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GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA



October 2018

President's Corner

Vinton Feanny

Special Points of Interest:

- Pipsico Fossil Field Trip, October 27th
- GMSVP Monthly Meeting/Elections, November 1
- RGMS Fall Rock Swap & Sale, Nov 10
- Northern VA Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, November 17-18

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Hello fellow Rockhounds. The Club had a very successful and busy TOTE show this past weekend. I would like to thank the volunteers (especially our new volunteers) who helped with this adventure. Geode sales and cutting were busy, especially on Saturday and Sunday. Bubba Ward shared his wirewrapping skills with some of our booth visitors. Dave Scharff had a pretty display of gem trees and demonstrated his skills to visitors; Dave is very creative with the themes for his gem trees...each is unique.

Our Rock Swap at the October meeting was an enjoyable event. Though not well attended by our members, the few that were there had a marvelous time. See you all at the November 1st meeting.

Our Club will have two tables at the Richmond Gem and Mineral Society (RGMS) Rock Swap and Sale on November 10th to sell specimens obtained from an estate. RGMS has one of the best rock swaps in the country. Information about the rock swap is included in this newsletter.

We will have a busy November 1st meeting. We will elect a new board, have a program by Michael Griffith on the Guinness Book of World Records Fossil Dig, and have a table of rocks for the taking. Please come early and make your choices. The rocks are mainly for new members to start their collection, but I am sure a more experienced and discerning eye will be able to find something to do with the rocks presented.

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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.) Our shed at Sandy Bottom needs to be cleaned out once again. We have not set a date for the clean out but would like volunteers to come forward and say that they would be available to help with this project. Volunteers will have first pick at the hundreds of rocks that are stored in the shed. We will schedule the clean out for a Saturday, probably before the winter really sets in or early Spring.

At the upcoming November meeting, we will be electing our 2019 Board members, whether new members or reinstating the present Board members. Additionally, there are several positions open in the Committee Chair department, i.e., Field Trip, Hospitality, TOTE Shows, Library, and Silversmithing.

The Field Trip position could be chaired by one person with several other club members assisting with suggestions and contacts. This is an important aspect of our Club, and we need to start 2019 field trip planning soon.

With regards to the Hospitality, again, more than one person can be involved.

Please see me at the November or December meetings if you are interested in volunteering for any of the committee positions.

See you all at the November meeting Rockhounds!

Vinton

GMSVP November 1st Meeting

Michael Griffith

The business portion of the meeting will focus on the election of the 2019 GMSVP Board. Open committee positions also will be shared. Our club thrives because of our many members that help on the board and with the committees. Please consider helping the club, so that we can all enjoy our many activities.

Yours truly will be the meeting speaker for the November program. I recently had an opportunity to participate in the "Guinness Book of World Records Fossil Dig" attempt at the Penn-Dixie Fossil Quarry in New York. I'll chat about the experience and share some photos.

Upcoming Pebble Pups Programs

Christine Hempley

Here's the planned Pebble Pups activities for the rest of 2018.

- Nov: Sand Collection and Project
- Dec: Pups News/Awards

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A super big thank you for a job well done to all who helped with October 2018 Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) Show in Virginia Beach. During the four days, there was a lot of work involved with loading and unloading the truck, setting up the booth and saws, working the geode sales area, cutting geodes, educating the public about rocks and minerals, sharing our lapidary skills, breaking down the booth and saws and cleaning, and truck loading and unloading at the shed. Many of our regulars were not able to assist, so the members' at the show were especially appreciated. It couldn't have been done without your dedication to the club's programs.

Geode sales were good, and we had many repeat customers. We saw some very different and beautiful geodes. It was great to see the facial expressions and smiles of the customers as they opened their geodes for the first time and their excitement as they showed them to us in the sales area.

Again, thanks to all who were able to help with the show. We always need the help from the club members at the show. Even a few hours makes it easier for those who are present and gives them a break. Three of 2019 shows will be VA Beach (Mar 7-10, Jul 18-21, and Oct 10-13) and one will be in Hampton (Apr 4-7). Hope to see you there in 2019.





I just returned from the most exciting dig at our Idaho opal mine yet! I had planned to be at the mine for two weeks. The Bum and Big Creek Fires limited my time at the mine to only a week, but oh it was so much fun! So that it would be easy to break camp, I just built a shelter and ate only one meal a day to lighten the pack for the hike up (peanut butter power!).



View of Bum Fire



I decided to open up a new spot that I was curious about and had once found a nice stone on the surface. The spot, however, was covered by three tangled up trees, whose roots were odd and went sideways into the mountain instead of down. They were a formidable looking mess, which is why I hadn't tried yet. I stuffed the chainsaw into my backpack and climbed up to the dig to begin dissecting the tree puzzle cautiously so that I didn't get clobbered. Finally, the hole was exposed. The first few swings of the pick mattock exposed a pocket of opal in a band of decomposing rhyolite.

Although it was easy to separate, I found a big opal that looked rather sickly. It had what looked like crackles all around it. I remembered what the old timer Wilbur had said: "Some of them have a kind of rind you have to chip off with your knife." Sure enough, the crackle coat chipped off in bits and pieces, revealing a wonderful clear opal large enough to get two faceted stones. Was I ever jazzed! (Ever let out a whoop in the middle of nowhere? I did!) Three days of digging uncovered more pieces. Some were in a thousand slivered pieces, while others were solid and facet grade that varied in color from bumblebee yellow to golden amber to having reddish streaks. This was incredibly fun. It made the miserable hike up that rugged mountain worth every step.



The picture on the left was ONE chunk in a wide band of crumbly, weathered rhyolite. The specimen was decomposing and fell into a hundred pieces, when I squeezed it to check integrity.



Nice size pieces of facet opal from the dig

Best Laugh at the Mine: I was trying to pry a beautiful opal out of a rhyolite boulder, but I didn't have a chisel. Hmm, I could use the pick as a chisel and tap it with a rock. I thought: "I need a rock" and turned my head this way and

that. Then I laughed loud and long -- I'm sitting in a mine -- of rocks! My next comment aloud was to look up and laugh: "God, did You hear THAT?". At least someone got to laugh with me! What I really meant was: "I need a rock that won't fall apart, since most of them were not as solid as the unweathered rhyolite."



A pocket in the band of solid unweathered rhyolite



Walter and Barbara Priest recently visited the Veritas Preparatory School in Williamsburg to share some of their rock and mineral knowledge with the students.

Here's a few pictures from their visit.

Scientists Find Way to Make Mineral Which Can Remove CO2 From Atmosphere

Kreigh Tomaszewski via Rockhounds@drizzle.com

Source: A.F.M.S Newsletter, Volume 71, Number 9 – October, 2018 <www.amfed.org>

Scientists have found a rapid way of producing magnesite, a mineral which stores carbon dioxide. If this can be developed to an industrial scale, it opens the door to removing CO2 from the atmosphere for long-term storage, thus countering the global warming effect of atmospheric CO2. This work is presented at the Goldschmidt conference in Boston.

Scientists are already working to slow global warming by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but there are serious practical and economic limits on developing the technology. Now, for the first time, researchers have explained how magnesite forms at low temperature, and offered a route to dramatically accelerating its crystallization. A tonne of naturally-occurring magnesite can remove around half a tonne of CO2 from the atmosphere, but the rate of formation is very slow.

Project leader, Professor Ian Power (Trent University, Ontario, Canada) said: “Our work shows two things. Firstly, we have explained how and how fast magnesite forms naturally. This is a process which takes hundreds to thousands of years in nature at Earth’s surface. The second thing we have done is to demonstrate a pathway which speeds this process up dramatically”

The researchers were able to show that by using polystyrene microspheres as a catalyst, magnesite would form within 72 days. The microspheres themselves are unchanged by the production process, so they can ideally be reused.

Read more at: <https://phys.org/news/2018-08-scientists-mineral-co2-atmosphere.html#jCp>

GMSVP November 1st Meeting

Program: Michael Griffith will share his experience at the Guinness Book of World Records Fossil Dig” attempt at the Penn-Dixie Fossil Quarry in New York.

While the results are not officially in yet, all those participating had fun and found some treasures.





RGMS Fall Rock Swap & Sale, November 10 From 9 AM to 3 PM

Source: Source: RGMS' The Collecting Bag, Vol 58, Issue 10, October 18, 2018



Fossil Spindle Shell

In November we have our Annual Swap & Sale, on Saturday the 10th. We lost track of the count sometime after 40th Annual, and that was many years ago. Our swap is the model for many other clubs' swaps and is probably the 2nd longest running swap in the Eastern U.S. If you have never been, you are missing the Jewel of RGMS. Admission is free to all. The swap is at the **Ridge Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1515 Eastridge Road, Richmond, VA 23229** (same place as our RGMS monthly meetings) and



Rudy Bland

runs from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Note from Michael Griffith: Hey, I'm the GMSVP Programs Vice President and spent this past weekend with a rock collection that our club acquired recently and intends to sell at the [RGMS Rock Swap and Sale](#) on Saturday, November 10th. I've priced these specimens to move (because we don't want to keep moving them ourselves!). There's lots of nice specimens from Maryland and Virginia quarries and mines (many of which are no longer open!), and the collection is heavy in the prehnite and calcite specimens. C'mon by and get some bargains! I don't recall pricing anything over \$50, with a majority being in the \$10-\$20 range. <https://www.facebook.com/.../a.68757095458.../2277639835580153/...>

Coming Soon—GMSVP Website Video Section

Holly Worsham

I'll be adding a new video section to the GMSVP webpage. If you have any YouTube or personal field trip videos that are rock or fossil related that you would like to share with members, please send the link to our webmaster, Holly Worsham, at: GMSVP.web@gmail.com. These will go under the new video links section!

The October Meeting was our club's rock swap. No monthly minutes were prepared. Board meeting minutes are included toward the end of the newsletter.

2019 GMSVP MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE! Please pay at the November 1st meeting or by submitting the membership form with payment via US Mail. Here's a [link to the GMSVP membership form](#).

I wondered about the needle shaped dark mineral we saw inside one large geode this weekend. The [Kenawha Rock & Gem Club](#) previously did some related research on [MinDat.org](#). Maybe it is Hollandite. Ellie Pitts



GMSVP November Meeting

Monthly Meeting: November 1st, 7 PM

Program: Guinness Book of World Record Fossil Dig

Sandy Bottom Nature Park's Nature Center

Gem Tree Workshop

Gary Bergtholdt is holding 2-3 hour gem tree workshops at his home. If interested, contact Gary at: gbergtholdt@gmail.com.





Where is safety? A short story if I may. Of the 6 or so folks who read these Safety Matters articles, one of those readers related a story of a recent safety matter she experienced. While digging a hole in her back yard to plant a plant, she encountered a large rock. Being a rock person, she gathered her rock cracking hammer and chisel and proceeded to reduce the size of the rock using her tools. She related what I might call a “thought bubble” over her head which read “Shouldn’t I be wearing my safety glasses?”

That one reader thought of safety glasses while breaking a rock to plant a plant is what I would call, a success. Safety is a full time responsibility.

Where is safety? Safety matters relate to planting a plant, breaking a rock, driving to a field trip, and grinding a stone. Safety matters do not end when one leaves the quarry, or the office or drives back in the garage.

Where is safety? Safety matters are everywhere.

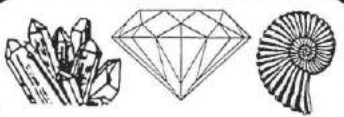
In the many and varied areas of our rock hobby, safety matters are everywhere - at our club meetings; our shows; our workshops; our collecting trips; our talking about the hobby in school, church, or civic groups; our rock trimming and identification activities. Safety matters abound in all aspects of our hobby. Some safety matters are well documented and clear. Some safety matters hide in the dark and are unique to a situation. Being safe means being mindful of rules, guidelines, obvious and less obvious hazards, and, perhaps most of all, being prepared and well aware of the potential danger in every situation.

Being safe is not complicated. We pretty much know what we need to do to be safe, so it mostly a matter of doing that which we know is the right thing to do to remain safe.

Please, be safe in and with all you do. Your safety matters.

New GMSVP Member—Welcome New Rockhounds!

There were no new members during the past month.



27th Annual GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

Presented by The Northern Virginia Club, Inc. www.novamineralclub.org
Sponsored by the Dept. of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Earth Sciences at GMU

Date: November 17 & 18, 2018
Place: The Hub Ballroom
George Mason University Campus
Braddock Rd. & Route 123, Fairfax, VA
Hours: Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm
Admission: Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$4, Teens (13-17): \$3
Children 12 & under, Scouts in uniform,
and GMU Students w/valid ID are FREE.

\$1 OFF
Adult admission
with this card
(applies to all adults
+ seniors in your
group)

Demonstrations, Exhibits, and Door Prizes. Mini-mines for children to dig in and get free fossils and minerals.
Over 20 Dealers with Fossils, Minerals, Crystals and Gems for sale.

Use Parking lot A, enter Lot A from Nottaway River Lane.
Look for our Courtesy Shuttle to Mineral Show



TREASURES OF THE EARTH

2019 Show Dates

- March 8-10, VA Beach Convention Center
- April 5-7, Hampton Roads Convention Center
- July 19-21, VA Beach Convention Center
- October 11-13, VA Beach Convention Center



Lying in the geologic province of the Hudson Highlands, east of the Schunemunk Mountain, is the town of Monroe, Orange County, New York. The Orange County Mineral Society is the proud host of the 2019 EFMLS Convention in conjunction with our annual show in Monroe. Come and experience a different type of venue for this year's convention.

Our show is an outdoor show, held at Museum Village in Monroe. Museum Village is a historical museum, with a real Mastodon skeleton! The show is held rain or shine with a multitude of vendors.

Reservations have been made at our host hotel, which is the fairly new Comfort Inn & Suites in Goshen, just a few miles to the northwest of the show. Goshen lies in the Great Valley geologic province. The group rate is \$129.00 per night for 2-Queen standard room or \$139.00 for a King bedroom suite (limited number) honored from 5/29/19 – 6/4/19; allowing you time to explore the area either on your own or through our planned field trip. Please call 845-291-1282 and ask for the group rate under Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies.

The Comfort Suite offers a wonderful complimentary hot breakfast; with other amenities including free WiFi and an outdoor pool. Additionally, the hotel is located near:

- Woodbury Common Premium Outlets
- Bear Mountain State Park
- Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (the original Woodstock Music Festival)
- Sterling Forest
- Sterling Hill Mine
- Brotherhood Winery

The annual meeting on Friday night, May 31, 2019 will be held in the meeting room downstairs at the Comfort Suites. The Meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Previous to the meeting from 6:30 pm -6:50 pm will be the sign-in and you will receive your Wel-

come Packet. Welcome packets will be available earlier for our guests who check -in earlier.

Saturday night, June 1 we will be treated to a great dinner event at Limoncello in Goshen, located a short distance from the hotel. This will also be the host for the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters on Sunday morning.

We are currently planning a field trip to the Sterling Hill Mine (part of the Franklin, New Jersey Mining District) for Monday June 3rd.

If you are planning on exhibiting a showcase, please contact Cheryl Neary @ ciervo.neary@gmail.com

we will be posting the registration packet listing the rates and times of all the events to the EFMLS Web Site shortly.

We hope to see you at our Annual show! We are happy to host the convention and know you will enjoy the convention and our beautiful geologic and geographic and historic surroundings!



Preliminary Schedule:

- Friday, May 31 - EFMLS Annual Meeting
- Saturday, June 1 - gem and mineral show
EFMLS Annual Auction
Awards Banquet
- Sunday, June 2 - Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters
- Monday June 3 - Field trip to Sterling Hill Mine

SPOT SANDING BRUSH

Sometimes you have a little discoloration or debris to clean from the bottom of a pocket, from an area of coarse textured surface, or from a small space between two soldered objects. Finding something to get into those close areas is always an effort in creativity.

One tool I have for these special occasions is a glass fiber spot sanding brush. It's great for cleaning a small area and doesn't leave deep scratches, only a faint satin finish.



There are probably several manufacturers of these pens, but one is the PrepPen Adjustable Sanding Pen selling for \$10.95 from Amazon. You can see it at: <http://www.amazon.com/Prep-Pen-PrepPen-Adjustable-Sanding/dp/B000J18RT6/>.

SILVER SOLDER FROM SCRAP

Sometimes you need a lot of silver solder to complete a piece the way you want it to be. For me it was when I was trying to join several castings. But silver solder is expensive, so I found a way to make my own from scrap with a little help from a penny.

First step is finding out what's in a solder. A search through the reference books (Tim McCreight or Erhard Brepohl) or a Google search will turn up recipes like: Hard - AG 80% CU 13% ZN 7%; Medium - AG 70% CU 20% ZN 5%; and Easy - AG 63% CU 30% ZN 7%.

The silver (AG) and the copper (CU) are easy to come by, but finding some zinc (ZN) has always been my problem until I found out that our pennies are almost all zinc. According to Wikipedia a US penny minted after 1982 weighs 2.5 grams and is 97.5% ZN and 2.5% CU. So all I had to do is add a penny to some copper and a pile of silver scrap.

I chose to use Sterling scrap so I adjusted for the amount of copper in it as well as the amount of copper from the penny. Here's what I used for components of Medium solder: Sterling - 36.90 grams; Copper - 9.35 grams; and Penny - 2.50 grams.

Melt the silver and copper first in a melting dish, mix well with a carbon rod or titanium solder pick, add the zinc (penny) last, mix again, and pour into a small mold. The zinc is added last because melting it causes some to vaporize, and the fumes are a safety problem (They're a gray-green color). Be sure to have good ventilation.

To check the solder's melting temperature is correct (medium), I put a sample of the homemade solder on a piece of copper sheet along with a known sample of hard, medium and easy solders. I then heated the plate from the bottom and watched as the easy first melted, the medium melted, the homemade melted, and finally the hard.

Additional notes on converting the ingot to sheet, strip or wire form - If you have access to a rolling mill, that will be the fastest way to proceed. Either roll out the ingot into a sheet and cut strips or roll it out as wire if your mill has the grooves. If you don't have a mill, all you have to do is forge out the ingot into a rough sheet of the gauge you'd like and then cut thin strips with bench shears. Be sure to anneal the sheet every so often as you forge it.

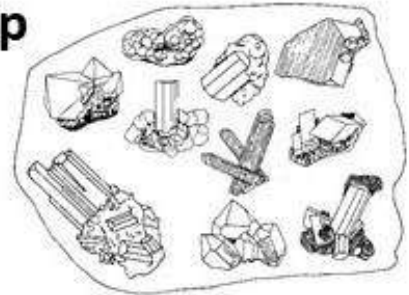
For more tips or to learn new jewelry skills, pick up a few of Brad's "How To Do It" Books: www.Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith.



**The 27th Annual
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society
Rock Sale & Swap**



**Free Admission
Plenty of Parking**



Saturday, November 10th, 2018

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall
1515 East Ridge Road, Richmond, VA 23229**

*The Rock Sale/Swap is indoors, so come rain or shine.
Open to all children and adults (from novice to expert) to swap or purchase various mineral, gem, jewelry, fossil, shell, and lapidary items. Free items for kids and a raffle!!*

The Ridge Baptist Church and Meeting Hall are 400 feet on the right, across from Kroger's Grocery. MEETING HALL IS THE WHITE BUILDING at the rear of the parking lot.

More information at:
Facebook: Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

EDITOR'S NOTE: The RGMS rock swap is one of the best in the nation. GMSVP will have two tables at the swap to sell pieces from a recent estate....priced to sell! I highly recommend that you check out the swap as a family field trip!

Field Trip—Miocene and Pliocene Fossil Collection along the James River (near Surry, VA)

Please let Vinton Feanny (feannyvin@gmail.com), if you would like to attend this field trip.

The Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association (M.A.G.M.A.) has invited GMSVP to participate in a bonus field trip at the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp Reservation near Surry, VA., on October 27th.

Date: October 27th

Low tide will be at 7:58 AM

Time: 9 AM until dark

Location: Pipsico Boy Scout Camp Reservation, 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, Virginia 23991

Guidance within Boy Scout Camp: When you get to the camp, bear right of the building in front of the camp. From there, you will go through a gate and make a left turn at the sign for the Camp Lions. After you go over a bridge, park your car at a parking lot on the right. Follow the signs to the beach, where you will sign a release and pay the collection fee.



Campers may arrive on Friday night, October 26th. There are cabinettes available with electricity but no running water. Three cabins are available with full facilities. Tent camping is also allowed. Tents may be set up in campsite 4. There are latrine facilities and water on the site. Showers may be available at the pool area. All overnight campers must exit the camp by 9 AM, Monday, October 29th.

Details: Rockhounds will experience 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 are highly recommended, as well as bottles of water and snacks. Please bring your own bags, buckets, and tools for collecting.

Collecting Rules: All previous collecting rules still apply.

- Everyone must sign a liability release form upon arrival.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the property.
- Speed limit on camp road must be obeyed .
- Parking in designated areas only. No parking of vehicles in the campsites. You must park in the parking area after unloading gear.
- No climbing steep bank areas.
- Hand tools only.
- Swimming is prohibited in the river.
- No pets.

Fees:

- \$5.00 per person to collect or tent camp
- Cabin Rental: \$75
- Cabinette Rental: \$20





Information on Mountain Area Gem and Mineral Association (M.A.G.M.A.): <http://www.wncrocks.com/magma/magma%20join%20club.htm>. M.A.G.M.A. point of contact: Bill Stine at: rockdoctor48@wmconnect.com



- Our club president, Vinton Feanny, reminded us that our regular meeting on October 4th is a “Rock Swap.” She said we will set up 12 tables for members to display their items to swap or sell.
- The Program for our November meeting will be on the Guinness Book of World Records Fossil Dig attempt at the Penn-Dixie Fossil Quarry in New York. This meeting will also be our annual Board elections.
- The last 2018 Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) Show is October 12 - 14. We will need volunteers to help load the truck and set up; sell and cut geodes; demonstrate lapidary skills, share about our club with people stopping by, and help take down our booth, load the truck, and unload at the shed. One of the most important tasks for volunteers is to share their expertise with booth visitors.
- Walter Priest shared that we have 92 members in our club.
- Gary Bergtholdt has purchased some nice fossils at the Franklin, NC Show for club meeting door prizes.
- There will be four TOTE Shows in 2019, i.e., one in Hampton and three in VA Beach. We have dates for the Hampton TOTE show at the Hampton Convention Center (April 5 – 7) and the first VA Beach show at the VA Beach Convention Center (March 8 – 10).
- We have had a large collection of rocks and minerals given to the club. It was decided to take some of these minerals to the Richmond Rock Swap and Show, November 10th.
- The election of the GMSVP Board will be held during the November 1st meeting. Any member in good standing can run for a Board position, i.e., President, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Treasurer, and Secretary. Current Board members are willing serve for another year but would welcome any other members that might be interested in serving as a Board member.
- We were reminded that the GMSVP club dues are by December 10th. We need to complete our membership roster by December to purchase our club insurance, which is based on the number of members in the club.

Minutes prepared by David Scharff
 October 8, 2018
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 Check out our Facebook page. Just search Facebook for GMSVP. You will be happy that you did!



 Perusing our website is a great way to learn about our club and find a multitude of resources. Check it out!



WWW.GMSVP.ORG

Visit a Show

Source: EFMLS News Volume 66, Number 1, November 2018 & SFMS Lodestar August 2018

October 27: Ultraviolation 2018 sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA. Hours: 9 am – 4 pm. INFO: uvgeologist@yahoo.com

November 3-4: 59th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Lapidary Arts Show. Host: Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club. Location: Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo Center, 303 N. Lemon Street, Plant City, Florida. Visit our website at: www.tampabayrockclub.com

November 10-11: Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 45th Annual Parade of Gems Show. 625 East Hibiscus Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901. More info; www.canaveral-mgs.com Show Chairman, Don McLamb 570 Seabreeze Drive, Indialantic, FL 32903 321-723-2592, fdjmc@aol.com

November 16-18: Columbia Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show. Columbia Gem and Mineral Society. 206 Jamil Rd, Columbia, SC 29210. More info: www.cgms.rocks

November 16-18: 33rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show by the Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/ CCGMS. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060. To learn more about CCGMS visit: Web Site: <http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/>

November 17-18: 51st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East; 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Info: Walt Triche 561-626-1031 or wtriche@gmail.com

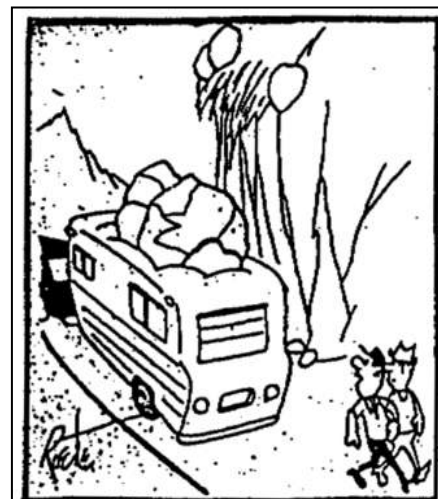
November 17-18: 27TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. The HUB Ballroom, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr; Fairfax, VA 22030. Info: www.nvamineralclub.org

January 11-13: Pinellas Geological Society Forty-Third Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show. Central Park Performing Arts Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, Florida. Contact Person: Leona Feldhausen, (727) 709-3236

March 23-24: 50th Annual Rock & Mineral Show presented by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunteer Fire Co, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA. Info: Bob McGuire – 570-928-9238 or uvbob1942@gmail.com.

February 23-24: 60th Mississippi Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show by the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society. Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds, Jackson, Mississippi

March 1-3: 49th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale by the Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society. Minnreg Hall 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773. Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727- 822-8279, E-mail contact: SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html>



"Rockhounds, I'd assume."

From Sooner Rockologist 11/96
via T-Town Rockhound 2/98 & others

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AFMS Code of Ethics

(<http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm>)

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.