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Tar Heel Tailings

A newsletter for Gem and Mineral enthusiasts in and around the Raleigh, NC area.

Letter from the President
Thomas Beach

Greetings THGMC members,
We will have our ice cream social and geode cracking starting at 7 pm.
Please feel free to bring your favorite ice cream or topping to share.
Each member can select one geode to have cracked open. Plan to
spend 10 to 20 dollars a geode depending on the type and size.

For August,
We ran into a collection and will liquidate it at our silent auction; we
are happy to be able to help our club members and the owner both
benefit from these occasional opportunities.

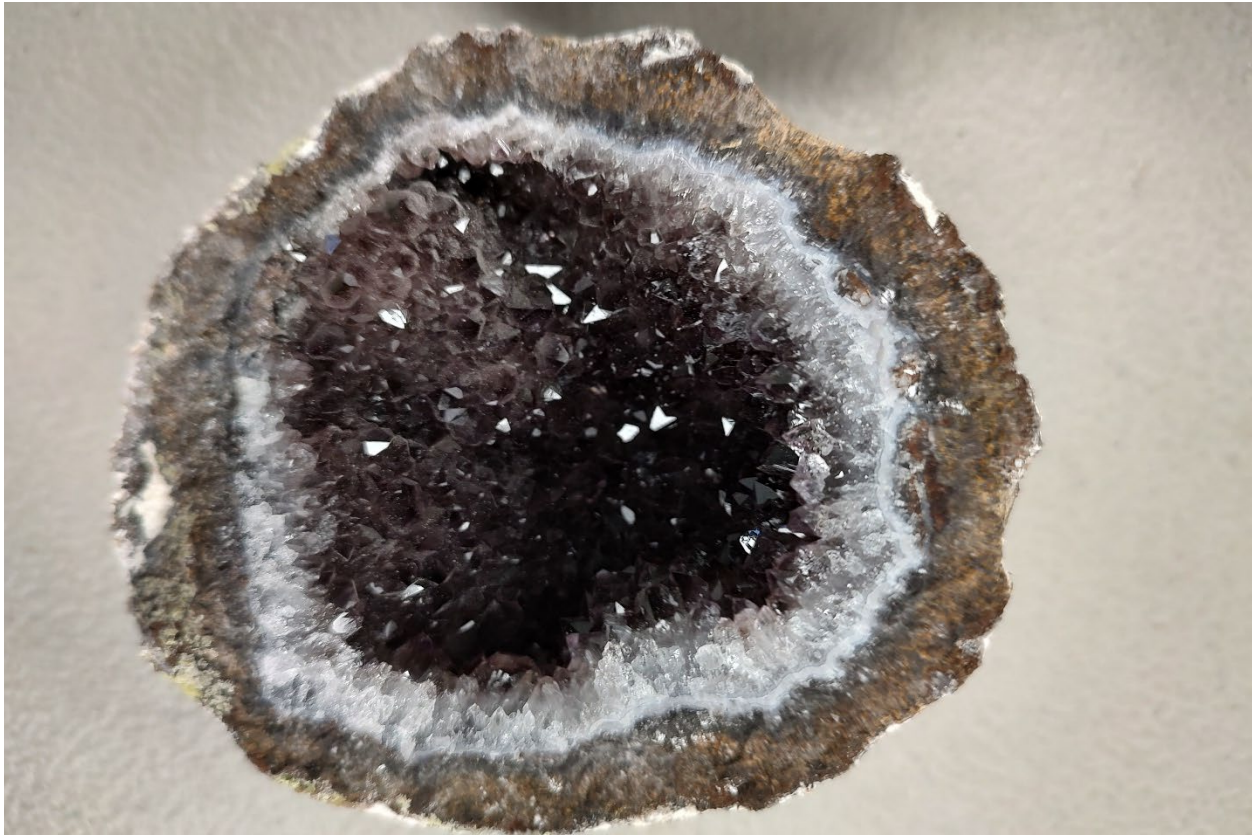
July Meeting- Ice Cream Social and Geode Cracking



Members- please bring your favorite ice cream or toppings to share with other club members.

The Board will supply the paper products, spoons, and serving utensils.

Geode Cracking



Geode Purchase/cracking:

We will bring a wonderful selection of geodes for purchase, at a reduced rate from the Annual Show, and crack them during the Ice Cream Social.

Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted.

Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. 2025 Board

P.O. Box 33783

Raleigh, NC 27536

Thomas Beach – President

Lynne Kuzeff – Vice President

Beverly House– Treasurer

Adam Hogan – Secretary

Kelly Roney – Member At Large

Cyndy Hummel – Member At Large

Craig Downes – Technology Lead

Please contact any member of the board through

tarheelgemmineralclub@yahoo.com

Tar Heel Updates

Treasurer report: We are in good standing and all our bills are paid and paid on time.

Beverly House, Treasurer

Field trip Report: No quarries lined up at present.



Monthly Club Meeting Minutes- June 17,2025

Board Members in Attendance:

- Thomas Beach, President
- Lynne Kuzeff, Vice President
- Adam Hogan, Secretary
- Kelly Roney, Member at Large
- Cyndy Hummel, Member at Large
- Craig Downes, Technology Lead

Number of Attendees:

Visitors:

New Members:

Birthday Attendees: Happy Birthday!!!!

Topics of Discussion:

- Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM
- President Thomas Beach
- Presentation by Adam Hogan on Rock Identification
- Meeting concluded at 8:45 PM

Upcoming meeting programs for 2025-2026

- July meeting: Ice cream social and geode cracking
- August meeting: Silent Auction for Members and Guests! Older collection obtained from Wilmington, NC- lots of great specimens!
- September meeting: Guest Speaker-TBA
- October meeting: Nominations and grab bags
- November meeting: Elections, annual show volunteer training presentation and starting to advertise annual show signups
- ***No meeting in December***
- January 2026 meeting: second round of grab bags



Assorted Cabochons by Beverly House

Vug Sites

Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club- These are the official sites for the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/tarheelgemandmineralclub>

<https://www.tarheelclub.org/>

The Southeastern Federal Mineral Society (SFMS) Lodestar Newsletter- The Southeast Federation includes clubs and societies mostly in the region east of the Mississippi River and South of a line following the northern borders of Tennessee and North Carolina. <https://www.southeastfed.org/newsletter>

Carolina Geological Society- This site provides numerous downloadable field trip guidebooks, maps, and charts of the Carolinas. It will prove to keep any avid rockhound busy for years.

<https://www.carolinageologicalsociety.org/>

Rock and Gem Magazine -Leading magazine for lapidary and mineral hobbyist. <https://www.rockngem.com/>

Geological Trial Guide for Falls Lake Area- Covers the area between Falls Lake Dam to the Eno River, created by Phil Bradley with the North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS).

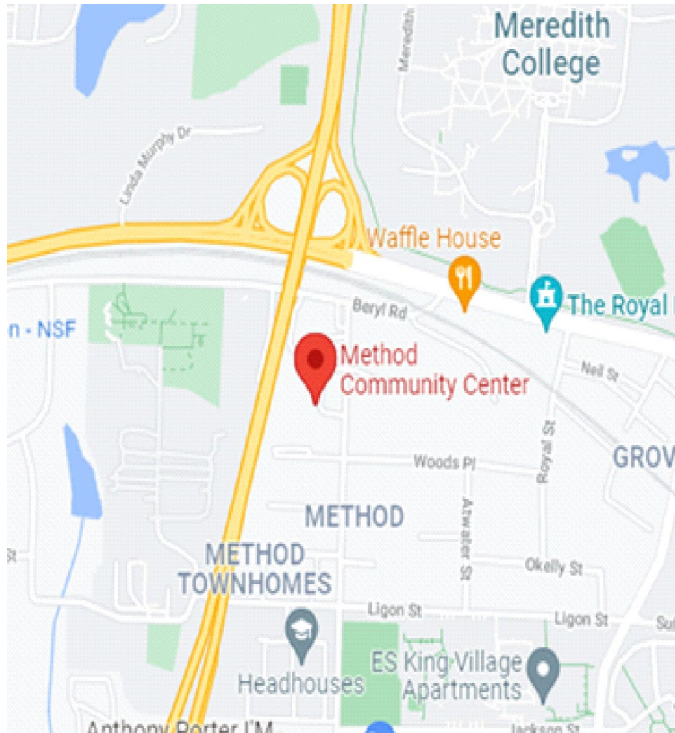
http://www.ncgeology.com/falls_lake_geology/pages/TrailGuide_FallsLake_home.html

Geological Trial Guide for Eno River Area -created by Phil Bradley with the North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS). http://www.ncgeology.com/pages/Index_eno.html

Interactive geology maps - published by the NCGS, includes detailed maps of North Carolina and a rock survey of downtown Raleigh buildings. <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-and-land-resources/ncgs-publications/interactive-geologic-maps>

MinDat - Open database for rocks, minerals and mines from around the world.

<https://www.mindat.org/>

**About THGMC:**

The Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. was formed in 1974 as a nonprofit educational organization for people who enjoy the lapidary arts, earth sciences, and related subjects. The main objectives of the club are to investigate, preserve, and share knowledge of rocks, minerals, and precious stones, and to promote interest in mineralogy, paleontology, earth sciences, and lapidary techniques, among club members and among the general public. The club pursues these goals through publications, meetings, lectures, field trips, exhibits, demonstrations, and other activities.

Our Next Meeting is July 15, 2025

7:00 pm-8:45 pm

Method Road Community Center

Pioneer Building

514 Method Road, Raleigh, NC 2760

The Meeting Agenda for July 15, 2025, includes:

- **Set up 6:30 pm-7:00 pm**
- **General Meeting information 7:00 pm-7:10 pm**
- **Ice Cream Social 7:10 pm-8:25 pm**
- **Geode Purchasing and cracking 7:10 pm-8:25 pm**
- **Door prize drawing 8:25-8:30 pm**
- **Clean up 8:30 pm- 8:45 pm**