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August 2021 Club Meeting

Join us on Zoom

September 13, 7:00pm

Physical Meeting Location:

New Garden Friends

801 New Garden Road

Greensboro, NC 27410

336.706.0061

[Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club Rockhounds](#)

(Zoom link was sent by email)

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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



Well folks, it appears we are here AGAIN! The Friends facility has all but told me we can't have an in-person meeting, basically, until we get the Delta variant in check. I would rather be cautious and do a Zoom meeting this time. The majority of the Board is in agreement. So, Mary and Vickie are setting us up for a 7pm 9/13

Zoom meeting. The link will be emailed out to you. I have a very intriguing program suggested by Charles Whicker. It is a presentation video on the behind-the-scenes drama associated with the Bahia emerald. There is a very strange trail to the 8 different claims of ownership. The emerald cluster is huge and valued conservatively at over \$400 million!! The litigation is on-going. I have not seen the entire video, only the summary and I am looking forward to viewing it with you.

Gary Parker has secured the dig for the huge garnets in Stuart, Virginia. He told us in the last meeting he was working on it. He will discuss it further in the upcoming meeting. Additionally, Charles Whicker has finalized the details to get us to the Amos Cunningham mine in Due West, SC. I am not sure on the exact dates, but the Stuart dig will be in the beginning of October, and I believe Amos Cunningham is in the third week of October. The Cunningham farm has a large vein of beryl that produces some very nice specimens. Both should be great fun.

The October meeting will be the club auction. We may have to conduct the auction virtually. If so, the Board will figure out the most efficient way to do it and determine how the specimens will be shown. We'll keep you up to date on that one.

Please think of people in the Club you would like to nominate for the following positions for 2022: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 new Board members due for rotation. The way this will work, according to our by-laws, is the formal nominations will be in the October meeting. I will ask all nominees to provide a short bio and photo to be included in the October newsletter so you will be better informed to cast your vote in the November meeting.

I will not be at the November meeting and Gary will conduct it in my absence. I refuse to ask 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. 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

ERRATA: Many thanks to Joyce Patton for the "Just for Fun" links in the August 2021 newsletter.

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 Fluorospans 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 7:00 PM at New Garden Friends in the Meeting Friendship Hall, 801 New Garden Road, Greensboro, N.C.

How to get to the meeting:

From I-40/85, take the exit for the bypass I-840, toward PTI Airport, take the Friendly Ave exit, turn right onto Friendly, drive about 3 miles to the intersection with College Rd, turn left onto College Rd, turn left at the first light into the Friends facility, and park in back.

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

August Door Prize Winners:

Gary Parker chose Apophyllite from India and Maggie Gillet chose Cactus Amethyst from South Africa.

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 had 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

Vickie Hodges, \$19. Scholarship fund, \$19. 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.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2021 MEETING

Vickie Hodges, Secretary

Board Meeting 8/2/21

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Attended by: Rick Godbee, Vickie Hodges, Mary Pegram, Roy Carlson, Steve Smith, Ed Deckert, Kathie Montgomery, Gary Parker

- A nominating committee was discussed.
- It was determined that we would need a bio for a solicited nominee.
- Gary has auction items and mentioned that we need to solicit for items for auction.
- Rick asked if there were any Federations we needed to be aware of.
- Gary will be doing the November program TBD.
- It was determined that if someone sold items at the club meeting (such as at the show and tell or a meeting set up for specifically that) that a 10% donation of total sold be given to the club.

General Meeting

The general meeting came to order at 7:12 PM.

- 21 attendees
- Pat Maguire visited the club accompanied by Joyce Patton.
- Rick informed the club of the board's decision to institute the 10% donation for sales made at the club.
- There will be a Rock Swap at Laurie Adam's home on the 16th of October. It is open to everyone and anyone. See the notice on page 10.
- The Minutes of the July meeting were emailed in the newsletter and were motioned for acceptance. Steve Smith accepted, Maggie Gillet Seconded and they were passed.
- The treasurer's report was given by Mary Pegram:
 - The McCreary Scholarship is now up to \$399.00, and the Annual Specimen is at \$7.00.
- Kathie Montgomery brought refreshments for the August meeting.
- The October meeting will be our auction meeting. Gary Parker has several trays of items for the auction, and it is requested that members bring more item to donate. This is not restricted to only rocks. Anything is game.
- Gary Parker will present the November Program.
- Sharon Godbee will be coordinating the Christmas Party for December.
- Digging updates – Gary Parker
 - Gary is waiting on Elwood Hopkins to call and let us know about the Stuart, VA location.
 - Club members went on a dig last month near Danville, Kentucky and picked up Geodes from the riverbed. The next day, Phil took them to another site where they got Fluorite specimens. Phil was very nice and had lots to share. Even slices of geodes.
- The Enigma mine is on hold as they may have equipment issues. Charlie Whicker mentioned

that there MAY be a tentative dig for Beryl and Aquamarine (trip will be 4+ hour drive) at the Amos Cunningham site.

- Marie Anderson-Whitehurst's shop, Locks and Rocks (aka Earth Songs) has had the final inspection done. Now is the time for the volunteers to come and help with cleaning, sorting, etc. Please call Dale at 336-294-2111 to find out the best time to come help. She thanks us all for our support.
- We had several guests: Alex Seymour, Mike Hollifield and Scott Hollifield.
- New members Susan and Patti Morton attended.
- Charlie Whicker mentioned that the Forsyth Auction is an open auction and will be held on August 21st. They raise funds for a Sawtooth Scholarship. Their auction is an 80/20 split.
- Gary Parker suggested that we might get better interest in our auction, and perhaps have nicer specimens, if we also had an 80/20 split on profits. Right now, 100% of proceeds go to the club.
- The August program was a show and tell:
 - Rick and Sharon brought some Rhyolite Bubble specimens
 - Mary brought some crystals she acquired from a person in West Virginia
 - Vickie brought in examples of her wire work.
 - Maggie brought a rock in for identification.
 - Gary brought in some Shingletrap Quartz Crystals from his Uwharrie trip. He also brought in a flat of Real mine Amethyst he collected from where they were building a housing development in Holly Springs.
 - Steve brought in some Garnets he got from a mine in VA and also brought in some Rainbow Obsidian.
 - Ed brought in one of the Geodes he sells at the show. He had cut a \$10 specimen and it was chock full of Smokey Quartz! He also brought in an Amethyst cathedral that had honey calcite and even some clear druzy quartz.
 - Bruce brought in a display that belonged to his father with multiple specimens.
 - Kathie brought in some pieces of kyanite from Black Mountain and also a fluorite specimen from Phil Everhart's collection.
 - Charlie brought in some of the Kentucky fluorite he dug
 - Roy had some Clear fluorite, Botryoidal Chalcedony Geodes and Crinoid.
 - Alex brought in an impressive mica book.
- The meeting was adjourned, and everyone got refreshments and went around looking at all the specimens.



Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows

September 2021

3-6—HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society; Whitmire Center, 310 Lily Pond Dr; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6, Mon. 9-6; adults \$4.00 children under 12 free with adult; Exhibits, Demos, Vendors, Hourly door prizes; contact Diane M Lapp, 22 Foxmoor Ct, Etowah, NC 28729, (828) 775-8098; Email: dlapp48@gmail.com; Website: <https://wp.hcgms.com/gem-show/>

10-12—WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club; The Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, 421 West 27th Street, Education Building; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. Noon-5; Adults \$3, free admission youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult; Show theme: North Carolina Minerals and Gold. Nearly 30 dealers, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children; Website: <https://forsythgemclub.com/>

17-19—ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; MAGMA, Jacquot & Son Mining; Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; 14th annual gem, mineral and fossil show, dozens of vendors from across the U.S. offering gems, minerals, fossils, rocks, artifacts, meteorites, trinitite; contact Richard Jacquot, NC 28748, (828) 779-4501; Email: rick@wncrocks.com; Website: <https://www.wncrocks.com/magma/magmaupcomingevents.htm>

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12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

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UPCOMING DIGS

Saturday, October 2, 2021

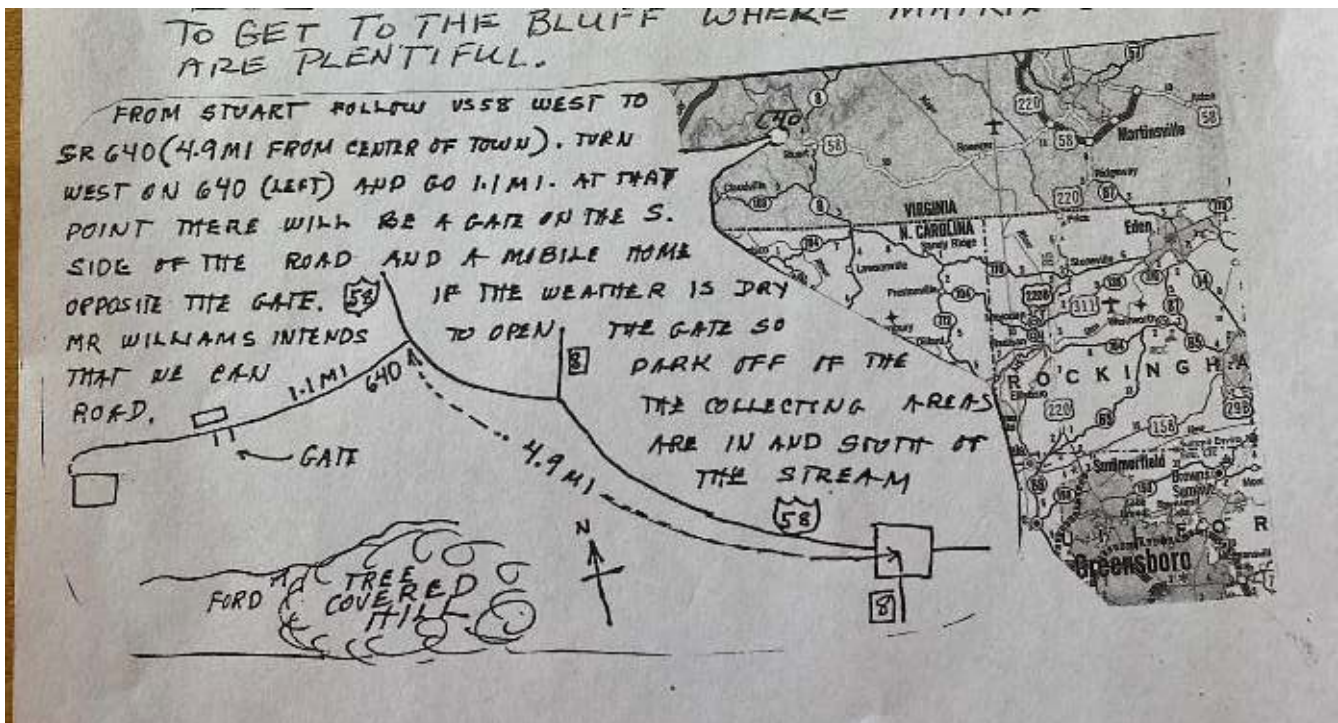
GGMC Field Trip, submitted by Gary Parker

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

Please do not arrive before 10:00AM. We have been granted permission to collect almandine 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

Rock Fragment Found in Field Turns Out to Be Ancient 4.6-Billion-Year-Old Meteorite

A small fragment of rock found lying in a field in Gloucestershire in the UK may not have looked like much to the casual passerby, but it could contain vital information about the formation of the Solar System – and the origins of life itself. [Read the article.](#)



Some Rare Diamonds Form Out of The Remains of Once-Living Creatures, New Study Finds



Despite humanity's intense fascination with sparkly pieces of carbon, it seems there is still plenty to learn about how diamonds form deep within our planet. [Read the article.](#)

A Giant 'Sea Scorpion' May Have Attacked This Trilobite 450 Million Years Ago

A mangled trilobite, found fossilized in Czechia, looks like it narrowly escaped becoming lunch more than 450 million years ago. [Read the article.](#)



And Now for Something Completely Different...

The Mystery of The Mesolithic Footprints in The Sand

From the Editor

Between 1994 – 2014, the British TV show “Time Team” investigated archeological sites throughout Great Britain and other countries. A team of scientists used traditional archeology, landscape archaeology, geophysics and many other techniques to uncover the history of the land from pre-historic times up to the 20th C. They had only 3 days to investigate each site.

One of the episodes investigated the river Severn estuary in Britain where 7500 year old footprints of adults and children were preserved in mud. You can watch the episode [here](#). The relevant time point is 19:00.

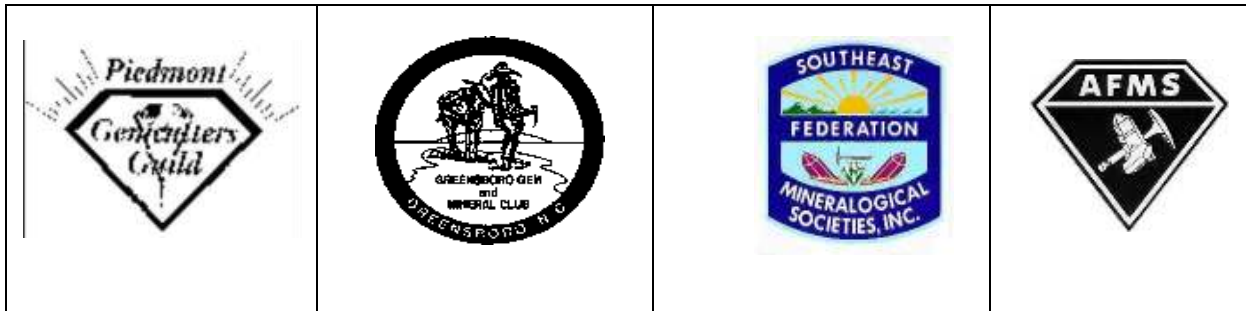
Most of the episodes are available on YouTube, and for the history buff, or anyone interested in Geophysics and how it is used in archaeology, this show is a must-see.



Many thanks to Vickie Hodges for the link to this episode.



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
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Treasurer – Mary Pegram
Secretary – Vickie Hodges

Board of Directors for 2021

Vickie Hodges '21	Steve Smith '22
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Show Hospitality - Joyce Patton & Grace Smith	Holiday Chairperson -OPEN
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“Dig” Committee – Rick Godbee, Bryan Burdette, Gary Parker

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