



November 2016 issue

*****Our next meeting will be held on
Monday, November 21, 6:45 pm*****

Main Program: Dopping Techniques by Jerry Conroy

Snack Hosts: Donna Kaysserian, Marcia Roehrich, Sarah Vanderkleed, Marian Wyklidge

Door Prizes: Jerry Conroy, Marian Wyklidge

5-Minute Program: "Oldest Rock in the World" by Bruce Pulleyblank

Rock and Mineral Show Signs Needed!

Please bring the Rock and Mineral Show signs to the November meeting and give them to Cynthia and Lauren Vaughn. We need to count them to see if we need to order more for next year. Thanks to those who helped by putting the signs out. They are our most used form of advertising by show attendees.

From the October Meeting:

At the meeting, several club members showcased items that could be selected for Christmas presents, during the Christmas in October event. Max Stange presented the 5 minute program. The Rockhound of the Month for September was Carol Popa. If you missed the August R.O.M., it was Ken Schug. Congratulations to these two members!

Plan now for next year:

Please sign up to present a 5 minute or main program or to provide treats or a door prize. See Lorna or Kevin.

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The Midwest Federation Convention will be May 6-7 in Brainerd, Minnesota
The American Federation Convention will be June 9-11 in Ventura, California

GTARMC Club dues need to be paid for 2017. If you just joined, you are paid through next year.

From Your GTARMC President, Pierre:

Confessions of a Rockhound

I like to hunt rocks. Not because it's so terribly exciting or important, but because it's soothing and peaceful. It is my escape.

Often, that escape takes me to a canyon, a sinkhole, a water-filled quarry or maybe just a shoreline; almost always a place of beauty. Sometimes not. I might find myself on a steep hillside, knee-deep in loose mine tailings, or in a fast-flowing creek, balancing on a slime-slathered log. Doesn't matter – my therapy is worth a little risk.

My comfort comes in knowing that rocks don't lie or cheat. They don't talk back, and they're often out of cell phone range. I like that. Life is better when you can find serenity without boredom.

The real pay-off, though, comes after the hunt. Like a person, it's what's on the inside that counts. The inside (or outside) of a good find can be shaped and polished into a thing of beauty. That 350 million year old stone can last another lifetime or ten. Few other endeavors are so rewarding. Patience and dedication in the lapidary arts can result in a radiant and timeless treasure. Whatever the creation, a pendant, bracelet, bookend, or just a new addition to the collection, is a source of pride for the craftsman, and a ton of therapeutic fun for the hunter. Is there anything better?

Pierre

Newsletter Items Wanted

There is a need for items of interest and importance for the upcoming newsletter editions. If you know of something you would like to contribute including photos of club activities or areas of interest, please email to Lauren Vaughn at:

maple2b@aol.com

I will be preparing the monthly newsletter until Bonnie and Don get back from the warm south-west, next spring.

DECEMBER MEETING

Remember, there is no regular meeting in December. For those of you that are signed up, don't forget the Club's Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 4.

See you at the meeting *MONDAY, November 21!*

Some rock-hunting photos from our recent trip that brought us through Franklin, North Carolina.

