History

he 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 Club," Grass Rock but the word *rock* took on a different meaning over the vears, and we had difficulty in explaining that our interest was other than "music.".



The young rockhounds.

In 1980 the Club name was officially changed to "The Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of Central Kentucky."

Club members and prospective members usually are highly interested in one or many of the several aspects of this growing hobby "rockhound." The term beina а of "rockhound" is usually used to define a person interested in rocks. They may be interested in collecting rocks because they are attractive, have a strange shape or

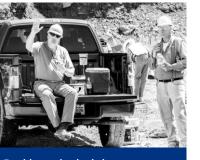


unusual texture. contain minerals or fossils; may be sawed and polished or they may be tools or ornaments used by the original inhabitants of this continent.

An avid interest in collecting rocks, as a

hobby, leads to search for а knowledge about the subject in such areas geography, geology, mineralogy, crystallography,

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Rockhounds picnic in quarry

or paleontology. Many times this leads a rockhound into learning the lapidary arts, metal working with copper, silver and gold, faceting gem stones or collection for display purposes.

Each year we also hold LexGemShow a



gem and mineral show with vendors around from US. the Volunteers

completely

Field trip to Berea Museum

run the show and it is our biggest public exposure of the year.

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Serving the Lexington Area for over 50 years

Working with metals

Meetings

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when we have our annual picnic and December when have we our Holiday party and Regular



meetings start at 1:00 PM with a social hour/show and tell; followed by an educational presentation at 2:00 PM. At 3Pm is the general meeting, the business summarized. meeting is and full membership is asked to vote on proposals, there is a drawing 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 PM.

Meetings currently alternate between the community rooms of any of the local library branches.

Field Trips

ield 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

hold the we annual picnic and geode hunt Danville. in which is always a favorite with younger our members.



Workshop on rock tools use

Members

ur members are the best part of our club. They volunteer to serve as officers, offer to lead field trips and give presentations for educational programs. They give of their time to ensure our annual LEXGEMSHOW is fully staffed and a great success. In return, our club offers grants to educational schools that teach classes in all the lapidary arts, metal working and jewelry making. Not the least of benefits to members is social interaction. Manv members become life-long friends and share trips and knowledge of rocks and minerals.

Mission Statement

s a 501c3 organization 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, exploration of micro minerals and the development of skills in the art of lapidary.

Application for Membership

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First year family membership is \$25.00, following year's \$20.00.

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> **BGGMC** Treasurer 178 Freybrook Dr. Richmond, KY 40475