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**October 2021 Club Meeting
October 4, 7:00pm**

NEW LOCATION!

Oak Ridge Room
Oak Ridge Commons
2205 Oak Ridge Rd
Oak Ridge, NC 27310
See page 3 for details.

[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



Hello everyone! I reached out to the Friends facility to see when they thought the restrictions might be lifted. They replied and informed me they would not be lifting restrictions until the new year, "if then." We obviously need a new facility, or we will be doing Zoom meetings for the unforeseeable future! Brian Burdette suggested a place in the Oak Ridge shopping center at the intersection of Hwy 68 and Hwy 150, just across the street from the Oak Ridge Academy. If you want to put the address in your GPS, it is 2205 Oak Ridge Rd, Oak Ridge. Brian, Gary and I met with the owner. We were able to negotiate the same price we are currently paying. The owner also owns and operates Bistro 150 which is next door. She encouraged me to suggest to our members they can eat dinner prior to the meeting. The food is excellent and very reasonable prices. The room is considerably smaller than the previous facility so we will use it and see if it will meet our needs. Please continue to give me suggestions of any other places that we can rent for \$50 per meeting or less. I'll continue to check these out and see if a different place would suit us better.

Gary Parker has secured the dig for the huge garnets in Stuart, Virginia. The directions and details are on page 6. Additionally, Charles Whicker has finalized the details to get us to the Amos Cunningham mine in Due West, SC. The date is 10/23. Charlie will provide all the details and I will forward those to all of you. The Cunningham farm has a large vein of beryl that produces some very nice specimens. Both should be great fun. You may also find quartz and amethyst crystals.

The October meeting will be the club auction at the new facility. You may bring your own specimens for the auction. Please provide a label with your item with its identity, location it is from and any reserve price that you require. A side note, at the Forsyth Club auction, Charlie had a Kentucky geode that he put a reserve of \$5 on. It did not sell. We cut it open at the show and it was probably worth 75 to 100 dollars!! So, remember the reserve price is the minimum you will take and indicates the lowest wholesale value normally. The Club will take 20% of the total sale price. We will also be auctioning Club-owned specimens.

We need nominations for the following positions for 2022: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 new Board members due for rotation. The Board members leaving are Vickie Hodges, Charlie Finch, and Ed Deckert. Once we have determined who will run (or continue to serve) in these positions, I need the nominees to send me a short bio that speaks of information you deem appropriate to support your nomination. Also, include a recent photo of yourself. This will go in the October newsletter so the membership can read prior to the actual election at the November meeting. Current officers and Board members, please let me know if you are willing to continue to serve.

I will not be at the November meeting and Gary will conduct it in my absence. I refuse to ask VP, Kathie Montgomery, to fill in for anything at that time of year because she helps folks with Medicare enrollment and insurance. It's kinda like an accountant at tax time, she will be substantially overwhelmed. Sharon and I are taking a very big rockhounding trip through South Dakota, eastern Wyoming and my favorite, agates on the Yellowstone River in Montana. I am dropping Sharon off in Denver for her ABWA conference Nov 2 where they will vote someone else as national president of the organization, thank goodness! Sharon has had the distinct honor to be the first woman to ever serve 2 terms as president in the 70 plus year history of the organization. From there, I intend to go to the Arkansas crystal mines. I hope to put a program together on this trip to present to you all, provided we find good stuff!!

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

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 – Stuart VA; Amos Cunningham Farm
- 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.

Be sure to Like and Share us on Facebook: Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club 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

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 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE September 2021 MEETING

Vickie Hodges, Secretary

- Rick opened the meeting and the minutes of the Aug meeting were approved and Mary gave the treasurer report.
- There was a discussion on how we were going to do the auction for October since we cannot have our meeting at the church due to restrictions dictated by the church.
- It was suggested that we perhaps use Facebook for the auction. Gary said he would get with Rick to discuss.
- Vickie suggested we do an auction like William Holland does
- Gary suggested an outdoor auction.
- Brian suggested parks and said he thought GSO was waiving their fees due to Covid. and perhaps we could have an auction and a pot luck dinner.
- We were visited by Kyler who is a new member of the Winston Salem club.
- Sharon is the hospitality chair and mentioned she will create a sign-up sheet for when we might get to meet in person again.
- Gary mentioned the Garnets dig in October and said he would get the details to Maggie so she could put them in this newsletter.
- The Program was recommended by Charlie Whicker and was on "The 400 Million Dollar Emerald Mystery." You can watch the video [here](#).
- We need nominations for officers and Rick said he would send out a mass email to everyone to get their input. We also need 3 Board of Directors nominations.

Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows

October 2021

Leaf Lookers Gemboree

October 24, 2021

10:00 – 6:00

Robert C. Carpenter Community Building

1288 Georgia Road

Franklin NC 28734

The Leaf Lookers Gemboree will be held at the Macon County Community Building. Each year rock hounds from all across the United States descend on Franklin for gem & mineral shows. These shows feature everything from fine jewelry to rough and cut gems & minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment and more. For complete information call us at 828-524-3161. Admission \$2 for adults, children 12 & under free. Watch for \$1 off coupons in local newspapers, at restaurants and at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

GGMC AUCTION

Date: Normal club meeting date 10/4/21

Location: Oak Ridge Room beside Bistro 150 in the Oak Ridge Commons shopping center

Directions: 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 beside Bistro 150.

The auction will be conducted by Gary Parker, Steve Smith, Brian Burdette and Ed Deckert as follows:

There are rules that we will follow to ensure a smooth, planned event. If you have any questions about these rules, please contact:

Gary Parker at 336-402-5252, redrutil@bellsouth.net or

Steve Smith at 336-454-8872, pteradon@northstate.net before the event!

Auction Rules:

- (1) Sellers are allowed to sell a maximum of 10 items each for the "LIVE Auction". They will also be allowed to sell a maximum of 5 items in the "SILENT Auction". (There is no limit to the number of items donated to the club to be auctioned off).
 - 2) Proceeds are divided between the seller (80%), and the Club (20%), if an item sells. Items may be donated to the Club, in which the Club retains the full amount of the sale. Any donated items not sold will be used for future auctions or door prizes.
 - (3) Items must be related to our hobby. This includes minerals, books, jewelry, tools, fossils, supplies, cut stones, etc. Non-mineral items not donated to the club will not be offered up by the Auctioneers. (for example if someone donates a bicycle to the club, we will sell it, but they can't include it as part of the items sold for individual profit)
 - (4) All sellers and buyers MUST get a number assigned (sellers must get one before the auctioning starts!). The number is used to know who is selling which item, and who has the winning bid. The first **registered** person would be 1, then the next is 2, and so on. Sellers can contact Rick Godbee by email at godbee58@gmail.com before the event to get their assigned number or get it as soon as you arrive at the meeting!
 - (5) All items must be labeled. A "Post-It" or piece of paper is fine. The label will include the seller's number and a unique letter of the alphabet (a thru j), the name/description of the item, and (if applicable) location details. If there is a minimum bid for an item, it must be noted on the label.
 - (6) For the Live auction, items are auctioned off in a manner to make everything fair. Items will be sold as follows: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, and so on so that everyone has a chance to sell their items. For, items donated to the club, the club will be assigned several numbers to space the club items in with the other items. Then we go to everyone's second item, like 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, etc
 - (7) For the silent auction, items should be valued by the seller at over \$20 with minimum bid steps at 10% of the previous offer rounded up to the next even dollar. This is to keep the total number of bids for an item down.
 - (7) Items sold will be given to the buyer after they are sold and paid. The buyer will settle up for all items purchased (and turn in their card) before they leave. Cash and checks are allowable modes of payment - no credit/debit cards. The club can use PayPal, as well. We will let people in to bring in their items and to preview things that are for sale before the sale. The room will be open at 6:30 and the auction will start promptly at 7:15. Please come with sufficient time to display the items for sellers, get your number, and preview the items you wish to bid on. We will take brief intermissions about halfway through to look at items in the silent auction you may not have had time to view, but you will not be allowed to simply walk up to look during the auction! The auction will end no later than 8:30. At that time, we will remove our material, settle up for purchases, disburse funds to sellers, and clean up the room. Plan to be out no later than **9:00**.
- Note: the Club can pay sellers with PayPal, cash if available in correct amounts, or check.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK! I always forget personally so this is a reminder for both of us.

UPCOMING DIGS

Saturday, October 2, 2021

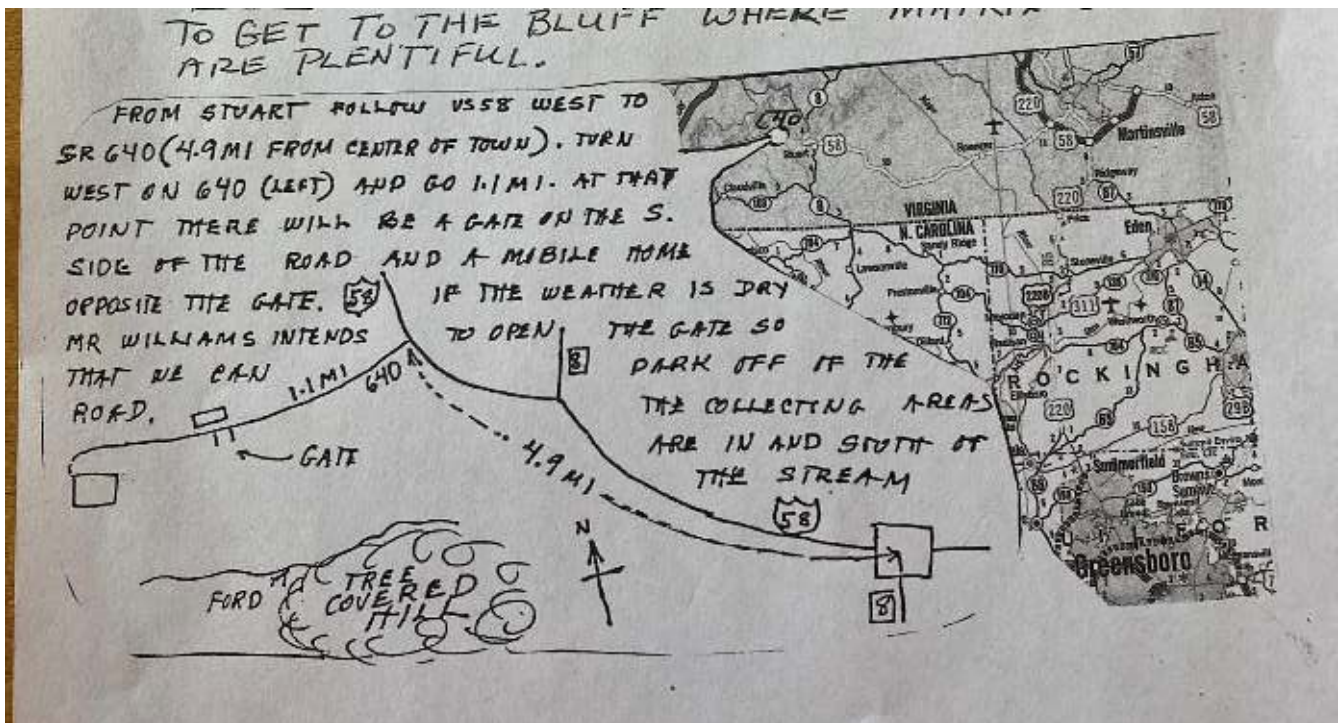
GGMC Field Trip, submitted by Gary Parker

Private property near Stuart, VA, 10:00 – 5:00

Please do not arrive before 10:00AM. We have been granted permission to collect almandite garnets from the property listed below. The garnets from this area form as dodecahedron crystals and occur in chlorite schist. They range in size from one to three inches in diameter, but I have seen garnets almost as big as grapefruits. They are not gem quality but are excellent specimens as individual crystals or crystals in matrix.

Tools: Chisels, pry bars, heavy hammers. WEAR EYE PROTECTION if using hammers and chisels.

NOTE: It is necessary to wade the stream to get to the bluff where matrix specimens are plentiful.



Saturday, October 23, 2021

Submitted by Charlie Whicker:

Winston Salem club will be visiting Amos Cunningham farm in Due West, SC to collect aquamarine. Details to come.

FALL ROCK SWAP AT LAURIE ADAMS ROCK SHOP

Where: 268 Cedar Springs Rd
Lexington, NC 27292

When: October 16, 2021

Time: 8 am - ???

Who may attend: Everyone!

Some tables will be provided but bring your own tables if can. It is first come, first served.

This is a rock swap so bring any rocks that you want to swap with others. There will be sales items, too.

Contact:
Laurie Adams - 336-859-3471
Email: laurieadams@triad.rr.com
Hosted by Shaun Shelton



Just for Fun

Qualifications for Being a Good Rockhound

1. Love the outdoors – where else can you find rocks?
2. Strong back or good judgement – rocks gain weight with every step.
3. Sense of humor – being able to appreciate another person's find after you have just stepped over it.
4. One leg shorter than the other – it helps on the side of hills.
5. Cheerful smile – even if every muscle and bone in your body aches.
6. Adventurous – daring to take that road even though it looks to go only straight up.
7. Determination – a willingness to go again after you swear you never would again.
8. Imagination – visualizing a beautiful gem from a plain looking rock.
9. Persistent – not satisfied until you have examined every rock in the dig twice.
10. Congeniality - you can hunt alone, but it's more fun and safer in a group.

Murphy's Law and Geology

1. A location specified for petrified wood will yield geodes.
2. Geological surroundings suggesting definite violent volcanic activity will yield few silicates and an abundance of sedimentary material.
3. If a large specimen is uncovered, the tools necessary to remove it will be in the garage. If tools are available, it will be discovered that the specimen is too large to fit in the vehicle only after it is placed near the vehicle.
4. Any specimen chipped to determine quality will promptly shatter, and close examination of fragments will substantiate that it was a real dandy.
5. The probability of dropping a specimen is directly proportional to its fragility.
6. The most promising crystal pocket on the cliff will also be a den for scorpions (or snakes, etc.).
7. The rarity of specimens found is inversely proportional to the experience of the finder.

(Thanks for these, Joyce Patton.)

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



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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

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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

Steve and Grace Smith
Laurie Adams
Debra Livingston

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John Hiller (D)
Russ Holshouser (D)
Mac Anderson-Whitehurst (D)