



The purpose of the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County MD, Inc. is "to increase knowledge and popular interest in earth sciences, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, and related subjects."

REGULAR MEETINGS

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 8, 2015 @ 7:30 PM
David Tiktinsky, Vice President

June Speaker Information

Speaker: Andy B. Celmer, Past President

Title of talk: The Great West

Mr. Celmer has his BS in Geology from the University of Maryland, College Park. He conducted an extensive tour of the Great West in 1976 in a Dodge Van B-100 when he field collected many pretty rocks. He then conducted another tour in September and October of 2014 with a Toyota Tundra hauling a 28 foot travel trailer, The QE III and collected many pretty rocks from shops. This is the story of the 2014 trip and the many wonders he encountered.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There will not be a Board of Directors Meeting in June.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chris Luzier

It looks like early summer has descended upon us with its preview of heat and humidity for the digging season ahead. I hope you all have planned your vacations around digging hotspots and have plenty of side trips in order to find that perfect specimen! A quarry or dump pile is always such a nice, cool place to be in 95 degree heat as you get woozier and woozier with every hammer strike. If you go, make sure to stay hydrated and know your limits! We want to see you again at the upcoming fall meetings...

Speaking of fall meetings, please note that in November we need to have our new slate of upcoming Board of Directors Officers in place. There are many different positions that may fit your skillset, and we always rely on volunteers. Please consider this over the summer as you are pounding away in the quarry. Even if you are a new member, don't think that this rules you out. I started as Vice President when I had only been in the group for about six months and have only been a member for a little more than four years. There are plenty of folks willing to help you learn

the ropes and it's quite fun to be a part of our Board. I am sorry that my term as President is coming to an end.

There are also two upcoming events/items that I want to bring to your attention. First, we will be offering an incentive to anyone who would be willing to cut preforms for our cabochon cutting stations at the show. We need a total of 350 preforms (you don't have to cut them all as there should be other volunteers as well) and the GLMSMC will pay \$1.00 per preform created with dipstick. This could be a great summer project for you and we really need the support in having these made. Second, we will be offering a small sampling of a new collection we have just retained for auction. It is a huge amount of material and will be silent auctioned by the crate at the June meeting. There is a variety of material, including Franklin, New Jersey, rock and we are looking to see how it will move. Once again, it will be a small sampling of the material and we look forward to seeing you there, ready to bid!

Happy digging,
Chris

GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2015

Dave Fryauff

Photos by Reed Owens

President Chris Luzier called the May 11, 2015 regular meeting to order at 7:45 PM. There were approximately 36 adult members in attendance at the regular meeting and 11 youth members and 1 mini-miner attended the FRA meeting. The president's first order of business was to recognize Mark Dahlman as our 2014 Club Rockhounder of the year. All members present joined in congratulating Mark on this award and thanking him for his contributions as an outstanding youth leader, educator, and rockhounder.

Heirloom Collection Report

President Luzier reported that this collection from Riva, near Annapolis, MD, amounted to 54 wooden crates of mostly hand-sized rocks that had been collected from various parts of the US over a number of years. Agates and jasper made up some of this collection and 10 or 11 crates of Franklin-Sterling Hill (NJ) material, which may yield some good fluorescent specimens, were identified.

The Annual March Show

President Luzier announced that Pat Repik-Bryne is stepping down from her position as the downstairs show chairman and thanked her for excellent planning and organizing work for the last eight years. Pat has done outstanding work in planning, organizing, and bringing off our very successful annual shows. We need someone with Pat's excellent talents to start planning for the March 2016 show. Andy Celmer announced that we also need to find a new vendor to pre-cut 350 rough cabs that we will need for the cabochon polishing station at our upcoming March 2016 show.

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2015 regular meeting and of the April 20th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.

Field Trips

Field Trip Chairman, Jonathan Harris, announced that a field trip was scheduled this Saturday, May 10th, to the Gettysburg Quarry, a notable site for zeolites. Members were informed that we are invited to team up with the Delaware AFMS club on Saturday, May 30th, 2015 for collecting at "The Big Hill" in Cornwall, PA. The Big Hill at Cornwall is the largest, and most productive of the huge mine dumps that were created from more than 100 years of underground and open pit mining at the Cornwall Iron Mines. In addition to iron, the Cornwall mines produced copper, cobalt, gold, & silver until 1972.

EFML Liaison

Wendell Mohr informed members of upcoming events and items of interest, including the May 17th, 2015 Rockville Science Day "Geology Walk" from 1:15 to 4 pm and the annual Gem Miners Jubilee in Lebanon, PA, from August 14 to 16, 2015. Also mentioned was the upcoming National Geographic channel production of "Gold Mining Yukon" on Wednesday at 10 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Holly McNeil reported that our current account stands at \$40K, a portion of which approximately (\$5,600) is designated as the Lillian Turner fund used for the FRA and junior member educational expenses. Surplus operating funds, if any, from 2015 may be set aside to save for the purchase a new trailer for storage and hauling our annual show gear. Holly reminded all BOD members that the upcoming BOD meeting scheduled for May 18th, 2015 will be at her house. Although Rod Towers was not there to enjoy, Holly made a special cake to honor his retirement, his years as a stalwart club member, and to wish Rod and his partner a happy move to Texas. Thank you for that delicious cake, Holly!

Photography

In response to Wendell Mohr's announcement that he would step down as the club photographer, Reed Owen has taken up this important role and was actively engaged in photo-documenting our meeting and members. Thank you, Wendell, for your wonderful and diligent photography, and thank you, Reed, for taking over this important job.



Speaker

The evening's speaker was Dr. John Sanfaçon with his "Jasper and Agate" presentation. Dr. Sanfaçon is a talented linguist and college professor with a lifelong love of gems and minerals. As part of his career he has been able to tour many of the famous royal palaces of the Old World and has developed a special appreciation for the elaborate and decorative use of jasper and agate, both of which are forms of the common mineral quartz. Impurities in quartz combined with metamorphic forces of heat and pressure create the attractive colors and patterns of jasper and agate that have long attracted our attention and captivated our imagination. Jasper is the oldest decorative



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stone that we know of, having been found as an ornament in Eurasian burial mounds that were dated at 50,000 years old. Within the US, the most notable and colorful jasper is found associated with lava flows along the border of Oregon and Idaho. In the Old World, however, the Ural Mountains of Russia, and the ocean jasper of Madagascar are famous. Dr. Sanfaçon took members on a vividly colorful tour of the royal houses of Europe, especially Russia, where jasper, agate, malachite, and other wonderfully colorful gems, rocks, and minerals have been carved into exquisite, extravagant, and often “outsized” works of decorative art.

The program was followed by a short break and then the show table. Gary Leaman won the show table prize, which was a Kambaba Jasper from Madagascar and the general door prize of a pink coral bracelet was donated to Auriella Calamuci. It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM.

Dave Fryauff, Secretary

THE SHOW TABLE

Dave Fryauff
May 11, 2015

Member's Name	Specimen Descriptions	Locality
Jeff Cessna	Esperite, Hardystonite, Willemite, Calcite	Franklin, NJ
" "	Barite, Calcite	" "
Andy Muir	Petrified wood sphere	Unknown
" "	Thunder Egg Agate	Probably Oregon
Frances Becker	Herkimer diamonds	Herkimer, NY
Andy B Celmer	Unknown	Unknown
Gary Leaman	Herkimer diamonds on dolomite	Herkimer, NY
Diane Leaman	Apatite Mn	Sterling Hill, NJ
Barb Burr	Azurite	John Kolic Collection (Franklin-Sterling Hill, NJ)
Reed Owens	Calcite	Chihuahua, Mexico
Holly McNeil	Quartz (var. Herkimer diamond)	Herkimer, NY
Wendell Mohr	Canadian Dinosaur stamps	Canada Mint
Jonathan Harris	Tremolite (SW FL blue)*	Sterling Hill, Ogdensburg, NJ
" "	Wollastonite (SW FL yellow)*	Sterling Hill, Ogdensburg, NJ
" "	Wollastonite, Calcite, Hyaline*	Sterling Hill, Ogdensburg, NJ
Matt Acosta	Fluorite	Western Ireland
John Beatty	Feldspar? And others*	Forest Glen, Montgomery Co., MD
Steven Calamuci	Barytocalcite, Calcite, Witherite, Fluorite, Barite	England
" "	Fluorescent Calcite*	Maryland
Gerald Elgert	"Pudding Stone"*	Maryland
Dave Fryauff	Petrified wood (AZ origin)*	Sterling Mine dump, Ogdensburg, NJ
" "	Gypsum, Franklinite, Calcite*	" "
" "	Chalcophanite, Hydrohetaerolite*	" "
George Durland	3 Manganaxinites	Franklin, NJ
Joel Rosen	Picture Jasper	Oregon/Idaho
*Asterisk denotes self-collected or self-made		





Show table photos (top left-bottom right): Jeff Cesna, Andy Muir, John Beatty, Dave Fryauff, George Durland, and Steve Calamuci. Photos by Reed Owens.

GLSMC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

David Fryauff, Secretary

May 18, 2015

Andy Celmer, David Fryauff, Jonathan Harris, Chris Luzier, Holly McNeil, Wendell Mohr, Andy Muir, Pat Repik-Byrne, and Dave Tiktinsky were in attendance. Doug Baum, Joel Rosen, and Rod Towers were absent. Chris Luzier brought the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Discussion:

- Chris discussed the receipt of \$873.60 payment from the Smithsonian Institution for turquoise specimens held over from last year's auction of the Spielman material. 75% of this will go to the Spielman family while 25% will go to the club.
- There was further discussion of the crates of material from Kristina Simms. There was once a key identifying the specimens and their location, but this was lost. Thirteen crates contain Franklin-Sterling Hill (NJ) rock. A tentative date in September was suggested for the auction of this material, ideally during one of our regular meetings so that we will not require a special room rental of the Rockville Senior Center for the event. It was suggested that 4-5 "select" crates be brought to the next meeting for silent auction, along with 4 boxes of geology books from David Dinsmore currently held by Wendell Mohr. By keeping this as a small-scale silent auction, we do not pre-empt our speaker.
- Andy Muir brought up the issue of the 68 grab bags of minerals he received as a donation from Sue Marcus and asked whether BOD members would be interested in helping to evaluate this material.

- Wendell Mohr informed members that the Wild Acres session this summer would be August 24-30 and all BOD members agreed that we should again support Wild Acres attendance for two members with two \$350 scholarships. We do not have any candidates and need to make this announcement.
- With Rodney Towers' move to Texas, we currently have the Junior Advisor BOD position open and are in need of candidates for the position. We need to make this announcement at the next meeting.
- Reed Owens, our new photographer, will receive instruction from Jonathan for sending his photos via Drop Box.
- There was discussion regarding the yearly AFMS scholarship (\$2400/yr x 2 rs) which typically goes to a university graduate student pursuing research in geology/environmental science. Wendell announced that the AFMS meeting would be in Austin, TX, from Oct. 23 to 25, 2015.
- There was considerable discussion regarding a proposal to discontinue the cab shop at the 2016 March show. Problems cited were:
 - 1) Poor volunteer support for this labor-and time-intensive activity.
 - 2) Equipment problems, breakdowns, and the need for constant repairs (currently 7 units are used).
 - 3) Cab material (300 pre-cut forms) is difficult to obtain.
 - 4) Height restrictions caused some problems for parents and children.
 - 5) There is a need for strict adherence to safety standards and diligent monitoring to insure that safety equipment is used by all involved (volunteer supervisors, children, watching siblings, and parents).
 - 6) Undue reliance upon a single member (Bob Irby) to run the cab shop and troubleshoot problems as they came up.

Most BOD members were against the idea of doing away completely with the cab shop because it is unique to our show and definitely serves to draw attendance and to educate children and scout groups. It was suggested that we could pare down the size of our cab shop. We need to keep this discussion open and get more input from our members, especially those with children and lapidary skills.

- There was further discussion of the need for a member to replace Pat Repik-Byrne as the downstairs show chairman and the need to start show planning during the September/October/November timeframe.
- The 2-year terms of office for all GLMSMC BOD members and officers will expire in December and there was discussion among BOD members, several of whom are interested in taking on new officer positions. We need to make this a general announcement at the next meeting.
- We are still in need of a permanent editor for the Rockhounder.
- Andy Muir has reserved (\$1000 deposit) the dates of March 19th and 20th, 2016 at the exhibition hall in the MC Fairgrounds.
- Jonathan Harris noted upcoming field trips for May 30th and June 13th.

- All BOD officers need to have access to a current, continually updated, membership roster. Wendell will contact Doug Baum to obtain this roster and make it accessible to BOD members.
- We have not currently scheduled a BOD meeting for June 2015.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

THANKS TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEER

Editorial Board

Reed Owens has volunteered to photograph activities at our meetings. Some of his excellent work is found in this issue of "The Rockhounder". A hardy thanks to Reed.

FUTURE ROCKHOUNDERS OF AMERICA (THE MOCKS, AGES 10-15)

Mark Dahlman

Photos by Reed Owens



Next Meeting Date: June 8, 2015

Meeting Time: 7:45-9:00 PM

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

May 11th Meeting

FRA members listened to our general meeting guest speaker, Mr. John Sanfaçon, who gave a presentation on Jasper. Mr. Sanfaçon brought many beautiful and seldom-seen examples of jaspers for us to admire.

June 8th Meeting

At our June meeting we will be deciding on the FRA badges for the fall. Come and help us decide what's next. As this is our last meeting in the spring, we will have extra specimens to tide FRA members over until we meet again in September. We will also be learning about some optical properties of minerals that can be used to identify the minerals under a microscope. FRA members, if you have 10 labeled micromounts (requiring magnification to appreciate them), 10 labeled thumbnails (typically in 1" boxes), and/or 10 labeled miniature specimens (in 2" boxes), please bring them to our meeting so you can receive credit toward the World in Miniature badge. See you at our meeting!

For more information on the Future Rockhounds of America program, please contact Mark Dahlman at <fra_advisor@glmsmc.com> or 301-428-0455.

FIELD TRIP REPORT: GETTYSBURG QUARRY

Gerald Elger



When turning onto the road leading to the mine office, I was surprised to learn that the quarry operation was actually on the boundary of the Gettysburg National Military Park. During the Civil War battles fought there in July of 1863, the land was then under cultivation as farmland and had served as an encampment area for reserve troops, artillery, infantry, guard units, supply wagons, and hospital personnel.



Since then, the mining operation has seen a succession of owners with Valley Quarries taking charge in 1983 and most recently, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. According to Valley Quarries literature, the site is commercially mined for "argillite or hornfels and diabase (commonly referred to as



"Trap Rock") [and] is over 90 million years old and is favored for road paving projects requiring a more resistant wearing aggregate."

There is a concrete dumping area which sure looks a lot like an ancient travertine flow but isn't; see the photo. For we collectors, the quarry is known for Zeolite minerals, such as the Stilbite crystals we found in abundance, Epidote crystals, micromount material, and copper minerals, such as the Chrysocolla which we found as a blue-green, amorphous, fracture-filling mineral. There were even manganese dendrites growing on the trap rock base which greatly resemble some kind of a prehistoric plant, like a fern, though they are not.

This was a joint trip with the Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland groups. Those attending from the GLSMC included Lyle Peterson, Jonathan Harris, John Curry, Gerald Elger, Eric Grundel, Matt Acosta, Steve Calmucci, and Leonard Deerkoski. Everyone found something special and all will have stories to tell at the next meeting.

(All trip photos by Gerald Elger. Thanks to Google Earth for the quarry aerial photo.)





FIELD TRIP NEWS

Jonathan Harris

National Limestone Quarry

Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA

Saturday, June 13, 9 AM-??

If there is sufficient interest, then it is likely we can all go to the nearby Middleburg Quarry, which is a great site for wavellite, strontianite, fluorite (purple masses) and more recently, variscite and turquoise. Collectors should bring a specimen from some other location for Eric Stahl, the manager of National Limestone Quarry. If the operator blasts in certain sections, celestite and sphalerite might also be found.

The trip will start at 9 AM at the quarry office. Mt. Pleasant Mills is about 3-3.5 hours away, but it is worth it! Children 10 and older are permitted, but parents must stay close and supervise their children and leave the quarry with them if the children get too restless to be safe.

Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the trip and read and agree to the waiver in the email message (same waiver as prior trips in 2015). Quarries are now often requesting that we have a minimum number of people so that their employees' time will be used effectively. Thus it is important that people who sign up on these and other trips attend.

Directions

Summary

Driving distance: 150.7 miles

Trip duration: 2 hours, 50 minutes

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9:04 AM 2.9 Going North- I-270 [Dwight D Eisenhower Hwy] 26.7 mi I-270 / Frederick

9:30 AM 29.5 Road name changes to US-40 [Baltimore National Pike] 0.6 mi

9:30 AM 30.1 Road name changes to US-15 [US-40] 68.3 mi

9:56 AM 55.9 Entering Pennsylvania

10:42 AM 98.4 Bear RIGHT (North-East) onto Ramp 153 yds PA-581 / I-83 / Harrisburg / Hershey

10:42 AM 98.5 Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-581 [Harrisburg Expy] 2.1 mi

10:44 AM 100.5 Road name changes to I-83 1.2 mi

10:45 AM 101.8 At exit 43, turn RIGHT onto Ramp 0.6 mi State Capitol / 2nd St

10:46 AM 102.3 Turn RIGHT (East) onto Paxton St 0.3 mi

10:46 AM 102.6 Turn LEFT (North) onto SR-230 [S Cameron St] 0.7 mi

10:48 AM 103.3 Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-230 [N Cameron St] 1.3 mi

10:50 AM 104.6 Road name changes to N Cameron St 54 yds
10:51 AM 104.6 Road name changes to US-22 [N Cameron St] 0.5 mi
10:52 AM 105.2 Keep STRAIGHT onto US-22 22.3 mi
11:16 AM 127.5 Keep RIGHT onto Ramp 0.2 mi PA-34 / Newport / New Bloomfield
11:16 AM 127.7 Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-34 [Red Hill Rd] 4.5 mi PA-34
11:22 AM 132.2 Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-34 [Hunters Valley Rd] 3.2 mi
11:25 AM 135.4 Turn LEFT (North) onto US-11 [US-15] 6.1 mi
11:38 AM 141.5 Turn LEFT (West) onto SR-104 8.5 mi

Find your way to Mount Pleasant Mills, PA, which I got to show on Yahoo Maps. Mount Pleasant Mills is located at the junction of Routes 35 and 104. From this junction, go north on Route 104 about one-third of a mile and make the first left turn (Heister Valley Rd). Proceed a little ways to the first left turn on this road (sorry, didn't get the name) and you've reached the Quarry entrance.

Willis Mountain Kyanite Mine (Virginia Kyanite Corporation) Saturday, August 22, 2015

Details will follow via email.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Wendell Mohr

An Introduction to topoView is a YouTube presentation of how to use USGS topographic maps. The 10 minute video tutorial by Chris Garrity gives information about the 178,000 maps published from 1880 to 2010 in varying scales. You can view and download maps in several formats and access different scale maps.



Tutorial: <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOpe3WXsZrQ>>

Maps:<<http://ngmdb.usgs.gov/maps/topoview/>>



Photo: From website with permission of the author:
Amazonite and Smoky Quartz, Colorado

Mineral Masterpiece is the website of Tom Spann, who is a dealer, teacher, and photographer of Dallas, Texas. As customary, we do not endorse dealers but bring this site to you for its sheer beauty. Begun in August 2009, the website brings to you a wealth of gallery photographs. You will also get an appreciation for current prices of specimens from this Tucson Gem and Mineral Show dealer. Enjoy the wonderful specimens by the means of his photography.

www.mineralmasterpiece.com

Shelf Life, The Tiniest Fossils, is an episode from the American Museum of Natural History by micro
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From website

paleontologist, Ellen Thomas. It features a 6 minute video on unicellular organisms dating back to 650 million years ago. The tiny marine organisms are known as foraminifera, or forams for short. When first discovered, their intricate forms were mistaken for the long-extinct group of animals known as ammonites, to which space is also devoted. The fossilized shells left behind by their forefathers are widely used as time capsules for ancient climate data. While the forams' chambered shells function in very different ways than those of the ammonites, they both contain climate clues. Ammonite shells and jaws consist mostly of calcium carbonate, the same substance that makes up the tiny shells of foraminifera. Depending on the temperature of the surrounding water when it forms, calcium carbonate contains different amounts of two oxygen isotopes. The ratio of these isotopes make the shells very sensitive indicators of the environments and temperatures in which they were formed. Since shells from one period can be compared against those from another, they can be used to track changes in climates over time.

Computer scans can determine the internal and external forms and even allow hand-sized 3-D models to be machine printed.

www.amnh.org/shelf-life-06-the-tiniest-fossils

Further Websites of Interest

John Beatty

See the following links to very interesting information about the geology of and gem and mineral collecting in Ontario, Canada that Mr. John Beatty found while researching for a planned trip to the eastern shore of Lake Superior in Ontario. After finding this information about the Ontario's Highlands, he may have to change his travel plans.

<http://www.geologyontario.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mndmfiles/pub/data/imaging/POP001//pop001.pdf>

http://ohto.ca/wp-content/uploads/Informational-Resources_FINAL.pdf

<http://ontarioshighlands.ca/things-to-do/geology/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRFXsRrv90>

TO THE WAY BACK MACHINE

Andy B. Celmer, EFMLS Historian

Hi boys and girls, it's time for another trip in the Way Back Machine, so secure your tray in the upright position and turn off your electronic devices! (That means you Alec Baldwin!) Bet you didn't know he is a fan of my work. Neither did I, until I read it here! We all learned something new today!

The January 1964, Volume 2, Number 4 EFMLS Newsletter contains a paper dollar size announcement of the EFMLS Convention to be held from June 25th through 28th in the Hotel Robert Treat in lovely Newark, New Jersey. The announcement also informs you of direct transportation to the New York World's Fair.

This is the 50th anniversary of the World's Fair and what a fair indeed! Of geologic note is the 12 story tall stainless steel Unisphere, a replica of our shrinking world. Unfortunately the Unisphere is destroyed in 1997 by a crashing spaceship as captured in the documentary, *Men in Black*. Dinoland is nine life-sized replicas of dinosaurs presented by Sinclair Oil Corporation, including

their logo Brontosaurus, which is now identified as Apatosaurus, a Sauropod. This is also the heavy lift animal used by Fred Flintstone as a heavy animal operator in the quarry. Also the source meat for Bronto Burgers at the fast food joint Fred patronizes. A very versatile animal. Did I digress?

The dinosaurs are created by the American sculptor of wild life, Louis Paul Jonas, in Mahopac, New York, employing the best available science for the recreations. Three years in the making, they are transported 125 miles down the Hudson River by Barge. Can you name them? I can: Tyrannosaurus Rex, Apatosaurus, Triceratops, Stegosaurus, Corythosaurus, Ankylosaurus, Struthiomimus, Trachodon, and Ornitholestes. The Ornitholestes is stolen, maybe due to its modest 6.5 foot length, but the others are still on display at various locations across the nation.

Meanwhile the same issue of the EFMLS newsletter contains June Culp Zeitner's article, "Our Public Image and Our Future." Therein she laments about the continuing legislative measures against our hobby. Zeitner notes that a single mine crushes more rock in a single year than all the nation's clubs combined. The mine is seen as contributing to the public good while we are not, because "we have not worked to create a public image." She lists our contributions to scientific discoveries, museums, universities and other public institutions. Zeitner states that "no other hobby encourages art, science, education, recreation, physical fitness, (and), rehabilitation." We have, however, failed to bring this message to the public. She relates that Al Keen, President of AFMS, has created a Public Relations Committee and suggests local clubs engage in active community relations. Brag about the good things we do at the local level, write articles, and send them up the ladder for greater distribution. She closes with, "our campaign is not only to win friends and influence people— it is to strengthen our hobby and insure a vital future through a true Public Image."

The November 1963, Volume 2, Number 3 EFMLS Newsletter contains the article, "The 'Rockhound' Question." Editor Vernon Wertz notes that a "large amount of comment" on whether the use of the term 'Rockhounder' is appropriate. He states that he will lay the matter to rest, save for an editorial by Francis W. Trapp, President of The Gem and Lapidary Society of Washington, DC. He further states EFMLS official records and correspondence shall refrain from its use. Francis (Bud), goes on to state that the term is inclusive of all aspects of our hobby and that another full coverage term does not exist. Bud suggests that the word is no more derogatory than Doughboys, Yankee, or Johnny Reb. He states in the April 1963 Lapidary Journal, Rockhound Buyers Guide, Bud counted 65 clubs with the term 'Rockhound' in the club name. He intuits those 65 clubs may not be eager to change the club names. Bud cites Dr. George Switzer's "Rockhounds Uncover Earth's Mineral Beauty" article from the November 1951 issue of the National Geographic Magazine, wherein the author begins the article thusly, "years ago when I first became a Rockhound...." Mr. Trapp concludes with the slogan of the forthcoming Eastern and American Federation Convention in 1967, "Washington DC— Rockhound Heaven in '67, National Gem and Mineral Show." He thinks this is a much better slogan than saying, "Come all ye Mineral Collectors and Lapidarists to Washington, DC in 1967."

Stick a fork in me, Hon, I'm done! Tune in next month, same time, same station, for another thrilling adventure from yesteryear! Or not!

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM:** Montgomery County Parks and Recreation
- **June 29 - July 2 from 9 AM-12 PM:** Rockville City Camps, Croyden Creek Nature Center Geology and Exploration. Ages: 8-12, [50265 6/29-7/2](https://www.montgomerycountyparks.com/programs/camps/2015-2016). \$125/\$145.

For Descriptions and Registration: <http://rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?NID=359>

- **July 6 - July 17:** Bullis Summer Program. **Geology & Exploration:** 8:45 AM-10:45 AM. Age: 9-14. Fee: \$250. **Space:** 1:30 PM-3:30 PM. Age: 9-14 Fee: \$265.

For Descriptions and Registration: <http://www.bullis.org/summer-programs/>

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- **Audubon Naturalist Society:** New online registration for all programs below. Visit www.ANShome.org/adultnatureprograms and click on "Register Online".

Questions? Call Pam at [301 652 9188 extension 16](tel:3016529188) or e-mail pamoves@anshome.org

If you are planning a trip and want to know what clubs you might be able to visit, it would be worthwhile to visit the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website. Check out their newsletter archives at <http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm>.



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