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August 2021 Club Meeting

Join us **IN PERSON!!**

August 2, 7:00pm

Physical Meeting Location:

New Garden Friends

801 New Garden Road

Greensboro, NC 27410

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[Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club Rockhounds](#)

Masks required

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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, operating a sluice at the Children's Museum, 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

First, thanks to everyone who attended our first in-person meeting. The presentation on Fluorite by Shaun Shelton was highly informative with some incredible specimens. The current Covid restrictions are to wear masks and no community meals, only foods that can be individually packaged. This did not slow us down one bit. Best of all was the ability for us to socialize again!

Charles Whicker is a member of our club and, also the President of the Forsyth club. He attended our meeting and announced the geode and fluorite field trips to a location in eastern Kentucky. It was a seven-hour drive but well worth it. The geodes were literally everywhere in the creek, on the gravel bars and along the sides. The only difficult parts were carrying the buckets up the creek bank and determining whether there might be a cavity inside by the weight. Roy Carlson and I went, and 6 others from the Forsyth club. Basically, you had to decide what NOT to take. The host was an exceptional person with a shop full of interesting specimens, many for sale. The following day, he took us to an old fluorite mine to dig through the tailings. Everyone found good specimens of both fluorite and calcite. Three of us found the rare (at least for that mine), double-terminated dogtooth calcite, including yours truly.

Due to circumstances beyond her control, Tami Lovell had to resign as the newsletter editor. Maggie Gillet will be taking over that job and Sharon Godbee took over the Hospitality. So, if you have photos from trips or anything you think would interest the club, send it to Maggie to include in the newsletter.
bears mama1@gmail.com

The next meeting is Aug 2nd and will be Show and Tell. Please bring in your specimens to show the members and, as I often do, bring items that you can't identify and let our club experts determine their identity. Until then, stay safe!

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

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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.

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,***

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	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)	

July Door Prize Winners:

Sharon Godbee chose a Pink Opal and Maggie Gillet chose Chalcopyrite.

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

Joyce Patton, \$14. Scholarship fund, \$14. 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.

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 -
 May 3 -
 June 6 – Gem & Mineral Show, Farmer’s Market
 July 5 – Fluorites of Kentucky/Illinois Fluorospan District
 Aug 2 - Show and Tell
 Sept 13 -
 Oct 4 -
 Nov 1 -
 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 –

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY MEETING

Vickie Hodges, Secretary

- Rick Godbee brought the meeting to order at 7PM with 18 attendees.
- This was our first in person meeting since early 2020! It was great to see everyone!
- Shaun Shelton gave the presentation on “Fluorites of Kentucky/Illinois Fluorospan District.” After the presentation, he shared specimens along with a couple Gary Parker brought.
- Rick has made a request that people bring in items for the auction.
- Kathie Montgomery gave a show committee report: This was one of the best shows ever! All volunteers were thanked for their hard work for putting this together. We had 24 vendors sign up of which one did not show. We sold 147 raffle tickets and sold \$300 in Hats, T-Shirts and Books. Gabby Mystico won the grand prize. We also received \$35.00 in donations.
- Gary Parker gave a dig (trip) update and has asked for feedback as to where people would like to go and how far you are willing to travel. The following collecting sites were suggested:
 - Propst Farm (Sapphires near Maiden, NC) cost of \$30 per person for a specific area
 - Enigma Mine, \$50 for machine digs – limited to 6 people, and \$25 for regular dig, unlimited?
- Other suggested sites:
 - Amos Cunningham – SC – Aquamarine and Amethyst
 - JXR – Limited and very strict
 - Stuart, VA – Garnets, steep hill – Sept/Oct timeframe.
- Gary found an older folder on digs and will go through it and see what else he can find.
- Rick is asking for suggestions on what kind of programs people would like to hear.
- Shaun Shelton mentioned that there will be a rock swap at Laurie’s on Oct 16 and would like to make it a club trip. This is in Denton, NC
- Rick and Charlie Wicker said there might be a possibility of the Forsyth County and the Greensboro clubs to get together for digs.
- Maggie Gillet will take over the newsletter for Tami Lovell.
- Sharon Godbee will take over the Hospitality
- Vickie Hodges made a motion to eliminate the snacks at the regular meetings as there is always a lot left over which usually gets wasted, and if eliminated could save the club money in the long run. The Christmas dinner is always a go!
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM

2021 Kentucky Trip



Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows

July-August 2021

30-1—SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce; Spruce Pine Commons, 12085 S. Hwy 226; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12:30-5; \$ 4/ Children under 10 are free; Since the early 1950's Spruce Pine, North Carolina has been the host of the festival and welcomed visitors from around the world to shop for beautiful jewelry, gemstones, minerals, beads, crystals, fossils and more! Contact Patti Jensen, PO Box 858, Spruce Pine, NC 28777, (828) 765-9033; Email: pjensen@mitchellcountychamber.org; Website: www.ncgemfest.com

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>

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

Minerals With Insane Names

Just when you thought you'd heard everything:

It's not all that uncommon for a chemical to be named after the place where it was discovered or even after the chemist who discovered it. But when this is applied to geology the results can be...amusing, or (better still), tasteless. [Read the article.](#)



A mineral named goosecreekite. Not kidding

Copper: A Seriously Cool Element — Especially If You Like Colors and Money



Coupla questions... What is the difference between the pennies on the left? And why does the penny on the left look like an albino? Hint: It has to do with the historical significance of the year in which it was minted. Answers will be forthcoming, thus ensuring that you will have to read this wretched piece to the end. [Read the article.](#)

Don't Roast Marshmallows Over A Volcanic Eruption

Is it safe to roast marshmallows over volcanic vents? Assuming you had a long enough stick, that is? Or would the resulting marshmallows be poisonous?

[Read the article.](#)



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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