew for three months this time since we had gotten behind.

Winners were: Becky Farmer, Gary McCutcheon and Jim Tunney.

The Greensboro Club has put out a calendar/organizer with faceting diagrams for each week. If you would like a copy, contact Cyndy Hummel. The cost is \$13.95.

If you are interested in serving on the by-laws committee, please see Robin. We need to get this committee rolling again.

Craft Center:

Gary gave an overall view of where we are with the craft center. We seem to be an asset to the center if we decide to form some sort of partnership with them in terms of helping them secure larger budgets from the University. They are willing to do some re-arranging and modifications and additional furniture, etc. if we come there.

There was an open discussion period and numerous things were discussed, such as: New chairs, Discounts for members on classes, Use of equipment at other times, Room for meetings, Donations to the center – whether we give them title to equipment, or just use of it, Supplies we might be responsible for, or be able to supply, such as dops, laps, etc., What they expect from us and what we can expect from them.

At the end of the discussion there was a motion by Prep, seconded by Christa Ennis, to donate 5 Facetron faceting machine to the University Craft Center. An amendment to the motion by Gary McCutcheon, seconded by Frank Sinclair, stipulated that in addition to the donation of machines, the club would work with the craft center to draft an agreement for meeting space and use of equipment and facilities.

The motion, with its amendment, passed unanimously.

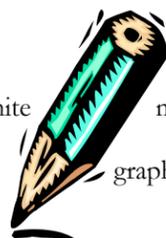
Respectfully Submitted, Becky Farmer

What's in a lead pencil?

From Breccia, March 2001

Graphite! The lead in soft pencils is mostly graphite; in harder pencils, it's graphite mixed with clay.

Apparently people have always confused graphite with lead. One name for and another is plumbago (plumbum is Latin for lead).



graphite is black lead,

Graphite, a mineral that occurs naturally, is a soft slippery form of carbon; lead is a gray, heavy metal that must be refined from ore.

Whatever the difference between these two unrelated materials, the term lead pencil is seemingly here to stay.

(Reference: Earth Science World American Geological Institute)

What minerals are produced in North Carolina?

North Carolina has important deposits of many minerals and annually leads the nation in the production of feldspar, lithium minerals, scrap mica, olivine and pyrophyllite. The state ranks first in phosphate rock production and ranks in the top five in clay and crushed granite production. North Carolina does not produce significant quantities of metallic minerals. There is no coal, or oil and gas production. There is no coal-bed methane production either.