



The Rockhounder

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NOTE: Please send any submissions for the September issue of The Rockhounder to Editor Olivia Luzier at editor@glmsmc.com By Sunday, August 27, 2017.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Gary Leaman, Vice President

September Speaker Information:

September Speaker:

Scott Sprague and Ed Parshley

Title of Talk:

Scott: My Experiences Finding Diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park

Ed: My Experiences Finding Quartz Crystals in Arkansas

Scott Sprague, from the Central Maryland GPPA Club in New Market, has been to the Crater of Diamonds State Park many times and has found 4 diamonds. Scott will be discussing the mine, things to bring, and finding diamonds in Arkansas.

Crater of Diamonds is a state park that offers visitors a unique adventure of hunting for real diamonds. The park is over 37 ½-acres of plowed field of eroded surface that is the world's eighth largest diamond-bearing volcanic crater. The best part of this visit is that if you find a diamond, it is yours to keep.

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Next Regular Meeting:

Date: Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

Time: 7:30 PM

Place:

Rockville Senior Center,
1150 Carnation Drive
Rockville, MD

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board of Directors will meet **7:30 PM on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017** at the home of Jonathan Harris (note location change!). Board members are expected to be there. Any member is welcome to attend, but please let Jonathan know if you plan to attend.

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Gary Leaman

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There are three colors of diamonds found at the park: white, brown, and yellow. Amethyst, garnet, jasper, agate, quartz, and many more rocks and minerals are also found at the park. The park staff at the Diamond Discovery Center can provide free identification and certification of diamonds, rocks and minerals.

For more information on the Crater of Diamonds State Park, see:

<http://www.craterofdiamondsstatepark.com/>

Mailing Address:

Crater of Diamonds State Park
209 State Park Road
Murfreesboro, AR 71958

Ed Parshley, also from the Central Maryland GPPA Club in New Market, has been to different Arkansas quartz mines and digging areas. Ed will be discussing his experiences digging quartz and other rocks and minerals.

One of the crystal rockhounding mines that is close to the diamond mine park is in the heart of the Ouachita Mountains in Mount Ida, Arkansas.

Here is information on the Crystal Seen Trading Co., one of the crystal digging sites I have looked at:

<http://www.crystalseen.com/>

Mailing Address:

Crystal Seen Trading Co
2568 Hyw 270 E
Mount Ida, AR 71957



President's Message

Jonathan G. Harris

Hello rockhounds and artists. Here are some upcoming activities:

Fun Learning Opportunity

While the heat of the summer is baking and you are seeking shelter, there is still plenty of fun to be had. First, look into learning new lapidary and jewelry making skills at Wildacres, the federation's bi-annual education program in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. Members have come back with tales of fun and education.

The fun extends beyond the week at Wildacres, as participants continue to use and build on the skills they have acquired at the classes. This fall, there are still plenty of slots left; however, if people delay too long in signing up, the session could be canceled. See [the EFLMS Wildacres website](#) for details.

Chance to Obtain High Grade Material

Need more beautiful material? We will be having an auction on the morning of Saturday, October 14, at the Rockville Senior Center. It will feature many beautiful pieces of lapidary material.

Of course, get ready for the fall round of field trips. Also, I should mention that it is a great time to visit the air-conditioned world class museums in our area. The Smithsonian features one of the top mineral collections in the world. The [Calvert Marine Museum](#) features exhibits on the fossils from our world-famous Calvert Cliffs.

A Home for a Wonderful Donation

The [Natural History Society of Maryland](#) and [Calvert Marine Museum](#) will get additional fossils to enhance their collection. This is due to the hard work and expertise of Chris Luzier and the generous donation to the GLMSMC by Brenda Anna, Steven Kimbell, and Stephanie Mendenhall. The family donated this collection of Maryland fossils collected by their father, Charles Lee Kimbell.

Brenda, representing the family, reached out to us via our website. When we met with Brenda, we found that each specimen was meticulously labeled and catalogued with index cards giving

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President's Message

Jonathan G. Harris

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information about the species, when and where collected, and a wealth of other information. Most of the specimens were collected by Mr. Kimbell in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Thanks to Mr. Kimbell's careful efforts at preservation and documentation, this collection would be of great educational and scientific value in the right hands.

Chris Luzier, who has considerable expertise in Calvert Cliff's fossils, recognized the value of certain unique specimens and the extensive documentation of the collection. This scientific and educational value could not be realized by an auction. Chris reached out to the [Natural History Society of Maryland](#), which maintains a collection of Maryland fossils and works closely with the Calvert Marine Museum, and found that both institutions could use the specimens in the collection. We are thus donating the specimens to the [Natural History Society of Maryland](#), which will share specimens with the [Calvert Marine Museum](#).

Finally, as our membership year starts September 1, please renew your membership soon. See Membership Chair Doug Baum's notice for details.

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GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2017

Recorded by Dave Fryauff (standing in for GLMSMC Secretary Jeff Cessna)

The June 12th, 2017 meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Jonathan Harris. There were approximately 49 people in attendance (42 adults and 7 youth). It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2017 Regular meeting and the May 22nd Board of Directors meeting.

President: Jonathan Harris asked all members to join him in congratulating Doug Baum as the 2016 GLMSMC Rockhounder of the Year. Doug's past and present duties in the club include Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman for the annual show, involvement in the student learning program, and managing our GLMSMC page on Facebook. Jonathan announced a silent auction for lapidary, mineral, and fossil items to be done during the evening's break after the speaker's program.

Treasurer: Tom Dushel reported that he had prepared and updated our account inflows and outflows and summarized it by saying that we looked great. Board members were given written statements.

Membership: Doug Baum sent the updated GLMSMC membership roster and sent electronic copies out to members. He recognized 3 visitors: 1) Jonathan Pines, 2) Carro Hinderstein, and 3) Brian Lantz (Elmer Lantz's brother). All stood and introduced themselves.

Mark Dahlman announced that the Franklin (NJ) Mineral Museum was seeking contributions of \$25 to provide benches in the famous Buckwheat Dump.

Field Trips: Dave Fryauff discussed three recent field trips organized for members during April and May [Teeter's Quarry in Gettysburg, PA; Vulcan Quarry in Manassas, VA; and National Limestone Quarries #1 (Paxtonia, PA) and #2 (Mount Pleasant Mills, PA)]. These were great and productive field trips that invited participation from our neighboring EFMLS clubs in Delaware; Southern MD; Washington, DC; Northern VA; and Shenandoah, VA. The next field trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th from 8:00 AM until noon at the Vulcan Garrisonville Quarry in Stafford, VA.

Chris Luzier announced the upcoming and totally unique ULTRAVIOLATION rock show scheduled for October 21st and 22nd at the First United Methodist Church in Fairless Hills, PA. This show is looking for dealers (\$20/table) and volunteers to help out. If you like ultraviolet minerals—and who doesn't—this show is a must-see.

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Property Manager: Joel Rosen announced that he will be purchasing the new trailer in September and asks members to volunteer some time on Saturday, September 16th to help move all the show equipment from the old trailer into the new one. This will take place in Poolesville. Please contact Joel for directions.

Program: Gary Leaman introduced the evening's speaker, member Chuck Hyland, who presented a slide show and talk entitled "Disappearing Rare Gems and Special Stones in Tanzania and Other Regions of the World." Chuck has a degree in Geology from UVA and has special interest and experience in the gems of Tanzania. Sapphire, garnet, tourmaline, and zircon from gem fields in Tanzania, Kenya, and Madagascar show an amazing capacity for color shift, depending upon such factors as the time of day, ambient temperature, the type of light stones are being viewed under, and the chemical composition of the stones. Tanzania's Uмба River Valley sapphires are famous for this color shift, appearing blue in daylight but turning to purple at night when viewed under incandescent light. The elements Cr, V, and Mn appear to have the greatest role in coloring sapphires and other gemstones. Mining of colored gemstones is often done at a primitive level, owing to access to the remote sites where they are found and the difficulty of implementing safe, cost-effective, and environmentally sound mining practices.

Prizes: The show table prize of a sand-infused Gypsum "rose" from Mexico was won by Chuck Hyland and the general door prize of a fluorescent calcite specimen was won by Carro Hinderstein.

Adjournment: It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 PM.

Dave Fryauff (for Jeff Cessna, Secretary)



GLMSMC Board Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2017

There was no Board of Directors Meeting for the month of July.

Future Rockhounds of America (The MOCKS) Ages 10-15

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: September 11

Meeting Time: 7:45-9:00pm

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

June 12th Meeting:

At our June meeting, Mrs. Holly McNeil led a discussion and exercise about sedimentary rocks. The exercises are part of the Earth Processes badge, which covers the rock cycle and the three types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Thanks to Mrs. McNeil for showing us how to identify the diverse types of sedimentary rocks!

September 11th Meeting:

Continuing our work on the Earth Processes badge, Mrs. McNeil will present metamorphic rocks to the group. Come and learn about the various kinds of metamorphic rocks and how they formed. Bring a friend if you'd like. See you at the meeting!

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



A Message from Our Membership Chair

Doug Baum

Summer is a great time to mail me your 2017-2018 dues. It is \$25 for families and \$15 for individuals (cash or check made out to GLMSMC). Send me self-addressed envelope and I will send you your NEW membership cards or you can pick them up at our September meeting. Email me if you have any questions at dbaum18@aol.com.

Send to:

Doug Baum

GLMSMC Chair

11205 Golden Meadow Court

Field Trips

Vulcan Garrisonville Quarry Field Trip Report—June 17, 2017

Dave Fryauff

We had a big turnout (29 people!!!) on Saturday with rockhounds from Delaware; Northern Virginia; Shenandoah, Virginia; Southern Maryland; and D.C. joining us at the Vulcan Materials Quarry, Garrisonville, Stafford Co., Virginia.

Last year we found some beautiful stilbite xls, but this time, we found few stilbites. However, laumontite, another zeolite, was in good supply and I think everyone brought home good specimens for their collection. Judging by the bright white color of the laumontite that I found, it is starting to dehydrate and unless steps are taken, these nice sharp crystals will turn into powder.

Advice from our esteemed friend, Fred Parker, past GLMSMC member and noted mineralogist, the

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Dave Fryauff

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way to preserve laumontite is to soak it for a couple of hours in a solution of 10% Elmer's white school glue made up in water (1 part white glue in 9 parts of water). Take your rocks out of the glue-water, allow the excess to drain off the laumontite xls and let it air dry. The glue in the water should help to seal the laumontite against further drying and decomposition. This is a cheap and easy fix for some very nice specimens.

I never found laumontite xls this large before. Most of my specimens from Saturday are a combination with laumontite growing over a bed of sharp, rhombohedral calcite xls.

Sincere thanks to Sam Linton, who did the contact work to get us into the Vulcan Garrisonville Quarry.



If you think my laumontite "keeper" is big... you should see the one Sam found!!!

Cheers,
Dave Fryauff

Field Trip Photos from Manassas May 2017 Trip

Sam Linton

There was a surprising amount of gem prehnite to be found... several of us walked away with at least one decent piece. Mine had some good quality stilbite and apophyllite on it as an added bonus... the first gem quality prehnite piece I have found in the five times I have been there. This is my first mordenite I have ever found.

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Field Trip Photos from Manassas May 2017 Trip



Mordenite and Stilbite

Prehnite and Datolite



Prehnite, Stilbite, and Apophyllite



Stellerite





Upcoming Field Trips

Dave Fryauff

- **Willis Mountain Kyanite Mine: *September 23, 2017 from 9 AM-1 PM***

OFFICIAL COMBINED MINERAL COLLECTING FIELD TRIP
THE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF LYNCHBURG, VA INC. (HOST)
AND
THE ROANOKE VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY INC. (HOST)

An official Field trip of the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD

KYANITE MINING CORP. DILLWYN, VA. ANNUAL FIELD TRIP
WILLIS MOUNTAIN KYANITE MINE

September 23, 2017
9:00AM to 1 PM

If the mine is working, we may have to limit our collecting areas. There is a limit of 150 collectors from all clubs for this event so there will be room for everyone.

SAFETY: Everyone must arrive at the office parking lot ***no later than 8:30AM*** to sign the release form and hear the required safety briefing. ***Each Club field trip leader, or their appointed replacement, will act as safety observer while in the mine and will be expected to be on the lookout for and correct all safety infractions from any collector from any club.*** Keep in mind that this site is one of the very few that are still open for collecting. ***Not obeying all the safety rules will cause this site to be closed to all future collecting.***

GENERAL LOCATION and ASSEMBLY TIME: Everyone will meet at the mine office for sign-in and safety instruction so be there ***no later than 8:30am***. The mine is located north of Farmville, Va. on Rt. 15 North, James Madison Highway. Proceed from US 460 North on Rt. 15 for a little over 12 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Rd. The stone mine office is on the right. If you approach from Rt. 60 at Sprouses Corner, then go south on Rt. 15 for 4 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Rd. and the office will be on your left. Wait in the parking lot and do not block traffic. Many trucks may be using the road. While you're waiting, be sure to enjoy the beautiful blue kyanite bolder in the front yard from the old closed Baker Mountain.

COLLECTING: Willis Mountain is what's known as a monadnock. The kyanite exposure resisted weathering and, as the surrounding area was eroded and weathered away, the mountain outcrop was left standing. This is very much like the famous Graves Mountain kyanite mine in Georgia. The



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Dave Fryauff

center of the mountain has been mostly mined away. We should be able to find plenty of white kyanite blades in the massive kyanite quartzite; pyrite; quartz; hematite with some iridescence, red mica, green mica, apatite and possibly some blue kyanite and pale green trolleite. Some of the white kyanite and quartz here have a beautiful light blue fluorescence and the apatite is yellow so bring your short wave lamp and blackout cloth.

EQUIPMENT: *The standard quarry safety gear required is a hard hats with a mfg. date of 5 years or less (everyone must have an approved hard hat....no bicycle helmets. Small heads can wear a ball cap under the hard hat), safety glasses, respiratory protection from rock dust you may encounter, a pair of wheel chocks ether purchased, home made or even a rock is acceptable. Every time you leave the car, turn off the engine, put in park and apply the hand brake and wheel chocks. ONLY STEEL OR MSHA (Federal Mine Safety and Health Act) APPROVED REINFORCED FIBERGLASS TOED BOOTS WILL BE ALLOWED, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!! No low quarters or sneakers even if they have steel or composite toes . If you do not have all the required safety equipment, you will not be allowed to enter the quarry.* Also required are long pants, gloves, hammer and chisels, wrapping paper, buckets, water as It is very important to stay hydrated as it may be very hot. *If you have any medical condition that would put you in any danger, do not attempt this trip. For your own safety, let your field trip leader or collecting buddy know if you have any medical condition that could be a problem for you.* Be prepared for windy, hot or wet weather. We will be on the mountain top and it's always windy. We can drive to the designated collecting area, so hand trucks should not be needed. Bring a camera, as the view is awesome.

AFTER THE DIG SOCIAL: This year, the pavilion beside the office will be available immediately after the dig ends at 1PM to relax, cool off, and eat your lunch. This will also be a social get-together so that we can have a chance to become better acquainted with the members of our rock club neighbors and to provide some time to relax before their long ride home. You might want to bring your own lawn chair. There may also be other groups there as invited guests of Kyanite Mining.

AGE LIMIT: There is no age limit, but no toddlers please. *All children must be signed for, closely supervised by an adult, and never left unattended. They must also have all the required safety equipment. No Exceptions!!!* If parents have any questions about what is acceptable for your child, please call me and we will discuss it.

WEATHER: The trip will be canceled due to safety concerns in case of hard rain or a thunderstorm. Call to confirm if there is any question.

CONTACT: David Callahan, Phone: 540-297-1853, Cell: 540-874-5201 (day of trip only please)
Field Trip Chairman for the Lynchburg and Roanoke Clubs, Email: dbcalls1@aol.com
Websites: www.LynchburgRockClub.org and www.rvmgs.org



Upcoming Field Trips

Dave Fryauff

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Gem Miners Jubilee:

August 18-20

- Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday: 10 AM-4 PM
- Gem & Mineral Show at the Lebanon, PA expo and fairgrounds
- \$4 admission (with \$1 off coupon downloadable from: <http://www.gem-show.com>)
- This is a good show with over 50 dealers/vendors from all over the US and abroad

Gem Miner's Jubilee

Gem, Jewelry, Bead, Mineral, Fossil & Craft
Show

August 18th, 19th & 20th 2017

Friday & Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm

Lebanon Expo & Fairgrounds, 80 Rocherty Rd,
Lebanon PA 17042

Open to the Public!!! + Wholesale Trade Room

I have been twice to this show and it was very good. The nice thing about this show is that it is quite near to Cornwall, PA where the massive Cornwall Iron mines remain as piles of rock rubble to rockhound through. I have seen lots of great "historical" cabinet and hand sized specimens from this location, but I have only succeeded in finding thumbnail and micro sized specimens myself. Common minerals I have found in small vugs include orthoclase, apatite, quartz, actinolite and axinite. Nice micro xls.

I plan to go up early on Saturday morning, spend a few hours at the show, then drive back home by way of Cornwall, PA—which is very close by—and do a little casual rockhounding on the Big Hill just down the road from the old Cornwall Smelter. This is a good site for microminerals—mainly orthoclase, quartz, apatite, hornblende, clinoclase, actinolite, and axinite. It also has some very nice micro xls, massive black magnetite with sharp octahedral xls and calcite, copper minerals, and zeolites. There are other collecting places in Cornwall for the famous iron mines that flourished for over 100 years, but the easiest to access is the Big Hill. If you have information on other spots in the Cornwall-Rexmont area that we could rockhound, please let me know!!!



In Memory of Walter Anthony Goetz – December 19, 2016

Jeffrey W. Nagy

On December 19th, 2016, Walter Anthony Goetz, a friend of the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County for many decades, and a recognized regional expert regarding the history of gold mining in the area surrounding Washington, DC (Northern Virginia and Maryland), passed away following a two year battle with recurring cancer. He was 79 years old. Internment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by his lovely wife of 59 years, Myrtle Ann Goetz; his three daughters, Kathryn Ann Bodine (Thomas Jay Bodine), Karen Elizabeth Paul, and Michelle Amy Reed; and six grandchildren, Russell James Bodine, Amy Kathryn Bodine, Nichole Marie Paul, Madeline Elaine Reed, Paul Dylan Reed, and Chloe Michelle Reed.

Walt's life was distinguished and accomplished. He received his B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University, where he also met the love of his life, Myrtle. After graduating, Walt served two years in the United States Army as a Lieutenant, including 16 months in Korea. After his service, he worked 8 years as an aerospace engineer, receiving a number of commendations from Boeing and NASA for his contributions to the first moon landings. After this, he spent the next 37 years at the Food and Drug Administration Center for Devices and Radiological Health in Rockville, Maryland, where he received the Career Distinguished Service Award.

Somehow, during all of this activity, Walt found the time to earn a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University. He designed a course in Engineering Contracting, wrote the textbook, and then taught the course at GWU for the next 37 years. This was done while he worked full-time for the FDA!

To say that Walt was versatile would be an understatement of his abilities and achievements.

My personal impression of Walt was that he was a studious, quiet, and precise man, especially when the subject of gold mining history in our region came up. In 1967, Walt (and by extension, his wife) became interested in gold mining in the Washington, DC area after visiting the tavern at Great Falls and picking up some of the informational brochures there. You could say he caught "gold fever," an expression he often used. "Walt and I would gather up our girls and go look for the places mentioned in the brochures," recounted his wife. "It just developed from there. We spent a good deal of time at

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at the National Archives, the USGS library, the Enoch Pratt Library, to name just a few places, researching all of the gold mines in the surrounding area. Then we would go out and look for the places with our girls. We started with the Maryland locations first, then progressed to researching the Northern Virginia locations. We spent many an hour together examining documents and old maps at the Maryland Historical Society.”

As his interest developed, he acquainted himself with a number of the local miners and their immediate family members who were still alive from the era when gold operations were taking place (1890's -1940) in the Washington, DC area. Their direct, eye witness accounts of much of the activity that occurred proved invaluable. From this accurate, diligent research he produced three publications:

Maryland Gold Fever – 1979 (revised 1996)

Montgomery County (MD.) Gold Fever – 1988

Fairfax (VA.) Gold Fever – 1982

Along with his pursuit of documentation, Walt's interest expanded to the collection of mining lamps and mining related artifacts. He and Myrtle collected hundreds of vintage oil and carbide mine lamps, some worth several thousand dollars. Walt repaired the common lamps, putting them in working order. The most valuable lamps were sold by Walt a few years ago. As an avid collector, Walt also accumulated a large collection of mining documents and maps. Walt's 50 years of research materials, including some rare maps, will be donated to the Montgomery County Historical Society, where Walt also volunteered as a guest speaker for many years. His presentation on gold mining was in high demand by groups in the region.

As it has been for many years, Walt's display of gold mining artifacts in Montgomery County, Maryland is among the first displays seen by visitors as they enter the building housing our annual mineral show, held at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This year, 2017, was no exception, as his wife set up the display as a memorial to Walt's support for our mineral society.

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Walt was not showy, but there are two examples that I would like to highlight; one directly reflects on how highly his research and expertise was valued and another instance that shows the true character of the man.

In the late 1970's, a land developer in Bethesda, Maryland wanted to build a number of houses on a piece of land they had purchased near the Landon School. The county was hesitant to issue permits for all of the houses due to the fact that a portion of the land had been a working gold mine in the 1890's; specifically the Miller Mine. Its extent was undocumented and was a cause of concern. Walt, whose reputation was by then well established, was hired as a consultant. He located the closed adit, opened the mine and de-watered it, and was able to confirm the extent of the mining operation, mapping the mine works. Due to his expertise, safety concerns were confirmed and some of the building permits were not issued. The county asked Walt for further examination a few years later and this time they capped an air shaft and sealed the adit with concrete. The remaining undeveloped land was eventually purchased by the Landon School.

The second instance, of which I was not aware until Myrtle told me about it during my interview with her, involves the Maryland Mine, located in Great Falls Park, owned and operated by the National Park Service. The mine site is located adjacent to the intersection of Macarthur Blvd and Falls Road. The Maryland Mine complex was the largest and most productive gold mining operation in the State of Maryland, operating intermittently between the years 1867 and 1940. Walt was concerned about the condition of the mine buildings and other associated structures. Between the years 1986 and 1988, Walt obtained a permit from the National Park Service to restore the blacksmith shop and water tower. He did this with help from the recollections of a former Maryland Mine employee, Charlie Siple. Walt bankrolled the entire project out of his own pocket, never asking the NPS for any funds. All of the work was done using 20 to 30 people who volunteered their labor. He wrote the text for all of the display plaques that are now enjoyed by thousands of visitors annually. Regrettably, the allowed time for the work permit eventually ran out and Walt was never able to start the office building restoration.

Walt will be recalled for his contributions for many years. He is especially missed by his family, who remember him for his unconditional love and dedication. When I walk through Great Falls Park and visit the Maryland Mine, and when I visit the scores of gold mine sites that still dot the Washington, DC suburbs of Montgomery County, I will remember Walt.

Jeffrey W. Nagy

Historian – Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County (Maryland)



Upcoming Shows

61st Annual Franklin-Sterling Gem & Mineral Show: NEW LOCATION

September 23 @ 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Held at a new location, Littell Community Center (formerly the Franklin Armory), this 2-Day Show includes both indoor and outdoor dealers in minerals, fossils, gems, and jewelry.

INDOOR SHOW

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR SHOW

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Admission \$7.00 adults / \$4.00 children (ages 6-16).

Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club.

September 16-17, 2017

Zembo Shrine, Third & Division Sts; Harrisburg, PA

Contact: Betsy Oberheim at aoberheim3@comcast.net



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53rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show

hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

September 22-23, 2017

Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

Info: gemcuttersguild.com

45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and EFMLS Annual Convention

hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club.

October 21-22, 2017

Location and details to be announced shortly. EFMLS meeting, Friday, October 20.

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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