

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

April 20, 2017

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MEETING: The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be held at **7:30 PM, April 20, 2017**, the third Thursday of the Month, at **Vulcan Materials Company's Training Center, 4401 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC.**



PROGRAM: The program for April will be a video from Dallas Mineral Symposium: Dr. John Rakovan, professor of mineralogy at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Title: Crystallography: How big, beautiful crystals form..



Refreshments: Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by **the Brouhles and McGilvarys**. 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.

2017 Refreshment List

January	Sandra & Stephanie Myers, Jim Jones	July	Sandy & Yvonne Beard, <i>one needed</i>
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.



Dates To Remember:

September 8-10, 2017 – Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS



FGMC April Field Trip

The April field trip will be to a previously unvisited site near Hiddenite. This is a new site that has just recently opened for field trips.

Details on the trip will be discussed at the April meeting. Those who wish to attend the trip are strongly encouraged to come to the meeting.

If anyone who wishes to go on the trip cannot make the meeting then call Jeff Schlottman for the trip information (336-940-2203)



FGMC Earth Day Event

FGMC has been asked to participate with a display at the Kernersville Earth Day event on Thursday, April 20. (Note: the date is to confirmed, as Earth Day itself is Saturday, April 22.)

The Executive Board decided to accept the invitation, and David Goode volunteered to head up the project. The main event will be a booth (with equipment supplied by the event sponsoring group). FGMC will provide some display materials and personnel to provide discussions with the attendees.

Anyone interested in assisting with this should contact David for confirmation and details.



New Honorary Member

The FGMC constitution/bylaws provides for the practice of honoring long-term contributors with an honorary membership. The Executive Board decided to continue this process by selecting **Joe Gutierrez** as the latest member.

Joe is a former geologist with Vulcan Materials, a long-term FGMC member, and the prime driver behind Vulcan creating the museum at North Quarry, subsequently named for Joe. The museum has been an educational outreach for both Vulcan and FGMC over the years.

Honorary membership includes a lifetime dues-free membership, a special member name-tag, and a small trophy.

Joe joins Paul Burton and Dick Hartz as the current honorary members. Faye Wescott and Edward Freas were also honored in the past.



Upcoming Shows

May 12-14—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Carpenter Building; 1288 Georgia Road (US441); Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Demos, rough and finished goods.; contact Norman Holbert, (828)-634-0350; e-mail: normholbert@comcast.net

May 12-14, 2017 Marietta, GA - Gem and Mineral Show, Auction -THE GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: Noon-5PM - Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060 - SATURDAY AUCTION at 1PM ! - HOURLY ADULT AND JUNIOR DOOR PRIZES! - 30+ Dealers -Club Hospitality table, Educational exhibits, Demonstrations Show contact: Shelley Stubbs, Show Chair, Email address: mayshow@gamineral.org GMS Website: <http://www.gamineral.org> (show: <http://www.gamineral.org/showmain.html>)

June 3—COLFAX , NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; **Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club**, Piedmont Triad Farmers Market; 2914 Sandy Ridge Road; Sat. 10-10; Free Admission; Minerals, fine specimens, hand crafted jewelry, lapidary demos, wire wrapping, beads, geode cutting. Free admission. Free small geode for kids 10 and under. Fun for the young, the old, the curious and the collector. ; contact Gary Parker, 6601 Lismore Drive, Brown Summit, NC 27214, (336)-402-5252; e-mail: ggmc.rocks@gmail.com ; Web site: ggmc-rockhounds.com



SFMS Workshops

The Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies (SFMS) will once again sponsor week-long workshops at Wildacres and William Holland camps for those interesting in learning lapidary arts. These programs are great chances to lean new techniques and make new friends.

The workshops this year are:

Wildacres: July 23-29, August 21-27, and September 18-24

William Holland: June 11-17

Note that the July Wildacres dates are in conjunction with the annual large Franklin Gem Show.

For more information or to register see the web site at: <http://sfmsworkshops.com/>



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

Since the May DMC Field Trip will be before the May FGMC meeting, information on it is included in this month's newsletter

An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Murfreesboro, TN) - 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.

Cumberland Furnace, TN

COLLECTING: We are heading to Cumberland Furnace to collect slag. The slag was a byproduct of making iron. Some of the slag is quite colorful in shades of blue and green ... some with swirls. The slag is easily cut and polished and makes nice pendants – it is too soft for rings

Our target is a dump pile on the banks of the stream that runs through Cumberland Furnace (access by crossing a large field owned by the community). This dump pile is located about a ¼ of a mile from the parking area. Although the dump pile has the greatest potential, slag can be found anywhere along the banks (both upstream and downstream). Another way to search is by wading downstream from the furnace if the creek is low. I am not sure if conditions will permit - bring wading shoes just in case if you wish to collect in the stream.

BRING: You need to bring a hand tool, trowel, small shovel, etc to dig in the slag pile and gloves to protect your hands. Bring a back pack or small buckets for carrying. Boots or wading shoes are recommended as your feet may get wet otherwise.

CHILDREN: Everyone is welcome but children must be 6 years or older. They will not be allowed to roam around unattended and must obey all safety requirements and have all safety equipment.

PETS: All pets must be under control at all times.

SEVERAL LODGING SUGGESTIONS: Depending on which direction you are coming from, I would recommend staying in the Nashville area, Clarksville (north of the furnace) or Dickson (south of the furnace).



Meeting Minutes

There was an Executive Board meeting in addition to the regular club meeting held on March 16, 2017.

The Executive Board meeting commenced at 6:15 PM.

The first item was a replacement for the Secretary position. Wayne Ketner was selected to fill out the current term.

There was a discussion regarding a request for FGMC to provide a booth at the Kernersville Earth Day event on April 20 (date to be confirmed). The decision was made to participate, with David Goode leading the activity.

Next was a discussion regarding Honorary Memberships. The decision was made to honor Joe Gutierrez for the current year, and to consider up to one new member each year.

There was a discussion regarding possibly creating a formal "Educational Liaison" position for schools, scout groups, etc.

Members of the board will attempt to determine the current status of the Vulcan museum and to determine its accessibility.

There was a discussion regarding looking into some form of "new member packet" to include a copy of the bylaws, member rosters, etc. The item was tabled for now.

There was also a discussion on the status of the constitution/bylaws.

The board decided to not participate in the SFMS workshop raffle.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jeanne Schlottman.

There were 24 members and guests present.

The program was a video from the Great Lectures series.

The door prizes were won by Pete Smith who chose a malachite sample from Zaire, and Steve Hebert who chose a set of agate samples.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Ketner, Secretary



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