

Tar Heel Tailings

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

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Prez Sez

By Craig Downes

Greetings, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club members!

Welcome to all our new members and visitors, and a Happy Birthday to everyone with a February birthday! I'm excited to take on this role as President of the club and will do my part to help make this a great year. Speaking of years, 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of our club's founding! It means 50 years of promoting gem, mineral, rock, and jewelry activities in our region for people of all ages, whether they are geology experts, have a passion for the lapidary arts, or they just like rocks. As a club, we couldn't have made it this far without our unsung heroes: those taking time out of their busy lives to help plan and coordinate all the things our members enjoy like our annual show, field trips, guest presentations, monthly meetings, newsletters, and other activities hosted by Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club. So, this year, we're celebrating 2024 as the Year of the Volunteer! We want to thank all our members who go the extra mile and offer to help, and we plan to provide more opportunities for members to get involved. A BIG, BIG shout out to board members over the years who not only said "I'll do it", but also stepped up to do what it takes to keep our club going strong!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our Annual Show will be Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 14th, with our set up day being Thursday, April 11th. Our Show Chair, Cyndy Hummel, will cover what positions need to be filled to make the show a success and will have volunteer sign-up sheets at our February and March meetings.
- Thank you, Tom Beach, and Adam Hogan, for all of your hard work in repairing the trailer and getting it ready at its new secure facility! The trailer now has permanent tags and insurance.
- I'm pleased to announce that our Treasurer, Beverly House, has stepped in to fill the role of Newsletter Editor. She has a lot of experience with the club in various positions over the years and has a lot of great ideas to contribute to the newsletter.
- Calling all Lapidary Artisans, Craftspeople, and Makers: Have you ever considered teaching a program on your trade? We are always on the lookout for experts to give presentations and host activities to showcase their work at our monthly meetings. If you have any ideas or want to learn more about how you can reserve a spot, please contact me.
- At our next meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, we will be making grab bags to be sold at our Hospitality Booth during the show. It's a great opportunity to get a sneak peek at some of the neat stuff you can expect at our Annual Show, not to mention it's lots of fun! We could always use extra hands in setting up the grab bag stations before the meeting starts at 7pm, so those who wish to help out can plan to arrive at 6:30pm.

Thank you once again to all our volunteers and members for your support! And of quartz, have a gneiss day!!!



Craig Downes
President



Labradorite Cabochon,
Local Unknown
Photo by Beverly House

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Birthdays

February

- Dave F.
- Erica R.
- Jean R.
- Alex B.
- Adam C.
- Ellen D.
- Katherine H.
- Joseph B.
- Darryl T.
- Scott H.
- Adam H.
- Jeremy W.
- Cindy S.

**Happy Birthday
Tar Heel Gem and
Mineral Club!**

Born 1974



**Membership application and
payment available online at:**

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



Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Recaps

January Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The meeting was opened at 7:01 pm.

Board Members in attendance:

- Craig Downes, President
- Faye Duterte, Vice President
- Adam Hogan, Secretary
- Beverly House, Treasurer

Number of Attendees: 26

Visitors: 2

General Discussion:

- The THGMC Annual Show will be April 12-14, 2024, at the Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds.
 - Volunteers are needed on April 11, 2024, to help with set up; April 12-14, 2024, to help with show/booths.
 - The February meeting will have additional information and sign-up sheets available.

Guest Speaker: Beverly House, THGMC Co-Field Trip Coordinator
 Topic: Annual Field Trip Safety Presentation

Closed meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted Adam Hogan
Secretary, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club

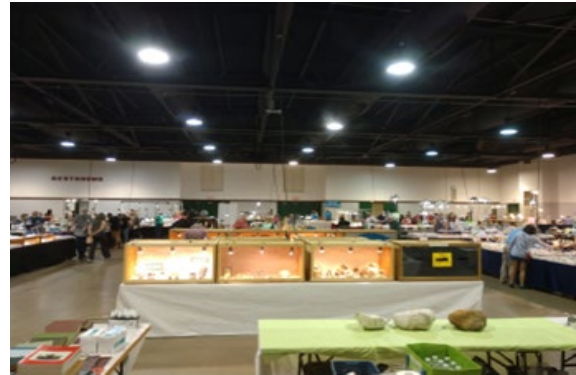
January Treasurer's Report

We are in good standing and all accounts payable, and receivable are in good order.

Expenditures:

- 2024 Show
 - Deposit to NC State Fairgrounds
- General Operating Expenses
 - Southeastern Federation Membership dues for 2024
 - GoDaddy- Domain name renewal (three years)
 - January Meeting expenses (room and food)

Respectively presented by Beverly House
Treasurer, Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club



THGMC Show 2022
 By Beverly House

February 2024 Meeting Agenda Special Election Meeting

REGULAR AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS NOTICE:
Position: Vice President - Effective Immediately

Per THGMC Bylaws:

In the event of a vacancy of any elected position on the Executive Council:

1. The vacancy shall be filled at the next regular election, if the next regular election is scheduled within three months. **(Does not apply)**
2. If more than three months remain before the next regular election, a Special Election shall be held to fill the vacancy (for the remainder of the term) at a regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Written notice shall be given to the membership prior to the Special Election.
4. An officer elected at the Special Election shall assume duties of the office immediately upon election.

Concluding elections, we will continue with:

Grab Bags
Annual Show Volunteer Sign-up
Annual Show Information



Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club (THGMC) Annual Show Information

For all our old and new club members, we want to provide you with some information about the THGMC Annual show April 12-14, 2024.

Set Up Dates:

- April 11, 2024, and April 12, 2024 (until opening at 3:00 pm)

Show Dates/Times:

- April 12, 2024 3:00 pm-7:00 pm
- April 13, 2024 10:00 am-6:00 pm
- April 14, 2024 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Take down:

- April 13, 2024-5:01-finished.

Free admission for Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club members (please bring your badge for free admission).

Don't have your badge yet? Need to renew your annual membership? Come to the Hospitality booth and we will take care of those things for you!!

Admission for non-members:

\$5.00 per family (up to 4)
\$3.00 per individual
Children under 5 Free
Paid admission good for all three days

Parking: Free



So, if you have never attended a show before, here is a brief guided tour of the booths, what to expect and to see if you are interested in volunteering at one (or more) during the show:

The Admission Booth needs volunteers. These people are the first contact everyone who attends the show encounters, so if you are over 18, can work with taking money/credit cards, and answering general questions, we need you!

The Hospitality Booth is the first booth you see when you enter the room. This area is responsible for the daily door prize tickets, grab bag sales, club membership forms, t-shirt sales, tote bag sales, magazines, and other literature. Knowledgeable club members identify items in the grab bags and answer general questions about the show and club.

Our famous Geode Booth is located along the back right wall and is very popular with customers. We have people come back year after year, to experience selecting and having their geode cut open. The excitement of being the first to see what lies within the geodes is addictive! One never knows what is inside each hollow or solid sphere until it is sliced open. Knowledgeable club members operate the saws, clean, wrap and bag the geodes.

The Silent Auction is a great opportunity for people to add to their collections at bargain prices. This booth is located on the back wall to the right. Jewelry, minerals, fossils, faceted gemstones, and slabs of rock are put up for auction for an undisclosed amount of time. This is where children and adults alike can find treasures. For each round of bidding, selected items are placed on the bidding tables, along with a sheet to enter your bid. Each interested bidder places their name, a dollar amount, on a blank line and allows the bidding to continue. Other bidders can place higher bids on the subsequent lines. When time is called, the last person on the list, with the highest bid, is the lucky winner.

Along the left back wall is where our club's talent shines, literally. The Demonstration/Sales area is where club members showcase their hobby/addiction. We have artisans working on and displaying their wares which include wire wrapping and gem tree creations. You will also see the results of our hobby with stained glass art but with slabs of rock instead of glass.

Food is provided by the Club throughout the show. Volunteers are able to enjoy water, soda, coffee and snacks throughout the day, and breakfast items and lunch is on us, if you are working during those shifts. We need someone (or multiple people) willing to set up the room, each day, for breakfast and lunch, and as needed, keep the drinks cold and the coffee hot throughout the day, and the room tidy.

There are many areas that club members can participate in during the show. We look forward to your participation.

Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club

UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS

April 12 – 14, 2024: Raleigh, NC – Tar Heel Gem & Mineral, Kerr Scott Building NC State Fairground Raleigh NC. Our show features Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Crystals, as well as handcrafted jewelry. Hours: Fri 3-7; Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5.

Admission:

\$5.00 per family (up to 4)

\$3.00 per individual

Children under 5 Free

Paid admission good for all three days

Parking: Free

For more information regarding volunteerism and vendor availability, contact:

Cyndy Hummel, Show Chairperson

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Vugsites The following are some links to Websites that may interest some of our members:

<http://www.tarheelclub.org> Official website of Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club.

<http://www.amfed.org> Official site of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

<https://www.southeastfed.org> Official site of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

<https://naturalsciences.org> North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh NC (Meteorites, and more on exhibit)

<https://aurorafossilmuseum.org> Aurora Fossil Museum- Aurora NC. Free admission to museum and dig pits-great for kids and adults. Fossils, sharks' teeth and more.

<https://lapidaryschoolregistration.org> William Holland School of Lapidary- Young Harris, Georgia (check website for classes, availability, registration, and fees)

<https://crafts.arts.ncsu.edu> North Carolina State University Craft Center- lapidary and jewelry making -Raleigh, NC (check website for classes, availability, registration, and fees)

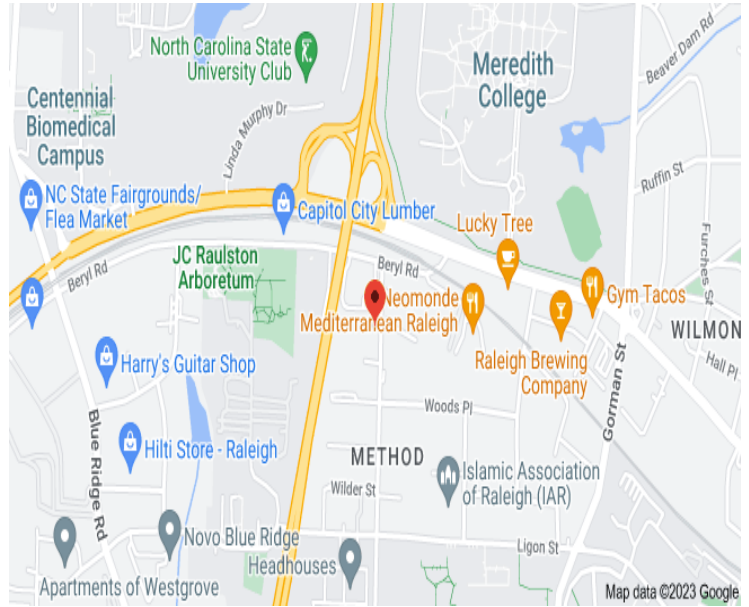
<https://www.emeraldhollowmine.com> Emerald Hollow Mine-Hiddenite, NC. Open to public (check website for fees)

Our Next Meeting is February 20, 2024 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 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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