

# FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

## *Nature's Treasures*

June 20, 2019

\*\*\* *Public Version* \*\*\*



**MEETING:** The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be held at **7:30 PM, June 20, 2019**, the third Thursday of the Month, at **Vulcan Materials Company's Training Center, 4401 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC**



**PROGRAM:** Our speaker for the June meeting will be Jeff Schlottman, long time member and officer of the club, vendor at our show and owner of Crystal Perfections. He will be presenting a program entitled "Digging the Guibault Claim", the site in Hiddenite that we visited in April.



**Refreshments:** Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by the **Gonzalez & Schlottman families**. 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*

### 2019 Refreshment List

January	Sandra and Stephanie Myers	July	Shelton and Hyde
February	Dow and Brouhle	August	Picnic
March	Hebert and Gaskill	September	Show
April	Whicker and Beck	October	Fulcher and Roby
May	Goode and McGilvary	November	Reed and Marion
June	<b>Gonzalez &amp; Schlottman</b>	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 6-8, 2019** – Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show



**DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS**



## FGMC Field Trip

**Note:** FGMC Field Trips are for club members and their families only. Liability issues mean that these trips cannot be attended by the general public unless otherwise noted.



## Upcoming Shows and Events

**Sunday, July 28th to Sunday, August 4th, 2019 - The 35th Annual Grassy Creek Mineral and Gem Show** put on by the Parkway Fire and Rescue to raise money for new equipment. This Gem Show has everything! Over 60 US and International dealers with almost any kind of jewelry, gemstone and mineral specimens, fossil, lapidary equipment and more you might want. Each booth is 20 foot by 40 foot so there are LOTS of items for sale. Parking and admission are free. Food is available. Porta-a-johns are available. This is an outside event so be prepared for rain. Some vendors open on Saturday 27th. Hours: 10 to 6 daily with many vendors open earlier and later because they are staying with their booth. Address: 136 Majestic View, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. This location is on the hill above the previous location. Contact: Donna Collis [collisdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:collisdonna@yahoo.com) 828-765-5519. Email: [info@grassycreekgemshow](mailto:info@grassycreekgemshow) . Website is [www.grassycreekgemshow.org](http://www.grassycreekgemshow.org) . Applications and pictures are available on the website.



## Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

**An Official Field Trip of the Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society (Hendersonville, NC) (HOST)**  
**An Official Field Trip of the Forsyth Gem and 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.

## **Thermal City Gold Mine**

**5240 US 221 North Highway, Union Mills, NC 28167**

**TRIP:** A unique experience, family-friendly and hosted by people who are real prospectors! Anyone who wants to pan or prospect for gold is welcome. Here you can learn about and enjoy the tradition and history of gold mining in North Carolina. Lots of other NC gems and minerals to find, see or buy. Camping available and a shop to buy rockhounding equipment.

**COLLECTING:** The material from the site or riverbed will be easy to work with, and we're hoping for a nice, hot day to enjoy the water. Comfortable, covered flume areas for sluicing. Other possible finds common to this area of NC include: moonstone, emerald, citrine, aventurine, smoky quartz, tourmaline, ruby, etc. You will have assistance if needed to identify your finds.

**BRING:** Screens and pans are available with your \$10 day fee, but for river prospecting please bring your own equipment. A sluice of your own can be set up in the river. If you're more experienced or want a LOT of material, the site has 4 high bankers they will load, or bring your own equipment and save \$10 a load. Cost is \$60 per load or \$70 for screened material when using site's equipment. Share the cost with a few friends!

**REQUIREMENTS:** Because this site is public and set up for all ages to enjoy, just the basic requirements for your particular group's safety and comfort. We should always have beverages/water, sunscreen/hats, sturdy shoes and the like but no hiking is required. In the water, use safety and move carefully. We will have a first-aid kit and some bottled water.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** If you choose to pan for gold in the river, you must use your own equipment. Check the website for more options. Fee: \$10.00 per person for the day.

**CHILDREN (Yes):** The site encourages "ages 3 to 93" and adult supervision appropriate to ages. The flume is covered allowing fun rain or shine.

**PETS (No):** Best left safely and comfortably at home; not allowed when camping.

**FACILITIES:** Facilities are adequate for a group, and there is a museum and rock shop as well as a wide variety of equipment for purchase. Picnic tables and beautiful surroundings.

**FEE: \$10 per person.** There may be additional fees depending on equipment and material desired.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Chris and I went to Thermal City several times over the years, both with organized trips and on our own. We have always found the people to be quite accommodating and friendly. The main panning process uses dump piles that they periodically bring up straight out of the river. However as noted above direct panning in the river is permitted as well, with appropriate equipment. Those who are REALLY into it can look into renting the high-banker to process a full scoop load, though its use is often booked well in advance.



## Meeting Minutes

FGMC Meeting Minutes 5/16/19

26 members present.

Ed Brazeau was our speaker. His topic was "Is it real? Gold, silver, and gemstones."

Door prizes won by: Brooke West- picked a chalcedony rosette. Gonzales family picked out a galena specimen.

Thank you to the Goode's and McGilvary's for the refreshments.

Upcoming field trips:

Greensboro, NC – June 1, 2019

Grassy Creek – July 27- Aug. 4, 2019

Spruce Pine (Chamber of Commerce Show) – Aug. 1-4, 2019

Club picnic and grab bag assembly – Aug. 17, 2019

FGMC Show – Sept. 6-8, 2019

FGMC Club Dinner – for volunteers that worked the show – Dec. 19, 2019

Cabbing machine for sale – Diamond Pacific Pixie. Six 4- inch wheels. Mint condition. See Wayne Ketner.

Motion made and carried for speakers to receive an honorarium for presenting a program at our club meetings- to help defray travel and food expense. Gift cards in \$25 increments to be the honorarium. Vice-President will have discretion in amount.

.Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Reed, Secretary



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