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Tar Heel Tailings

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

Letter from the President

Thomas Beach

I am so excited- THGMC has so many things happening now, so make sure you are involved! WE need YOU to volunteer for the upcoming event: While all areas need support, the ones with the most need are Admissions, Ticket table, and Silent Auction

- Annual Show March 27-29, 2026

Our silent auction last month was a considerable success. We usually do not have as many things to sell or so much participation, so those of us that had to wait a bit to pay for your bids, thank you!

Thank you all in advance for your support.

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Monthly Club Meeting Minutes -February 17, 2026

Board Members of Attendance:

- Thomas Beach, President
- Beverly House, Treasurer
- Kelly Roney, Secretary
- Lynne Kuzeff, Member at Large
- Cyndy Hummel, Member at Large
- Craig Downes, Technology Lead

Number of Attendees: sixty-two

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- Thomas Beach called for volunteers for the newsletter editor position.
- Sign Up sheets for Annual Show
- Members Silent Auction
- Meeting concluded at 9:00 PM

Door Prize winner: We gave one out, it was great!

Treasurer report: The THGMC is in good standing, and all bills are paid in full.

Annual Show Information

Hello everyone,

It is that time of year again—our Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds is almost here! We are excited to welcome visitors, display incredible vendors, and share our passion for gems and minerals with the community.

If you are interested in volunteering, just reply to this email or let us know your availability. Your help keeps our show running smoothly and makes an enormous difference every year!

Thank you in advance—and we hope to see you at the show!

Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club

 **Mark Your Calendar: March 27–29, 2026**

We are looking for volunteers to help make this year's show the best yet. Whether you can give an hour or an entire day, your support is genuinely appreciated. There are roles for all comfort levels-hospitality, admissions, demonstrations, setup, takedown, and more.

 **Setup Dates**

- **March 26, 2026, and March 27, 2026** (until the show opens at 3:00 pm)

 **Show Hours**

- **Friday, March 27:** 3:00 pm–7:00 pm
- **Saturday, March 28:** 10:00 am–6:00 pm
- **Sunday, March 29:** 10:00 am–5:00 pm

 **Takedown**

- **Sunday, March 29:** 5:01 pm until finished.

 **Admission**

- Free for THGMC members (bring your badge!)
 - Need to renew or missing your badge? Visit the Hospitality Booth during the show.
- Non-member admission:
 - \$5.00 per family (up to 4)
 - \$3.00 per individual
 - Children under 5: Free
 - Paid admission is good for all three days.

 **Parking**

- Free for Everyone

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Valuable information for our volunteers:

All volunteers get FREE Admission to the show, a free THGMC T-Shirt, Tote Bag (pick these up at Hospitality), and meals during working shifts!

- Sign up before the show to ensure you get to the area you wish to work in.
- Wear your THGMC T-shirt while volunteering.
- Wear your THGMC 2026 Badge to gain access to the show- do not have your new badge- pick it up at the March 17th meeting or at Hospitality Booth at the show before you start your shift.
- Be on time for your shift- if something happens and you are running late or cannot make your shift, contact Cyndy Hummel as soon as you know, so we plan accordingly.
- Make sure you sign in and out at your booth, so we can capture your volunteer hours (remember, they count towards the \$100 Visa Gift card drawings)
- **Do not forget we have Members Only Shopping night- Friday, March 27, 2026, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm!**

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Field trip Report:

Thank you so much, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club members! As we get ready to start our field trip season for 2026, I must express to all of you how much it is appreciated that everyone shows up on time with protective equipment, and the respect shown to the quarries.

We are getting some trips lined up as soon as possible.

Again, thank you so much for all you do to keep us safe and in good standing with the quarries when we are on field trips.

Our Next Meeting is **March 17th, 2026.**

7:00 pm-8:45 pm

Powell Drive Community Center

740 Powell Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606

The meeting agenda for March 17, 2026, includes:

- **Annual Show 2026 information**
 - **Sign-up sheets for volunteers**
 - **Essential information for success as a volunteer**
- **Grab Bags for the Annual Show**

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(Photo by THGMC)

**Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club (THGMC) Annual Show
March 27-29, 2026**

NC State Fairgrounds

Kerr Scott Building

4285 Trinity Rd Raleigh, NC 27607

Thirty-two plus vendors

Geodes

Hospitality Booth

Silent Auction

Demonstration Area

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Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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Adam Hogan– Vice President

Beverly House– Treasurer

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Cyndy Hummel – Member At Large/ Annual show chair

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Please contact any member of the board through
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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 hobbyists.

<https://www.rockngem.com/>

Geological Trail 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 Trail 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, include 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.

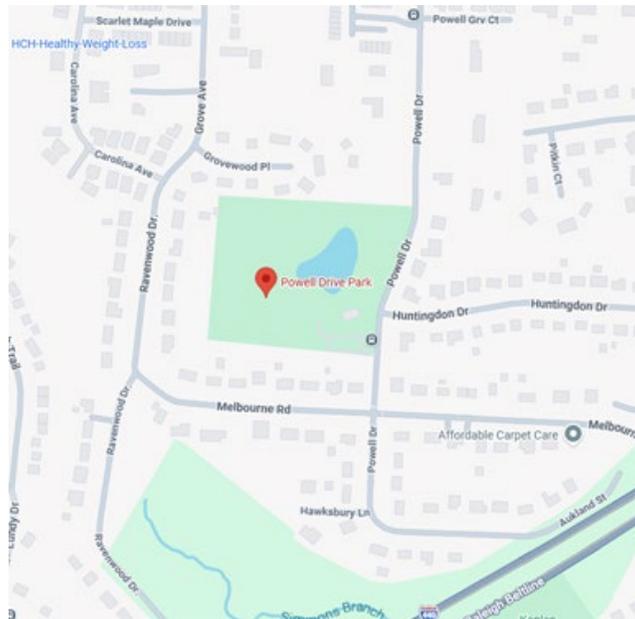
<https://www.mindat.org/>

THGMC would like to encourage our members that maintain their own presence on the internet to send us a link to their site, to review and possibly, be published in future Vug Sites so that other club members may learn and enjoy the craft, the art, the interests that many of us have in common. You can submit your link to: tarheelgemmineralclub@yahoo.com



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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 public. The club pursues these goals through publications, meetings, lectures, field trips, exhibits, demonstrations, and other activities.



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