

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

November 15, 2018

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MEETING: The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be held at **7:30 PM, November 15, 2018**, the third Thursday of the Month, at **Vulcan Materials Company's Training Center, 4401 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC.**



PROGRAM: The November program will be a video presentation: **The Brazilian Connection – An Intimate Journey to the Gem Capital of Brazil .**



Refreshments: Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by **the Marions and Reeds.** 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 *and ice*

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.



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS



Entrance Changes

Due to procedure changes by Vulcan, entrance to the building for the monthly meetings will now be done through the front, main entrance.

In addition, it will no longer be appropriate/valid to prop open the door for late arrivals. Because of this it is strongly encouraged for everyone to be on time if at all possible.



Inclement Weather Procedure

Winter is just around the corner and with it chances for bad weather for the next few months, so it is time to review the procedures to be followed in case of bad or threatening weather on any of the event or meeting dates.

If inclement weather is a possibility, plans are to try to make a go/no-go decision by the day before the meeting. If the decision is made to cancel, an email alert will be sent out, as well as a notice posted on the club web page. Members who do not have email or internet capability should call one of the officers.



No December Program

Just a reminder that there is no program meeting for December. Instead the club will hold its annual show and holiday celebration dinner.

Regular programs will resume in January.



November Program Details

The DVD begins with a summary of the history of gold mining in the colonial town of Oro Preto named for the “dark iron-stained gold” originally found in the streams of the area as placer deposits. The DVD continues with a discussion about the gem-bearing pegmatites of the Minas Gerais region of Brazil with views and descriptions of recovered specimens along with a narrated visit to a underground mine with views of the pegmatite rock and the in-place gem pockets.



Vulcan Security / Access Changes

As a result of theft of tools and equipment from company vehicles, Vulcan Materials has installed new security measures around the VMC Training Building and the adjacent parking area. The parking lot where we normally parked for our previous meetings has been fenced off with no access to visitors.

From this point forward, FGMC members that attend the monthly meetings at the VMC Training room will have to park in front of the VMC Central Services Building (The same building where the training room is located). We can enter the building at the main entrance and make our way through the building to our regular meeting place in the training room.

VMC has asked that we keep the main building door closed to prevent unauthorized access. As the FGMC members are guests of VMC, we will have someone stationed at the door to allow members to enter. If you plan to attend the November meeting, please arrive by 7:30 pm or earlier, so you will be able to get in the building and allow everyone to enjoy the meeting.



Time For Elections

The November meeting is the time of the club’s annual “Business” meeting. One of the key functions of this meeting is the election of officers for the new year. The Nominating Committee has produced the following slate of candidates:

President	Albert Gaskill
Vice-President	Charles Whicker
Treasurer	Alex McGilvary
Secretary	Lisa Reed
Directors	David Goode Sandra Myers Sherry Marion Ken Reed

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Note that if you plan to nominate someone else it is strongly preferred that you get the potential nominee’s agreement that he/she will be willing to serve.

Additional functions such as Hospitality Chair, Field Trip Chair, Program Chair, and Newsletter Editor are appointed positions and will be assigned by the new President. Installation of the new officers is done at the end of the December dinner.



Upcoming Shows

November 16 - 18, 2018 -The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its **51st Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show** -Fri. Nov. 16, 10:00 - 6:00, Sat. Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00, Sun. Nov. 18, 12:00 - 5:00 - Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Rd., Columbia, SC 29210 - Exit 106 off I26 - Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale. Geodes sold & cut. Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations. Lots of fun for the whole family. South Carolina amethyst on display. Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society - \$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free with adult. 3 day pass - \$10 - All military & their dependents free with ID -Sue Shrader 803-736-9317 ashrader@mindspring.com - Dealers; Sharon Sterrett 803-356-1472 [ssterrett@sc.rr.com](mailto:sssterrett@sc.rr.com) - www.cgams.org

November 16th-18th 2018 - Marietta, GA - 33rd Annual Show and Sale. - Always scheduled for the weekend prior to Thanksgiving - **Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society** - Friday 11/16: 10:00am-6:00pm, Saturday 11/17: 10:00am-6:00pm, Sunday 11/18: 10:00am-5:00pm - 548 South Marietta Pkwy., Marietta GA 30060 - Exit I-75 at Exit #263 and turn west onto Marietta Pkwy|SR 120 Loop. Drive 2 miles and turn left onto S Fairground St. and then immediately right to the Cobb Civic Center's parking lot. - Free admission and Free parking provide the option of a weekend of shopping, live lapidary and artisan demonstrations, mineral identification and instruction, the chance to buy and crack open your very own geode and much more. Be sure to listen for the hourly door prizes! - Contact information: Mary Ingram Show Chairman, 404-915-3588 - Email: mandmingram@gmail.com Website: <https://www.ccgms.org/annual-show>

November 23 - 25, 2018 - Salem, VA - 39th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Show - Friday, Nov 23, 2018 - 2pm to 7pm, Saturday, Nov 24, 2018 - 10am to 6pm, Sunday, Nov 25, 2018 - Noon to 5pm - Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard, Salem, VA 24153 - Free Parking - Hobby related exhibitors, Fluorescent Mineral Display, Club Member Displays, Geode Cutting, New this year is a video room showing gem and mineral related videos all day - Admission is \$5.00 ticket good for all three days - 14 and under free with adult - Door prizes drawn hourly - Grand prizes drawn 4:30pm Sunday For further info, CKWLT@aol.com .



Field Trip Basics

The club has a number of new members over the last few months, many of whom have expressed an interest in participating in field trips. Because of this it is probably a good time to review a few basics.

While field trips are frequently a very interesting activity, there are a few restrictions that have to be considered. Due to liability concerns field trips that are sponsored by the club are limited to club members only unless otherwise specified. Since memberships are family memberships, all members of the family are allowed to attend. Of course, proper supervision for younger children is required, and some sites may put further restrictions on such, so watch for details in the descriptions.

Since FGMC is a member of the Dixie Mineral Council our members are also allowed to attend these field trips as well. The same conditions that apply to the club trips also generally apply to DMC trips, but again it is important to watch for the details in trip descriptions.

Note that many trips require safety gear. This requirement generally includes a hard hat, safety glasses or goggles, and steel-toed shoes. This will always be required in any active mine or quarry and are generally a good idea for most trips. Hard hats can be easily found at home improvement stores, as can safety glasses. Steel-toed shoes may take more effort, but once obtained they can be used on many trips.

Tools will vary from trip to trip. A basic rock hammer (or masonry hammer) is generally useful. Rock chisels may be handy on some trips. Buckets, backpacks, or other carrying devices are generally needed. Shovels, picks, pry bars and heavier tools are less commonly used, but do come in handy from time to time.

Being observant and cautious is always advised. Many sites also will require signing a safety waiver, and most mines require a safety lecture before entering the site. New members are advised to discuss these with experienced members.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society (Jacksonville, FL) - 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: The originally scheduled November trip has been postponed to next year. However, the December trip will occur before the FGMC December newsletter comes out, so it is included in this issue.

Fernandina Beach

Fernandina Beach, Florida

TRIP: Amelia Island sharks' teeth are sourced from the dredging of nearby channels to the north and west (and reportedly date back to a 20-million-year-old geological deposit). The island receives sand from this dredging which is pumped back onto the beach in re-nourishment efforts that take place every several years. The last beach re-nourishment was completed in March 2018.

COLLECTING: Shark teeth and other treasures from the sea. When we start, there will be an incoming tide (low 7:53 am – high 2:15 pm).

BRING: The only tools you actually need are your eyes and patience and something in which you can store your finds. For serious hunters a trowel or small shovel and a screen can be helpful.

REQUIREMENTS: This is a public beach so no special requirements. Dress for a December day at the beach (checking the weather forecast in advance is advisable).

CHILDREN (Yes): Children of all ages are welcome.

PETS (Yes): Dogs are allowed on the beach but must be leashed. Also, please clean up after your dog.

FACILITIES: We will be starting at Main Beach Park which has restrooms and some picnic tables.

OTHER INFORMATION: We will be in the historic town of Fernandina Beach which offers a wide range of lodging and dining.



Dues Renewal Time

Just a reminder that dues for the coming year to due to be paid by the end of the current year. Dues may be paid at the November meeting, at the December dinner, or mailed to the Treasurer.

Members who do not renew by the time of the March meeting will be dropped.

In order to assist, a copy of the 2019 membership form is included in this newsletter, and will also be in the coming months' editions. Also a reminder that ALL members need to fill out the forms with current information each year.



Refreshments for 2019

As you may notice, November marks the end our refreshments list for the current year. There is no regular meeting in December.

However, that also puts us closer to January of next year and starting the cycle all over again. So, it's time to be thinking about volunteering for next year. Anyone willing to participate should contact Vickie or Al as soon as possible. The objective is to have all of the slots accounted for before next year begins.



Meeting Minutes

0/18/18 FGMC Minutes

30 members present

Speaker - Bob Lauf of Oak Ridge National Laboratories topic of discussion was "Industrial and Consumer Uses of Minerals."

2 door prizes were awarded: 1): Bevan Jacobs chose a rock hammer (generously donated by one of our dealers from the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Show).

2): Scott Brouhle chose a meteorite from Argentina.

Nominating committee: Sandra Myers presented a slate of officers. Almost all the officers and directors agreed to continue their responsibilities.

President: Al Gaskill

Vice-President: nomination of Charlie Whicker accepted

Secretary: Lisa Reed

Treasurer: Alex McGilvary

Directors: David Goode, Sandra Myers, Sherry Marion, and Ken Reed

Next month- nominations will be open and we will vote on officers.

Thank you to the Schottman's and Hebert's for refreshments.

Field trip 10/20/2018. Probst Farm , 3697 Startown Rd., Maiden, NC. \$25 fee per person. Digging and screening for Corundum. No facilities onsite. Meet at 9 am.

Field trip sponsored by the Dixie Mineral Council - 10/20/2018. Hogg Mine, Troup County, GA. 9am to 5 pm. \$35 fee per person.

.Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed, Secretary



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