

History

The Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club was founded in 1964 by a group of kindred souls, each with an interest in some aspect of the hobby. Initially the Club was named "The Blue Grass Rock Club," but the word *rock* took on a different meaning over the years, and we had difficulty in explaining that our interest was other than "music." In 1980 the Club name was officially changed to "The Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of Central Kentucky."



The young rockhounds

Club members and prospective members usually are highly interested in one or many of the several aspects of this growing hobby of being a "rockhound."



Working with metals

The term "rockhound" is usually used to define a person interested in rocks. They may be interested in collecting rocks because they are pretty, colorful, have a strange shape or unusual texture,

contain minerals, or fossils; may be sawed and polished or they may be tools or ornaments used by the original inhabitants of this continent.



Field trip to dig for fluorite

An avid interest in collecting rocks as a hobby leads to a search for knowledge about the subject in such areas as geography, geology, mineralogy, crystallography, paleontology and many times leads a rockhound into learning the arts of lapidary, metal working with copper, silver or gold, faceting gem stones or collection merely for display purposes.



Field trip to Berea Museum

Visit our website at <http://bggamc.homestead.com>



Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club



Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month, except for the month when we have our annual picnic. Meetings start at 1:00 PM with an executive business meeting to which all members are invited to participate; followed by the general meeting at 2:00 PM. At the general meeting, the business meeting is summarized, and full membership is asked to vote on proposals; followed by an educational presentation, the drawing



Annual Picnic at Salt Petre

community rooms at the Tate's Creek or the Beaumont Branches of the Public Library.



Workshop on rock tools use.

Field Trips

Field trips are held every month except December and may involve collecting mineral specimens, artifacts, fossils, and gem stones in the rough. If winter weather is a factor, we visit museums, public displays or members' collections. In June we hold the annual picnic and geode hunt in Danville, which is always a favorite with our younger members.

Application for Membership

Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Family Members to Include in Membership
Spouse _____

Children _____

What do you want to get from your BGGAMC membership?

What is your experience with rocks, gems, minerals,

JOIN US FOR A MEETING

for the raffle and door prize, and an auction of donated items from the members. Light refreshments are available. The meeting is concluded by 4:30



Field trip to Georgia

PM.

Meetings currently alternate between the



Mission Statement

The Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club will endeavor to further the interest and education in mineralogical sciences; the collection and preservation of minerals, fossil and gem specimens; and the development of skill in the art of lapidary.

BECOME A MEMBER!

fossils or jewelry.

First year membership is \$20.00, following years \$15.00. Detach and mail this portion along with your check to:

Membership Chairman
3133 Dale Hollow Dr.
Lexington, KY 40515