

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.

Well, it's that time again. The Show is here and we have a lot to do. Any and all donations for the grab bags will always be welcome. Anyone who has donations for the silent auction is asked to bring them to the show, if possible, if not we will accept them at the meeting. We will also, need to find out who will be displaying at this year's

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It is SHOW TIME people!!!

By Cyndy Hummel

It is SHOW TIME people!!! Please read the newsletter to discover all your burning questions about the show.

Be sure to sign up for volunteer times at the March meeting. We have many categories to select from – Hospitality, Geode, Demonstration/Sales, Silent Auction, and Runners. Runners will watch the areas of dealers or other club member's areas so they can take a bathroom break or get a bite to eat.

This is the meeting when we prepare the grab bags and prepare

the postcards for our mailing list. This is a very fast paced meeting. Come ready to run!

Remember – We are all

in the SPOTLITE during the show. Let us all be friendly and courteous at all times Thursday thru Sunday.

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See us at:
www.tarheelclub.org

Program & Refreshments

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE:	
Coordinator: Need Volunteer	
March	Open
PROGRAM SCHEDULE:	
March	Grab Bags

Please Contact Mike Troutman at 919.676.3161 to volunteer. Remember, the club will reimburse you for up to \$75 (bring your receipts to the treasurer).

March Treasurer's Report

Dec. Ending /	
Jan. Beginning Balance	\$5129.88

Deposits (+)	
Members	\$720.00
Auction	50.00
Dealers	1940.00

Sub total	\$2710.00

Checks Written (-)	
IMP Newsletter	\$112.00
Fallons for Lee Fleming	117.37
Meet Food	75.00
Dues SFMS	138.75

Sub Total	\$443.21

Jan. Ending /	
Feb. Beginning Balance	\$7396.67

Deposits (+)	
Dealers	\$880.00
Members	415.00
Raffle	25.00

Sub total	\$1320.00

Checks Written (-)	
IMP Newsletter	\$119.56
Post Office	9.00
IMP	37.36
Meet Food	75.00
Supplies - Craft Ctr Class	108.91
Dues for EFMLS	365.25

Sub Total	\$715.08

Feb. Ending /	
Mar. Beginning Balance	\$8001.59

March B-Day Members

- Doane Bridges
- Joanne Fried
- Dennis Herman
- Fredora Jones
- Fred Lentz
- Kevin Little
- Sarah Milowic
- Vickie Penninger
- Ron Simmons
- Sharon Starke
- Joseph, Joey & Cathy Stephens
- Roxie White



Membership applications may be mailed to:

Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Attention: Treasurer
10609 Chelsea Drive
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Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. - February Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Attendees = 34

Opening of Club Meeting:

At 7:39 Jack Fried called the meeting to order and welcomed newcomers/members to our meeting.

Jack then noted that Rhyan had some rock and mineral samples that he was giving away. (A big THANK YOU! To Rhyan from the club members.)

Jack then noted that he would be instituting a membership roll or sign in sheet to understand more who is attending our meetings.

Jack noted that the Treasurer's Report and THG&MC Inc., Minutes were published in the news letter and that there was no reason to read either of these unless there were revisions. Both the Treasurer and Secretary responded no.

Old Business:

Jack then noted that we NEED volunteers for our committees and that committees would be meeting during the standard THG&MC meeting some time prior to refreshments.

Jack moved on to our web presence stating that he would run an advertisement on Craig's List for a webmaster.

The next item of Old business Jack brought up was the PR/Education Committee. Jack went over what he expected from them to act upon soon including:

1. Finding a suitable administrative assistant(s) to write some letters for the club.
2. Letters to the chairman and applicable deans of NC State University inquiring about:
 - a. Larger meeting room
 - b. Help with our web presence
 - c. Lecturers/presentations

Jack then asked if there was any other Old Business. Responses included the following:

1. Volunteers needed to ensure the different committees had enough man power to get going.
2. Listing of the different committees for our THG&MC Inc.
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Website
 - d. PR/Education
 - e. Refreshments
 - f. Bylaws
 - g. Show (Rock/Mineral/Gem)

New Business:

Jack then moved on to New Business by bringing up the subject of adding onto the number of the Board members by including the former president and other committee heads and that this would be brought up in detail in the news letter for review of the club membership and a vote at the next club meeting.

Jack next noted that he would be submitting his "Presidents Agenda" for the next regular club meeting to the editor for publication in the news letter and needed input from the different committees. This item seed well accepted.

Jack also listed the following as urgent needs for the club:

1. Speakers, programs and presentations for/to/by the club membership.
2. Portable displays
3. Updated email list for membership and advertizing of the Gem Show.

4. Volunteers willing to build displays

5. Noted the committee signs posted around the room and the need for volunteers to sign up to help our club run effectively

The next topic Jack brought to the floor was to change the bylaws by stating clearly that we the members of the THG&MC Inc.

expected the following from our club membership: The THG&MC Inc. expects a member's responsibility to the club to include volunteering for a minimum of one duty per year. This item seed well accepted.

The next item Jack brought to the floor was the need of a non-member for either Cabbng work to be performed on 2 rubies or a recommendation by the club of a qualified person to perform said cabbng work. After brief discussion of gemstone losses from such operations and the possibility of liability, it was decided to tell the individual that we could not be of much help to him and to continue to look for local person that he trusted for his work.

Obsidian Harris brought to the floor her idea for articles to be published in the THG&MC Inc. news letter regarding: gems, minerals, rocks, their composition, chemicals structures, how to recognize them (physical properties) and therapeutic uses, etc. This item seemed well accepted.

Cyndy Hummel brought up the idea of adding on a "Profile of the Month" in which a member would submit a short article on their collection and how they got started in the rock-hounding/jewelry making hobbies. This item seemed well accepted.

The Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Gem and Mineral show was the next topic brought to the floor. Cyndy H. displayed a large poster from the 30th annual THG&MC show and noted that this was now the 37th annual show. She also went over how the poster would be updated for this event. Further, she went on to request input on the advertising for the soon upcoming show. It was noted that it would be preferable to have this type of advertising issue ironed out for next years show (2014), prior to October 2013. Cyndy Hummel, Corinne Hummel, Karen Santala and Jennifer Batchelder to work on updating the poster and getting it printed.

George Harris brought a motion to the floor to provide funding for prints of an updated poster for the sum of \$100.00 and to get as many posters printed as this sum will buy. Jack called for a verbal vote on providing the Show Committee with \$100.00 for printed poster for the 2013 show. The "Ayes" from the attending membership carried the vote and the motion passed. Corinne Hummel is to provide the allotted funding to the show committee.

Jack noted that he would send a copy of the THG&MC show flier to the membership via email. Other ideas for advertising were brought up as follows:

1. Info/presents on facebook
2. Tag with the THG&MC info in the grab bags
3. Craig's List presents/info

The NC Science Olympiad was the next piece of new business to come to the floor. The North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. It was proposed

that the Science Olympiad would be help by our sponsorship and we could use the publicity. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.sciencenc.com>

Cyndy Hummel was next recognized and brought up the subject of the raffle tickets for the Ethiopian Opal ring donated to us by:

Patrick Kelly
 Exceptional Gemstones
 6126 Brookshire Boulevard
 Charlotte, NC 28216-3363
 Phone: (704) 483-8332

The donated ring was described as a beautiful Ethiopian opal, orange sherbet in color with beautiful fire and surrounded with diamonds. The raffle tickets for this ring need to be paid to the order of THG&MC Inc.. The tickets are \$5.00.

Tom Todaro was next recognized and spoke about some upcoming field trips that he was arranging for us. He had also firmed up the following trip:

George Harris reminded us that there was a MAGMA trip scheduled for the Reel Amethyst Mine in Lincoln County on Memorial Day weekend.

Jack noted that there were ~35 open spots for the field trip to the Museum of Science Storage.

Door Prize:

The door prize was won by Shirley Green who chose a beautiful piece of Fluorite from China. 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.

Meeting Close:

The final motion to close the club meeting was made by Obsidian Harris and Walt Milowic seconded. The meeting of the THG&MC was closed at ~8:44 PM.

Action Items:

1. Jack Fried:
 - a. Run an advertisement on Craig's List for a webmaster.

President's Report

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show. There are only a limited amount of cases.

I would like to thank the officers for their diligence and hard work they are doing for the club.

I have emailed all committee members their respective members and hope they have contacted each other to begin their tasks. We will have a short get together at this month's meeting so you can all put a face to a name.

We will have a change to this month's meeting in that we will make the grab bags first prior to having the committees meet briefly and then the business part of the meeting. As always the refreshments will then follow.

The following amendments will be discussed and voted on at this meeting as follows:

1. **Section V. MEMBERSHIP**, to add "Subsection F., to read as "The Club expects a members responsibility to include volunteering for a minimum of, at least, one duty per year."

- b. Submit to the THG&MC news letter his "Presidents Agenda" for the next regular club meeting.
- c. Submit a brief to THG&MC Inc. new letter regarding possible changes to the bylaws increasing the number of governing board members and from where the proposed new board members will be drawn from along with a request for vote at the next regular club meeting.
- d. Submit a brief to THG&MC Inc. new letter regarding possible changes to the bylaws regarding the expectation of the club for its members. The proposed change to read: The THG&MC Inc. expects a member's responsibility to the club to include volunteering for a minimum of one duty per year. A request for vote at the next regular club meeting should be included.
- e. Send fliers for the show by email to the membership.
2. George Harris to add space in the next THG&MC Inc news letter for the following items:
 - a. Possible additions to the governing board of the THG&MC Inc. with request for membership vote at the next regularly occurring meeting.
 - b. Possible change to the bylaws of the club regarding club expectations of it's members to read: The THG&MC Inc. expects a member's responsibility to the club to include volunteering for a minimum of one duty per year. A request for vote at the next regular club meeting should be included.
 - c. Inclusion of the "Presidents Agenda" for the next THG&MC Inc. meeting.
 - d. Articles on "Rock of the Month" from Obsidian Harris.
3. Obsidian Harris to submit articles on gem/minerals/rocks on composition, chemicals structure, therapeutic uses, etc.
4. Cyndy Hummel, Corinne Hummel, Karen Santala and Jennifer Batchelder to work on updating the poster and getting it printed.
5. Corinne Hummel is to provide \$100.00 in funding to the show committee for posters.

Respectfully Submitted

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

2. **Section II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**, Subsection E., change 2nd sentence to read, "The above named officers, the at-large members, show chairperson, newsletter editor and the previous president shall form the Executive Council of the Club."

I would like to mention that we have been getting a lot of requests for educational programs, workshops and or talks from schools and clubs. As of yet, we have been unable to comply with these requests. I hope our ED. committee will be able to quickly rectify this situation.

With so much going on, I would like to apologize to any and all those I might not have answered or acknowledged recently.

I hope to see more of our members at this meeting to help make this year's show, again, a great success.

Until our March meeting, I hope you all stay well.

Jack Fried,

President, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

SHOW INFORMATION

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

You should wear your nametag at all times during the show. You may not be allowed entrance prior to show hours without your 2013 nametag.

Set-up time is 5 PM on Thursday, March 29th 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

Show Information for New Members

By Cyndy Hummel

Hello There,

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

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. 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, April 5	3 pm – 8 pm
Saturday, April 6	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, April 7	10 am – 5 pm

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

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.



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.



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.



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.

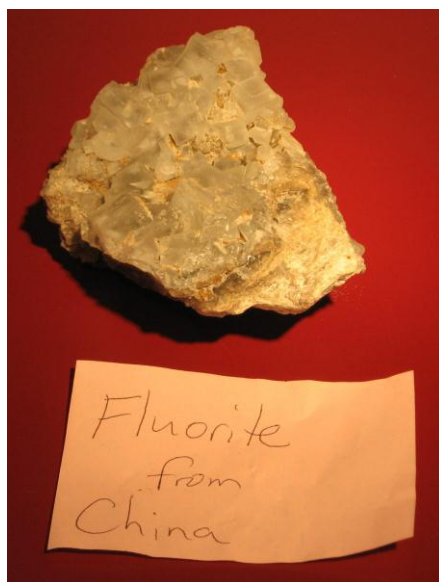
UPCOMING SHOWS

April 5-7, 2013: Raleigh, NC - 37th 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 2-5, 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.

July 27 - August 5, 2013: Spruce Pine, NC - 29th Annual 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 72 dealers who have all kinds of gemstones, mineral specimens, jewelry, beads, fossils, and lots more. Mine tours available. Admission is FREE. Parking is FREE. BBQ and silent auction of items donated by the dealers on Saturday to raise funds for the fire department. 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.rockforkids.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.

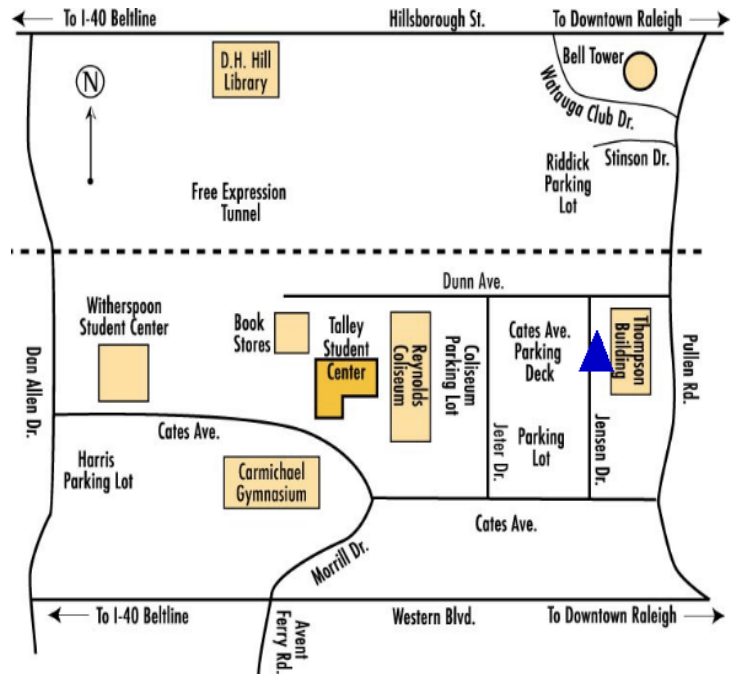
Park in the Cates Ave. Parking Deck off Jensen Dr. Enter Thompson Building directly across from the parking lot.

Our Next Meeting is March 19, 2013 @ 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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