

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 an April birthday! Thank you to everyone who attended our March meeting and participated in the Members Only Silent Auction! As a reminder, we have our Annual Show THIS MONTH!!! It is our club's 50th anniversary, and we cannot make a show happen without your help and support. We have many spots left for volunteers to fill. 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. See page three for all the benefits for being a volunteer at the show.

Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th. We will be reviewing how the Annual Show went so we can plan for next year, as well as the Rock Show and Tell. Bring your favorite rock, gem, mineral fossil, etc. and share with your fellow rockhounds!

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

**Craig Downes
President**



Assorted Cabochons, cut by and photographed by Beverly House

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Birthdays

April

- Robert B..
- Alison K.
- Joseph K.
- Vickie P.
- Brett R.
- Kevin D.
- Jennifer C.
- Charlotte H.
- Tom T.

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

Born 1974



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

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

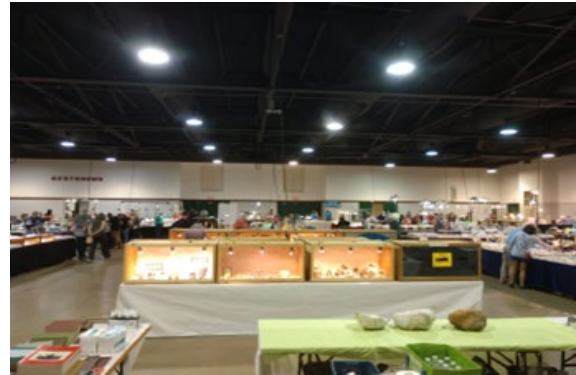


Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. Recaps

March Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

- Craig Downes, President
- Lynne Kuzeff, Vice President
- Adam Hogan, Secretary
- Beverly House, Treasurer
- Cyndy Hummel, Member-at-large



Number of Attendees: thirty-seven

Visitors: zero

New Members: three

Birthday Attendees: two

Door Prize Winner(s):

Topics of Discussion:

- Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM
- New Facebook page sent in emails.
- Please volunteer for the show
- April 12th through the 14th
- Need volunteers for show setup and tear down, silent auction especially.
- Free shirt and tote for volunteers at the hospitality
- Make sure to record volunteer hours on the signup sheet for gift card raffles.
- New UV reactive geodes this year
- Silent auction started at 30 minutes.
- Silent auction ended at 7:56 PM
- Meeting concluded at 8:30 PM

March Treasurer's Report

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

Expenditures:

- 2024 Show
- General Operating Expenses
 - Southeastern Federation Insurance dues for 2024
 - January Meeting expenses (room and food)

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

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!

FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY! Why become a member of THGMC?

Benefits of being a THGMC Member:

- Free admission to the annual show
- Personal Name badge
- Members only shopping opportunity at the Annual show- Saturday night from 6pm-7 pm, select vendors will allow THGMC members to shop uninterrupted by the General Public.
- Monthly meeting with guest presenters, and more
- Electronic monthly newsletter delivered to your email address.
- Field trip opportunities throughout the year
- Ice Cream Social.
- Members Only Silent Auctions offered throughout the year.
- Opportunities to give back to the community through community service.
- Door prizes draw at each meeting.

Benefits for volunteering for the Annual Show:

If so, here is what we have in store for you, In addition to all the other rewards of being a THGMC member:

- 50th Anniversary special edition THGMC T-Shirt
- 50th Anniversary special edition THGMC Tote bag
- Food and drinks
- Grab a bag from the Hospitality booth.
- Opportunities to win 6- \$100 Visa Gift Cards (based on the number of hours you volunteer)

*Those who sign up to work the show for 5 hours or more will be eligible for one of our gift card drawings.



Dalmatian Jasper Heart
Photo by: Beverly House



Show Information

Display Boxes are BACK!

Many thanks to Jerry Miller, Tom Beach, and Adam Hogan for building our new Display boxes. There will be six boxes total positioned near the Hospitality Booth for our members that wish to show off their collections. Each box is three' x2'. These are first come first serve, so if you'd like to have a display box at the show, please contact Beverly House at beverlyhouse@yahoo.com to sign up before the show.

Geode Booth

We have lots of exciting Geodes for sale this year. Trochas, Choyas, Moroccans, Sonoran's (UV) geodes-all shapes and sizes. Pick your Geode, then have one of our skilled lapidary cut or crack your geode while you wait-be the very first person to see what is inside this geological mystery stone. In addition to the geodes that fluoresce under UV light, we will have a limited number of UV flashlights for sale. 12.00 each.

Silent Auction

Lots of new material to bid on! Come on by and see how lucky you are.

Hospitality

Grab bags, T-shirts, Totes, Raffle drawing (hourly), Bottled water, magazines, memberships, and more.

Demonstration

Artisans highlighting tree wrapping, wire wrapping, and Stone lamps, suncatchers and more.

And of course...OUR VENDORS! Thirty exciting vendors showcasing some of the best rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry and more.





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).

All volunteers will need to pick up your badge, T-shirt, and tote at the hospitality booth.

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:

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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

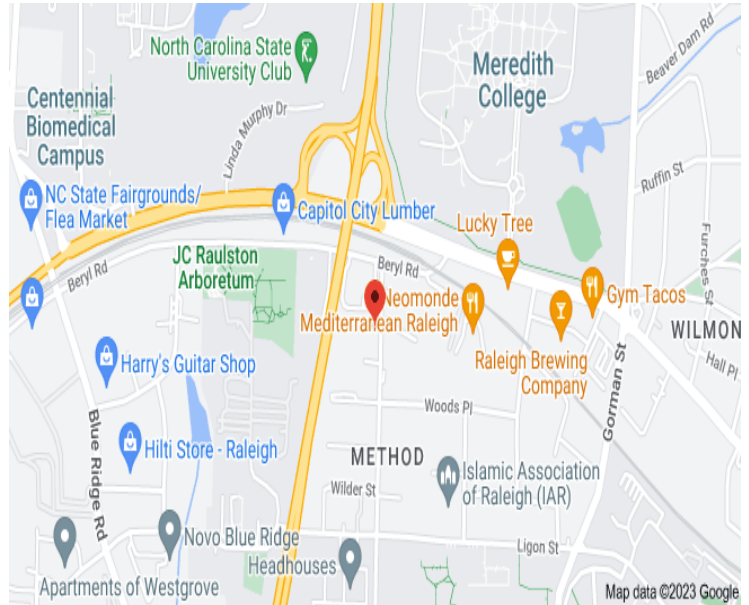
April 16, 2024

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 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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