

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

September 6, 2018

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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 7-9, 2018.



PROGRAM: No program



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

2018 Refreshment List

January Fulchers and Bakers	July Hughes and Roby
February Myers and Gaskills	August Picnic
March Goodes and McGilvarys	September Show
April Whickers and Becks	October Schlottmans and Heberts
May Brouhles and McGilvarys	November Marions, Reeds
June Caroline Jones and Daniel Bowles	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 or Al Gaskill prior to the meeting so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Note: Due to equipment issues in the meeting area kitchen, it will be necessary for the refreshments providers to also bring ice for the drinks, at least for the next couple of months.

Dates To Remember:

September 7-9 – Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show

September 22 – Club Auction



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 2018 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 6. 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.



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 Western US" (west of the Mississippi River)*.

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.



Dealer Dinner – Thursday, September 6

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 2019 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 2019** (provided memberships decides to hold the show) will be **Treasures of Mexico / Latin & South America.**

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 Mexico or a Central or South American county. This includes the usual minerals, but also includes jewelry and other items of interest.



Warning: Saturday Conflicts

Just a Heads Up for everyone – we're getting a double-whammy on Saturday.

Wake Forest has a football game on Saturday. The good news is that it is scheduled to start at noon. That means that there likely will be very heavy traffic in the area in the morning, but that it should settle down by the time the game starts. There will also be heavy traffic outbound in the late afternoon, but that's usually a lesser factor. Plan accordingly, particularly if you are scheduled to work in the morning sessions.

In addition to that, the fairgrounds are sponsoring some kind of motorcycle race Saturday afternoon. That event will be taking place in the midway area, just to the right/east of the Education building. Expect some additional noise levels for that. At this time there is no idea of how it might impact traffic and customers at the show.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA - 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.

WILLIS MOUNTAIN KYANITE MINE KYANITE MINING CORP. DILLWYN, VA

TRIP: Willis Mountain is what's known as a monadnock. The kyanite exposure resisted weathering and, as the surrounding area was eroded and weathered away, the mountain outcrop was left standing. This is very much like the famous Graves Mountain kyanite mine in Georgia. The center of the mountain has been mostly mined away.

COLLECTING: It is a good year. The mine is very active and has opened more new material. We should be able to find plenty of white kyanite blades in the massive kyanite quartzite (15-35% kyanite); pyrite; quartz; hematite with some iridescence, red mica, green mica, apatite and possibly some blue kyanite and pale green trolleite. The dust/sediment here is about 15% kyanite and worth collecting too. Some of the white kyanite and quartz here have a beautiful light blue fluorescence and the apatite is yellow so bring your short wave lamp and blackout cloth.

EQUIPMENT: The standard quarry safety gear required is a hard hat with a manufacturing date of 5 years or less. Everyone must have an approved hard hat, no bicycle helmets. Small heads can wear a ball cap under the hard hat. Also required: safety glasses and a pair of wheel chocks, either purchased, homemade or even a rock is acceptable. Every time you leave the car, turn off the engine, put in park and apply the hand brake and wheel chocks. **ONLY STEEL TOED BOOTS OR MSHA (Federal Mine Safety and Health Act) APPROVED REINFORCED FIBERGLASS TOED BOOTS WILL BE ALLOWED, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** No low quarters or sneakers even if they have steel or composite toes. If you do not have all the required safety equipment, you will not be allowed to enter the quarry. Also required are long pants, gloves, and water as it may be very hot and it is very important to stay hydrated. Respiratory protection from rock dust you may encounter is optional, but a respirator dust mask like the ones used by painters and contractors is highly recommended for children and people with respiratory problems. If you have any medical condition that would put you in any danger, do not attempt this trip. For your own safety, let your field trip leader or collecting buddy know if you have any medical condition that could be a problem for you.



Club Auction

In lieu of a field trip for September, the club will instead hold an auction. Details on the auction are as follows:

Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club Auction Details

In place of our normal monthly field trip, our club will feature an Auction! The date will be Saturday, September 22nd, from Noon till 4:00PM. It will be held at Cornerstone Christian Church (1585 Hwy 801 North, Mocksville, NC. This is 3.7 miles north of I-40, taking exit 180 for Hwy 801N just after the Tanglewood exit heading west). This will be a new event, and there are rules that we will follow to ensure a smooth, planned event. If you have any questions about these rules, please contact Jeff Schlottman before the event!

Rules:

(1) Club members are allowed to auction off a maximum of 12 items each. If you are not a club member (we will invite other clubs), you can bid, but not sell.

(2) Proceeds are divided between the seller (80%) and Club (20%) if an item sells. Items may be donated to the Club, in which the Club retains the full amount of the sale.

(3) Items must be related to our hobby. This includes minerals, books, jewelry, tools, fossils, supplies, cut stones, etc.

(4) All sellers and buyers will get a number assigned (sellers preferably before the event!). The number is used to know who is selling an item, and who has the winning bid. The first person would be 1, then the next is 2, and so on.

(5) All items must be labeled. A "Post-It" or piece of paper is fine. The label will include the seller's number, the name of the item and (if applicable) location details. If there is a minimum bid for an item, it must be noted on the label.

(6) Items are auctioned off in a manner to make everything fair. Items will be sold as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a... and so on so that everyone has a chance to sell their items. Then we go to everyone's second item, like 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b....

(7) Items sold will be given to the buyer after it sells. The buyer will settle up for all items purchased (and turn in their card) when they leave. Cash and checks are allowable modes of payment; no credit/debit cards.

Jeff will be there to open up and prepare the room at Noon. At 12:15 we will let people in to bring in their items and to preview things that are for sale. We will start the Auction promptly at 1:00PM. Please come before 1:00PM to preview items. We will take brief intermissions (5 minutes) each hour to look at remaining items, but you will not be allowed to simply walk up to look during the Auction!

The Auction will end at 3:30PM. At that time we will remove our material, settle up for purchases, and clean up the room. Plan to be out by 4:00PM.

Auctioneers Lowell Baker and Jeff Schlottman suggest bringing your cash/checks and excitement for a fun event! There will be plenty of great pieces and great buys!



Nominations for 2019

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 Al Gaskill – 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.



Share the Fun

There is a sample free ticket on the club's website that can be downloaded/printed and used for admission to the show. The link to the ticket is:

<https://forsythgemclub.com/show>

Feel free to pass the link on to family, friends, co-workers, and anyone else that you think might be interested in attending the show.



Meeting Minutes

There was no meeting for August. Instead the club held the picnic and grab bag assembly at Hathaway Park on August 18th. Plenty of good food and good people showed up. Trudy Hartz brought a decorated cake in honor of her father Dick Hartz-a long-time club member. We packed 500 grab bags in 25 minutes.

.Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed, Secretary



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