



Dops and Digs

MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Athens Rock and Gem Club will be on March 21st, 2023.

We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 800 Westlake Drive, Athens Ga 30606.

From Broad Street, turn south onto Alps Road. One block south of Colonial Promenade (a.k.a. Beechwood) just past Alps Road Elementary on the left. The room we meet in is on the left side of the church.

The business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The educational program begins at about 8:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend the business meeting, but some may prefer to attend only the educational program.

Our program "Amber" will be presented by Paul Severns. Paul will have a short Amber polishing workshop. All members will have the opportunity polish a piece of Amber. If you want to keep the piece you polish you can purchase a piece from 5 to 15 dollars.

This will be a most interesting program. Come Join us!

Athens Rock and Gem Club Field Trip!

The Athens Rock and Gem Club will have a field trip on March 25th.

Our field trip leaders Jim Maudsley and John Murray will take us to a local site to collect garnet specimens.

If you would like to attend we will meet in the Kangaroo parking lot 18 GA-72 E, Comer, GA 30629 at 10 am.

Items you might want to bring: screwdriver, trowel, gloves, newspaper to wrap your specimens, bucket.

Bring water and lunch. Dress for the weather we will be going rain or shine

Contact- Jim Maudsley 706-353-1792

February Field Trip Report

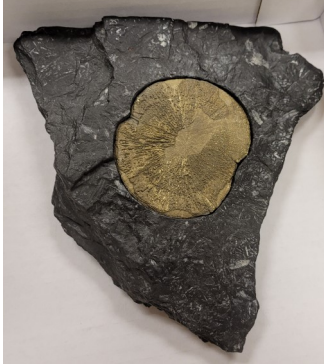
Eight members attended the February field trip to collect clear quartz crystals. The weather did cooperate. Some keepers were found. Everyone had a great time!

Show Report

Our club participated in the Athens Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Gold Prospecting, Metal Detecting, Coin, and Treasure Show at the Classic Center in Athens Ga hosted by our member Mark Woods. We sold all of our grab bags ! We also had numerous people sign up for a complementary newsletter. A big thanks to Jim Maudsley and Kallie Brunson for hosting our table and representing the club so well!

LAST MONTH

The February meeting "Pyrite" was presented by Casey Gordon and Jim Maudsley. Casey and Jim gave a most interesting and educational program on pyrite. Casey and Jim brought great specimens with different crystal forms and from different localities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chris Whitcomb-March 05

Rachel Kennedy-March 09

Alice Rose -March 16

Tanja Strickler-March 24



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kodi and Donna Book- March 20



ROCK, GEM, AND MINERAL SHOWS



Shows that are listed for the previous year "generally" take place on the same weekends during the current year. Please call or email to verify.

March 24 – 26, 2023 Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club

Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511 (Paddock Room)

Description LexGem Annual Show & Sale.

March 24 (4-8 PM Eastern); March 25 (9 AM-6 PM); March 26 (9 AM-5 PM). \$10 Friday Preview admission includes Sat/Sun. \$5 admission Sat/Sun. Children under 12 free with paying adult. Scouts in uniform free. Each paid admission includes one chance for grand prize drawing. Mineral and fossil specimens, capping rough, crystals, artisan jewelry, and much more. Silent Auction and Club Sales Saturday and Sunday only.

Mar 24 – 26, 2023 Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC.

Catawba Valley Gem Mineral Club Show March 24-26, 2023 The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. will hold their 53rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry show on March 24, 25, and 26, 2023 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center. The convention center is located at 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Law enforcement officers and active or retired military with credentials, Scouts and Leaders in uniform will be admitted free anytime during this 3 day event.

Scheduled are many educational displays and presentations that will be in operation during regular show hours. Some of the areas will include Children's "Hands On" table, Mini Mine for children, wire-wrapping, cabochoning, faceting, and other lapidary arts. Other glass-enclosed displays will feature high quality specimens from many United States locations and other countries.

Drawings for regular door prizes will be held every hour and a Grand Door Prize drawn on Sunday at 5:00 PM. The club will be selling grab bags containing minerals and fossils for \$1.00 each for as long as they last. The web page for the club is www.cvgmc.com Special Events. The Facebook page with show news is Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Annual Show. For additional information concerning the show, contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or (828) 303-1448.

Mar 24 – 26, 2023 Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society

Jacksonville Fair Grounds, 510 Fairgrounds Place, Jacksonville, FL 32202

The Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show & Sale will be held March 24-26, 2023 and includes 45~ vendors from around the country.

Hours are 10-6 on Friday and Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday. Fantastic one-of-a-kind jewelry, rare and beautiful mineral and fossils from all over the world, jewelry and lapidary supplies, faceted gemstones, cabochons, beads, tools and more are featured.

There are hourly door prizes, a spectacular Grand Prize, a fun and educational kids zone, and a fluorescent rock display in full black light.

Admission is \$5 per day or \$8 for the weekend, and \$1 off for 65+, military, police and fire personnel. Kids 12 and under are free and Scouts in uniform are free.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Athens Rock and Gem Club is a non-profit organization. Its objective and purpose is "to promote the recreational, educational, and scientific aspects of lapidary arts, rock and mineral collecting, and earth sciences, for adults and children".

Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of the month, excluding July and August. Locations of the December (Christmas party) and June (picnic) meetings are announced.

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Annual dues are \$15.00 (single adult) and \$17.50 (family of two); \$20.00 (family of three or more). Dues are due by the October meeting of each year. Checks should be made out to the Athens Rock and Gem Club and sent to the Treasurer. If a family membership, provide the names of all individuals in the family who will take part in any club activities.

THE ATHENS ROCK AND GEM CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Spouse's name: _____
 Address: _____
 Children's names: _____
 Ages, Schools: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Email Addresses: _____
 Occupations, hobbies, interests: _____
 Birthdays/ Anniversary (optional) _____

Please circle one:

Annual Dues: Single - \$15.00 Family of Two - \$17.50 Family greater than Two - \$20.00

Renewal Dues Single - \$15.00 Family of Two - \$17.50 Family greater than Two - \$20.00

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