

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 March birthday! I wanted to give a personal thank you to everyone who attended our February meeting and volunteered to put grab bags together! A special shout out to those who signed up to volunteer at our annual show, which is already ONE MONTH AWAY! We can't make a show happen without your help and support, so we have many spots left to fill. Those who sign up to work the show for 5 hours or more will be eligible for one of our gift card drawings, and all active members who sign up and help out will get free admission to the show, a tote bag, and a Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club 50th Anniversary T-shirt, just to name a few perks! As this is our Year of the Volunteer, we really want to show you how much we value your time and willingness to pitch in.

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 March meeting.
- -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 us via our official email at thgmc@yahoo.com and we'll be in touch!
- -At our next meeting on Tuesday, March 19th, we will be holding our Member's Only Silent Auction. Back by popular demand, we'll have many great specimens set out for you to bid on. Once the bidding period is done, whoever has the highest bid will get to claim that item at the end of the meeting. Both cash and card will be accepted for payment. Any help setting up the tables and auction area would be greatly appreciated between 6:30PM and the meeting start time at 7:00PM.

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



Craig Downes
President



Halite (Pink Salt) Searles Lake Mohave Desert, CA.
Photo by Beverly House

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Birthdays

March

- Bryan M.
- Sally LR
- Bryanne B.
- Teresa A.
- Ann S.
- Jonathan G.
- Danielle F.
- Kandra U.
- Noel H.
- Linda M.

**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

February Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Board Members in Attendance:

- Craig Downes, President
- Adam Hogan, Secretary
- Beverly House, Treasurer
- Cyndy Hummel, Member-at-Large

Number of Attendees: 31

Visitors: 0

New Members: 3

Birthday Attendees: 1

Door Prize Winner(s): Malachite, Labradorite

Topics of Discussion:

- Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM
- Special election for Vice President
 - Duties:
 - Arrange speakers.
 - Communicate with Method Road Community Center
 - Show up at meetings, board meetings, respond to emails.
 - Act in president's stead in case of absences.
 - Lynn Kuzeff was nominated for Vice-President by Beverly House
 - Unanimous assent on the vote for Lynn Kuzeff as Vice-President
- Cyndy explains the responsibilities and benefits of volunteering at the show.
 - Every 5 hours volunteered qualifies for a \$100 gift card drawing.
 - Free tote bag, and branded shirt
 - Friday dinner from Panera provided, Saturday pizza party and members-only sales time, lunch provided Saturday and Sunday, breakfast items provided all weekend.
 - Free admission
- Grab bags were assembled for the majority of the meeting.
- Pink/Purple Dumortierite was passed around and history of Hiddenite was presented.
- Meeting concluded at 8:44 PM

Topic: Annual Field Trip Safety Presentation

Closed meeting at 8:26 pm.

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

FACEBOOK Announcement!

Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club members,

As we approach our annual show next month (April 12th-14th, setup on April 11th), we wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that we have created a new Facebook page (see link below) or search for Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club on Facebook.

[Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club](#)

There were some technical issues with the old page to the point we no longer have access to it, so please be sure to like, follow, and share announcements from our new page. That way, we can spread the word about the show and make sure all our members, vendors, and everyone on Facebook interested in the club will find the official Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club page.

We have also created an event on the new page, so be sure to mark whether you will be there! Also, be sure to like and share this event as well so that people can mark their calendars and receive reminders closer to the show dates.

Thank you and we will be excited to see you at the show!

Craig Downes
President
Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club
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February Treasurer's Report

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

Expenditures:

- 2024 Show
 - Geodes
 - UV lights for sale and for Geode booth
 - New rolling cart
- General Operating Expenses
 - February Meeting expenses (room and food)

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



Fossilized material with Calcite (UV reactive) found by Beverly House in Loris, SC.

Photo by Beverly House

**Door Prize Winners
February 2024**



Malachite-selected by Owen N.



Labradorite-selected by Dave F.

Photos by Beverly House



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



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 March

19, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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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