

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Nature's Treasures

November 21, 2019

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MEETING: The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be held at **7:30 PM, November 21, 2019**, the third Thursday of the Month, at **Vulcan Materials Company's Training Center, 4401 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC**



PROGRAM: Rick Godbee, from the Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting. He will share with us his vacation to Ametista Do Sul, Santa Caterina, Brazil. As the town's name suggests, it is bar none, the amethyst capital of the world. Most of the large, cathedral-type geodes originate here. He said it was truly a rockhounds' "trip of a lifetime"! He will be presenting a pictorial presentation that he and his wife gave at Greensboro's last meeting. If you are most fond of gemstones, this is for you!



Refreshments: Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by the **Reed and Marion 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 Gonzalez
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	Hyde, Gonzalez & Schlottman	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.

Reminder: It will soon be time to start signing up for refreshment slots for next year. If you are interested and willing to help out, see Vickie.



DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS



No December Program Meeting

Reminder that there will be no program meeting in December. Instead the club will observe our annual holiday/show-rewards dinner.

Program meetings will resume the normal schedule in January.



November Business Meeting

The November meeting is the time for the club's annual business meeting. This meeting includes elections for officers for the coming year. At the October meeting the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

President: Al Gaskill

VP: Charles Whicker

Secretary: Lisa Reed

Treasurer: Alex McGilvary

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

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. However anyone nominating an individual for a position should confirm with that individual that they will be willing to serve.

In addition to the elections this is the time of the year when dues are set for the coming year, if any changes are needed or desired.

In addition, this year there will be a vote on a revised Constitution and Bylaws.

Any other business that is appropriate for the club's annual activities can also be brought forth.



Constitution and ByLaws Changes Proposed

The Board of Directors, consisting of the elected officers and directors at large, met on Saturday, Nov 2 to review a number of business matters. Most important of these are a proposed revised set of Constitution and ByLaws. These changes were included to clean up some shortcomings of the existing rules that needed to be addressed and/or clarified.

A copy of the revised Constitution and ByLaws was sent by email to all members who received the newsletter by email addresses. Those members who receive printed newsletters have a copy provided with this newsletter.



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.

There will be no field trip in November. The usual field trip date (the Saturday after the meeting) is at the start of the Thanksgiving holiday travel season.



Upcoming Shows

November 22 - 24, 2019 -The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show - Fri. Nov. 22, 10:00 - 6:00. Sat. Nov. 23, 10:00 - 6:00, Sun. Nov. 24, 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. Education 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 www.cgams.org



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Club (Pendleton, SC) (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.

Johnson Creek Farm Due West, SC

TRIP: The Johnson Creek Farm is a relatively new site that is not far from Diamond Hill Mine.

COLLECTING: There are different areas in which to dig. There is one area that has epidote. Another pit has smoky quartz and amethyst, and there is an area that contains beryl. You can dig in the pit where the veins are exposed or go through the tailing piles left from the excavator.

FEES AND REGISTRATION: Fee is **\$25.00 per person with an option to camp out at the facility on Friday night with an additional fee of \$25.00.**

BRING: Bring your usual digging tools and buckets. The terrain is pretty even and flat, but some of the sites require a little walking to get from one to the other. Jason will shuttle people out to the sites in his truck. The pits are usually pretty dry unless there has been a heavy rain. You should probably wear rubber boots or sturdy shoes to climb down in the pits. The site is an open field with no trees so a hat might be useful!

REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be members of clubs affiliated with DMC and must show their club membership card during check in. [Acceptable proof of membership also includes club name tag, membership dues payment receipt, or current newsletter with valid address label -- DMC Coordinator] No children under 6 years of age and no dogs or pets.

TERRAIN AND ACCESSIBILITY: Parking is along Crawford Road adjacent to the property. The terrain is pretty even and flat, but some of the sites require a little walking to get from one to the other. Jason will provide a shuttle service to the different digging areas.

CHILDREN (Yes): Children 6 years and older are allowed, but there is a \$25.00 fee. Children must be supervised by an adult.

PETS (No): No pets allowed.

FACILITIES: There will be a Porta Potty there by 5:00 Friday evening and all day Saturday. There is also running water. Bring your own food and drinks as there are none on site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The nearest lodging would be in Greenwood, SC. The Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Inn and Suites, Fairfield Inn and Suites and Red Roof Inn. Anderson, SC is nearby.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The December DMC field trip will occur before the December newsletter goes out, so information on this trip is also included in the November Newsletter.



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip

An Official Field Trip of the Emerald City Rock and Gem Club (Greenwood, SC) (HOST)

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Amos Cunningham Farm Due West, SC

TRIP: Amos Cunningham has been interested in rocks since the age of six when his father would find gems on the property. His collection has been displayed most recently at Erskine College.

COLLECTING: Green beryl, blue aquamarine, feldspar, mica, smoky quartz, pyrite, and microscopic red garnets can be found at this location.

BRING: Digging in the dirt is typical, but material has been found on the surface. Bring shovels, trowels, buckets, gloves. Weather is fickle, so be prepared for mud and wear layered clothing. Bring water.

FEE: **\$20 per person.**

CHILDREN: There is no age restriction, but children should be under adult supervision at all times.

PETS: No.

FACILITIES: There is a bathroom at Mr. Cunningham's museum/shop near his house.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mr. Cunningham will have specimens for sale for \$10 and up at the end of the day to make sure everyone gets something.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: We will meet at the museum/shop near Mr. Cunningham's house to sign a release form.



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 2020 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 2020

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.



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.



Meeting Minutes

Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club Meeting 10/17/19

22 members present

Dr. Andrew Heckart, a professor at ASU spoke with us about "Triassic Tripping in Argentina".

Door prizes: Alex McGilvary chose a dolomite and calcite specimen

Sherry Marion chose a garnet and schorl tourmaline specimen.

10/10/19 – Field trip at Crabtree Emerald Mine. \$25 per person. Meet at Emerald Village at 9am.

November field trip has been postponed. Tellus Museum and the Summerville Agate Quarry in Cartersville, GA. Tour of the museum and field trip to the quarry to search for lace agate and druzy quartz.

Director's meeting 11/2/19 at the Clemmons Kitchen 8 am. Discuss revisions to constitution and bylaws -to be put before the membership at November meeting.

Nominations for officers and directors:

President: Al Gaskill

VP: Charles Whicker

Secretary: Lisa Reed

Treasurer: Alex McGilvary

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

.Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed, Secretary



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