# **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 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

#### Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. **Board Members**

Craig Downes President cdownes@yahoo.com

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> Membership application and payment available online at:

https://www.tarheelclub.org/





### **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







## 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.
  - o 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
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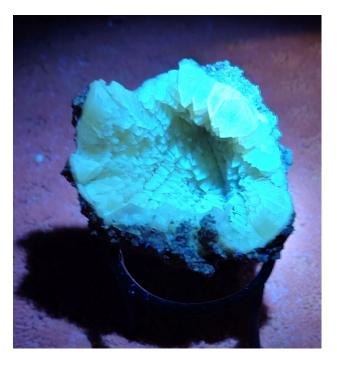
#### **February Treasurer's Report**

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

#### **Expenditures:**

- 2024 Show
  - o Geodes
  - o 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 Hospitability 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 919-779-6220 mchummel@mindspring.com

## **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)

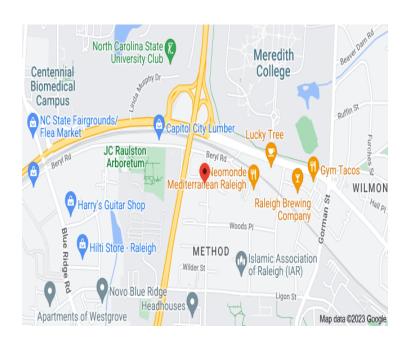
# **Our Next Meeting is March 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm. See Inside for Meeting Details**

#### About Our Organization...

Mineral Club, Inc. was earth formed in 1974 as a lapidary nonprofit sciences, objectives of the club are trips, to investigate, preserve, and share knowledge of rocks, minerals, precious stones, and to promote interest in

The Tar Heel Gem and mineralogy, paleontology, sciences, techniques, educational among club members and organization for people among the general public. who enjoy lapidary arts, The club pursues these and goals through publications, related subjects. The main meetings, lectures, field exhibits, demonstrations, and other activities.

> Come and be a part of the Fun!



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