

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."

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." The term "rockhound" is usually used to define a person interest 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.



An Avid interest in collecting rocks as a hobby leads to a search for knowledge about the subject in such areas a geography, geology,



display purposes.

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

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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 in 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 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 at the Bates Creek Branch or

the Beaumont Branch of the Public Library.



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.

**Join us for a meeting.
Become a member!**

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 mineral, fossil and gem specimens; and the development of skill in the art of lapidary.

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, 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