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<p><u>January 2022 Club Meeting</u> January 3, 6:30 pm, Social time 7:00, Meeting begins</p> <p>Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7098128049</p> <p>Zoom invitation will also be sent by email.</p> <p>Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club Rockhounds</p>	<p>In This Edition:</p> <p>President's Corner (2) 2022 Schedule (3) Last Month's Meeting Highlights (5) Upcoming North Carolina Gem and Mineral Shows (6) FYI (8)</p>
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Who we are: The Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

First chartered in 1954, our Club decided to incorporate and secure a tax exempt 501.C.3 status. We accomplished this on June 15, 1999. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- to promote the study of mineralogy, geology, the lapidary arts and related subjects; to collect and preserve minerals and gem materials;
- to provide the opportunity for purchase, exchange and exhibition of specimens and materials;
- to assist others in accomplishing the foregoing; and
- to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act.

Over the years, these purposes were and are achieved by providing monthly Club meetings with guest speakers, two open auctions per year, Show and Tell (wherein members bring their new or old accomplishments and present to the membership), field trips (wherein members go into mines to find materials and visit various museums), Gem and Mineral public Shows, providing lapidary arts at local community colleges and the Greensboro Arts Center, the Club members to provide mineral, geology, education and specimens to students attending Elementary, Middle, and High Schools from Rowan County to the west to Durham County to the east, both public and private.

President's Corner



Howdy fellow
Rockhounds!!

Another year is coming to a close and we are hoping and praying that the pandemic will be over and next year will be better! We will be having another Zoom call for our

January meeting. Brian Burdette will be doing the program on cutting and polishing opals. I personally am looking very forward to it since opals are much more difficult than other stones to work with. I have tried several times and had some explode into pieces, so I definitely need some direction.

I'll keep everyone posted as to when we can meet in person again but please don't be hesitant to join the Zoom call. If you don't know how, please email any member of the Board and they can tell you how to do it. Very basically, you will get an email from Maggie Gillet that has the link (or check page 1 of this newsletter for the link). At the time of the meeting (Jan 3rd at 6:30), just click on the link. Once you do, your computer will ask if you

want to download Zoom. Say 'yes' and then it notifies Mary you are waiting to join. She will let you in. Once you are there, we'll guide you.

On a different note, we are planning a field trip to an undisclosed location (Brian's Honeyhole) at Fairystone Park in Virginia. You definitely will find them. We'll set it for Saturday, January 8th. We'll send out some directions on where to meet and when. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll postpone it to a later date. I look forward to seeing you all. I hope you all have great holidays!!

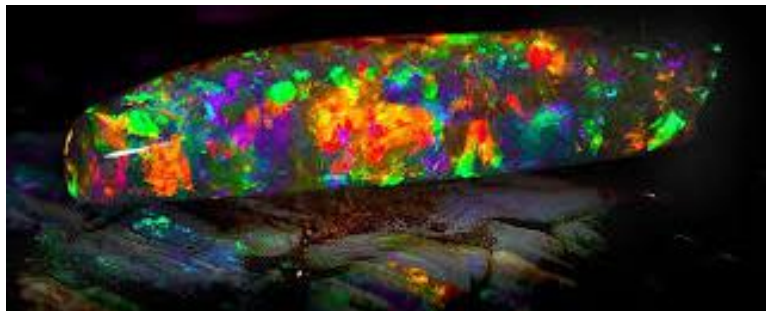
It is an honor serving as your president. I will do my best to make your membership informative and enjoyable. With the new technologies now available to us, the Board will work diligently to keep us continuously moving forward to the future. So, please, if you have suggestions and/or talents that will help, please let me know. My email is godbee58@gmail.com and my cell is 336-210-9141. Don't hesitate to contact me.

Rick Godbee
336-210-9141

Meetings are currently being held the first Monday of each month on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent by email.

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See us on the web: <https://www.ggmc-rockhounds.com/>



2022 SCHEDULE

- Jan 3 - Membership Meeting - 2022 dues waived until 2023
- Feb 7 - Membership Meeting -
- Mar 1 - Membership Meeting-**
- Apr 5 - Membership Meeting
- May 2 - Membership Meeting-
- June 4 - ***Our annual outdoor gem and mineral show – Piedmont Triad Farmers Market***
- June 6 - Membership Meeting-
- July 11 - Membership Meeting-
- Aug 1 - Membership Meeting-(6:30) Board of Directors, and Nomination Committee
- Sept 12 - Membership Meeting
- Oct 3 - Membership Meeting
- Nov 7 - Membership Meeting- Ballots
- Dec 5 - ***Holiday dinner, “Dirty-Rotten-Santa”, Awards, Election results,***

2022 Programs

- Jan 3 -
- Feb 7 –
- Mar 1 –
- Apr 5 - Spring Auction
- May 2 –
- June 4 – Gem & Mineral Show, Farmer’s Market
- June 6 -
- July 11 –
- Aug 1 - Show and Tell
- Sept 12 -
- Oct 3 -
- Nov 7 –
- Dec 5 – Holiday dinner

2022 Field Trips

- Jan 8 -Fairystone Park, Virginia
- Feb –
- Mar –
- Apr –
- May –
- June –
- July –
- Aug –
- Sept –
- Oct –
- Nov –
- Dec –

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Simply sign on to Amazon, search for Amazon Smile. It will ask you to select a charity. If you already have a charity, you can click "change" beside your charity and look up the charity you want to donate to.

Year-long Raffle

Remember the prizes for the 2020 year-long raffle will be available in 2022. Mary Pegram has donated a tiger eye necklace with a pendant of opalized ammonite fossil set in a sterling cap and hoop. Steve and Grace Smith have already contributed a beautiful gem tree with over 200 bloodstones sitting on a base of petrified wood. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at each monthly meeting. The winners will be drawn at the 2022 December Holiday Party. The person whose name is drawn first gets their choice of the prizes.

McCreery Scholarship

Current balance: \$399. When the opportunity is available again, depending on how much is in the fund, up to two people can take a class each year. The schools are one week of classes at either the [William Holland School](#) or [Wildacres Retreat](#), or one class at [Sawtooth School for Visual Arts](#) in Winston Salem, In order to qualify for the scholarship, recipients must be a member in good standing for at least one year, pay for the school initially, and then give the club a program about the school, e.g. information about their class, the instruction, a sample of what they made, a demonstration, etc. A wide variety of classes are offered—cabochons, wire wrapping, faceting, silver, gem trees, casting, beading, etc.

Hospitality Report 2022

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| Jan 3 - | July 11 – Maggie, Vickie, Mary P. |
| Feb 7 - | Aug 1- KB Montgomery |
| Mar 7 - | Sept 12 – Steve Smith |
| Apr 4 - | Oct 3 – Roy Carlson |
| May 2 - | Nov 7 -Gerri Stone |
| June 6 - | Dec 5 - Holiday Dinner |

If you have photos from trips or anything you think would interest the club, send it to Maggie to include in the newsletter. bearsmama1@gmail.com



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING

Vickie Hodges, Secretary

- Rick called the meeting to order.
- The meeting place was discussed and we decided the place in Oak Ridge is too small for our needs. Others are pricing very high so we have decided that we will continue to Zoom until further notice.
- Steve suggested getting an outside shelter once the weather warms up and maybe do a potluck for the get together.
- Joyce suggested Church members inquire about their church facilities.
- Gary mentioned his church has a huge facility. He will try to talk to them.
- Gary suggested having the auction at an outside shelter.
- Rick suggested the first weekend of April for the auction in lieu of the meeting. He will go ahead and reserve a shelter. Gibson Park will be the area we would like to get into.
- Mary gave the treasurer's report.
- Rick asked Mary to share information about their show from the Forsyth club. She mentioned that they provided a dinner to the vendors the night before the show. She also shared that they had each job separated and they had a signup sheet with time blocks and people signed up what they could work. The Forsyth club makes it known that their members need to volunteer at the show. She was impressed with how well the show ran.
- Mary suggested we have a couple of shows, perhaps at the farmers market and maybe another inside.
- Steve agreed a fall show would be good.
- Ed brought up the volunteer issue.
- Gary brought up that the majority of the GSO members have booths at the GSO show at the Farmers Market.
- It was discussed thoroughly about the GSO coliseum being a venue and it was decided that it would not be feasible for us to use it.
- Steve mentioned that the Farmers Market facilities were reasonable.
- Rick suggested doing the shows from Forsyth and GSO a week apart.
- Steve mentions that may not work for stocking issues and Jean suggested that it wouldn't be good to have them so close.
- Ed thinks it would be great if we could have the June show indoors and we've been lucky weather wise for the shows for the last few years.
- Rick said he would get with Mary and they will get the information to Kathie about the show.
- Sharon is the hospitality chair and she updated us. She said that there was no purpose in having a list for signing up for the beverage and snack due to the current situation. Once we get going again, we'll pick up with the list.
- Gary has the hospitality cart and has the water, soda, boxes of snacks that he's storing. It was suggested that he check dates and consume them if they were close to the expiration date.
- The program was from the Crystal Collector. After the program Rick wanted to talk about the possibility of a field trip. There was much excitement about that.
- The meeting was adjourned and Rick, Sharon, and then Roy regaled us with their wonderful talent with Christmas songs.

Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows

January 2022

January 4-5

G&LW Asheville, NC.

Location:

WNC Agricultural Center, 765 Boylston Highway, Asheville, North Carolina 28732, United States.

Hours:

Tuesday 10a.m.-6p.m.

Wednesday 10a.m.-3p.m.

Promoter:

Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc.

(601) 879-8832

info@glwshows.com

<http://glwshows.com/>

Admission:

FREE!! Wholesale Only Shows – Open Only to the Trade Valid Business License OR Tax Certificate OR Sales and Use Tax Permit in Gem or Jewelry Related Business

MARCH 2022

March 18-20

MAGMA Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show - Spring

Location:

Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road, Arden, North Carolina 28704, United States

FYI



Diamond Hauled From Deep Inside Earth Holds Never-Before-Seen Mineral

This mineral shouldn't exist on Earth's surface. But researchers found it inside a diamond. Read an article about it [here](#) or [here](#).

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Year 2022 Officers

President, & Chairperson – Rick Godbee, c/o Club address (2022)
Vice President - Kathie Montgomery (2023)
Treasurer – Mary Pegram Secretary – Vickie Hodges (2024)

Board of Directors for 2022

Vickie Hodges	24	Gary Parker	23	Roy Carlson	22
Charlie Finch	24	Kathie Montgomery	23	Rick Godbee	22
Ed Deckert	24	Mary Pegram	23	Brian Burdette	22

Program Chair - Gary Parker	Hospitality – Sharon Godbee
Membership – Mary Pegram	Newsletter Editor – Maggie Gillet
Historian – Joyce Patton	Show Chair - Gary Parker
Librarian – Steve Smith	Web Chair - Glenn Woodfin
Auctioneers - Steve Smith / Gary Parker	Publicity -Kathie Montgomery
McCreery Fund - Club Treasurer	Special events/Geodes – Ed Deckert
Show Hospitality - Joyce Patton & Grace Smith	Holiday Chairperson -OPEN
Facebook – Kathie Montgomery	
“Dig” Committee – Rick Godbee, Bryan Burdette, Gary Parker	

Honorary Life Members

Dr. Cyril H. Harvey & Judith W. Harvey	Joe Meadows	Steve and Grace Smith
Gary Parker	Steve Adams	Laurie Adams
Dr. Jean & Kevin Bonebreak	Joyce & Kelly Patton	Debra Livingston
Marie Anderson-Whitehurst	Dr. Joseph & Maria Mountjoy	
Kathy & Jim Montgomery		
Dr. Tim & Elaine Biggart	Joe Maguire (D)	
Ed Deckert	John Hiller (D)	
	Russ Holshouser (D)	
	Mac Anderson-Whitehurst (D)	