



The Rockhounder

April 2020

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.”

NOTE: Please send any submissions for the May issue of The Rockhounder to Editor Olivia Luzier at editor@glmsmc.com by Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Ken Reynolds, Vice President

April Speaker Information:

There will be no meetings for the month of April, as we will be practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Stay safe and well, everyone!

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Next Regular Meeting:

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Next Board of Directors Meeting:

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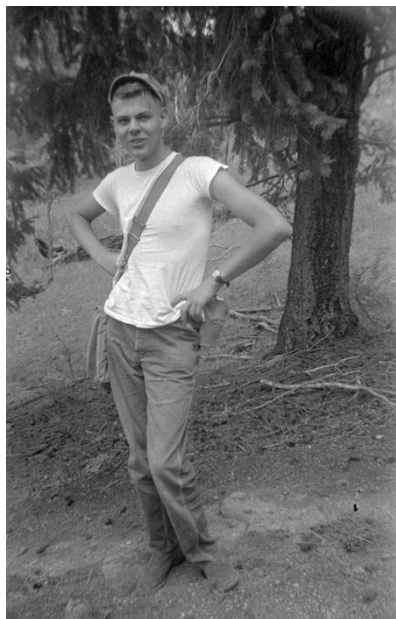
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President's Message

Holly Heighes

Well. Not what I expected to be writing. I hope everyone is well and I know you all share my disappointment at our show being cancelled; however, we bow to the bigger picture. We had planned a memorial exhibit for Wendell; in lieu of that, perhaps you will enjoy this picture of him that his family shared with us. Wendell's family has informed us that his wish was to donate his collection to the club. We will have an auction and some specimens will be held back for education and the Future Rockhounds of America program. It will further his legacy.



Our hobby is versatile— we have much to look forward to— collecting on our field trips, excellent speakers, other events that bring us together, and of course, our next show. But in the meantime, until this passes, happy cataloging and catching up on your reading.

Regards,
Holly

GLMSMC Board Meeting Minutes from March 2020

The Board of Directors meeting for March was cancelled.

The following business was conducted while social distancing (by email).

Including a discussion on the possibility and issues surrounding postponement, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to cancel the annual show. Paid deposits will be carried forward to next year.

Jeff Cessna, Secretary



GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from March 9th, 2020

Jeff Cessna

The March 9, 2020 meeting was called to order by President Holly Heighes at 7:44 PM. There were approximately 55 people in attendance (49 adults, 6 juniors). A motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting. A motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2020 BOD meeting

President: President Holly Heighes welcomed members and guests. Current plans for the show were discussed, including the possibility of cancellation. A plan was in place. Holly welcomed our speaker, Jeff Post, congratulating him on his new position on the GIA Board of Governors. A small group spent time in Wendell Mohr's collection to pull specimens for a memorial display and begin preparation for a possible future auction. A memorial service for Wendell was planned for mid-summer.

Membership: Doug Baum asked several guests to introduced themselves, including those invited by a brand new member. A motion passed to approve the memberships of Sho Yano of Rockville.

Show: Doug Baum had flyers for the show. Upstairs Chair Dave Tiktinsky gave the status of dealers, noting all tables are filled. Downstairs Chair Chris Luzier noted he had seen many of our dealers at the Delaware show and that it was busy. He had volunteer sign-up sheets. Chris announced for multiple reasons the shop has been cancelled this year. Volunteers will be redistributed. The intention is for the shop to return next year. Chris thanked Jennifer Weiss who plans to return on spring break to assist in the junior's area. More demonstrators were added. Draping tables will be easier due to the club purchase of cloth covers. Joel thanked those who had volunteered to set up and take down.

Field Trips: Holly welcomed and thanked out new Field Trip Chair, Germaine Broussard. Germaine announced upcoming field trips to the Super Digg in Franklin, NJ, Mt. Pleasant Mills, Vulcan Material Quarry, and Mt. Pleasant Amethyst Mine.

EFMLS Liaison: Andy Celmer noted that two club delegates were still needed to attend the business meeting at the EFLMS Show. Wildacres Retreat scholarships were still available (contact Andy). Scholarships require a minimum of 4 hours of work at the show. Upcoming shows were noted, including the Super Digg and Franklin show in April, an upcoming Rock Swap on Bel Air Rd and a CGMS living estate auction.

Program: Vice/Past President Ken Reynolds introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Jeffrey Post of the Smithsonian Institution. Jeff gave a presentation about the past year at the museum and what is upcoming. He noted these yearly talks serve as a diary for the activities and acquisitions of the museum. He began with scenes and acquisitions from the Denver Mineral Show last fall, including the unique "Basket Handle" fluorite ball in rings from Pune, India, and the blueberry/grape shaped chalcopyrite from Tonglushan Mine, Hubei Prov, China. He moved on to Tucson- "an amped-up version of our show." The Smithsonian "World class Minerals" display showed specimens from the

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Jeff Cessna

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Canfield and Roebling collections, including a very large Roeblingite. He showed highlights of the show and new acquisitions. Included were a suite of minerals from the M'fuoati and Mindouli Mining Districts in the Republic of Congo, bought with a donation from our club. In February, all the mineral cases at the Smithsonian received a deep cleaning and upgrading of components. New labels will be coming later this year. There was a preview of an upcoming exhibit that reader will need to visit the museum to see.

Jeff answered questions. He closed his presentation with a personal remembrance of Wendell Mohr, missing his presence and recalling Wendell as his first contact with the club upon arriving at the Smithsonian. Before Wendell's passing, Jeff was able to visit Wendell and receive some specimens to go into the museum collection to be certain Wendell will be remembered. Thanks, Jeff.

At the break, there were cupcakes to celebrate the birthday of Life Member, George Durland.

Show table and door prizes were administered by Joel Rosen.

Adjournment: It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 PM

Jeff Cessna, Secretary

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

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: Time will tell

Meeting Time: 7:45-9:00PM when we're back in action

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

While the FRA is on hiatus (a good College Board word), everyone is encouraged to get outside in the nice weather– take your loupe and see things you've never noticed before.

Also, check out the "Interesting Links" page on our club website: <https://www.glmsmc.com/links.shtml>. It was the work of a great member of our club, Wendell Mohr. Mr. Mohr was an incredible source of fascinating information. These links are for all sorts of subjects relating to our hobby– well worth the time.

Stay safe everyone!

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



Show Table from March 9th Regular Meeting

From the person who normally and capably handles the submitting of the Show Table and Door Prizes list (Chris Luzier):

As you know, this is the page where the Show Table list of names and the specimens that our members brought in appear. I typically bring this list back from the meeting and submit it to Olivia for the publication on this very page.

Well, at the March meeting, Joel gave me the papers, per the norm, and I put them in a very safe place. Unfortunately, the very safe place that I chose, happens to be a very elusive one that has still not given up its secret paper stash!!! That is also why it is also my fault that the Rockhounder has been delayed, as I kept searching for these wonderful papers that have remained an elusive quarry.

That being said, fortunately our awesome President Holly submitted the Door Prize and Show Table prize winners directly to our also awesome Editor, Olivia! You will see those on this page as normal, but sadly, the Show Table names and specimens are still AWOL and may remain so. If they do turn up (most likely as soon as I have finished writing this and the Rockhounder is already published), I will submit them to Olivia for later inclusion in the Rockhounder. This is my new website for the tracking down of the papers: (ILostthePapersandamaChucklehead.com)

I wish you all the best and be well!!!

Peace to you— Chris

Door Prizes:

Show Table: Fluorescent Sodalite in Syenite

Lake Superior shoreline of the Upper Peninsula, Michigan

Won by: Dave Fryauff

General: Large Quartz Geode

Won by: George Durland



Virginia Mineral Project March Update

VIRGINIA MINERAL PROJECT

-March Report-

State of the Project

The month of March has been a time of great change and uncertainty in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Many of our daily lives have changed and the way we do business moving forward into 2020 is uncertain. Just like the broader community, the VMP has had to improvise and move forward in spite of quarantine measures. For the safety of those working with the project, many trips were cancelled, and all of the shows, lectures, and events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

Despite such obstacles, the VMP is dedicated to move forward and find new ways to strengthen the project and help build the foundation for the future. Over the month of March, working from home has allowed the VMP to get a better grasp of where the data is strong and weak for the classic locations being focused on for the publication. We are also working on the "Example Chapter" which will be a tangible document showcasing how each locality will be broken down and the various aspects the VMP is trying to highlight for the larger publication.

In times like this, we must remain optimistic and focused on the true goal of promoting and preserving our community. Club meetings and annual shows are where we find our happiest memories of the year, but I stress the need to stick together and find new ways to communicate and be engaged whether through social media or emails during this time of isolation.

2020 VMP State Directory
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Friends of Mineralogy
VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The Future of the Virginia Mineral Project: 2021

With many events postponed and cancelled, we must still look towards the future and assess the direction of the project. It's been decided to move forward this fall with the creation of a new Friends of Mineralogy (FoM), Inc. Chapter in Virginia. This means that in 2021, the VMP will no longer act as its own organization under one person, but rather a formal initiative under a new chapter of FoM.

We are now in the beginning phases of recruiting the initial charter membership and submitting applications. This does not mean that the VMP has official recognition or support of FoM until the charter and application is successful. Once that is completed, we will move forward and notify the community and begin filing as a non-profit under 501c(3) status in the state of Virginia.

If you are unfamiliar with FoM, I would highly recommend looking at their [website](#) and learning how this is the best route for the project. Organizations in FoM have been on the front of developing and undergoing projects such as what we are doing in our state. This is a big change moving forward, but we will have a team of talented individuals who will be part of this new fresh and innovative organization.

It is important to stress that the development of this FoM chapter does not overwrite the incredible community of clubs across Virginia. In fact, this new chapter will only strengthen and broaden opportunities for mineral lovers across Virginia who are interested in pursuing research and community programs under the local FoM chapter. Meetings will not be held as regularly as clubs, and you can find ways to be engaged with both organizations simultaneously. If you are interested in being involved, then please reach out to us at virginiamineralproject@gmail.com. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks!

Stay in touch with the community while at home! (Click to Follow)





EFMLS Cancellations

Andy B. Celmer

Hi All,

FYI:

3/20/20: WILDACRES OPENING POSTPONED

The 2020 EFMLS Wildacres Spring Workshop (5/18 - 5/24) is on hold until further notice, due to COVID-19.

2020 EFMLS Convention **Postponed**

The March 2020 EFMLS Annual Regional Show & Convention has been postponed to October due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak. Please check here frequently for updated announcements.

Stay Well,
Andy B

Upcoming Show Updates

Most upcoming shows for our area are in a holding pattern currently. Many are being rescheduled or postponed at this point. Check the next Rockhounder for updates on shows!

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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