

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

September 7, 2017

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MEETING: *** **There is no program meeting for September.** *** Instead the club will have its Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil show – from September 8-10, 2017.



PROGRAM: No program



Refreshments: There are no refreshment requirements for September. Instead members are encouraged to bring food to the dealer dinner.

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.



Dates To Remember:

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



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS

You MUST have your name tags for admittance to the show area!



It's SHOWTIME!

By the time that you get this newsletter the 2017 FGMC show will be just days away. As expected much of this month's newsletter is devoted to show information.

Setup day is Thursday, Sept 7. As usual anyone who can make it out to all or part of the day is encouraged to come out and help.

There is also the dealer dinner on Thursday evening. Members who can't make the main part of the setup are still encouraged to come out and contribute to the dinner.

The main show will run Friday through Sunday, with break-down starting at 5 PM on Sunday. Again any members who can come out and help at any of the phases are encouraged to do so.



A Note on Show Parking

Public parking for the show will be in the midway area above the Education Building. Enter through Gate 9 from 27th street and follow the signs.



Display Cases / Exhibits

FGMC will again provide a large number of display cases for the show. The number of displays presented is another distinguishing feature of the FGMC show.

Members are encouraged to provide exhibits to display in the cases. Displays can be anything desired, particularly given the generic nature of this year's show theme: *"Treasures of the Eastern US"*.

It is strongly preferred to have as many member displays as possible. Members/families who wish to have more than one display case are welcome to do so.

Display cases are roughly four feet wide, two feet deep, and two feet high (slightly less than this, but not by much). The case fronts are glass. Viewing from other angles is not available. Each display case also has case-top lighting to enhance the display.

Display cases must be set up and completed by the time of the dealer dinner at 7 PM on setup day (Thursday).

Cases cannot be taken down until the close of the show on Sunday at 5 PM. Those with display cases are highly encouraged to remove materials from the cases as soon as possible after show close so that the cases can be broken down to return to storage.

Members who wish to put exhibits in one or more display cases should contact Alex McGilvary.

Note that displays for regular show cases are still needed in addition to any that might be included in the special "Favorite Case" voting contest this year.



Dealer Dinner – Thursday, September 7

One of the distinguishing features of our show, and one that many of the dealers have declared that they most look forward to, is our annual dealer dinner.

At the conclusion of the show setup day, FGMC members put on a dinner for the dealers and FGMC members and family. This event is always well attended and is a big hit. Even if you can't make it out for set-up day itself, please come out to the dinner (and contribute) if you possibly can.

For the dinner, the club provides the meats, drinks, plates, cups, utensils, etc. The club also has a few serving spoons/tongs/spatulas.

Each member family is asked to contribute one salad, one vegetable, and one dessert. Generous portions are requested. Generally this means about 30 families will furnish food for approximately 160 members, dealers and guests. Labeling your serving dishes and utensils expedites clearing up after the meal.

Food for the dinner should arrive by around 6 PM, and the dinner itself begins promptly at 7 PM.

Hospitality chairperson Vickie Gaskill also needs volunteers to help set up the serving tables, prepare the drinks, etc. Anyone who can assist is encouraged to try to be there by 4:30 PM.



Theme for 2018 Show

The show planning committee has decided to change our process for selecting the theme for each show. The theme for the show for the next year will be decided early in the previous year. This is so that the theme can be communicated with the dealers so that they can bring samples that members may wish to purchase.

As a result, the **theme for the show for 2018** (provided memberships decides to hold the show) will be **Treasures of the Western US.**

This theme will be different from recent years in that it does not involve any specific mineral group. Instead it can be anything that the member considers to be a "treasure" – provided that the item's origin is in the western United States. This includes the usual minerals, but also includes jewelry and other items of interest.



“Electronic” Tickets

In recent years some potential attendees have shown up and presented copies of our free admission ticket as either an email attachment or from a valid web site (the club site, club Facebook page, or WS Journal newspaper page.) They have presented these instead of printing them and bringing the printed copies. There has been some confusion on whether or not these were to be accepted as “valid” tickets for admission.

The show committee has determined that these WILL be accepted and will allow for adult admission. If someone presents such at the door the procedure will be to take one of the spare orange “free” tickets and place it in the normal ticket box for each adult to be admitted. Adult attendees will still get the numbered door-prize tickets as well.

If there are any further questions see Arvil or Sherry Marion.



Display Case Voting

As a special feature of this year’s show attendees will be allowed to vote on certain display cases as their “favorite” case. There are two classifications for these – one for adult cases and one for junior cases.

Voting will be done on Friday and Saturday. Counting of the votes will be done Saturday night/Sunday morning, with winners announced by show opening time on Sunday.

Each adult will be given a set of tickets – one for voting on favorite adult case, and one for voting on favorite junior case. Voting tickets should also be provided to children attendees of age 5-6 and up (i.e., children who appear to be old enough to be able to make a decision on “favorite case”). Those working admission should use best judgement on deciding this, and if parents protest then provide the tickets.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society (Knoxville, 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.

Clarkesville, GA
Saturday, September 30, 2017

Fee: \$10 per person

TRIP: This location is located in a band of kyanite bearing material. The material has been moved around so the kyanite is not in situ. Small blades are easy to find, but digging and some perseverance is required to find the larger specimens. This site is fun and productive site for all ages.

COLLECTING: Kyanite blades and cobbles, small mica books, and graphite specimens (rare). The kyanite ranges from gray to pale blue and may contain graphite. Some of the blades can be polished and, because of the graphite, they have a curious depth and shimmer when they are polished.

BRING: Small blades can be found weathering out onto the surface. Bigger blades and cobbles are found by digging 8” to 24” deep. You will need scratching tools and baggies for surface collecting, and a shovel and pick for digging. **All holes must be refilled.** This site can be muddy at times, so a change of clothes would be good too.

FEE: \$10 per person

FACILITIES: There are no bathroom facilities at the site, but there is a McDonald’s Restaurant in Clarksville and also restrooms at a public park a few miles from where we will be collecting. The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society members will have free water and snacks available for everyone.

CHILDREN: This field trip is suitable for children but they must be supervised at all times.

PETS: Because this is a working farm, pets are not allowed.

SAFETY: There are electrified fences on the farm so do not touch any fences. Field trip leads will open and close gates. This is a working farm and there may be animals present – do not approach any of the animals. Do not enter



Upcoming Shows

OCTOBER 6, 7 AND 8, 2017 (FRI. SAT. SUN.) - DALLAS, NC -GASTON GEM, MINERAL & FACETERS' SHOW - Presented by the Gaston Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club of Gaston County, NC - Friday & Saturday: 9 AM TO 6 PM, Sunday 9 AM TO 5:00 PM - Gaston County Park, 1303 Leisure Lane (Hwy 279 [Dallas-Cherryville Hwy]), Dallas, NC -FREE ADMISSION - Jewelry, wire wrapping, faceting and rough materials. Minerals from around the world! Hourly raffles and a grand prize awarded Sunday at 5:00PM Grab bags and gem buckets for sluicing DEALERS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID LONG, SHOW CHAIRMAN PHONE 704-860-1025. E-MAIL david28054@att.net



Nominations for 2018

In addition to all of the activities of the show, September is also the time that the nominating committee starts contacting people about running for offices for the next year.

Any member who wishes to assist in the nominating committee should contact President Jeanne Schlottman – before or at the show. Nominating committee members should generally be members who are not running for one of the offices.

Any member who is interested in running for one of the offices should contact any current officer or director. Elected offices are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.

Hospitality Chair, Field Trip Chair, and Newsletter Editor are appointed positions. (Field Trip Chair is normally handled by the Vice President, but can be a separate position.) Anyone interested in participating in one of these positions is also encouraged to contact Jeanne.

Nominations are to be presented at the October club meeting, with voting held at the November meeting.



Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting for August. Instead the club held the annual picnic (and grab bag assembly) on August 19. The picnic was attended by 34 people.

.Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Ketner, Secretary



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