



The Rockhounder

May 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 June issue of The Rockhounder to Editor Olivia Luzier at editor@glmsmc.com by Thursday, May 28th, 2020.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Ken Reynolds, Vice President

May Speaker Information:

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

Stay safe and well, everyone!

Follow us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/984241208329511/>

Next Regular Meeting:

Due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak, our May Regular Meeting will be cancelled.

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak, our May BOD Meeting will be cancelled.

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President's Message

Holly Heighes

I hope everyone is well and keeping busy.

I've enjoyed some online GIA lectures, if you want to take a look. They are called GIA Knowledge Sessions and past lectures may be found on YouTube. I found them well done and quite interesting, especially the one on Diamond Simulants.

Member Richard E. recommended some Blue Cap Productions also available on YouTube.



I've also been bagging and labelling give-away specimens for the Kids Zone at our next show. If you do have specimens you now think should have been 'leaverite,' perhaps consider donating them for the show. The give-away section of the Kids Zone generally consists of 5-7 plastic containers filled with specimens (and labels!) that the kids can choose from.

Hope to see you all soon! Dare we hope for a June meeting? Fingers crossed—will be in touch as soon as we know.

Regards,
Holly

GLMSMC Board Meeting Minutes from April 2020

There was no Board meeting for the month of April, due to Coronavirus/COVID-19 concerns.

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Sunshine Message for Diane Leaman



Holly Heighes

April 19th update from Gary: Diane is tolerating the chemo as well as expected. She has 11 more weeks of chemo and then goes for an evaluation by the doctors. So far the doctors are pleased with the results of the chemo; the tumor has shrunk.

We wish Diane all the best and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her and Gary at our next club meeting.

Show Table from March 9th Regular Meeting

As you know, we printed the Door Prizes from our March 9th Regular meeting in our last Rockhounder, but we had a mix-up with our Show Table paper. But here it is! Enjoy!

| NAME | SPECIMEN | LOCALITY |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>** Indicates self-collected</i> | | |
| Jeff Cessna | Franklin Geological Specimen | Franklin Mill Site, NJ |
| Ken Reynolds | Actinolite? | Hunting Hill |
| Reed Owens | Fern Fossil | Colorado |
| Tom Parnell | Crocoite | Red Lead Mine, Dundas, Tasmania |
| Robert Cline | Burro Creek Agate | Bagdad, AZ |
| | Arizona Jasper | |
| Don Greaves | Basilosaurus (Fossil Whale Tooth) | Morocco |
| Gary Leaman | Agate | Southwestern US |
| Steve Hatleberg | Quartz | China |
| Casper Voogt | Pyromorphite | Pennsylvania |
| Dan Kohn | Dino bone, Leopard Skin Agate | Utah, Colorado |
| Herb Close, Jr. | Franklinite, Rhodonite | Franklin, NJ |
| Doug Baum | Lapis Lazuli | Afghanistan |
| King Stablein | Globular Quartz | Unknown |
| Joel Rosen | Fluorite on Calcite | China |
| George Durland | Willemite (Phosphorescent) | Franklin, NJ |
| | Mcgovernite | Sterling Hill, Ogdensburg, NJ |
| Nancy Shinowara | Gypsum on Selenite | Tomkab Selenite Mine, South Australia |
| Barbara Burr | Vanadanite | Mibladen, Morocco |
| Steve Calamuci | Fluorite, Barite, Quartz | China |
| | Hematite Quartz | China |
| Eric Durland | **Quartz on Matrix | Mt. Washington, NH |
| | **Blue Rock? | Creek in WV |
| Dave & Xena | Ammonites | Morocco |
| Jonathan Harris | Azurite, Malachite | Morocco |
| Germaine | Cab/Slab Preview | Various |



Virginia Mineral Project Community Virtual Sessions

Editor's Note: These events are hosted online through Zoom meetings. When I sent the May Rockhounder email out to our members, I attached the PDF with clickable links to register for each event, as the links do not want to work with this image.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7PM!



April 15th: Minerals of the Allah Cooper Mine

Join us for a discussion on one of Virginia's classic mineral localities, the Allah Cooper (Valcooper) Mine, presented by Michael D. Dunn. This presentation will cover the variety of minerals recovered from the site and an introduction to the mining history of Louisa County, located in the Virginia Gold-Pyrite belt.

[Click to Register](#)



April 22nd: Network Analysis of Virginia's Mineralogical Systems

Data Science is revolutionizing how we study and understand our world. Geology is no exception. This presentation will show how data science is being used to analyze Virginia's mineralogical systems and tell us stories about mineral deposits across the state. Presented by a young student, Cadence Boucher, who was inspired by research at the Carnegie Institute.

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April 29th: Richmond Vivianite Locality Chapter Review

The VMP will be holding its first reveal of the chapter layout for the future *Classic Mineral Localities of Virginia* book. This will be an open discussion showcasing what chapters cover and a deep dive on the classic Vivianite discovery from the 1960s. The VMP will also be showcasing a new display that will be appearing at local shows across the state.

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May 6th: Friends of Mineralogy-Virginia Chapter Meeting

Learn about the new statewide Friends of Mineralogy Chapter and the future of the Virginia Mineral Project. This is a great opportunity to be involved in new programs and engage with the broader mineral community! We have exciting news for the future of Virginia mineral and mining heritage! Everyone is welcome!

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Sad News

Editor's Note

I have a piece of bad news that Tim Morgan passed along to me: A long time member of the Society, Harold "Hap" Williams passed away on April 22, 2020 of pneumonia at the Villages at Rockville. He was 90+. We do not have any further details, but his obituary will be in the Post sometime soon. He was a long time member of the Society, but had not been to meetings for the last several years due to the advance of Alzheimer's disease.

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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