**FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.
*Nature's Treasures
December 12, 2022***

**MEETING**: The next meeting of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club will be our Annual Christmas Diner on Thursday, December 15, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Golden Corral at Hanes Mall (180 Hanes Mall Circle, Winston-Salem). The Christmas Dinner is for Club members to socialize and as a thank you for those who worked so diligently to put on our annual Gem and Mineral Show. All Club members are welcome. However, the Club will only pay for those members (and families) of those that worked at the Show for the Club and new members joining during or after the 2022 show. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Note from Club Treasurer – This will be a great time to hand in your 2023 Membership Application.*

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|  | **Officer and Director Election** |  |

Officer and Director Election The Constitution of Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. provides that officers and directors are to be elected during the regular meeting of the Club in November for the following calendar year. The following nominees for positions of officers and directors were elected during our November Club Meeting and will serve in 2023:

* President – Ken Reed
* Vice President – Charles Whicker
* Secretary – Amber Shelton
* Treasurer – Jay Wilhelmi
* Director – Scott Brouhle
* Director – Sherry Marion
* Director – Stephanie Myers
* Director - Jeff Schlottman

Thanks to all who are willing to serve our Club in the coming year!

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|  | **Message from the President** |  |

Hello fellow rockhounds! I am looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 15th. The year-end Holidays are upon us, and thoughts turn toward the start of a New Year. I, for one, certainly hope 2023 brings much less Covid issues and many more rockhounding opportunities.

Our January meeting will be dedicated to planning field trip activities for 2023. We are to host a Dixie Mineral Council trip in July, so we need to be thinking ahead to a location that will handle a larger than normal group of rockhounds. Anyone with contacts or connections to collecting sites, PLEASE mention them in the January meeting or, if you cannot attend, pass the information on to Charlie or me. Good field trips are getting harder to line up, but that is a major interest items and we need to be diligent in providing those opportunities.

Please safely enjoy your family and friend functions this Holiday season!

Ken Reed
President, FGMC

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|  | **2023 Refreshment List** |  |
| **January** | **Myers & Wilhelmi Families** | **July** | **xxxx** |
| **February** | **xxxx** | **August** | **Annual Picnic** |
| **March** | **xxxx** | **September** | **xxxx** |
| **April** | **xxxx** | **October** | **xxxx** |
| **May** | **xxxx** | **November** | **xxxx** |
| **June** | **xxxx** | **December** | **Holiday Show Dinner** |

If you are willing to volunteer to provide refreshments, please speak to our new Hospitality Chair, Theresa Simmons, at any meeting or Club event. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please contact her prior to the meeting so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Thanks so much for volunteering!

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|  | **Officer and Director Election** |  |

The charter of Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. states that officers and directors are to be elected during the regular meeting of the Club in November for the following year. The Nominating Committee Chairperson presents the following slate of willing nominees for positions of officers and directors for 2023.

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|  | **December 2022 Field Trip** |  |

**NOTE** – There is no field trip scheduled for December 2022.

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**An Official Field Trip of the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
(Birmingham, Alabama) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023
Meet at 10:00 AM Central Time
Franklin County, Alabama
Mississippian Marine Fossils**
**Registration Required
Fee: $8.50 per day**

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| **TRIP:** This is a good site depending on the level of the lake. |

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| **COLLECTING:** Mississippian marine fossils. |

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| **BRING:** Lunch, collecting containers, paper to wrap fossils in and labels for identifying them. |

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| **FEE:** An $8.50 pass per day is required and can be purchased at the meeting site. |

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| **CHILDREN:** Children are welcomed but need to be supervised at all times. We will be on a lake. |

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| **PETS (No):** All pets must be on a leash. This means cleaning up after, too. |

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| **FACILITIES:** There are NO facilities at this location, but there are facilities where we will meet. |

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| **REGISTRATION: Click** [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Famfed.us12.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D80754e4f918a2ae19a26a2449%26id%3Dbc7f9a2947%26e%3D861b53ef57&data=05%7C01%7C%7C8346ac33caca4aa53bd308dad3a643e0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638055008306874127%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vsugolFvYU9fpFnNvvBTdvUMu4sOgrDvdAqKYczscgY%3D&reserved=0) **to fill out a registration form.** If you are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s). |

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| **DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** Directions and meeting place details will be emailed to registered participants. |

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| **CONTACT:** Jim Thomas, 205-516-6436, jamesethomasrng@gmail.com. |

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| **IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Famfed.us12.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D80754e4f918a2ae19a26a2449%26id%3Da7df053646%26e%3D861b53ef57&data=05%7C01%7C%7C8346ac33caca4aa53bd308dad3a643e0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638055008306874127%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZsT%2BdfzenFtko4psuPDc%2FdrrcKRFPJTlRZ4lMf2S%2Fd0%3D&reserved=0) to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So, unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.** |

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|  | **On-Line Signup for FGMC Field Trips** |  |

Stephanie Myers, our Web Master and computer wizard, has set up a sign-up “sheet” on the Club’s web site. We would like for members to use this to indicate their intention to attend our upcoming field trips. The password is “SignUp!”.

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|  | **November 2022 Meeting Minutes** |  |

Members in attendance -16
ZOOM members – 3

Speaker – Ken Reed presented a power-point slide presentation on the Morefield mine in Amelia, Virginia. Jim Stroud had prepared this presentation; but was unable to attend because of a back injury.

Amazonite, Mica, Cleavelandite, Beryl and Apatite can be found at the Morefield Mine. There will be a sale of inventory and store contents at the mine on Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Sales will be of already mined material, amazonite and amazonite mixes, memorabilia and the mine property itself. 13400 Butlers Road, Amelia, Virginia 23002.

Election results:

* Motion carried to declare quorum.
* Motion carried to close nominations.

Motion carried to accept the nominated slate of officers as read.

* President- Ken Reed
* V-P- Charlie Whicker
* Sec.-Amber Shelton
* Treas.-Jay Wilhelmi
* Directors: Scott Brouhle, Sherry Marion, Stephanie Myers, Jeff Schlottman
* Motion to nominate Arville Marion as FGMC Show Chairman for 2023 Show. Motion carried.
* Webmaster- Stephanie Myers
* Social Media Chairperson- Jeanne Schlottman
* Hospitality chairperson- coordinates two families per month to bring refreshments and helps plan Picnic and Dealer Dinner – Theresa Simmons

Door prizes won by Charlie Whicker who chose a Cerrusite from Morocco and Chris Creager who chose a Cobaltian Calcite mineral specimen.

Stephanie Myers volunteered for refreshments for the month of Jan. or Feb.

Field trip 11/19/22 to Douglas Lake, Tennessee. Tennessee Valley Authority takes the water down 25 feet and quartz crystals (some doubly terminated) can be found. From Winston-Salem the trip is 3 ½ to 4 hours. No fee.

January Meeting – Field trips will be discussed and planned for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Reed,
Secretary, FGMC

FORSYTH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.
Membership Application
For the Year 2023

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Additional Family Members:** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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**Annual Dues of $15.00 are payable January 1st for the current year, per family (mailing address). Dues are reduced to $8.00 per family, if joining after July 1st of the year.**

**Checks should be made to: Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.**

**I am interested in the following activities (check all that apply):**

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| **\_\_\_ Mineral Collecting** | **\_\_\_ Fossils** | **\_\_\_ Gold or Silver Smithing** |
| **\_\_\_ Lapidary** | **\_\_\_ Faceting** | **\_\_\_ Carving** |
| **\_\_\_ Jewelry Making** | **\_\_\_ Wire Wrapping** | **\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

**I would like to help with the Annual Gem and Mineral Show? Yes No**

**Circle Yes or No**

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| **Areas needing volunteers work in are:** |  |
| **Setup & Display Case Assembly** | **Display Case Takedown and Loading** |
| **Club Area Setup & Table Covering** | **Dealer Dinner** |
| **Admission & Information** | **Geode Cutting (Saw Operator)** |
| **Grab Bag and Geode Sales** |  |

**Please complete and return to the Club’s Treasurer, Jay Wilhelmi, at the address below.**

**Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club
P.O. Box 422
Pfafftown, NC 27040**

***Nature’s Treasures***

Nature’s Treasures is the monthly newsletter of the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club.

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| **President:** | Ken Reed |
| **Vice President:** | Charles Whicker |
| **Secretary:** | Lisa Reed |
| **Treasurer:** | Jay Wilhelmi |
| **Directors:** | Scott Brouhle |
|  | Sherry Marion |
|  | Stephanie Myers |
|  | Jeff Schlottman |
| **Hospitality Chair:** | Theresa Simmons |
| **Newsletter Editor:** | Jay Wilhelmi |
| **Web Master:** | Stephanie Myers |