

Tar Heel Tailings

A newsletter for Gem and Mineral enthusiasts in and around the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

President's Report - Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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- Secretary's Report

Welcome to the New Year! I have a few goals for this year. The first has been accomplished which is setting up the Speakers for 2014. I also have 4 in the queue for 2015. My yearlong goal is a personal challenge. It will be to learn club members so I can call you all by name. So please wear your nametag to help me out.

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SHOW INFORMATION

by Cyndy Hummel.

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Sign up to volunteer for different booth areas at the January meeting!!!!

You should wear your nametag at all times during the show. You may not be allowed entrance prior to show hours without your 2014 nametag.

Set-up time is 5 PM on Thursday, March 27th at the fairgrounds, Kerr Scott building. Tables and chairs should already be in place. Expect to paper tables for each club booth area; Silent Auction, Geode, Hospitality, Demonstration and Display Case Tables and haul boxes and assemble display cases. We are usually finished by 8PM. The more helping hands we have,

the sooner we can finish! Friday morning each club booth area will remove items from boxes and organize the areas to their preference. The dealers set-up early Friday morning beginning at 8AM. Club members also set up their own demonstration/sales area and display case on Friday no earlier than 8AM.

Breakfast snacks and coffee

will be available all three mornings. The pre-ordered Panera supper on Friday will be delivered at 5PM. Lunch is provided on Saturday & Sunday for club members who are currently **volunteering** at the show, no dealers. The purpose of these meals is to feed our own volunteers who work all day so they need not worry about their meals.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.tarheelclub.org

Program & Refreshments

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE:

Coordinator: Need Volunteer

January TBA

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

January Steven Hughes - NCSU Field Camp

Remember, the club will reimburse you for up to \$75 (bring your receipts to the treasurer).

January Treasurer's Report

Sep. Ending /
Oct. Beginning Balance \$2,935.19

Deposits (+)
Members \$34.00

Sub total \$34.00

Checks Written (-)
Newsletter \$138.08
Food 75.00
Field trip 57.51

Sub Total \$270.59

Oct. Ending /
Nov. Beginning Balance \$2,698.60

Deposits (+)
Members \$22.50

Sub total \$22.50

Checks Written (-)
Newsletter \$138.08
Food 75.00
Food 39.93
Office Supplies 58.51
Web Page 154.91
Correction .05

Sub Total \$466.48

Nov. Ending /
Dec. Beginning Balance \$2,254.62

Deposits (+)
None 0.00

Sub total \$0.00

Checks Written (-)
Trailer Rent (1 yr) \$720.00
US Postal Box (1 yr) 224.00
Year end Receipts 119.90

Sub Total \$1,063.90

Dec. Ending /
Jan. Beginning Balance \$1,190.72

January B-Day Members

- Roxanne Alexander
- Marion Broadway
- Ken Carlson
- Christa Ennis
- Jack L. Fried
- Peter Glud
- Cyndy Hummel
- Bernadette James
- Jason Jin
- Carrie Jones
- Walt Milowic
- John Nigro
- Mary Obenchain
- Mimi Quick
- Greag & Rita Wase



Membership applications may be mailed to:

Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Attention: Treasurer
10609 Chelsea Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. -

Tuesday, Nov 19th, 2013

Attendees = 25

Opening of Club Meeting:

At 7:50 PM Jack Fried called the meeting to order.

New Business:

Craft Fair:

Jack then recognized George Thomas, Director of NC Craft Center, who spoke about the NC State University Craft Fair: The NC State University Crafts Center presents its 29th annual Crafts Fair, featuring work by The Crafts Center's own artists and craftspeople. Pottery, wood, glass, jewelry, fiber arts & more! Meet the craftspeople and enjoy complimentary refreshments while shopping for unique items for yourself or those special people on your holiday gift list.

Admission is \$1 per person, \$2 per family
& FREE for NCSU students with ID.

<http://www.ncsu.edu/crafts/2013craftsfair.html>

Jack then went on to list the items we would be trying to cover during the meeting as follows:

1. Club Elections
2. Club Web-site
3. Club Bylaws
4. Remuneration by Ken Gay for funds received for his book (by giving a presentation of his work)
5. Request presentations from the people/organizations we donate to.
6. Grab Bags
7. THG&M Show

Web:

Both Jack noted that we need improvements to our web presents and the new club board members would have to address this expediently.

Show Geode Booth:

Jack brought up the previously circulated idea to upgrade/augment or replace the current Geode Booth with an easier to put together and more sound proof structure noting some voiced complaints heard during the last show regarding sound level. Jack further went over some possible structures and wrapped up this section with a request to the Greg and the Geode Committee members to view the Flea Market booths at the State Fairgrounds and decide upon a workable model. Jack made the motion to approve \$500.00 for up-grading the Geode Booth. Corinne 2nd the motion. Upon a vote by the present membership of the THG&MC, the motion passed by a margin of 19 for and 3 against.

Wildacres Trip:

Becky was recognized next and told the membership that she would not be able to accept the Wildacres Trip prize she had won by volunteering at the THG&M Show in spring. The Secretary reviewed his notes on the prize and noted that the club had used up all of the alternates drawn for their service. This will have to be a piece of business for the incoming THG&MC Board.

THG&MC Gem Show:

Jack next recognized Cyndy H. who spoke about the upcoming THG&MC Gem Show. Cyndy started by saying that Nancy would no longer be able to host the "Lounge" area do to her relocation.

Novmeber Meeting Minutes

Cyndy is now looking for a volunteer for this highly important position for the show. In general, the duties of this position require the provisioning of the lounge area with sufficient supplies of coffee, water, soda and ice for our volunteers and the merchants. These supplies will be needed Thursday night at 7:30 till close up, Friday morning to close up, Saturday morning to close up and Sunday morning to close up.

Cyndy also noted that we need volunteers for the silent auction. No members had taken the opportunity to help our normal Silent Auction Committee Members during the last show and they have now declined to be involved in this coming show.

Cyndy went on to note that we are in need of "runners/gofers" for the upcoming show and would appreciate any and all volunteers.

Jack took the floor and continued with the THG&M Show noting that we need an additional ~500 grab bags made. He requested of the membership to bring in any of these unloved collections and quarry finds that could be passed on to more caring hands, noting that he would be happy to hold on to any contribution until grab bags were scheduled to be made again.

Field Trip:

Shirley then was given the floor and stated that she had arranged for a field trip to the Castle Hayne quarry on Friday, 03-Jan-14 from 11:40 to 3:00 (weather permitting). PLEASE be there on time. Hard hats and steal toed shoes required. Shirley asked to call her at 919-675-2283 if uncertain regarding the weather.

Martin Marietta Aggregates

Eastern Carolina Region – Castle Hayne Quarry

5635 Holly Shelter Rd

Castle Hayne, NC 28429

New Hanover county

Phone: 710-675-2283

Manager: Burnie Freas

Presentation:

Ken next took the floor to present a few short tidbits on the geology of the Colorado Rocky Mountain National Park area.

The Vote for New Officers:

Jack then was given the floor where he asked for and was given the following nominations for the 2014 THG&M Club Inc. Board Officers as follows:

Office	Candidate
President:	Cyndy Hummel
Vise President:	Julie Niederkorn
Secretary:	Obsidian Harris
Treasurer:	Corinne Hummel
Treasure In Training:	Jack Fried
Member at Large #1:	Bob Bendelow
Member at Large #2:	Linda Searcy

Since none of the candidates for the board faced opposition, a simple Yay or Nay vote was pursued with the present club membership. The resounding Yays and lack of any audible Nays carried all candidates into their club offices.

Credit Card Reader:

Greg was next recognized and inquired about getting a "Square" credit card reader for the smart-phones so he would not have to turn away business at the geode booth during the THG&MC Show. Jack approved of this idea and asked that club members who knew

a little about this device/topic form a committee, meet, iron out any details, and purchase one to use prior to the upcoming show.

Old Business:

None addressed.

Door Prize:



The door prize was won by Obsidian Harris but she generously donated the prize to one of our new members, Kaleigh. Kaleigh chose a beautiful piece of malachite. As a reminder, if you happen to win the door prize, please compose a short article for publication in our news-letter on what you won.

Close of Meeting:

~8:38 Jack asked if there was a motion on the floor to close the meeting to which Marion B. accepted. Obsidian then 2nd the motion and the club meeting was closed.

Addendum #1:

Our thanks to Marion Broadway and Jack Fried for picking up refreshments for us.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Troutman, Secretary, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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President's Report

Another goal is to update the By-laws. Since my focus is on the show at this time as Show & Dealer Chairperson, the target for this is immediately after the show.

I have found an experienced Web Designer. She does this professionally and has worked with many non-profits (Daylily Clubs) to suit their web needs. She can also update the site with field trips, newsletters, the show and speaker information.

Please read about the show in this issue. Chair contact is included so if you are unable to make the meetings prior to the show, contact these folks to sign up to volunteer. Last year we did not have adequate coverage in the Silent Auction area. This area, if not covered, can be opened only at peak times. I would rather not

do this, however, the chairperson should not be the only person working the area. And he should be able to spend some significant time away without worries. Please volunteer especially if you are new. This is the easiest way to help and learn about the club and it is fun, too.

A few things about the meetings – We will start on time after a 5-minute grace period. Speakers will begin at 7:35. We will break for refreshments and then business/discussion and fellowship will complete the evening..

Hope to see you next week,
Cyndy Hummel,
President, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

Obsidian's sentiments...

Hello Rock Hounds,

I wish to take a moment to applaud and extend a Huge Thanks to Michael Troutman for his work doing the secretarial note taking this past year! If I had a hat on, it would be off to you. And I wish to thank folks in the club for their patience while I continue doing that

work in 2014. It will be interesting. Members input & thoughts are welcomed and appreciated.

Happy Rock Hounding
Obsidian Harris,
Secretary, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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Water, soda, coffee and tea will be provided for both dealers and club members throughout the three-day period. Sunday evening is pack-up and takedown for dealers and the club. Display cases are disassembled and wrapped in the table paper. Each booth inventories and boxes their items. Everything is then carefully placed in the storage trailer or rental unit.

Show hours for customers are -
Friday, March 28 3PM – 8PM
Saturday, March 29 10AM – 6PM
Sunday, March 30 10AM – 5PM

Remember, ENJOY the show. This is a rewarding and exciting time!!!

Show Information for New Members

By Cyndy Hummel

I see we have a lot of new club members. Welcome to the group. You may have heard about the annual Rock & Gem show. If not, sit back and I will tell you all about it.

The annual show at the Fairgrounds has free parking and free admission. As you enter the double set of doors of the Kerr Scott

building, you approach the Hospitality booth. This area is responsible for the daily door prize tickets, grab bag sales, club membership forms, free magazines and other literature. You might even see a display from the Aurora Fossil Museum. Knowledgeable club members identify items in the grab bags and answer general questions about the show and club. This is a good place for new members to learn and share their enthusiasm for the hobby with the

general public. This area also hosts different groups such as local museums.



Directly behind the Hospitality area are display cases for club members to spotlight their talents and discoveries. Minerals, fossils, silver, gold and wire wrapped jewelry, cut and polished gems, and slabs of rock that all combine to create our fascinating hobby are reflected behind glass.



As you move around the room, listen for the dulcet tones of saws cutting through hard rock. The Geode booth along the right hand wall is very popular with customers. Indeed, the same people purchase geodes year after year. One never knows what is inside each hollow or solid sphere until it is sliced open. In this area, there is a display of beautiful geodes that have been cut over the years. Knowledgeable club members operate the saws, clean, wrap and bag the geodes. Be sure to quiz them on how geodes are formed.



The Silent Auction is located on the back wall to the right. This is where children and adults alike can find treasures at bargain prices. Items such as jewelry, minerals, fossils, faceted gemstones and slabs of rock are put up for auction for an undisclosed amount of time. Each item has a paper listing the name of the item and location of origin in the case of a mineral or fossil. The bidder places their name and a dollar amount on a blank line and steps away from the bidding table. The next person places a higher bid

on the next line. When time is called, the last person on the list is the lucky winner.



Along the left back wall is where our club's talent shines, literally. This is the Demonstration/Sales area where club members showcase their hobby/addiction. At any given time you will see faceting, cabbing, wire wrapping, slab cutting, gold and silver smithing, bead stringing, gold and silver chain making, and gem tree creating. Be sure to come view our specialties and ask plenty of questions about how we do what we do.



Upstairs is where we keep the goodies to eat. The Refreshments area is where hot coffee, soft drinks and snacks can be found at differing times throughout the weekend. Club members are greatly encouraged to bring homemade tasty treats. This area is for current club members and dealers ONLY. Current nametags must be worn.



Set up for the show is Thursday night. Set up involves papering the club area tables, unloading boxes of merchandise for the Hospitality, Geode and Silent Auction areas and assembling the display cases. Club members set up their own space in the demonstration area and fill their display case on Friday morning.

As you can see there are many areas that club members can participate in during the show. I hope you will join us April.

TAR HEEL GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC

Membership Application 2014

Date _____ Renewal ___ New Membership

Applicant Name _____ birth month

Additional Names _____ birth month
 _____ birth month
 _____ birth month

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Telephone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email rather than mail? YES NO

Would you like to be a volunteer in the annual club gem & mineral show? YES NO

Will you be an active participant on field trips and like to be notified about them? YES NO

Please check your interests –

	Applicant	additional members		
Mineral collecting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fossil collecting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gold smithing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Silver smithing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wire wrapping	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cabbing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Faceting	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jewelry making	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 TAR HEEL GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.
 10609 CHELSEA DR. RALEIGH, NC 27603**

Annual dues are \$20.00 for the first member and \$5.00 for each additional family member over the age of 12.
 Youth under 18 are free and are sponsored by a paid adult family member.

Prorates for **NEW** folks joining during the year – from May thru Aug - \$15, from Sept thru Dec - \$10.

2014 Show Chairpeople

If you are unable to make the meeting, contact these people to volunteer in their areas.

Hospitality	Marion Broadway	(919) 612-0721	thewirenut@charter.net
Geode	Greg Dillon	(919) 772-3164	wgygunsmoke@aol.com
Silent Auction	Jack Fried	(919) 761-9390	jacklfried@aol.com
Display Cases	Jack Fried	(919) 761-9390	jacklfried@aol.com
Demonstration	Obsidian Harris	(919) 674-0243	foxivy@nc.rr.com
Refreshments	Gerald Beck	(919) 848-3319	gbeck23@nc.rr.com

UPCOMING SHOWS

March 28-30, 2014: Raleigh, NC - 38th Annual Capital Area Gem & Mineral Show. Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC. Hours: Fri 3-8; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5. Admission: Free and Free Parking. Contact: Cyndy Hummel; 919-779-6220; mchummel@mindspring.com; www.tarheelclub.org;

May 1-4, 2013: Spruce Pine, NC - 2nd Annual Spring Grassy Creek Gem and Mineral Show. Parkway Fire and Rescue Department at 12966 Hwy. 226 South, Spruce Pine, NC, halfway between US 19E and the Blue Ridge Parkway (exit 331). There are 30 dealers who have all kinds of gemstones, mineral specimens, jewelry, beads, fossils, and lots more. Mine tours available. Admission is FREE. Parking is FREE. Hours are from 8 to 6 all days. Contact Donna Collis at collisdonna@yahoo.com for information.

Vugsites The following are some links to Web-Sites that may interest some of our members:

<http://www.amfed.org> / <http://www.amfed.org/sfms> These are the official sites for the organizing body that the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club is founded under. I would strongly urge all members to check them out on a regular basis.

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/lodestar_newsletter.html The SFMS Lodestar Newsletter

<http://www.carolinageologicalsociety.org/CGS/Home.htm> This site provides numerous downloadable field-trip guide books, maps, and charts of the Carolinas. It will prove to keep any avid rock hound busy for years. Great Site!

http://www.ncminerals.com/ncmineralswebsite_files/page0011.htm And while we are on the subject, try this link. Its titled: Links of Interest to Rock hounds in NC. It will take you to a list of links for North Carolina gems and minerals.

<http://www.rocksforkids.com/> Just like the name says, a nice place to steer the younger members.

Information & photographs of over 6300 specimens from the Glenn & Martha Vargas Gem & Mineral Collection.

<http://www.rockhoundlounge.com> Scott Laborde, a club member maintains his own web site that might be of interest to people collecting in and around Wake County.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29726500/ns/technology_and_science-science This site highlights a half dozen of the most recent significant fossil finds.

<http://appmodo.com/13971/mole-quest-for-the-terracore-gem-app-review-for-the-iphone-and-ipod-touch/> If you have an iphone or an ipod touch, this rock-hounding may be the game for you.

http://diamonddanpublications.net/index_files/page0009.html Diamond Dan's Mini Miner's Monthly

I would like to encourage all members of the THG&MC that maintain their own presence on the internet to send me a link to their site to be published in future Vugsites so that other club members may learn and enjoy the craft, the art, the interests that many of us have in common.

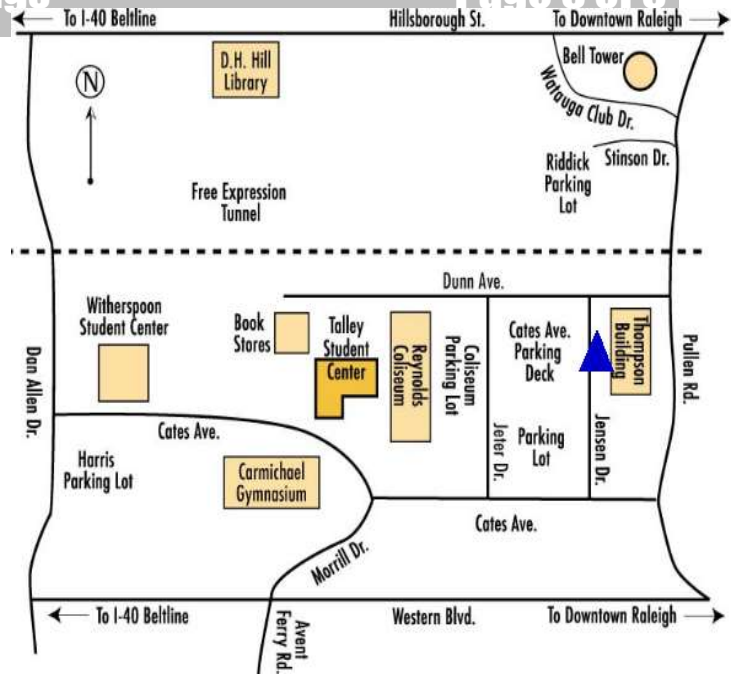
Park in the Cates Ave. Parking Deck off Jensen Dr. Enter Thompson Building directly across from the parking lot.

Our Next Meeting is January 21, 2014 @ 7:30PM Thompson Building / NCSU Campus.

About Our Organization...

The Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. was formed in 1974 as a nonprofit educational organization for people who enjoy the lapidary arts, earth sciences, and related subjects. The main objectives of the club are to investigate, preserve, and share knowledge of rocks, minerals, and precious stones, and to promote interest in mineralogy, paleontology, earth sciences, and lapidary techniques, among club members and among the general public. The club pursues these goals through publications, meetings, lectures, field trips, exhibits, demonstrations, and other activities.

Come and be a part of the Fun!



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