



The Rockhounder

January 2023

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 February issue of The Rockhounder to Editor Olivia Luzier at editor@glmsmc.com by Sunday, January 29th, 2023.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Pat Repik-Byrne, Vice President

January Speaker Information

Speaker: Timothy Morgan

Title of Talk: Chrysoberyl

Please welcome fellow GLMSMC member Tim Morgan as our first speaker for the 2023 season. Tim attended Purdue University, earning a B.S. degree in Math and M.A. degree in History, followed by a Ph.D. degree in Early American History at The College of William and Mary. He then taught at Ohio University's Portsmouth Campus and at Christopher Newport College until June 2005.

Upon retirement, he became interested in beads when his wife, Michele McMurtry, discovered the Bead Museum and Bead Society of Greater Washington (BSGW). He volunteered at the Museum from Spring 2006 until its closing at the end of 2008, working in designing, preparing, and installing exhibits. He and Michele worked on “The Sacred Bead,” “Shakespeare in Beads” (for the Shakespeare in Washington half-year celebration in 2007), and “Earth’s Treasures” (2007-08). He also served on BSGW’s Board.

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Next Regular Meeting:

Date: January 9th, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM

Place:

Rockville Senior Center,
1150 Carnation Drive Rockville MD

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Date: January 16th, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM

Place:

Virtual (online Zoom meeting)

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Tim enjoys the jewelry world as his second career. He is studying gemology through the Gemological Institute of America (GIA); is Treasurer of the DC Chapter of the GIA Alumni Association; and is on the Board of the DC Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society. He teaches gemology courses for the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation and has his own small gem and jewelry business. He also taught classes and has been a guest speaker at WildAcres.

He and Michele actively participate in gem and mineral shows as well, including our GLMSMC Show for the past several years. The two are planning a workshop in their basement devoted to fabricating jewelry and studying gemology. They also enjoy collecting at mines and quarries.

Tim's presentation will focus on Chrysoberyl, which has a hardness of 8.5 on the Mohs scale. It is a wonderful stone with great color and two very unique phenomenal varieties: cat's eye and alexandrite. The stone is excellent in jewelry and can be used in any type of jewelry. Tim will give an illustrated talk about this stone, complete with examples. His talk will last about 40 minutes with time for questions.

President's Message

Jonathan Harris

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2023!

Although the year is getting off to a warm start, I'm sure there will be chances to observe and collect the most important oxide mineral— ice. (Hopefully there won't be much of this natural form available when we have our show in March.) January is a good month to be planning show exhibits and signing up for volunteer slots. Our show runs on the effort of the many volunteers who help set up, take down, and staff the functions throughout the weekend. See page 4 for Chris' message for instructions on signing up to display specimens in our provided exhibitor cases.

2022 has been an exciting year: We have restarted our annual show after two years of being closed from Covid. We have had a full year of in-person meetings and field trips. We have made greater use of social media for members to share their finds and collecting experience. We have also acquired mineral specimens, lapidary material, and equipment from several collections.

One of these collections will be auctioned off in lots on Saturday, February 11th. We will also be re-homing lapidary material from one of the other collections at regular meetings into the future.

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Jonathan Harris

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While we have had field trips and partnered with other clubs to get some access to quarries, unfortunately some of our favorite quarries have not been permitting collectors. If you have ideas and recommendations for future field trips, please reach out to Sam, myself, or any other Board member.

There are too many people who have contributed to our success this year to name in this note. Many of you helped with our show, picnic, auctions, field trips, and other activities. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.

We also welcome our new Secretary, Germaine Broussard, and thank our outgoing Secretary, Patricia Cronin, for providing her meticulous records and wisdom.

Cheers and Happy New Year,
Jonathan

GLMSMC BOD Meeting Minutes for December 2022

Patricia Cronin, Secretary

No Board of Directors meeting was held in December, as is customary.

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GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from December 12th, 2022

Patricia Cronin, Secretary

The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM. The minutes of the November regular club meeting and Board meeting were approved. Three visitors attended the meeting. Two of them applied for membership and were approved by the members.

2023 Show

Information was announced about our 2023 show. Chris brought sign-up sheets for people to volunteer for needed positions. We especially need to have commitments to staff the lapidary shop if we are to continue running it. Members are encouraged to promote the show and distribute the club's provided fliers about the show.

In-House Auction and Member Sales

About a dozen lots of materials were sold at an in-house auction. Included were some gorgeous lapidary specimens and Herkimer Diamonds (doubly-terminated Quartz crystals). In addition, several club members brought flats of their own to sell. Also sold at the auction was a collection of lapidary machines that had been donated to the club.

Holiday Party

Many club members participated in a gift exchange. Donors were anonymous. Nevertheless, recipients were pleased with the new additions to their collections. Two rows of tables groaned under a plethora of holiday foods. Salads, casseroles, and cookies of every description tempted every palate. Few leftovers escaped the room.

A Message from the Downstairs Showchair

Chris Luzier

Good January to you, members!

Our annual March show is approaching on March 18th & 19th. As always around this time of year, we need your help!

We need to fill up our show volunteer spots quickly, as we are trying to make a decision for this 2023 show about whether to continue the lapidary shop in the future. It has always been difficult to get the people needed to run the shop, as it takes as many people to run the shop as it does to run the entire rest of the show for the whole weekend! We need to fill the show volunteer spots first and then will

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Chris Luzier

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try to fill the lapidary shop. For our 2022 show, we barely had enough volunteers to take care of the immediate show itself and it would have been a tall order to try to run the shop as well. (Granted, it was also the same weekend that Montgomery County opened up again after COVID, which certainly affected the show overall).

I will also have the sign-up sheets again at this Monday's meeting. Please help us fill these volunteer slots as quickly as possible!

Please also consider providing a display case or two at the show with whatever mineral, fossil, mining, or lapidary theme that you would like to display. We have a limited amount of display cases and would love to have you reserve one or two of them for your exhibits. We provide the display case and lighting, while you provide the creativity, specimens, and flair! If you also may have a demonstration that you would like to do or would like to promote your organization with various hand-on learning experiences, then please let me know.

I will have the Demonstrator and Exhibitor forms for providing a display on hand at the next meeting to distribute. These need to be completed and returned to me just after the February regular meeting.

As always, thanks so very much for all of our club members' support with the show. We really couldn't do it without you!!!

Peace and thanks in advance--

Chris Luzier

Downstairs Showchair



Future Rockhounds of America (The MOCKS) Ages 9-16

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: January 9th

Meeting Time: 7:45-9:00 PM

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

December 12th Meeting:

The December meeting was the club's holiday party. The FRA had a brief gift giveaway before joining the rest of the club for all sorts of holiday snacks. Thanks to Nicole for stepping in to host the FRA gift giving while Mr. Dahlman was out of town!

January 9th Meeting:

In addition to continuing our Rocks and Minerals badge activities, we will discuss our FRA group exhibit for the club show in March, as well as how to put together and enter individual exhibits. Junior exhibits (other than our group exhibit) are eligible for the very generous Lillian Turner awards. The entry forms must be turned in at the February meeting, so every FRA member should be thinking about what they'd put in an exhibit. We'll have door prizes for everyone on January 9th as usual too. I hope to see you all there!

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

Upcoming Shows

baltimore bead society
15th Annual
Winter Bead & Jewelry Show

Saturday, January 14th 2023 10am–5pm • Sunday, January 15th 2023 10am–4pm
Howard County Fairgrounds • 2210 Fairgrounds Rd • West Friendship, MD 21794
Free Parking • No Strollers • Admission \$6, **\$1 off with this card**

* Beads * Wire * Gemstones * Artisan Jewelry * Semi-Precious Stones *
* Lampwork * Tools * Crimps * Silver * Leather Cords * Findings * Kits * Seed Beads *
* Beaded Jewelry * Buttons * Gifts * Demonstrations * Classes *



For more information visit www.baltimorebead.org

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Upcoming Shows



57th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show

Date/Time: **March 18-19, 2023 Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-5**

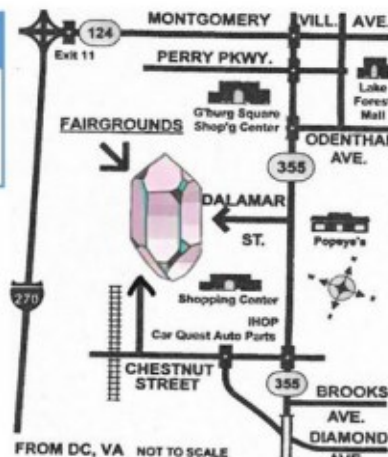
Location: **Montgomery County Fairgrounds; Building #6
16 Chestnut St. Gaithersburg MD 20877**

Featuring:

Hourly door prizes
Gold panning
Fluorescent minerals
Raffle prizes
Free parking

20+ vendors of minerals, beads, fossils, gems, and jewelry
40+ exhibits by club members, including junior exhibits
Two floors of everything mineral related
Mini Mine, free minerals, and activities for children
Demonstrations of faceting, micromineralogy, jewelry making, and physics

Children (11 and under) Free! Ages 12 and over \$6
Scouts in Uniform Free! 4H youth with 4H identification Free!
More info at: www.glmsmc.com



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\$1 off admission price**
(applies to each member in your group)

New York Gems Jewelry & Mineral Show

3/11/2023 - 3/12/2023
Sat 10:00-6:00 Sun 11:00-5:00

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

225 W 24th St

The School of Fashion Industries (Gym 3rd Floor)
New York, NY, 10001



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**Dealers of Fossils,
Minerals & Lapidary
Supplies**

Exhibits

Saturday, March 4, 2023

10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday, March 5, 2023

11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

59th
Annual

Gem Mineral & Fossil Show



Same Show Location

**DoubleTree by Hilton
4727 Concord Pike (Rt-202)
Wilmington, DE 19803**

**Adults \$6.00 (\$5.00 w/ Coupon), Seniors \$5.00,
Juniors \$4.00, and children 12 & under and all
scouts in uniform free with Adult.**

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