

# Tar Heel Tailings

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

## Prez Sez By Beverly House

Greetings all. Happy March! It is almost Spring, and I know we are all looking forward to getting out to look for rocks, minerals, and fossils.

### Meetings:

As we are still under COVID restrictions, with the latest executive order setting a 25-person limit for indoor gatherings, we will have our monthly meeting via Zoom on March 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm. There will be an email sent with the link information to all past and present members.

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## Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show

Hello There,

I see we have a lot of new club members. Welcome to the group. You may have heard about the Annual Rock & Gem show. If not, sit back and I will tell you all about it.

The annual show at the Fairgrounds has free parking and free admission.



As you enter the double set of doors of the Kerr Scott building, you approach the Hospitality booth. This area is responsible for the daily door prize tickets, grab bag sales, club membership forms, free

magazines and other literature. You might even see a display from a local museum. Knowledgeable club members identify items in the grab bags and answer general questions about the show and club. This is a good place for new members

to learn and share their enthusiasm for the hobby with the general public.

Directly behind the Hospitality area are display cases for club members to spotlight their talents and discoveries.

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**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

[www.tarheelclub.org](http://www.tarheelclub.org)

**Program & Refreshments**

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE:

Coordinator: Open

March TBD

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

March TBD

Remember, the club will reimburse you for up to \$85 (bring your receipts to the treasurer).

**March  
B-Day Members**

Sharon Allsbrook  
Lily Janousky  
Matthew Catrine  
LuAnn Hagerty  
Rachel Helms  
Fredora Jones  
Patricia Kohler  
Linda McCall  
Bruce Norcross  
Ethan Pointer  
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Membership applications may be mailed to:

Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.  
Attention: Treasurer  
P. O. Box 33783  
Raleigh, NC 27536-3783

### Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. - February Meeting Minutes

While there was a meeting in February, there were no minutes.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Cyndy Hummel,  
 Secretary, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

### Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. - March Meeting Information

The Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for the March Monthly Meeting.

One tap mobile  
 +13126266799,,7123231013# US (Chicago)  
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Topic: Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club March 2021 Monthly Meeting  
 Time: Mar 16, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

We look forward to "seeing" everyone there. If you experience any issues getting into the meeting, you can call or text me at (919) 389-1821. Thanks,

To join the Zoom Meeting, use the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7123231013?pwd=RzBmeGdqL3YwcXdWdFp3NjFyY3E4Zz09>

Beverly House  
 President  
 Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

Our Meeting ID: 712 323 1013  
 This meetings Passcode: THGMC

### March Treasurer's Report

TGMC Treasurer Report - February 2021			
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	2/1/21		<b>6,234.96</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
	Membership Dues	265.00	
	Show Dealer Fees	1,947.00	
	<b>Total Income:</b>		2,212.00
<b>Expense:</b>			
	February Newsletter	62.56	
	SFMS membership/insurance	983.00	
	Vendor check return	190.00	
	Stripe Fees/chek return fee	18.37	
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>		1,253.93
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	2/28/21		<b>7,193.03</b>
<b>CDs</b>	91-181 day		5,705.22
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	<b>Total CDs</b>		<b>5,705.22</b>

Linda Searcy  
 Treasurer,  
 Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

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**Field trips:**

Senter Quarry on February 28, 2021: Thank you all for attending the Senter Quarry Field Trip in Lillington. We had 41 attendees and I think everyone found something exciting. I am looking at dates in March to schedule our next trip, so watch your emails for notification.

Quarry Field trips: We still do not have any dates to share-but as they open back up, I will share that information asap! We appreciate the kindness of the quarries for their continued support of field trips and totally understand the issues they face, especially their concerns of possible exposure to their employees.

A quick note: Field trip notifications are made through emails, which are sent through emails to all current and non-current members. If your email is incorrect in our records, you may be missing important information about upcoming events.

**THGMC Show: April 9-11,2021**

The THGMC Annual show is slated for April 9-11, 2021. Please watch your emails for the sign-up sheets- we need volunteers to assist with the show. Please know that we appreciate any assistance you can provide. Please be assured we respect any concerns you have about working the show and COVID-participate with your comfort level in mind.

Please feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone or if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you all for either being a member of THGMC or your interest in our club-and as always ROCK ON!

Beverly House  
President  
Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

**Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show**

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Minerals, fossils, silver, gold and wire wrapped jewelry, cut and polished gems, and slabs of rock that all combine to create our fascinating hobby are reflected behind glass.



As you move around the room, listen for the dulcet tones of saws cutting through hard rock. The Geode booth along the right-hand wall is very popular with customers. Indeed, the same people purchase geodes year after year. One never knows what is inside each hollow or solid sphere until it is sliced open. In this area, there is a display of beautiful geodes that have been cut over the years.

Knowledgeable club members operate the saws, clean, wrap and bag the geodes. Be sure to quiz them on how geodes are formed.



The Silent Auction is located on the back wall to the right. This is where children and adults alike can find treasures at bargain prices. Items such as jewelry, minerals, fossils, faceted gemstones and slabs of rock are put up for auction for an undisclosed amount of time. Each item has a paper listing the name of the item and location of origin in the case of a mineral or fossil. The bidder places their name and a dollar amount on a blank line and steps away from the bidding table. The next person places a higher bid on the next line. When time is called, the last person on the list is the lucky winner.



Along the left back wall is where our club's talent shines, literally. This is the Demonstration Area



Upstairs is where we keep the goodies to eat. Hot coffee, pastries, soft drinks and snacks can be found at differing times throughout the weekend. Club members are greatly encouraged to bring homemade tasty treats. This area is for current club members and dealers ONLY. Current nametags must be worn.

Set up for the show is Thursday night. Set up involves papering the club area tables, unloading boxes of merchandise for the Hospitality, Geode and Silent Auction areas and assembling the display cases. Club members set up their own space in the demonstration area and fill their display case on Friday morning.

As you can see there are many areas that club members can participate in during the show. I hope you will join us April.

## SHOW INFORMATION

You should wear your nametag at all times during the show. You will not be allowed entrance prior to show hours without your 2020 nametag.

Set-up time is 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 8 at the fairgrounds, Kerr Scott building. Tables and chairs should already be in place. Expect to paper tables for each club booth area; Silent Auction, Geode, Hospitality, Demonstration and Display Case Tables and haul boxes and assemble display cases. We are usually finished by 8PM. The more helping hands we have, the sooner we can finish! Friday morning each club booth area will remove items from boxes and organize the areas to their preference.

The dealers set-up early Friday morning beginning at 8AM. Club members also set up their own demonstration/sales area and display case on Friday no earlier than 8AM. Breakfast snacks and coffee will be available all three mornings. The pre-ordered Panera lunch on Friday will be delivered at 12:30PM.

Lunch is provided on Saturday & Sunday for club members who are currently volunteering at the show, no dealers. The purpose of these meals is to feed our own volunteers who work all day so they need not worry about their meals.

Water, soda and coffee will be provided for both dealers and club members throughout the three-day period.

Sunday evening is pack-up and takedown for dealers and the club. Display cases are disassembled and wrapped in the table paper. Each booth inventories and boxes their items. Everything is then carefully placed in the storage trailer or rental unit.

If you are unable make a meeting before the show and complete the sign-up sheet and would like to volunteer, contact the Show Chair. She will have the list of the times when someone is most needed. Cyndy Hummel - 919-779-6220.

Show hours for customers are -  
Friday, April 9      3PM – 7PM  
Saturday, April 10   10AM – 6PM  
Sunday, April 11    10AM – 5PM

Remember, ENJOY the show. This is a rewarding and exciting time!!!

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**April 9 - 11, 2021: Raleigh, NC – 45<sup>nd</sup> Annual Capital Area Gem & Mineral Show.** Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC. The show is sponsored by the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club and includes dealers. The Hospitality area sells grab bags with mineral specimens. Buy a rock at the Geode booth and be the first to see what is inside. The on-going Silent Auction has new items every hour. Dealers provide minerals, fossils, finished jewelry, gemstones, findings and beads for sale.. Hours: Fri 3-8; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5. Admission: TBD and Free Parking. Contact: Cyndy Hummel; 919-779-6220; [mchummel@mindspring.com](mailto:mchummel@mindspring.com); [www.tarheelclub.org](http://www.tarheelclub.org);

**Vugsites** The following are some links to Web-Sites that may interest some of our members:

<http://www.tarheelclub.org> / <https://www.facebook.com/tarheelgemandmineralclub/> These are the official sites for the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club. I would strongly urge all members to check them out on a regular basis.

<http://www.amfed.org> / <http://www.amfed.org/sfms> These are the official sites for the organizing body that the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club is founded under. I would strongly urge all members to check them out on a regular basis.

[http://www.amfed.org/sfms/lodestar\\_newsletter.html](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/lodestar_newsletter.html) The SFMS Lodestar Newsletter

<http://www.carolinageologicalsociety.org/CGS/Home.htm> This site provides numerous downloadable field-trip guide books, maps, and charts of the Carolinas. It will prove to keep any avid rock hound busy for years. Great Site!

[http://www.ncminerals.com/ncmineralswebsite\\_files/page0011.htm](http://www.ncminerals.com/ncmineralswebsite_files/page0011.htm) And while we are on the subject, try this link. Its titled: Links of Interest to Rock hounds in NC. It will take you to a list of links for North Carolina gems and minerals.

<http://www.rocksforkids.com/> Just like the name says, a nice place to steer the younger members.

Information & photographs of over 6300 specimens from the Glenn & Martha Vargas Gem & Mineral Collection.

<http://www.rockhoundlounge.com> Scott Laborde, a club member maintains his own web site that might be of interest to people collecting in and around Wake County.

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29726500/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29726500/ns/technology_and_science-science) This site highlights a half dozen of the most recent significant fossil finds.

<http://appmodo.com/13971/mole-quest-for-the-terracore-gem-app-review-for-the-iphone-and-ipod-touch/> If you have an iphone or an ipod touch, this rock-hounding may be the game for you.

[http://diamonddanpublications.net/index\\_files/page0009.html](http://diamonddanpublications.net/index_files/page0009.html) Diamond Dan's Mini Miner's Monthly

I would like to encourage all members of the THG&MC that maintain their own presence on the internet to send me a link to their site to be published in future Vugsites so that other club members may learn and enjoy the craft, the art, the interests that many of us have in common.

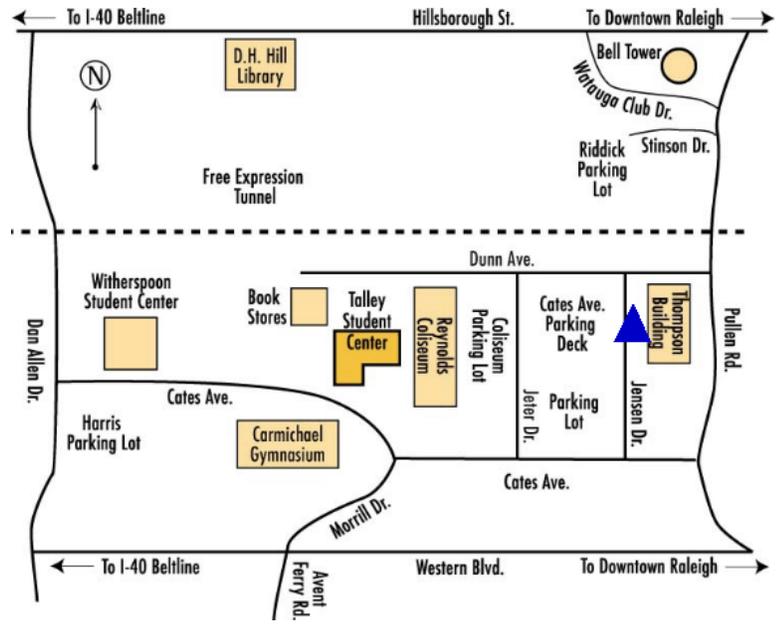
Park in the Cates Ave. Parking Deck off Jensen Dr. Enter Thompson Building directly across from the parking lot.

**Our Next Meeting is  
March 16, 2021  
See Inside for Meeting Details**

***About Our Organization...***

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.

**Come and be a part of the Fun!**



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