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## **September 2024 Club Meeting**

Tuesday, September 3, 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

### **President's Corner**



Hello fellow Rock Hounds!

I hope this month's edition of the newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the tail end of summer.

I know last month's meeting wasn't exactly an exciting one, but I want to thank everyone for their input, ideas, and thoughts on our club's finances and future. We are well on our way to ensuring we have something in place

moving forward that will see the club becoming more fiscally responsible.

As for September's meeting, remember we are trying our first ever swap meet. Bring those items from your collection you wouldn't mind parting with while trying to add something new at the same time! The more members we have participating, the greater the chances we will all have on completing a swap or two.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting the day after Labor Day!

Sincerely,
Daniel Cole
(585) 415-2381 DanielECole83@gmail.com

# Gather your specimens for our September meeting! -Dorothy Perrett, GGMC VP

Gather your specimens for the September meeting. This is one of those months where we have to move our normal meeting date, so remember that September's meeting is on Tuesday, Sept 3rd. We'll be holding a swap meet, so bring your excess cabs and slabs, assemble your rough and finished product. Been on a field trip where you brought back WAY more than you should have? (Did I really need that much hematite?) Here's your chance to trade it for that special something that catches your eye. You might find exactly what you need to finish that project you've been working on. So come for the wheeling and dealing, but do like Steve Martin and leave your money all the way in your back pocket, because this is strictly barter.

See you there!!

(and yes, I will have hematite)

### **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

2024 Field Trips

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 – DMC trip

Mar 4– Mary Pegram on Crystals

Jan – DMC trip

Apr – DMC trip

Mar 4- Mary Pegram on Crystals

Apr 1 - Spring Auction

May - DMC trip

May 6 - Rick Godbee on Amethysts

June - DMC trip

June 3 – Show and Tell

July – DMC trip

July 1 – Dr. Alan Hart - The origin of diamonds

Aug – DMC trip

Aug 5 – Gary Parker, Tumbling Techniques Sept – Two DMC trips

Sept 3 – Rock Swap Oct
Oct 7 - Fall Auction Nov
Nov 4 – Charlie Whicker on Faceting Dec

Dec 2 - Holiday dinner

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 in2025,\* one person each year will be granted a scholarship of \$250 for one week of classes at either the <u>William Holland School</u> or <u>Wildacres Retreat</u>, or one class at <u>Sawtooth School for Visual Arts</u> 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- Joyce Patton 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 August 2024 Meeting Date of Meeting: August 5, 2024

President Dan Cole convened the meeting at 7 pm. There were 28 attendees, and one new member. Due to illness, Gary Parker was unable to present his program on Tumbling. We were able to have an extensive discussion on Club finances, programs, and procedures, with most members participating. Mary Pegram, Treasurer, provided detailed information on our revenue and expenses, including historical data. As we had a quorum, the following changes were approved:

No hospitality reimbursement (except Xmas dinner) commencing in 2025. Increase annual dues to \$25 (\$30 family) commencing in 2025.

We also agreed that a committee should be created to examine donation possibilities as an additional source of revenue. We were not able to reach a consensus on new vendor fees for our Show, so that discussion will continue.

- Roy Carlson, Secretary

## An Asteroid Exploded Over Berlin. Then, the Treasure Hunt Began

The celestial event turned the night sky into a spectacle, spurring a race on the ground for cosmic fragments.

- On January 21, an asteroid dubbed 2024 BX1 spotted only three hours earlier—collided with the Earth near Berlin, Germany.
- Within days, meteorite hunters scoured the area to find samples of the space rock and found a translucent, glassy aubrite—a rare kind of space rock.



• Samples from 2024 BX1 and other asteroids like them can help scientists learn more about where these rocks hail from.

You can read the rest of the article here.



# DMC Field Trip Sharing Program



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An Official Field Trip of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society (Seneca, SC) HOST An Official Field Trip of the Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club.

Saturday, September 28, 2024 Sunday, September 29, 2024 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time Seneca, SC

No Attendance Limit
Registration Required (Link is below)
Fee: \$20







**TRIP:** This will be a dig on one of our members' own land, as such it has had very little activity there. There are no tailings available, it's mainly virgin.

**COLLECTING**: The owner of the property (and a very serious collector) has found epidote, garnet, quartz (in its various forms), quartz arrowheads, actinolite, hematite, magnetite, and other iron minerals.

**BRING:** This is basically pasture land with a few trees thrown in so no mountaineering equipment is needed, just the standard shovel and pick and screen stuff. Muddiness is entirely dependent on the weather. Clothes, footwear and mosquito repellent is up to you. Bring safety glasses if you want to break rocks.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This is private property, so please be respectful of the owner and the property.

FEE: \$20 per person.

**REGISTRATION:** Click <u>here</u> 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, but as per common sense: you're the custodian, not us.

**PETS:** No, unless you want to keep them in your car with it running and the AC on, so essentially **NO**.

**FACILITIES:** There will be an upscale porta-potty on site (with a sink) and easy parking.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Clemson University is very close, so there are many hotels/motels available in Clemson and in nearby towns.

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 <u>need</u> a ride; if you can <u>offer</u> a ride; or if you would like to <u>drive or share</u> a carpool ride. If you choose any of these options, your <u>name</u>, <u>email address</u>, and <u>club name</u> will be shared with other members who also choose one of the options. Then, you can communicate with one another to arrange carpools.

CONTACT: John Palmer, <u>charon13.5@gmail.com</u>, 864-557-5958, just leave a message in case I've put my phone down and forgotten where.

**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 <u>here</u> to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. **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

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

November - Emerald City Rock and Gem Club (Greenwood, SC)

December - Upper Abbeville Gem and Mineral Club (Due West, SC)

2025

January - No Trip

February - Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)

March - Mobile Rock & Gem Society, Inc. (Mobile, AL)

Email: dmc@southeastfed.org

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

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An Official Field Trip of the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club.

**September 21, 2024** 

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Eastern Time Willis Mountain Kyanite Mine

Dillwyn, Virginia

Limit: 75 People

**Registration Required (Link is Below)** 

Fee: None

This trip is an extra DMC trip for September. It was originally scheduled for September 2023 and had to be rescheduled due to dangerous weather.





**COLLECTING:** Willis Mountain is what's known as a monadnock. The kyanite exposure resisted weathering and, as the surrounding area was eroded and weathered away, the mountain outcrop was left standing. The center of the mountain has been mostly mined away. We should be able to find plenty of white kyanite blades in the massive kyanite quartzite; pyrite; quartz; hematite with some iridescence, red mica, green mica, apatite, and possibly some blue kyanite and pale green trolleite. Some of the white kyanite and quartz here have a beautiful light blue fluorescence and the apatite is yellow so bring your shortwave lamp and blackout cloth.

BRING: Standard quarry safety gear is required: <a href="hardhat with a manufacturing date of 5 years or less">hardhat with a manufacturing date of 5 years or less</a> (everyone must have an approved hard hat...no bicycle helmets; small heads can wear a ball cap under the hardhat), <a href="high-high-visibility safety vest">high-visibility safety vest</a>, <a href="safety glasses">safety glasses</a>, <a href="respiratory protection">respiratory protection</a> from rock dust you may encounter, and a <a href="pair of wheel chocks">pair of wheel chocks</a> ether purchased, homemade or even a rock is acceptable. Every time you leave the car, turn off the engine, put in park and apply the hand brake and wheel chocks. ONLY STEEL TOED OR REINFORCED COMPOSITE TOED FOOTWEAR WILL BE

ALLOWED THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If you do not have all the required minimum safety equipment - hard hat, safety shoes, safety vest, and safety glasses, you will <a href="not not be">not not have all the required minimum safety equipment - hard hat, safety shoes, safety vest, and safety glasses, you will <a href="not not not be">not be</a> allowed to enter the quarry. Also required are long pants, gloves, hammer and chisels, wrapping paper, buckets, and water because it is very important to stay hydrated as it may be very hot. If you have any medical condition that would put you in any danger, do not attempt this trip. For your own safety, let your field trip leader or collecting buddy know if you have any medical condition that could be a problem for you. Be prepared for windy, hot, or wet weather. We will be on the mountain top and it's always windy. We can drive to the designated collecting area, so hand trucks should not be needed. Bring a camera, as the view is awesome.

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**: Everyone must plan to arrive at the office parking lot between 7:30 AM and no later than 8:30 AM to read and sign the updated Liability Form, Hazard Training & Recognition Check List Form, and to hear the mandatory safety briefing before entering the mine at 9AM. Each Club field trip leader, or their appointed replacement, will act as a safety official while in the mine. Every person is expected to be on the lookout for and call immediate attention to any safety infractions from any collector from any club. Keep in mind that this site is one of the very few that are still open for collecting. Not obeying ALL the safety rules will cause this site to be closed to all future collecting.

### FEE: There is no fee.

**CHILDREN** (Yes): There is no age limit, but no toddlers please. All children must be signed for, closely supervised by an adult, and never left unattended. They must also have all the required safety equipment. No Exceptions!!!

**PETS** (No): No pets allowed; this is an active working quarry.

**WEATHER**: The trip will be canceled due to safety concerns in case of hard rain or a thunderstorm. Call to confirm if there is any question.

**AFTER THE DIG SOCIAL**: This year, the pavilion beside the office will be available immediately after the dig ends at 1PM to relax, cool off, and eat your lunch. This will also be a social get together so that we can have a chance to become better acquainted with the members of our rock club neighbors and to provide some time to relax before their long ride home. There may also be other groups there as invited guests of Kyanite Mining.

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DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Directions and meeting place details will be emailed to registered participants only

CONTACT: James Tomlin, GMSL Club President. Email at tomlin.jamesm@yahoo.com or call him at 434-258-2886. When sending email, please include your full name and the name of your club.

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# Hunting for the Birthplace of the World's Rarest Diamonds

It's hard to overstate the rarity of the Hope and Koh-i-noor diamonds. The stones, excavated from shallow placer mines in India between 1600-1800, are equally famous for their size and clarity. The Koh-i-noor, which is set in the Queen Mother's Crown of England but India has demanded back, weighs a titanic 105.6 carats. But where



did the diamonds originate? Human hands first touched them in a shallow silt deposit along a riverbed, but we've never found the natural cauldron that originally forged the singular stones.

To read the rest of the article, click here.

## October 12 Rock Swap/Cookout

Amber and Shaun Shelton have extended the offer to have a joint club rock swap/cookout between GGMC and the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club (FGMC) on October 12. We have done this event the past two years with great success but have decided to keep it closed to members and friends only this year. We have decided to keep it smaller this year because last year caused quite a bit of stress on both of us. We want it to be a fun and enjoyable experience for everyone there, including ourselves. This event is to promote the betterment of our rockhound community and collaboration between the two closest clubs.

Now to the business part of the event, the rock swap. For the past two years, we have had great success in having everyone enjoy in the fun of either swapping or selling. It does not matter to me what you bring to the table. Just bring rocks that you don't mind parting ways with. :)

For the cookout part, we will have a limited amount of food to be offered. The menu will be grilled chicken sandwiches and/or burgers. A donation jar will be present if you would like to donate for the cost of the food. We ask that everyone bring your own drinks for the day.

The shenanigans will kick off at 10 am and will last until everyone leaves. We will have a bathroom that you can use if need be. If time permits, I will take you to an area on our property where you can collect high grade Rhyolite that can be used for knaspping. Just bring a hammer and safety glasses.

Address and Contact: 153 Emmons Mine Rd Denton, NC 27239

Cell 336-406-5797 (Shaun)

I hope we can see many of you at the event. Shaun and Amber Shelton

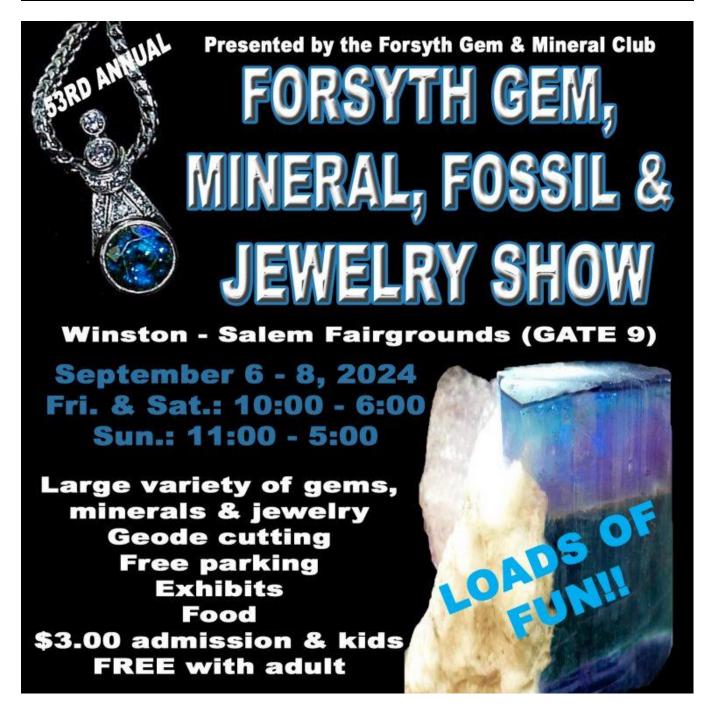
# Huge 2,492-carat diamond, believed to be world's second-largest, unearthed in Botswana

A massive 2,492-carat rough diamond, believed to be the second biggest ever found, has been unearthed in Botswana, according to a mining company. The huge stone is thought to be the biggest found since the 3,106-carat Cullinan Diamond was



discovered in South Africa in 1905. Canadian mining company <u>Lucara Diamond Corp.</u> announced Thursday that the "exceptional" gem was found intact in its Karowe mine.

You can read the rest of the article here.



Click here to download a free ticket to the show.

# **Upcoming North Carolina Gem & Mineral Shows**

### August 2024-September 2024

**30-2—RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA:** Retail show; Treasures of the Earth, Inc; North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Rd; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; Adults \$8, sixteen and under free; There will be jewelry of all types, custom faceted-gemstones, beads, crystals, minerals, and fossils. A wire-wrapper will be present to design jewelry and wrap stones on site; contact Ellen White, (804) 642-2011; Email: <a href="mailto:Ellen.White@TreasuresOfTheEarth.com">Ellen.White@TreasuresOfTheEarth.com</a>; Website: <a href="https://www.treasuresoftheearth.com/">https://www.treasuresoftheearth.com/</a>

## September 2024

**6-8—WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; The Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club, Inc; Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Building, 412 27th Street NW; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$ 3 - Children thru grade 12 free with accompanying adult - school groups contact show chairman for group info; Information can also be found on our Facebook page - Forsyth Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show; contact W. Arvil Marion - Show Chairman; Email: <a href="marional@yadtel.net">marional@yadtel.net</a>; Website: <a href="https://forsythgemclub.com/">https://forsythgemclub.com/</a>

27-29—SWANNANOA, 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; Over 35 vendors with everything from affordable treasures to the finest gems, minerals, fossils & jewelry in the Southeast! Free admission. This is a fun family-friendly event. Food and drink available daily, clean restrooms, climate controlled. The 28th M.A.G.M.A. Gem Show; contact Richard Jacquot, (828) 779-4501; Email: <a href="mailto:rickjacquot@gmail.com">rickjacquot@gmail.com</a>; Website: <a href="mailto:https://crystalpotential.com/">https://crystalpotential.com/</a>

### November 2024

**15-17—RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA:** Retail show; Treasures of the Earth, Inc; North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Rd; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, sixteen and under free; There will be jewelry of all types, custom faceted-gemstones, beads, crystals, minerals, and fossils. A wirewrapper will be present to design jewelry and wrap stones on site; contact Ellen White, (804) 642-2011; Email: Ellen.White@TreasuresOfTheEarth.com; Website: <a href="https://www.treasuresoftheearth.com/">https://www.treasuresoftheearth.com/</a>









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Kathie Montgomery	26	Brian Burdette	25	Ed Deckert	24

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