

# 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 <u>editor@glmsmc.com</u> 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!

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#### Next Regular Meeting:

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

#### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

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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**

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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 \*\* Indicates self-collected **Jeff Cessna** Franklin Geological Specimen Franklin Mill Site, NJ Ken Reynolds Hunting Hill Actinolite? **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 Southwestern US Gary Leaman Agate **Steve Hatleberg** Quartz China **Casper Voogt Pvromorphite** Pennsylvania Dan Kohn Dino bone, Leopard Skin Agate Utah, Colorado Franklinite, Rhodonite Herb Close, Ir. Franklin, NI Afghanistan **Doug Baum** Lapis Lazuli Unknown **King Stablein Globular Quartz** Joel Rosen Fluorite on Calcite China **George Durland** Willemite (Phosphorescent) Franklin, NJ Mcgovernite Sterling Hill, Ogdensburg, NJ Gypsum on Selenite Tomkab Selenite Mine, South Australia Nancy Shinowara Barbara Burr Vanadanite Mibladen, Morocco Steve Calamuci Fluorite, Barite, Quartz China Hematite Quartz China \*\*Ouartz on Matrix Eric Durland Mt. Washington, NH \*\*Blue Rock? Creek in WV Dave & Xena Ammonites Morocco **Jonathan Harris** Azurite, Malachite Morocco Cab/Slab Preview Germaine 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.





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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 <u>http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm</u>.



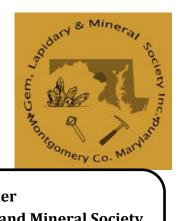


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