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### **April 2024 Club Meeting**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

**6:30 pm, Social time**

**7:00 pm, Meeting**

Guilford Park Presbyterian Church

2100 Fernwood Dr.

Greensboro, NC 27408

[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 and to Durham County to the east, both public and private.

*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](mailto:bearsmama1@gmail.com)*

## President's Corner

Hello fellow Rockhounds!



As we have our Spring Auction taking place for April's meeting, I wanted to use my section of the newsletter to address some business that needs to be handled.

It came to my attention last month that our club has been operating without a budget, and as such has had to rely on our savings account to cover some expenses. Additionally, the McCreary Scholarship has developed into something much larger than it was initially intended, not to mention the cost of attending classes has nearly tripled since the scholarship's inception. The issue that we are now facing is that we continue to draw on our savings and we are approaching a balance threshold which may result in our club incurring some additional fees/costs associated with our accounts. In a recent meeting of the board, we had to have the beginnings of some serious discussions on these subjects, the details of which I would like to share with you now.

**Club Budget:** After some initial discussion, we have determined that in order to have a sufficient budget, we would need to make adjustments to the items the club traditionally handles, including the funds available for guest speakers as well as hospitality. We have also discussed that it might be time for the annual gem show to raise the vendor rates, as those have been steady for years and are still well below other shows. In the end, the board will move to adopt a budget proposal which will then be put to a vote by the club membership. Stay tuned for more discussion and development on this.

**Scholarship:** For years, the club has been funding the scholarship via auction/show proceeds, donations, and 50/50 raffle. The problem is, these items were not generating the funds necessary to make the scholarship self-sufficient. In its original form, the scholarship was intended to be solely funded by the 50/50 raffle, and it was also a much smaller dollar amount which is no longer accurate based on the increase in fees to attend classes. As such, the board moved to adopt the following: 1) Rick Godbee will be the sole recipient of scholarship funds this year in the amount of \$700, and 2) moving forward, the fund will have a cap of \$250 per annum, at which time those interested in applying for those funds will nominate themselves and a recipient will be chosen at random from those who have thrown their name in the hat.

I am aware that the changes to the scholarship will not be a welcome change to some, especially those who had hoped to receive funds this year and more assistance in the future, but the reality is we need to be mindful of what the original intentions were when the scholarship was proposed in the first place.

I am looking forward to working with the membership and the board to determine other changes we can make to put our club in a better financial position moving forward.

I hope everyone is having a great Spring so far...let's have some fun at the auction!

Sincerely,

Daniel Cole

(585) 415-2381 [DanieleCole83@gmail.com](mailto:DanieleCole83@gmail.com)

## 2024 SCHEDULE

**Meetings are on Monday, unless otherwise noted**

- Tuesday**, Jan 2 - Membership Meeting – Dues collected
- Feb 5 - Membership Meeting
- Mar 4 - Membership Meeting
- Apr 1 - Membership Meeting
- May 6 - Membership Meeting
- Saturday**, June 1 ***Annual outdoor gem and mineral show – Piedmont Triad Farmers Market***
- June 3 - Membership Meeting
- July 1 - Membership Meeting
- Aug 5 - Membership Meeting
- Tuesday**, Sept 3 Membership Meeting
- Oct 7 - Membership Meeting
- Nov 4 - Membership Meeting- Ballots
- Dec 2 - ***Holiday dinner, “Dirty-Rotten-Santa,” Awards, Election results***

### 2024 Programs

- Jan 2 – Dorothy P. – Collection Displays
- Feb 5 – Dr. Kenneth Taylor, NC State Geologist, Earthquakes
- Mar 4– Mary Pegram on Crystals
- Apr 1 – Spring Auction
- May 6 – Rick Godbee on Amethysts
- June 3 – Show and Tell
- July 1 – Dr. Alan Hart - The origin of diamonds
- Aug 5 – Gary Parker, Tumbling Techniques
- Sept 3 -
- Oct 7 - Fall Auction
- Nov 4 – Charlie Whicker on Faceting
- Dec 2 - Holiday dinner

### 2024 Field Trips

- Jan – DMC trip
- Feb – DMC trip
- Mar – DMC trip
- Apr – DMC trip
- May
- June
- July
- Aug
- Sept
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month (except holidays) at 7:00 PM at Guilford Park Presbyterian Church. 2100 Fernwood Dr., Greensboro NC 27408

### How to get to the meeting:

The fellowship hall entrance we will use is on the corner of Fernwood and Lawndale Dr. The easiest way to park is turn on Fernwood Dr. and park on the street. Walk up the sidewalk to the building and turn left to the entrance door into the fellowship hall building. There is additional parking in a gravel lot diagonally across the street on the corner of Fairfield and Fernwood.

### McCreery Scholarship

Starting in 2025,\* one person each year will be granted a scholarship of \$250 for 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. Those interested in applying for those funds will nominate themselves and a recipient will be chosen at random from those who have thrown their name in the hat.

\*2024's recipient has already been chosen.

### Hospitality Report 2024

Jan 2 - Rick and Sharon Godbee  
 Feb 5 - Maggie, Mary P, Vickie H.  
 Mar 4 -  
 Apr 1 -Deb Mauser  
 May 6 -Rick and Sharon Godbee  
 June 3 – Gwyn Waite

July 1 – Shelton family  
 Aug 5-  
 Sept 3 - Steve Smith  
 Oct 7 – Roy Carlson  
 Nov 4 –  
 Dec 2 - Holiday Dinner

All plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery are provided by the club.

### AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

## Highlights Of the March 2024 Meeting

### Date of meeting: March 4, 2024

President Dan Cole convened the meeting at 7 pm. We began with the evening's program on "Healing with Crystals", presented by our Treasurer Mary Pegram. Mary began with the disclaimer that nothing in her program was meant to take the place of medical treatment or advice. She went on to describe the history of the use of crystals for healing in China, India, Egypt, and by Native Americans. The relationship between various crystals and the Indian concept of "Chakra" was explained in great detail. She described the molecular structure of crystals, and their use in engineering, electronics, and optics. Mary accompanied her program with numerous charts and photographs. Thank you, Mary, for an interesting program.

We drew for the door prizes, and Mary Pegram chose a mineralogical puzzle, and KB Montgomery chose a malachite specimen from Zaire. Rick Godbee won the 50-50 raffle, and donated his share to the club. Thanks, Rick! We discussed the upcoming auction procedures and how we would fund scholarships moving forward. President Dan Cole will set up a Zoom meeting soon to discuss this further.

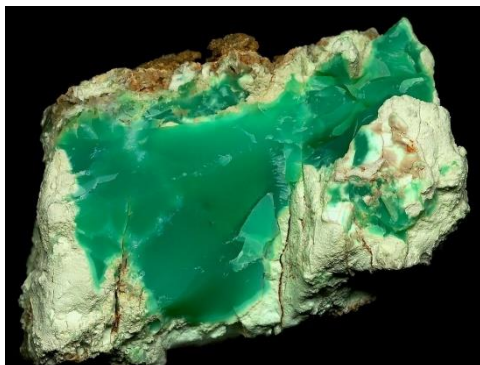
- Roy Carlson, Secretary

## Rock of the Month

- Zander Ritchy

The rock of the month is... Chrysoprase!

Chrysoprase is a silica-based gemstone that is a variety of chalcedony. Chrysoprase is cryptocrystalline, this means that it is composed of crystals so fine that they cannot be seen as distinct particles by the naked eye. Other cryptocrystalline minerals include agate, carnelian, and onyx. It gets its color from the presence of nickel unlike chrome chalcedony that



gets its green color from chromium. This gemstone gets its

name from the Greek words for "golden apple" or "golden leek." It was first popularized in jewelry in the 1700s when a deposit was found in Poland, although now most of the chrysoprase you can buy comes from Australia. This mineral is somewhat rare and is often only found in veins a few feet long and is hard to find in large quantities.



## APRIL 2024 GGMC AUCTION

Date: Normal club meeting date 4/1/2023

Location: 2100 Fernwood drive, Greensboro, (Guilford Park Presbyterian Church). 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](mailto:redrutil@bellsouth.net) or

Steve Smith at 336-454-8872, [pteradon@northstate.net](mailto: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 auctioned for sale 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 should contact Roy Carlson by email at [django6023@gmail.com](mailto:django6023@gmail.com) or call him at 336.898.7384 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.
- (8) 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. 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! When the auction concludes, we will remove our material, settle up for purchases, disburse funds to sellers, and clean up the site.

Note: The Club can pay sellers with PayPal, cash if available in correct amounts, or check.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!**

Below are some auction sheets for you to fill out and send to Roy Carlson at [django6023@gmail.com](mailto:django6023@gmail.com) as soon as possible. If you do this ahead of time, it'll save a lot of time at the meeting.

| GGMC Auction Date: |             |
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## DMC Field Trip Sharing Program

### The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve

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**An Official Field Trip of the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club (Hickory, NC)  
(HOST)**

**An Official Field Trip of the Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**Meet at 9:00 AM Eastern Time**

**Leave by 4:00 PM (unless camping)**

**Mason's Ruby and Sapphire Mine**

**6961 Upper Burningtown Rd**

**Franklin, NC**

**Limit 40 People**

**Fees: (See below)**

**Registration Required (Link is below)**

**TRIP:** Mason's Ruby and Sapphire Mine is one of three remaining native dig your own gem mines in the Franklin, NC area, the other two being Cherokee and Sheffield mines. All other mines are salted. The prizes you will be searching for are lovely lavender sapphires (corundum) that fluoresce and can be cabbed. Other possible finds are rubies, garnets, rutile, kyanite, sillimanite, mica and quartz.

It is unknown if Mason's will be opening to the public for the season at this time due to availability of staff to work on the property, so here's your chance!

**COLLECTING:** Mason's (and also Cherokee and Sheffield, should you do a second mine on Sunday) digs virgin clay from the banks of a nearby creek and provides it in two areas for miner digging. EPA regulations for keeping the creek clean and safety concerns mean that miners cannot dig or sluice in or near the creek themselves. The soil is clay and it is not practical to use spray bottles to clean off finds. Mason's will provide a sluice area for cleaning material. The sapphires and other rocks you find will be coated in mica and will require further cleaning once you get them home. This is native mining and you will need to move a lot of dirt to increase your chances of success. He who works the hardest will be the luckiest. Come prepared to work hard!

**BRING:** Shovels, screens, sturdy shoes (closed-toed!) rubber gloves (rocks are sharp when cleaning) hand truck, rain gear, change of clothes, water and food as civilization is not nearby. There will be water and snacks for sale. Mason's can provide some shovels and screens, and they have some hand trucks for rent.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Close-toed shoes.



**TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** The parking is limited, **so carpool as much as possible**. Mason's has a parking lot for 20 cars and will use a field to accommodate the overflow. If the field is muddy that will not be possible and a communication will be sent out with a meeting point so we can carpool and all get to the mine.

**FEES:** Cash only please \$30 per person (+ \$20 per person for campsite if camping)

**REGISTRATION:** Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If you register and are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

**CHILDREN:** Yes, under supervision at all times, close-toed shoes, mining fees paid.

**PETS:** Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome, but clean up after your animal.

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms on site, picnic tables available, camping is primitive, modern bathhouse is available for campers. Bring drinking water and food, or purchase water and snacks from Mason's.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** 15 primitive campsites (modern bathhouse available, registered miners only) for 2 nights.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** Registered participants will be sent a confirmation email with directions and meeting place details.

**CARPOOLING:** The registration form has a place for you to indicate if you **need** a ride; if you can **offer** a ride; or if you would like to **drive or share** a carpool ride. If you choose any of these options, your **name**, **email address**, and **club name** will be shared with other members who also choose one of the options. Then, you can communicate with one another to arrange carpools. **Carpooling is highly recommended for this trip.**

**CONTACT:** Tina Lakhotia, 727-688-1068, [Tinael01@hotmail.com](mailto:Tinael01@hotmail.com)

**IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click [here](#) to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. For this DMC trip, non-SFMS club members and the general public are not allowed. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.**

[Click here for DMC Field Trip Attendance Policies](#)

[Click here for the DMC Field Trip Schedule](#)

**Clubs scheduled to host DMC Field Trips in the next 6 months:**

## 2024

May - Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Clarkesville, GA)

June - Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL)

July - Kanawha Rock and Gem Club (South Charleston, WV)

August - Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society (Henderson, NC)

September - Pendleton District Gem & Mineral Society (Seneca, SC)

October - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society (Memphis, TN)

Email: [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)

Website: <https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program>

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."

## How To Tell If You Have a Meteorite or Just Another Rock

by [Don Gerig](#) March 24, 2024, 3:24 am. Updated March 24, 2024, 5:01 am

We all come across strange looking rocks that just seem out of place. Could it be a meteorite?

It's a really common question for many people who find peculiar stones, However, the likelihood of actually stumbling across a meteorite is slim, with less than 1% of suspected rocks actually being meteorites!

To determine if you've truly found a piece of the cosmos, there are a few straightforward tests you can carry out on-site before approaching a university or laboratory for verification.

Armed with a magnet, a grinder or file, and a magnifying glass, you can start the identification process right away.

You can read the rest of the article [here](#).



*The 60-tonne, 2.7 m-long (8.9 ft) long Hoba meteorite in Namibia is the largest known intact meteorite.*  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meteorite>

## Humans Are Erasing Billions of Years of Data From Ancient Meteorites



A popular and easy method for validating whether or not a chunk of rock is a meteorite, and what kind of meteorite it is, has been inadvertently erasing invaluable information locked inside.

The use of rare-earth magnets such as neodymium erases and overwrites the magnetic record locked inside ferromagnetic minerals in meteorites, scientists from MIT in the US and Paris Cité University in France found. Since many meteorites that fall to Earth have a significant iron content, this means we're losing important data on the way magnetic fields in space have altered these meteorites over billions of years.

You can read the rest of the article [here](#).

## Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows

### APRIL 2024

**12-14—RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club; Kerr Scott Building, State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Rd; Fri. 3-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; there will be a charge for admission; Hospitality area for door prize ticket sales, t-shirt sales, membership, grab bag sales. Silent Auction for various minerals, fossils & jewelry. Geode for sales and opening the geodes purchased. Demonstration for club members to show their skills; contact Cyndy Hummel, (919) 779-6220; Email: [mchummel@mindspring.com](mailto:mchummel@mindspring.com); Website: [tarheelclub.org](http://tarheelclub.org)

### May 2024

**16-19 – FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA.** Highlands Road Gem Show –Highlands Road Gem Show, 1602 Highlands Road, Franklin, North Carolina 28734. Daily 9-6 with many dealers available before and after these hours. Free and open to the public. Promoter: Three Bears, LLP, Ruth Gibson (828) 342-5112 [vwcompanies@gmail.com](mailto:vwcompanies@gmail.com)

### June 2024

**1-1—COLFAX, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club; Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, 2914 Sandy Ridge Road; Sat. 9-5; FREE; 40 Vendors, rain/shine, grand prize raffle, half hour door prizes. Free geodes to kids 12 and under. Minerals, crystals, fossils, gemstones, cabachons, beads, hand-made jewelry, wire wrapping, gem trees, crystal cathedrals. Gem & lapidary books, hats & t-shirts, decorative items. 2500+ attendees; contact KB Montgomery, (336) 706-0061; Email: [clymeric@protonmail.com](mailto:clymeric@protonmail.com); Website: [ggmc-rockhounds.com](http://ggmc-rockhounds.com)

**8-9—GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Gaston County Gem & Mineral Club; Johan Newcombe Event Center, 1840 E. Franklin Blvd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Sluice Mining for Gems & Geode Cracking outside Food Truck on site FREE ADMISSION; contact Eric Clymer; Email: [clymeric@protonmail.com](mailto:clymeric@protonmail.com); Website: [gastongemclub.weebly.com](http://gastongemclub.weebly.com)

**21-23—SWANNANOVA, 28778, NORTH CAROLINA:** Show; Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association; Land of the Sky Shrine Club, 39 Spring Cove Road; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; FREE; Our June Asheville gem show will have over 35 vendors with everything from affordable treasures to the finest gems, minerals & jewelry in the Southeast! Free admission, rain or shine, food and drink available daily, raffle for over \$1,000 in prizes. This is a fun family-friendly event; contact Richard Jacquot, (828) 779-4501; Email: [rickerjacquot@gmail.com](mailto:rickerjacquot@gmail.com); Website: [www.AmericanRockhound.com](http://www.AmericanRockhound.com)

**28-30—CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Southeastern Mineral Specimens; Cabarras Arena and Events Center, 4751 State Hwy 49, Gold Hall 1; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$10 Adults, kids 12 and under free! Wristband good for all three days; Open to the public, this show brings together 2 dozen professional dealers, who will have all manner of items of geological origin available for purchase! Items are from all over the world, with an emphasis on regional finds. Several dealers are just returning from major buying trips; contact Mark E. P. Woods, (706) 296-9467; Email: [imineral@bellsouth.net](mailto:imineral@bellsouth.net); Website: <https://facebook.com/events/s/the-2024-greater-charlotte-gem/1418218972405703/>

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PIEDMONT OPEN AIR

# GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW AND SALE

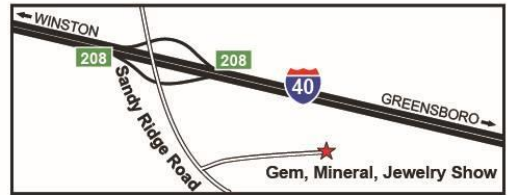


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## Saturday, June 1, 2024 9 am to 5 pm

**PIEDMONT TRIAD FARMERS MARKET**  
2914 Sandy Ridge Road  
Colfax, NC



I-40 to Exit 208 Sandy Ridge Road

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING**  
FREE MINI GEODE TO FIRST 100 KIDS (AGES 12 & UNDER)



**GEM STONES**  
**MINERALS**  
**GEODES**  
**CRYSTALS**

**JEWELRY**  
**BEADS**  
**FOSSILS**  
**BOOKS**

**CLUB T-SHIRTS / HATS**  
**DEMONSTRATIONS**  
**HOURLY PRIZES**  
**GRAND PRIZE**

**Visit our website: [www.ggmc-rockhounds.com](http://www.ggmc-rockhounds.com)**

The Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club is a non-profit organization.

## GREENSBORO GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

Dear Vendors,

We are pleased to announce our 11th Annual Piedmont Open Air Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, **Saturday, June 1st, 2024**, and invite you to be a vendor at this year's show. This event will be located at the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market off Interstate 40 and Sandy Ridge Road in Colfax, NC, easily accessible from Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem. The Farmers Market has great visibility and years of experience with outdoor shows. The site is a large grassy field, the first area on the left entering the campus, with a limited number of electric and water hook ups available. There is ample parking, food vendors and a restaurant on site. The Farmers Market has security on staff and we will we have a security officer for the show as well. Last year's event featured 39 vendors and over 2000 attendees. We prefer lapidary, mineral and jewelry related vendors only.

This location has thousands of customers on weekends during the growing season. We will be featured on their marquee on I-40 and on television and radio stations. We are on their website <https://www.ncagr.gov/markets/facilities/markets/triad/promos.htm>. Please take a look to see images and web cam of the Farmers Market. The Farmers Market has discounts at nearby hotels for anyone requiring overnight accommodations. The show hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Vendor setup is 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Take down is 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There is NO ADMISSION for attendees. Please read the attached Vendor Contract for more information.

We are advertising in the following media:

Rock & Gem Magazine  
 Southeastern Gem Clubs  
 Go Triad weekly Magazine  
[www.festivalnet.com](http://www.festivalnet.com)  
[www.RockandMineralShows.com](http://www.RockandMineralShows.com)

[www.xpoexpress.com](http://www.xpoexpress.com)  
 Greensboro News & Record online  
 Visitors Bureau of Greensboro  
[www.FestivalNews.info](http://www.FestivalNews.info)  
[www.mindat.com](http://www.mindat.com)

DigTriad.com, News 2 online events calendar, GGMC Facebook, Forsyth and MAGMA Facebook pages  
 Direct e-mails to past attendees

Please return the signed Vendor Contract with payment in full by or before **May 21, 2024**. Spaces are on a first-come, first-served basis. Show will be held Rain or Shine.

Greensboro Gem and Mineral Show C/O  
 Mary Pegram  
 521 West Mountain Street  
 Kernersville, NC 27284

Phone 336-918-8634

[ggmc.rocks@gmail.com](mailto:ggmc.rocks@gmail.com)



The Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club Inc.  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
Vendor Contract

Piedmont Open-Air Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Piedmont Triad Farmers Market Sandy Ridge Road at I-40  
Colfax, North Carolina

Dealer setup - 7:00am  
Show Hours- 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday JUNE 1, 2024

10'x10' booth size is \$60. Double sizes are available.

Please make checks payable to Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club Inc.

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this copy to:

Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club  
Mary Pegram, Treasurer

521 West Mountain Street  
Kernersville, NC 27284

336-918-8634

[ggmc.rocks@gmail.com](mailto:ggmc.rocks@gmail.com)

or

[mpegam10@triad.rr.co](mailto:mpegam10@triad.rr.co)

Size booth required. 10 X 10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 Member \$50 10 X 20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Member \$85

If Electricity is needed there is an additional \$10.00 fee. Please state reason needed as spaces are limited.

Payment must accompany application. Check or money order preferred. \$5 credit card service fee. PayPal and Square payments are also accepted.

There will be a \$25 late fee for applications postmarked after May 21. Absolutely no applications accepted after May 28th.

Special request or comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Dealer hereby agrees:**

1. Once contract and payment in full is received, a confirmation notice will be emailed to you.
2. Please indicate what size booth you require: 10x10 for \$60.00 **or** 10x20 for \$100.00. Club Member rates are \$50 for 10 X 10; \$85 for 10 X 20

Vendor setup is 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Breakdown is 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Club volunteers will be available to assist if needed.

**3. Check in at Club Hospitality booth, Location #1, upon arrival to pick up Dealer info with booth location.** This will include a coupon for a door prize from your booth. Simply choose the dollar amount you wish to offer and sign it. These will be used for half hourly prizes and assures that the winner will visit your booth. We recommend you wearing an ID tag. Blanks will be available

**4. No vendor vehicles are allowed in vendor area once show opens. Vehicles MUST be removed from grass area, even those on back row,** prior to sales commencing. After the Show, please pack up your merchandise before bringing vehicles in. No selling from your vehicle.

5. To refrain from sub-leasing any part of the allotted space, and to restrict displays to assigned space. Please don't ask your neighbor to move. Spaces are generous in size. Please see a Club volunteer to help you work out any issues.

6. Vendors bring their own tables and canopy/tent, chairs. GGMC does not provide or rent out these. You must stake or weigh down all canopy/tents. Surface is a grassy field.

7. Vendors are responsible for draping the front of their tables. Draping from canopy on more than one side is discouraged. Visibility by vendors and patrons is preferable. If you do require draping on more than one side, please notate on application so you can be located on the back row.

8. A Name Tag is preferred for all vendors. If you do not have one, see check-in booth for a generic one. Show Volunteers will be wearing ID tags and are to wear an orange shirt.

**9. No vendors will be allowed to take down before show is closed at 5:00 PM, unless prior approval given from Show Chairman, KB Montgomery.** Please leave the area as you found it: CLEAN.

10. Food vendors and a Café are on site at the Farmers Market, or you may bring your own food.

11. Restrooms are nearby.

12. No pets are allowed.

13. No portable music is to be played.

**14. No 'Show Special' signs permitted. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

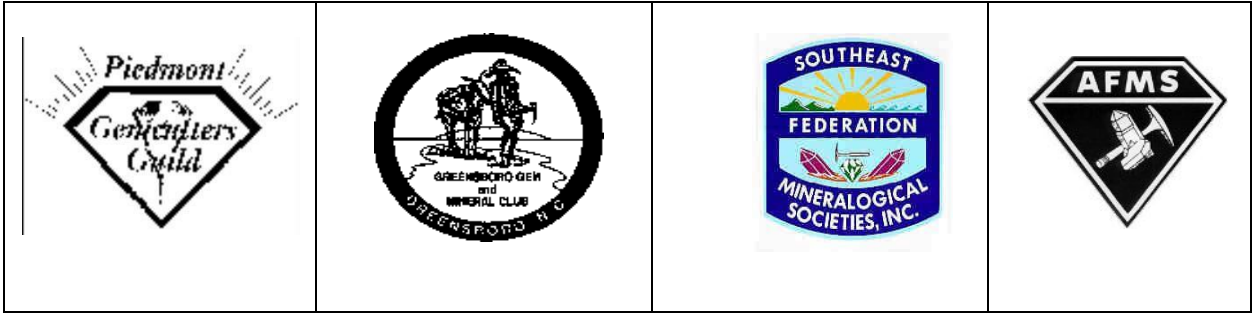
**15. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.**

16. The show is rain or shine.

17. To be responsible for collecting 6.75% Sales Tax on merchandise sold; and to be responsible for filing those taxes collected with the State of North Carolina. We do not require your tax #.

**18. Vendors agree to comply with all Municipal rules and regulations, the policies of the Facility being utilized to hold the show, and the rules set forth by the Show Committee. The dealer releases and discharges the Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club, Inc., its members and the Show management from any responsibility, liability, loss or damage of any type. If for any reason the show has to be canceled prior to 30 days before setup, the applicant waives any claims – except for monies paid.**

19. By returning this contract you agree to all terms and conditions as set forth above.



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**Year 2024 Officers**

President, & Chairperson – Daniel Cole, c/o Club address  
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Secretary – Roy Carlson

**Board of Directors for 2024**

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|-------------------|----|----------------|----|---------------|----|
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| Kathie Montgomery | 26 | Brian Burdette | 25 | Ed Deckert    | 24 |

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| Program Chair – Vice President                                  | Hospitality – Sharon Godbee               |
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**Honorary Life Members**

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| Marie Anderson-Whitehurst              | Dr. Joseph & Maria Mountjoy |                       |
| Kathy & Jim Montgomery                 |                             |                       |
| Dr. Tim & Elaine Biggart               | Joe Maguire (D)             |                       |
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|  | Russ Holshouser (D)         |                       |
|  | Mac Anderson-Whitehurst (D) |                       |