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GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA



June 2017

President's Corner

Sara Phillips

Special Points of Interest:

- GMSVP Meeting: July 6
- GMSVP Board Meeting: July 10
- TOTE Shows: July 14-16, & October 6-8
- GMSVP Picnic: September 9
- EFMLS Wildacres Workshop: September 4-10
- SFMS Wildacres Workshops: July 23-29, August 21-27, & September 18-24

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Good Day GMSVP members! I hope everyone had fun on our last few field trips and our June membership meeting. Thanks to Mary Hood for putting together the May field trips! From what I understand, the Pipsico field trip was also well attended this month, and I would like to thank MAGMA for sharing their field trip opportunity with us. I want to also thank Gary Bergtholdt for running the membership meeting while I had to work. Thanks Gary!

Saturday June 17th was the Region IV EFMLS picnic and rock swap from 10 AM to 5 PM at Gilbert Run Recreational Park in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. This was a great opportunity to meet members from other clubs and talk rock shop ALL DAY. You could tailgate your rock/mineral/fossil samples for the rock swap/sale. Folks brought a side dish to share with everyone.

We have an upcoming Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) Show from July 13th to the 16th in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We are still in need of a TOTE Show Coordinator; in the interim, I have taken it on as an additional duty. We need volunteers for this event. I encourage folks to volunteer a portion of their time, particularly for loading/unloading the truck and setup/breakdown at the event. If you volunteer to either help load or unload the truck and 4 hours of your time during the show, you may purchase any geode of your choice at half price! Please email me for more information. Remember, with your GMSVP membership card, you get into the TOTE shows for FREE! (Cont'd on the next page.)

GMSVP Purpose: The purpose of the GMSVP is to: facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation among its members by promoting the study of lapidary techniques, mineralogy, paleontology, and allied fields of Earth sciences; provide the community with a knowledge of the hobby through lectures, demonstrations, and exhibitions; and enjoy good fellowship.

Visitors Welcome: The GMSVP welcomes any visitor with an interest in geology, mineralogy and the lapidary arts. Whether you are a hobbyist, artist, collector or interested in Earth Science, the club has something for everyone.

Dues: Individual \$15, Couple \$20, and Family \$25. Dues information is under: [Documents and Membership Information on the GMSVP Website Homepage.](#)

Meeting Location: Our meetings are held at [Sandy Bottom Nature Park](#) in Hampton, VA. Check the GMSVP website [Events](#) page for actual dates and times. The upcoming meeting information is in the Special Points of Interest area on the left of this page.



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President's Corner (Cont'd)

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(Cont'd from prior page.) Joke: Why wasn't the geologist hungry? They'd lost their apatite! Have a gneiss day!!

Sara Beth

It's Time to Get Involved

Sara Phillips

As you know, we have a number of volunteer vacancies and our club is in need of help. Volunteers are what make this club function, and without them, we would not have the club that we have. Please consider volunteering a portion of your time to one of the vacancies below. More than one person can volunteer for one position, which would lessen the workload (and it's a way to get more involved and make new friends). Please contact me (SPhillips@ecslimited.com) for more information on any of these positions.

- **Pebble Pups Co-chair** - Great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the younger generation. This is a co-chair; you are not alone in this position. You would assist Christine Hempley in geology lessons.
- **TOTE Show Coordinator** - Lead the planning, volunteering, and club's participation in gem and mineral shows.
- **Property Manager** - Keep track of club equipment and order parts as needed.
- **Silver Jewelry Instructor** - Instruct club members in the techniques of silver jewelry fabrication.
- **Club Librarian/Historian** - Keep track of the clubs library books and the history of the club. Prepare and submit All American Club Yearbook.

July 6th Meeting Program

Michael Griffith

Tom Leary will discuss growing bismuth crystals. Bismuth is one of the easiest and prettiest metal crystals that you can grow yourself. The crystals have an interesting geometric hopper form and are rainbow-colored from the oxide layer that quickly forms on them.

New GMSVP Members—Welcome New Rockhounds!

James Holman

Amy, Dale, Caleb & Joshua Nichols

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Volunteers can sign up at the July 6th
GMSVP meeting or by contacting Sara
Phillips at: sphillips@ecslimited.com.



GMSVP once again will have a booth at the Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) Show being held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center on July 14—16. GMSVP's booth will have displays to educate the public about Virginia's natural resources and our club. Members also display their collections and demonstrate the equipment. As a fund raising activity, our club sells geodes at the show, which we cut with our rock saws. These shows also are a great medium to increase awareness and gain new members.

Any of our members may use the club's equipment during the show. All they have to do is sign up to reserve a time. While the equipment can be used without a reservation, those signed up will have first preference. Members will be available to provide training on equipment proper use and safety for new rockhounds. Volunteers have ample time to also see the show.

HELP NEEDED:

- **Thursday, July 13th:**
 - ◇ **Noon:** Volunteers should meet at our club shed at the Sandy Bottom Nature Park at noon to load the truck and caravan over to the show site (or can meet us at Virginia Beach Convention Center at 1:30—2 PM).
 - ◇ **~2 PM:** Truck unloading and GMSVP booth/equipment setup. Booth and equipment setup takes about 3 hours; more volunteers, less time.
- **Friday, July 14th to Sunday, July 16th:** During the show, GMSVP booth/equipment have four areas that need manning: demonstrations, education/youth programs, geode/slab cutting, and sales.
- **Sunday, July 16th:**
 - ◇ Booth and equipment cleanup, teardown, and truck loading at the end of the show.
 - ◇ Truck unloading at the club's shed in Sandy Bottom Nature Park.



Members are reminded that we get free access to the show (bring your GMSVP membership card) and we are not competing with the other vendors or clubs.

Questions should be directed to Sara Phillips at: sphillips@ecslimited.com.



2017 TOTE Shows

VA Beach Convention Center:
July 14, 15, & 16 & October 6, 7,
& 8,



GMSVP Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 6th, 7 PM
GMSVP Board Meeting
Monday, July 10th, 7 PM

Sandy Bottom Nature Park's Nature Center
Hampton, VA

I recently visited the Gray Fossil Site and Museum (<http://gfsm.handsonmuseum.org>) in Gray, Tennessee. The East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Center for Excellence in Paleontology is actively digging the site, cleaning, and restoring the fossils.

This fossil site was discovered in the year 2000 by TDOT construction workers digging a road cut. The road was rerouted to save the site. It is believed that 4.5-7 million years ago, the site had a limestone karst that formed a sinkhole. The sinkhole filled with water. Animals used the sinkhole as the local drinking hole, fell in, and sank to the bottom. The hole filled in with silt over the years preserving the bones as fossils.

Large animals found so far include: rhinos, tapirs, alligators, sabertooth cats, and red pandas. Turtles, squirrels, and other rodent fossils also are found.

Fossil dioramas show the bones and relationships between the various animals of the region at that time.



Exhibits also show the tools and processes used by the paleontologists.

The dig site is behind the museum. Volunteers and students excavate and clean the fossils on site and in the lab at the museum. Volunteer training was in progress while I was there, but I did not participate, perhaps next time.

Guided tours are available. Fossil & Artifact ID nights are scheduled for June 27, July 25, September 26, and November 28 from 4-6 PM. Everyone is invited to bring fossils, rocks, minerals, and artifacts to be identified and photographed by the museum's team of experts.

Gray, Tennessee is on Interstate 26, three miles east of Interstate 81 in northeast Tennessee, about 40 miles from Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia.

There are cavern sites to visit in the area as well; Bristol Caverns and Appalachian Caverns are near Bristol.



Editor's Note: Pebble Pups is a club within a club. There is no need to find a babysitter to attend meetings. Bring your youngster along. We have fun activities to keep the Pups engaged and hopefully foster an interest in rocks, minerals, and fossils. Pebble Pups are welcome to join us on most of our field trips and activities and are only excluded when there is an age requirement. We hope that the Pups are the next generation of rock hounds and geologists.

The club explores the wonders of rock, mineral, and fossil collecting. Our



program participates with the Future Rock Hounds of America under the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our purpose is to train youth members to become skilled rock hounds. Each meeting offers an opportunity for earning credit towards merit badge. There are 20 merit badges that can be earned. Merit badges include: Rocks and Minerals, Earth Resources, Fossils, Lapidary Arts, Collecting, Showmanship, Communication, Field Trips, Leadership, Earth Process, Earth in Space, Gold Panning and Prospecting, Gemstone Lore & Legend, Stone Age Tools & Art, Rocking on the Computer, The World of Miniature, Special Effects, Fluorescent Minerals, Reaching Across Generations, and Maps.



For June's meeting the kids learned about crystal shapes - cubic, hexagonal, orthorhombic, monoclinic, triclinic, tetragonal, and trigonal. We made these shapes out of paper and reviewed some minerals that made these crystal shapes. We also watched a you tube video on mineral identification: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FOIA21bgmM>.

For the July's meeting, there are plans to discuss the relationship of the earth's resources and minerals to the elements. If time permits, we may perform an experiment. July also offers kid and adult members the chance to learn how to make a cabochon, cutting and polishing your own stone/mineral, at the Gem & Mineral Show at the Va. Beach convention center. Come to learn, add to your collection of rocks/minerals with purchases, have some fun or just ogle at the beauty. Plus GMSVP members get free admissions.

For the August meeting, plans are made to learn about lapidary art. The kids will work on a project; extra "adult hands" would help it to be successful and hopefully completed within our regular session.

As always, please sign up through "signup genius" that I'll send out to support my planning and to ensure appropriate materials will be available.

Have you wondered what you could do with a geode that wasn't so pretty. Kelly Mazzrillo has found a creative way to enhance geodes using her artistry skills.



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Seven members of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula (GMSVP), i.e., Ellie and Ed Pitts, Barbara Sawyer, Lenore Most, Gary Bergtholdt, and Barbara and Walter Priest travelled to Little Switzerland, NC, from May 22nd to May 28th to invade the Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Society’s Spring Workshop at the Wildacres Retreat. We arrived and checked in on a Monday. We had classes on Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday and Saturday with a break between the

two semesters on Thursday to explore other activities. We all attended different classes which extended through both semesters.

Ellie Pitts was the Instructor for the Gem Tree Class in which Barbara Priest was a student. They twisted and wrapped a number of different style trees including: pine trees, maple trees, hickory trees, and bonsai trees with a different twist using groups of sea shells as flowers in the trees. Ellie provided chips of yellow opal from her mine in Idaho to



foliate some of the class’s trees.



Gary Bergtholdt took the Cabochon Cutting Class, where he learned to painstakingly produce flawless perfectly proportioned competition grade cabochons.

Barbara Sawyer and Lenore Most took the Soapstone Carving Class where they learned to use saws and woodworking tools to produce elegant polished soapstone carvings of loons, eagles, whale tails, and other animals.

Ed Pitts took the class in Mineral Identification led by a scientist from the Smithsonian Institution where he learned to use color, texture, hardness, crystal structure, and other techniques to identify 40 different minerals in a practical exercise at the end of the class.



Yours truly embarked on a tour of the silversmithing world. Starting with small bags of silver strips, wires, and plates, we crafted a pair of earrings, a cabochon prong setting, a cabochon bezel setting, and a free form mixed metal sculpture pendant using silver, brass, and copper.



As a special bonus during this session we were treated to daily lectures by Bob Jones, Senior Consulting Editor for Rock and Gem Magazine, as the Speaker-in-Residence. Everyone was spellbound by Bob’s encyclopedic knowledge of gems and minerals. His talks ranged from his many travels including China and Russia to in depth treatments of minerals like wulfenite, the State Mineral of Arizona. Each lecture was a treasure trove facts and information that was nothing short of amazing. When not lecturing, Bob could be found holding court all during the day from early morning coffee to meal times to afternoons before supper regaling rapt (Cont’d on the next page.)

(Cont'd from prior page.) audiences with gem and mineral stories from hither and yon.

We were summoned to our family style meals in the spacious elegantly appointed dining hall by a bell. The meals were delicious with an expansive salad bar containing a wide variety of vegetables and fruits.



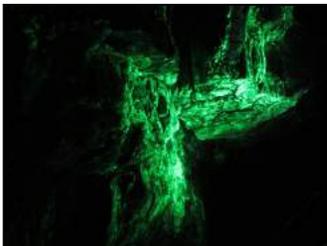
During our week at Wildacres, we shared the retreat with several other artisan groups including: groups of cellists, dulcimer players, and potters. Both the cellists and the dulcimer players treated us to concerts after supper. The potters held nightly raffles where they gifted some of their pottery to the Wildacres family.

Thursday was a free day semester break. Many took advantage of an optional field trip to a local astronomical observatory. Most of the GMSVP crew opted to do some sightseeing and shopping in Little Switzerland which is a charming collection of gift shops and a large book store. After lunching and shopping in Little Switzerland, we returned to Wildacres for the sessions' tailgating event. This gave the participants an opportunity to display and sell their handiwork and lapidary paraphernalia including: cabs, slabs, rough, gem trees, jewelry, beading projects, and much more.

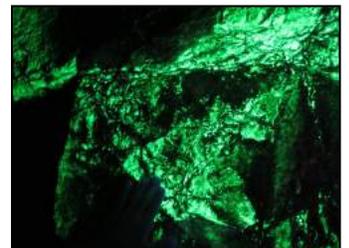


The highlight of Friday evening was an auction of a dazzling array of items donated by the participants to help defray the costs of the Wildacres experience. The proceeds benefited the EFMLS fund that supports the Wildacres program. The bidding was spirited and generous raising several thousand dollars to benefit future Wildacres sessions.

The classes wound up on Saturday afternoon with a show and tell display of the weeks' efforts from all of the classes after supper. Each group presented their work and described their efforts and the camaraderie of each class.



On Saturday night after the show and tell, Gary and I decided to take a trip to the nearby Emerald Village which was hosting a special evening display of the fluorescent minerals in the Bon Ami feldspar mine. Ground feldspar from this mine was for many years the main ingredient in Bon Ami scouring powder. The walls of the cavernous mine are lined with hyalite opal which fluoresces a brilliant lime green under SWUV. The display of light was absolutely spectacular.



With the wonderful events of the week behind us, we all said our reluctant good-byes to all of the new friends we made and reminisced about the memorable events of our journey at Wildacres...each of us promising to meet again at future sessions.



New Member Shares Love of Field Trips

Sean Harley



I recall going to the Morefield Mine as a kid back in 1989 and finding a huge piece of quartz and amazonite, ever since then I have been interested in rockhounding. My interest sparked even more when I found out about Scufflin Acres Farms in Prospect, VA, and have been a regular. The owner, Mary Kay Simpson, welcomes rockhounds to dig anytime—\$10 for a half day and \$20 for a full day.



The Field trip to Scufflin on April 30th was a success—many of the members enjoyed their finds—plenty of amethyst, citrine, and quartz were dug up. Don Piercy may have found the biggest specimen for that day, he had been



sitting on it all along and turned the rock over later to find out there was amethyst on the other side. I was letting several folks know that it may appear to be just a regular rock with dirt, but when you see wet clay mixed with mica, chances are it will be nice piece of amethyst once you clean it.



I also go digging in Hiddenite, NC at Emerald Hollow Mine. Taj Wright is a joy to help out and extremely knowledgeable about identifying any of the finds. It's just \$25 to dig in the mine and creek all day. I dug up a topaz on the last visit, which I am proud of. Also plenty of really nice smoky quartz are there too.



DRILL PRESS VISE

A drill press vise is a versatile tool to hold a workpiece securely and in precise alignment. It reduces the risks of working with high power motors, use of larger drill bits, and higher heat generated in the operation. The vise can be clamped to the drill press table if needed and is quite handy for use at the bench to hold things for sawing or riveting.

You can find them at stores that carry machine tool supplies. My feeling is that the best ones are made from steel. In particular, I like the ones with V grooves cut into the jaw plates. That lets me hold a punch straight upright or hold a rod horizontal. To find a supplier, search on "drill press vise" at sites like micromark.com, mscdirect.com/enco, smallparts.com, grizzly.com, and sears.com.



DENTAL GOLD

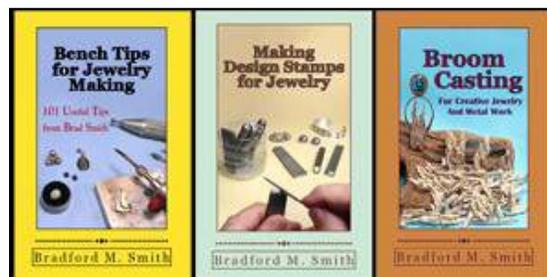
You might think that a couple pieces of dental gold would be valuable, but if you only have a small amount, it can be a problem. Sending it to a refiner is expensive for small amounts of metal.

I made the mistake of thinking I could melt it and roll out my own sheet. However, the trace metals that dental gold contains to make it a good material in your mouth cause it to crack if you try to forge it or roll it out as a sheet. It ruined my whole ingot.

So what to do with a couple gold crowns? A reasonable alternative is to try incorporating the metal into your jewelry. If you have enough material to do a casting, that's probably the best use for dental gold. If you're not into casting, try melting it on a solder pad and while molten, divide it into small pieces with your solder pick. Then re-flow each piece to make little gold balls for use as accents on your designs.

The balls can also be planished a bit to make small discs or struck with a design stamp to add texture.

See all Brad's jewelry books at: www.Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith.



SFMS Wildacres Workshop July 23-29, 2017

<http://sfmsworkshops.com/>

Full descriptions of class and instructors on website

- Beading—Gail DeLuca
- Beginning & Intermediate Chain Maillé Jewelry—Roy Deere
- Fused Chain Maillé Jewelry—Roy Deere
- Creative Jewelry Fabrication—Morning Sherrod

- Gem Trees—Jerri Heer
- Metalsmithing for Juniors—David & Leslie Wayment
- Raku Pottery—Gary Lee
- Wire—Rowan-Rose Morgan
- Glass Fusing—Ruth Prince





Did you see that? World Domination Made Easy - just the title draws attention. Now, if only I might draw your attention with the actual title of this article - which is: "How to Promote and Promulgate Safety Matters Articles to Those in Our Hobby who Might Most Benefit by Their Content". The actual title just does not have the same potential to draw attention.

Truly, safety messages are not the prettiest marbles in the bag. But, they sure can win the game.

How does a club safety chair or field trip coordinator draw the attention of members when important safety measures are discussed? The use of attention drawing titles, humor, pounding a gavel first, or making messages personal (as in how the matter effects each member personally), all good ways.

Members' attention often drifts away from safety messages - think of the safety talk given by the head flight attendant just prior to a jet's take off. Messages must often be repeated - think of the person who has never been on a jet plane before. When one is delivering a safety message and most of the members are glancing down into their lap, one might well imagine they are, instead of listening, texting. Lap looking -- it's a sign you've lost them.

Gaining and keeping members attention for safety messages is important - we all know that. Now, how do we manage that trick of legerdemain (trickery or magic)? Here are some ideas - try using an authoritative tone of voice, engage the members, keep the topic relevant, tell stories to illustrate your message, during the talk ask if the members have questions, mix repeat messages with new material, ask members if they can think of how they might apply the topic to what they do in the hobby, try keeping discussions relatively short (try not to overload the members), try approaching a repeat topic in a new manner, ask (if they are texting) if they are texting about safety (that's humor there and, yes, I know it's lame humor but that's what I do.

How does one know if members are engaged? Ask. If asked, and a member can repeat what has just been discussed, and how it can be applied not just to the topic being discussed but how it might also be applied to other situations - you've got one engaged member there!

If so, pat yourself on the back and offer yourself a high five on a talk well presented!

Safety does not have to be boring, but it does take a certain engagement to keep it from being so. Telling stories about the more repetitive messages helps make them more memorable.

Certainly one would not refer to world domination in a safety message title. But you get the idea, I'm sure you can think of some more suitable catch phrase to draw attention. Gaining and holding member's attention when delivering safety messages are good things.

My hard hat is off to you dedicated safety and field trip chairpersons. Thanks for doing such a great job in getting those safety messages out to your members. Oh, and lastly, while speaking of world domination, it sure would be nice if safety messages were more often featured in our club newsletters and bulletins - just sayin'.

See the minutes on page 13 for committee reports.

Gem Tree Workshop

Gary Bergtholdt is holding 2-3 hour gem tree workshops at his home.

If interested, contact Gary at: gbergtholdt@gmail.com.



What Are You Waiting For?

Steve Weinberger, EFMLS Wildacres Committee Chair

Source: EFMLS News Volume 64, Number 8, June—July 2017



The clock is ticking marking off the minutes and hours before our final EFMLS 2017 Workshop at Wildacres this September 4 - 10. I've heard from Registrar Suzie Milligan that there are still plenty of spaces left for you to fill.



If you've never been to an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, this September would be an ideal time to find out why so many people rave about the week and

return year after year. Wildacres is infectious! Wildacres is a relaxing week away from the pressures of daily life and the hustle and bustle of car noise, blaring radios, and TV's, etc. The retreat is up in the mountains just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC. The "noises" you hear on campus are the singing of birds, people laughing and talking, and perhaps playing a musical instrument along with the hammering or sawing of folks creating wonderful projects in their classes.

The cost for the week is \$410 per person. Where else can you get room and board, instruction in a class or two of your choice, great food, and a chance to learn from terrific instructors and an excellent "Speaker-in-Residence"? Add to that a chance to visit various locations around the beautiful countryside on mid-week Activity Day, enjoy (and bid on) items at an always fun auction, tailgate, etc.

The fall Speaker-in-Residence is Tim Morgan. Tim enjoys the jewelry world as his second career. He teaches gemology courses for the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation and has his own small gem and jewelry business. His wife Michele and he also do gem and mineral shows and also enjoy collecting at mines and quarries.

We urge you to visit the EFMLS Wildacres website (<http://efmls-wildacres.org/>) to learn more about the classes being offered this fall and about Tim Morgan, our Speaker-in-Residence". There's a registration form on the website too.

SFMS July Wildacres Workshop

Source: <http://sfmsworkshops.com/>

One of the unique facets of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is our Workshop Program, which offers members the opportunity to gather for week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors. Whether you are a newcomer to the lapidary arts and want to learn the basics, or you're experienced and want to learn something new or hone your skills, the Workshop Program has something for you.



While William Holland raised their tuition this year, SFMS has decided to keep the cost at \$370. Just another perk of belonging.

We have some exciting news. Wildacres has allowed the SFMS to have another week for 2017. The dates will be July 23-29. This new workshop will be in session during the big Franklin NC show (July 27 – 30). Folks will be able to take a day off mid-week and visit the show. Also the Grass Creek Gem & Mineral Show in Spruce Pines, NC will begin on July 30, the last day of the workshop. You can leave Wildacres and go directly to the Grass Creek Show.

We look forward to seeing you!

A number of GMSVP members joined members on June 10th from Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association (M.A.G.M.A.) and other clubs for a fun day of fossil hunting. The field trip location was at the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp Reservation along the James River in Spring Grove, VA.

Thanks to some recent storms, there were plentiful fossils on the beach for collecting. Paul Worsham had the find of the day ... a fossilized whale bone. Some small shark teeth were found by those with good eyes!

Rockhounds experienced easy collecting along nearly a 1-mile long riverbank and shoreline of molluscan fossils of Miocene and Pliocene epochs, shark teeth, whale bones, corals and more. Sunblock and bug spray were a must as well as bottles of water and snacks.

Some members found the directions a bit of a challenge after turning into the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp. Additional guidance should be included for the fall fossil collecting at the site. *Here's some supplemental guidance: After turning into the entrance to the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp Reservation, 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA, members should stay to the right, follow the sign to the Lion's Campground, and then signs to the beach. The parking lot is on the right.* There is still about a 1/4-mile walk to the beach from the parking lot. Members should keep that in mind as they collect specimens on the beach, as it is a good walk (some of it up hill) back to the parking lot.

The rules for collecting were simple, i.e., no climbing the river bank, hand tools only, and no swimming in the river.





Gary Bergtholdt, the club treasurer, filled in for the club president, Sara Phillips.

- Gary opened the meeting by wishing Lance a happy birthday and wishes for many more.
- He apologized for some new members not receiving an e-mail about the picnic being canceled. That problem has been fixed.
- New members and visitors were invited to introduce themselves.
- There was no old business.
- The field trip to the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp is June 10 from 9 AM to afternoon. There is a \$5 collecting fee, and we will need a signed waiver before we can begin collecting.
- The Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) show, July 14 – 16, is at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Set up will be Thursday, July 13th. Volunteers for loading the truck are to meet at our club's shed in Sandy Bottom Nature Park at noon. Volunteers are needed for setting up on Thursday, taking down on Sunday, staffing our booth during the show, selling geodes, operating the saws to cut geodes, and giving various demonstrations.
- EFMLS picnic and rock swap is Saturday, June 17, at the Gilbert Run Recreational Park, Charlotte Hall, MD (9am – 5pm). There is a \$5 parking fee and participants are asked to bring a side dish to share.
- Gary reported that all bills have been paid and that the last TOTE show had been very successful.
- Pat was thanked for the night's hospitality.
- Volunteers are needed for Property, Library and Historian, and Silver Chairs. Also a co-chair is needed for Pebble Pups.
- Gary adjourned the business meeting and announced a break, while Ellie Pitts set up for her presentation about her Opal mine in Idaho.

Minutes prepared by:

David Scharff June 8, 2017

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Some Classes Being Offered at September 4—10 EFMLS Fall Wildacres Workshop

Source: Richmond Gem and Mineral Society, *The Collecting Bag*, Vol. 57, Issue 5, June 2017

Some of the classes being offered at the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop this fall include:

- Shoot Your Story / Tell Your Story—Bruce Gaber
- Chainmaille - Basic—Roger Campbell
- Faceting—Steve Weinberger
- Intarsia - Basic—John Milligan
- Silversmithing - Basic & Intermediate—Richard Meszler
- Wire Wrapping—Jacqueline Campbell



Visit a Show

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July 29-30: 38th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St; So. Burlington, VT. Contact: Peg Powers at 802-462-3548 or

burlingtongemandmineralclub.com

July 29-30: Long Island Mineral & Geology Society Annual Show. 15125 Main Rd; Mattituck, NY 11952. Info: Eugene Genova at ligeo@aol.com

August 5: 22nd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Sale sponsored by the Morris Museum Mineralogical Society. Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd; Morristown, NJ. Info: kfrancis@morrismuseum.org

September 16-17: Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, Third & Division Sts; Harrisburg, PA. Contact: Betsy Oberheim: aoberheim3@comcast.net

September 16-17: 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show & Sale sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Gold's Gym and Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Rd; Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: Carolyn Reynard:

sunstone33@verizon.net

September 22-23: 53rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Info: gemcuttersguild.com

October 21-22: 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and 67th Eastern Federation Convention. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, Connecticut.

November 18-19: 51st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show, Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach Florida 33411. Walt Triche 561-585-2080. E-mail: wtriche@gmail.com; website: <http://www.gemandmineralsociety.org>

November 17-19: 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society. Jamil Temple 206 Jamil Rd., Columbia, SC 29210. Sue Shrader, 803-736-9317, ashrader@mindspring.com or www.cgams.org



October 20-22: EFMLS Annual Meeting and Convention. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, Connecticut.



October 20-22: SFMS Annual Meeting and Convention. Hosted by the Knoxville Mineral & Gem Society. Kerbel Shriners Temple, Knoxville, TN

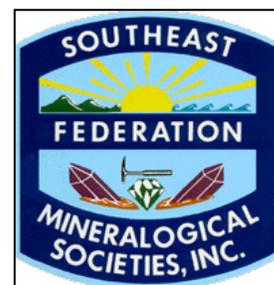
SFMS Wildacres Workshop August 21—27, 2017

<http://sfmsworkshops.com/>

Full descriptions of class and instructors on website

- Boot Campin Metals and Fire—Linda Searcy
- Casting—Bill Harr
- Beginning & Intermediate Chain Maillé Jewelry—Roy Deere
- Fused Chain Maillé Jewelry—Roy Deere

- Cold Connections—Morning Sherrod
- Gourds Are Coming Back—Pat Davis
- Metalwork Special Projects—Jeff Sheer (Class is full.)



AFMS CODE OF ETHICS



I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.