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**November 2021 Club Meeting  
November 1, 7:00pm**

Oak Ridge Room  
Oak Ridge Commons  
2205 Oak Ridge Rd  
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

[Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club Rockhounds](#)

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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



Note from the Editor:

Rick is having a good time in South Dakota and will return on November 8. In the meantime, Rick reported the following about the dig trip on 10/2/21:

“The trip was a great success. There were 6 from our club and 7 from the Forsyth club. This was one of the kind where you had to decide what NOT to take home. There were garnets literally everywhere! On the road, on the hill, and in the creeks. Jeff from the Forsyth club rolled a big chunk of schist down the hill to the road and yelled, "Rick, this one has your name on it!" Well, I had to oblige him with his effort. It was at least 100 pounds and had over 50 garnets of all sizes in it. Needless to say, I will not be carrying it to show and tell or anywhere else for that matter. It is in my front yard, most likely forever!!

The owners of the property were extremely friendly and wanted to make sure we had a great experience. They had 2 grandsons available with a John Deere Gator to haul us and our finds up and down the mountain. We tipped the boys and I'm sure they can't wait for us to come back. Most of the big stuff had impurities but some of the smaller garnets had deep red color and were reasonably clear. Everyone came home with a significant amount of garnets. Great day, great weather, and great company!”

## AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping App for iOS and Android phones. AmazonSmile will be listed in the Settings menu; from there, you can follow onboarding instructions to activate the program on your device.

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.



**2021 SCHEDULE**

- Jan 11 - Membership Meeting - Zoom Meeting, 2021 Dues Due, rolled over from 2020
- Feb 1 - Membership Meeting - Zoom Meeting
- Mar 1 - Membership Meeting- Zoom Meeting**
- Apr 5 - Membership Meeting- Spring Auction
- May 3 - Membership Meeting-
- June 7 - Membership Meeting-
- June 6 - ***Our annual outdoor gem and mineral show – Piedmont Triad Farmers Market***
- July 5 - Membership Meeting-
- Aug 2 - Membership Meeting-(6:30) Board of Directors, and Nomination Committee
- Sept 13 - Membership Meeting
- Oct 4 - Membership Meeting
- Nov 1 - Membership Meeting- Ballots
- Dec 6 - ***Holiday dinner, “Dirty-Rotten-Santa”, Awards, Election results,***

**2021 Programs**

- Jan 11 - Zoom Meeting
- Feb 2 – Making cabochons, Tools from H.F.
- Mar 1 – DVD - Gem & Mineral Collecting Sites in Western North Carolina.
- Apr 5 - Zoom meeting
- May 3 – Zoom meeting
- June 6 – Gem & Mineral Show, Farmer’s Market
- July 5 – Fluorites of Kentucky/Illinois Fluorospan District
- Aug 2 - Show and Tell
- Sept 13 -Zoom meeting-Bahia Emerald
- Oct 4 - Auction
- Nov 1 – Gary Parker
- Dec 6 – Holiday dinner

**2021 Field Trips**

- Jan –
- Feb –
- Mar – 20, Black Mountain, w/ Forsyth Club
- Apr –
- May –
- June –
- July –
- Aug –
- Sept –
- Oct –
- Nov –
- Dec –

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month (except holidays) at the Oak Ridge Room, 2205 Oak Ridge Rd, Oak Ridge, NC 27310.

How to get to the meeting: From I40, take the Hwy 68 north exit, proceed to the intersection of Hwy 150 and Hwy 68 and turn into the Oak Ridge Commons shopping center. This is right across Hwy 68 from the Oak Ridge Academy. The Oak Ridge Room is to the left of Bistro 150.

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

**Year-long Raffle**

Remember the prizes for the 2020 year-long raffle are still up for grabs in 2021! 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 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 2021**

Jan 11 –  
 Feb 1 -  
 Mar 1 -  
 Apr 5 -  
 May 3 -  
 June 7

July 5 – Maggie, Vickie, Mary P.  
 Aug 2- KB Montgomery  
 Sept 13 – Steve Smith  
 Oct 4 – Roy Carlson  
 Nov 1 -Gerri Stone  
 Dec 6 - Holiday Dinner

**Celestine crystals**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

Vickie Hodges, Secretary

- Rick opened the meeting at 7PM
- Rick asked for officer nominations and if the current persons would continue in their current position.
- We need 3 board members - Ed and Vickie have said they would stay.
- New member Adriene Martini attended.
- The meeting was adjourned, and the Auction began.
- We brought in almost \$1000!

**Roy would like to thank all those who did not out-bid him at the October auction.**



*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*

## Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows November 2021

### **November 6-7, 2021**

#### **G&LW Asheville November**

WNC Agricultural Center  
765 Boylston Highway  
Asheville, North Carolina 28732,

Tuesday, November 6th 10a.m.-6p.m.  
Wednesday, November 7th 10a.m.-3p.m.

#### **Promoter:**

Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc.  
(601) 879-8832  
[info@glwshows.com](mailto: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

### **November 19-21, 2021**

#### **Treasures of the Earth Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show - Raleigh - Winter**

NC State Fairground  
1025 Blue Ridge Rd.  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

#### **Hours:**

Friday Noon-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

#### **Promoter:**

Treasures of the Earth, Inc.  
Ellen White  
(804) 642-2011  
[ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com](mailto:ellen@treasuresoftheearth.com)  
[www.treasuresoftheearth.com](http://www.treasuresoftheearth.com)

#### **Admission:**

Adults \$6.00, 16 and under free. For admission discount coupon, visit [www.TreasuresOfTheEarth.com](http://www.TreasuresOfTheEarth.com)



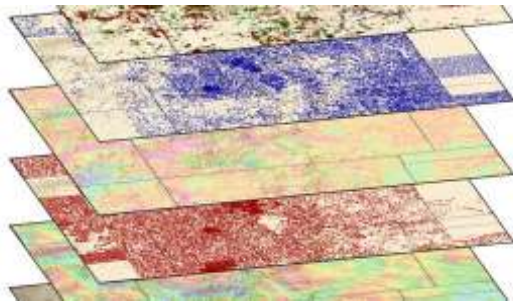
## FYI

### Californian Finds 4.38-Carat Raw Yellow Diamond in Arkansas State Park.

A visitor from California found a 4.38-carat raw yellow diamond near an old diamond mine while walking in an Arkansas state park — and she gets to take it home, parks officials reported. Read more [here](#).



### The USGS Mineral Resources Program



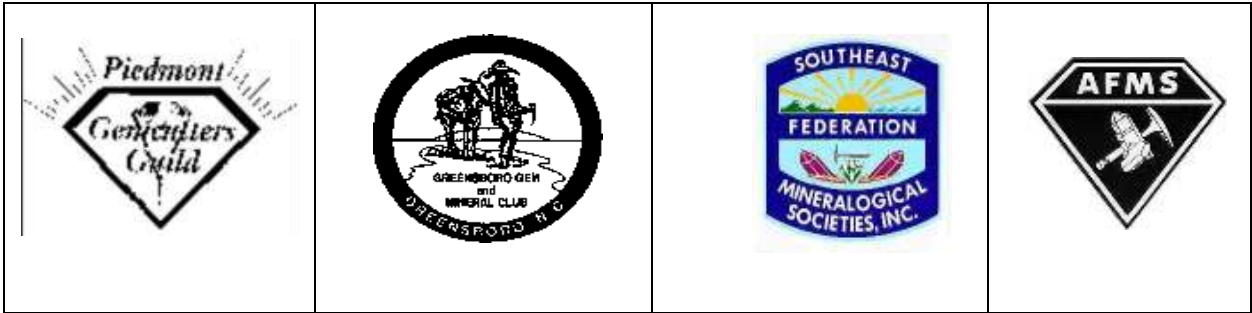
*Interactive maps and downloadable data for regional and global geology, geochemistry, geophysics, and mineral resources.*

The USGS Mineral Resources Program (MRP) delivers unbiased science and information to increase understanding of ore formation, undiscovered mineral resource potential, production, consumption, and how minerals interact with the environment. MRP supports data collection and research on a wide variety of non-fuel mineral resources that are important to the Nation's economic and national security. Visit the website [here](#).

### The Good Gem Guide

How do you know if your stones are ethically sourced? We look at traceability and sustainability in the 'Wild West' of the jewelry industry. Visit the website [here](#).





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**Year 2021 Officers**

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

**Board of Directors for 2021**

Vickie Hodges '21	Steve Smith '22
Charlie Finch '21	Roy Carlson '22
Ed Deckert '21	Rick Godbee '22

Program Chair - Gary Parker  
Membership – Mary Pegram  
Historian – Joyce Patton  
Librarian – Steve Smith  
Auctioneers - Steve Smith / Gary Parker  
McCreery Fund - Club Treasurer  
Show Hospitality - Joyce Patton & Grace Smith  
Facebook – Kathie Montgomery

Hospitality – Sharon Godbee  
Newsletter Editor – Maggie Gillet  
Show Chair - Gary Parker  
Web Chair - Glenn Woodfin  
Publicity -Kathie Montgomery  
Special events/Geodes – Ed Deckert  
Holiday Chairperson -OPEN

“Dig” Committee – Rick Godbee, Bryan Burdette, Gary Parker

**Honorary Life Members**

Dr. Cyril H. Harvey & Judith W. Harvey  
Gary Parker  
Dr. Jean & Kevin Bonebreak  
Marie Anderson-Whitehurst  
Kathy & Jim Montgomery  
Dr. Tim & Elaine Biggart  
Ed Deckert

Joe Meadows  
Steve Adams  
Joyce & Kelly Patton  
Dr. Joseph & Maria Mountjoy  
  
Joe Maguire (D)  
John Hiller (D)  
Russ Holshouser (D)  
Mac Anderson-Whitehurst (D)

Steve and Grace Smith  
Laurie Adams  
Debra Livingston