



# The Rockhounder

October 2024

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 November issue of The Rockhounder to Editor Olivia Luzier at [editor@glmsmc.com](mailto:editor@glmsmc.com) by Monday, October 28th, 2024.

## Regular Meeting Announcements

Heather Vineyard, Vice President

## October Speaker Information

**Speaker:** Steven Calamuci

**Title of Talk:** “Mineral Photography”

Our speaker for the October meeting is our own Steven Calamuci. He has been a member of our group for a number of years now. He started collecting minerals to find a new hobby. This was based on a suggestion from his wife to provide something else to do besides work, and to fill his free time. He dove into the mineral collecting hobby and shortly realized that he should be taking photographs of his specimens as well. Fortunately, his wife is a professional photographer and was more than willing to help. This presentation was done once, about six years ago, and has been requested again.

Our **November speaker** will be Jake Margolis with his talk on “Gold Deposits of Nevada With a Focus on Collectible Minerals.”

**Please note that the November regular meeting has also been rescheduled from November 11th to November 18th in recognition of Veteran’s Day.**

### Next Regular Meeting:

**Date:** November 18th, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Place:**

Rockville Senior Center,  
1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD

### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

**Date:** October 21st, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Place:**

Virtual (online Zoom meeting)

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### GLMSMC Regular Meeting from September 9th, 2024

Jeff Cessna, secretary

The September 9th, 2024 meeting was called to order by Past-President Chris Luzier at 7:40 PM. There were approximately 44 (40 adults, 4 juniors) people in attendance. A motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 10th, 2024 regular meeting. A motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 24th, 2024 BOD meeting, with the following changes: "Gary Leaman said he would" was amended to "Gary Leaman suggested."

**Membership:** Doug Baum welcomed everybody back from the summer. He reminded members that the membership year was changed and dues are now paid before January. He welcomed guests.

**BOD:** A president is still needed for the club. Past Presidents Eric, Chris, Andy, and Mark were recognized in attendance.

**Show:** It is early for planning for the show, but it was announced that the BOD had previously decided and was now implementing a \$1 increase for admission to the show.

**Treasurer:** Jonathan Harris reported the club is solvent. The club received a generous donation from the Patuxent Lapidary Guild after their closure.

**Picnic:** Chris discussed the upcoming annual potluck picnic and sale. There was not time to prep all the club donations for sale. Club members were welcomed to bring up to 3 flats to swap or sell. Members were requested to bring their own change. There will be a quick auction from club donations. Details of timeline, organization, and potluck were discussed.

**EFMLS Liaison:** Andy Celmer stated that upcoming shows had been submitted for publication in the Rockhounder, including the show in Howard County and the Franklin, NJ show.

**Field Trips:** The opportunity to collect at Willis Mountain was discussed for September 21st. Registration details were given. Marco Molinaro discussed field trips to Harpers Ferry and Mount Pleasant Mills. Trips in planning included Penn-MD quarry in October or November and a potential return to Harpers Ferry in the fall or spring.

**Announcements:** The upcoming Desautels Micromount Symposium of the Baltimore Mineral Society was announced, occurring 4-6 October 2024.

**Program:** Heather Vineyard introduced our speaker for the evening, our own Frank Roddy. The talk was entitled "Weird Stuff Out West." Frank took members on a tour of the weird geological related sites people can visit mainly in the western US. For each type of place, from slot canyons, to fumaroles, to lava tubes, and beyond, he gave an outline of the location and discussed the geological background. Also discussed were lenticular clouds; Mt. Rainier; jökulhlaups; glacial moraines; pyroclastic flows; obsidian; haboobs; The Wave at Coyote Buttes, AZ; natural arches; avalanches; Hell's Canyon; calderas,

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from Yellowstone to Crater Lake; and cinnabar in the Painted Hills. Closer to home, he showed us the DC area's closest volcano, Trimble Knob in Monterey, VA. Frank took several questions from an Interested audience. Thanks, Frank.

Show table and door prizes were administered by Joel Rosen.

**Adjournment:** It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

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## BOD Meeting Minutes from September 19th, 2024

**Present:** Jonathan Harris, Andy Celmer, Doug Baum, Dave Tiktinsky, Gary and Diane Leaman, Chris Luzier, Pat Repik-Byrne, Karen Lottes.

The meeting commenced at 8:00 PM with the discussion of needing to change the November regular date to the 18th, as the 11th is Veteran's Day. The Senior Center is closed in honor of the holiday. Therefore, the November Board meeting will then be on November 11th and the regular meeting is moved to the 18th.

It was discussed to reschedule the show trailer roof re-sealing, as it has had some leak issues. This is scheduled now for Saturday, October 5th at noon. We shall also look at cleaning out the small trailer as well on a separate date, as that was re-sealed earlier in the year, but needs to be cleaned out again.

Pat mentioned that she has an acquaintance who would like to be a presenter for an upcoming meeting. We shall contact them for that and may also have a possible donation or auction items of fossils and minerals. There was also a discussion of other presentation topics/presenters for the 2025 season.

Our upcoming annual gem, mineral, and fossil show is on March 15-16th, 2025. Chris mentioned that he had finally received the contract from the Fairgrounds. His original contact for the Fairgrounds is no longer working for them, and they were transitioning to fill the coordinator spot. This delayed our normal contract time, but he now has the updated 2025 contract in hand and requested the deposit check from Jonathan for the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

At our last 2024 show, Dave and Chris had also been discussing with some of our dealers the question of ending the show on Sunday at 4:00 PM instead of 5:00 PM. This last hour of the show on Sunday is

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typically very slow and the dealers are ready to pack up early. This would also give the dealers and our volunteers that pack up the show a chance to get home a bit earlier after a long weekend.

Joel moved that “we change the end time of the mineral show to 4:00 PM, versus the 5:00 PM current time.” This was discussed, and then M/S/P by the board.

The picnic and auction was a great event that was enjoyed by the attendees. The members’ swap and sell/auction went well and Jonathan brought 25 lots of donated material for the GLMSMC for the auction portion. There were many good bargains and new members who also got some fine new minerals and fossils for their collections. Jonathan mentioned that when he did the reconciliation for the auction, we were \$20.00 short. This was because Chris had accidentally not paid for one of his auction lots! Chris realized it when he got home and then promptly squared up with the GLMSMC.

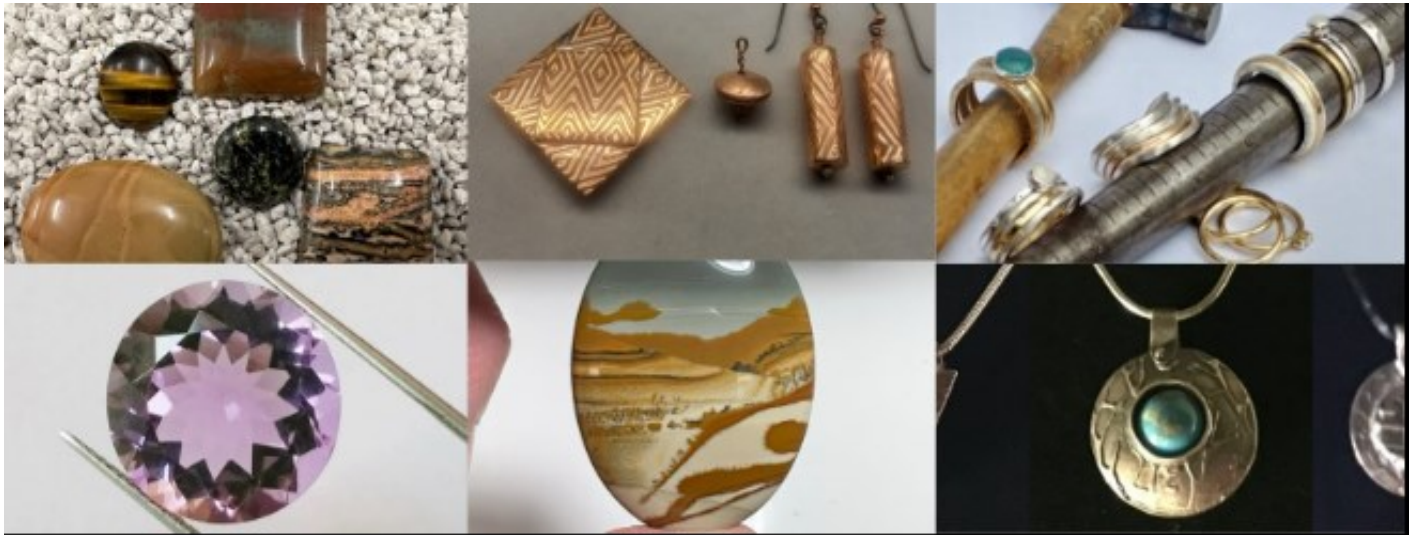
There was then a discussion about needing more content and for members to post to the groups’ Facebook page. We are moving in the right direction for social media, but need the posts and pictures of mineral-related items and events. We will also be heavily promoting the show with all the Upcoming regional shows this fall. Gary mentioned that there are two intersections in Montgomery County and Gaithersburg, where you can rent the space and hang a banner at the intersection for promotion. We will look into this for local promotion.

The meeting was adjourned at a timely 9:02 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Luzier on behalf of Jeff Cessna.



## Happenings at the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore



We will continue to announce classes as details become available—we're looking at an exciting 2025!

See the [Events and Classes page](#) to see the full calendar of offerings.



Questions about classes? Send us an email: [classes@gemcuttersguild.com](mailto:classes@gemcuttersguild.com)





## **Show Table from September 9th Regular Meeting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Specimen</b>	<b>Locale</b>
Jeff Cessna	Fluorite w/Quartz	Superior Mine, Nigeria
" "	Hyalite opal	Zacatecas, Mexico
Diane Leaman	Fish Fossil	Wyoming
Gary Leaman	Jellyfish	Mazon Creek, IL
Doug Baum	Marcasite	Ft. Collins, CO.
Rick Roffeld	Ruby	Africa
Greg Pappas	Tourmalated Quartz	Madagascar
Joel Rosen	Barite/Fluorite	Elmwood, Smith County, TN
Dan Kohn	Sodalite/Tigereye/Agate	N/A
Marco Molinaro	Pyrite and Calcite	Harper's Ferry, WV
Karen Lottes	Rainbow Garnet	Japan
" "	Chrysanthemum Stone	N/A
Linda Kohn	Glossary of Mineral Species Book	N/A
Eric Kindahl	Smoky Quartz	Brunswick, MD
Dave Fryauff	Chalcopyrite, etc.	Sterling Hill Mine, NJ
Steve Calamuci	Calcite	Colorado
Irma Ugaz	Agates	South Dakota
Maria Nopo	Calcite and Pyrite	Huanzala Mine, Peru
Jonathan Harris	Diaspore (Zultanite)	Turkey
" "	Star ruby	India
Tom Parnell	Mahogany Obsidian	Oregon
" "	Obsidian Arrowheads	Various

### **Show Table Door Prize**

Amethyst

Brazil

*Won by Rick Roffeld*

### **General Door Prize**

Labradorite slabs

*Won by Diane Leaman*



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

Mark Dahlman

**Next Meeting Date:** October 14th **Meeting Time:** 7:45-9:00PM

**Meeting Location:** Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

### September 9th Meeting:

After handing out badges that FRA members have earned, we started the Fluorescent Minerals badge. We discussed different kinds of ultraviolet lights, UV light safety, and saw their effects on different fluorescent rocks. Everyone went home with new fluorescent specimens for their collections.

### October 14th Meeting:

We'll continue learning about fluorescence, and see examples from famous localities for fluorescent minerals. Of course, there will be door prizes to hand out at the end of the meeting too. See you there!

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

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## Slate of Officers

The proposed slate of officers for the 2025 year are as follows:

**President-** TBD

**Vice President-** Heather Vineyard

**Secretary-** Jeff Cessna

**Treasurer-** Jonathan Harris



## **Upcoming Shows**

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### **Mount Bethel Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show**

October 19th & 20th, 2024 Mt. Bethel, PA

Mount Bethel Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show at Mt. Bethel Firehouse

2341 Rt. 611, Mt. Bethel, PA (Only 2 miles from Rt. 8-/46 in NJ)

Admission: Adult \$5, \$1 off w/flyer; Kids free

Hours: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

### **Kanawha Rock & Gem Club - Jewelry, Gems, Minerals & Fossils Sale & Show - 2024 - 50th annual**

October 19-20, 2024

Saturday, October 19 - 10:00 to 5:00; Sunday, October 20 - 10:00 to 4:00

South Charleston Community Center

601 Jefferson Road, South Charleston, WV

### **Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show**

October 26-27, 2024 (10am-5pm Saturday, 10am to 5pm Sunday)

435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY

### **The Tuscarora Lapidary Society presents our 55th annual show GEMARAMA 2024**

2024 Theme: Phenomenal Gems

November 2-3, 2024

Saturday, November 2 (10AM-6PM), Sunday, November 3 (10AM-5PM)

HALL D Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, OAKS, PA

Admission: \$6 for adults, \$1 for children under 12 years of age; two-day adult tickets are \$9

With our discount coupon, the adult single-day admission is \$5

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in uniform and accompanied by an adult Scoutmaster are admitted free

DISCOUNT COUPON - Online ticketing for Gemarama 2024 <https://www.lapidary.org/tickets/>





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### **Ultraviolet Fluorescent Mineral Show**

October 26th, 2024

9 AM to 4 PM

840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA

### **Gem Miner's Jubilee**

November 15-17th, 2024

Lebanon Expo Center

80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA, 17042

### **NOVA Club Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show**

George Mason University Campus, Johnson Center

4400 University Drive

### **Richmond Gem and Mineral Society Gem and Mineral Swap and Sell**

November 9th, 2024

Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Mechanicsville, VA



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### **Rockin' in the Alleghenies - JOHNSTOWN** **FM-PA Annual Symposium and MINERAL, FOSSIL & GEM SHOW**



#### **Friends of Mineralogy - Pennsylvania Chapter** **SYMPOSIUM & SHOW Nov. 9, 2024 - Field Trip Nov. 10**

Attend ONLINE -OR- IN PERSON at University of Pittsburgh - JOHNSTOWN

### **SECOND ANNUAL MINERAL, FOSSIL & GEM SHOW** **SHOW SATURDAY 8:30 - 6:00 ADMISSION FREE TO ALL** **30+ TABLES OF SELECTED VENDORS**

**SYMPOSIUM** for mineral collecting enthusiasts Non-members \$ 15.00 Members \$10.00 Students free  
**Friday evening Nov. 8:** Meet & Greet - bring your mineral specimens to talk about.

**Saturday Nov. 9:** Hybrid Symposium - **ONLINE** or **IN PERSON**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown

Talks by knowledgeable **SPEAKERS** concentrating on **Green Pennsylvania Minerals, including:**

Beryls of Pennsylvania - by Ronald A. Sloto, PG, West Chester University

Pyromorphite in Pennsylvania - by Ross Elliott, PG, Delaware DNREC

Wavellite at Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pennsylvania - by Bill Stephens, PG, Stephens Environmental

Serpentine minerals of the East Coast & Pennsylvania - by Dr. Robert Altamura, PG

Green Diopside in New York - by Tomer Shapira

Green Rocks of Northwest Portugal - Ultramafics - by Dr. Ryan Kerrigan, UP-J

Silent Auction – Give-away Table – Meet Fellow Collectors

Professional Geologists: Six Professional Development Hour credits available for full lecture attendance

**FIELD TRIP Sunday Nov. 10** Mt. Pleasant Mills Quarry. Open only to symposium registrants.

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**President** – Not currently filled

**Vice President** – Heather Vineyard

**Secretary** – Jeff Cessna

**Treasurer** – Jonathan Harris

**Membership Chairman** – Doug Baum

**Downstairs Showchair** – Chris Luzier

**Upstairs Showchair** – Dave Tiktinsky

**Property Manager** – Joel Rosen

**EFMLS Liaison** – Andy Celmer

**At Large Board Members** – Ken Reynolds, Karen Lottes, Gary Leaman, Dan Kohn

**NON-BOARD POSITIONS**

**Field Trip Chairman** – Sam Linton

**Immediate Past President** – Holly Heighes

**Bulletin Editor** – Olivia Luzier

**Life Members:** Larry Harrison, Juan Proaño, George Durland, and Holly Heighes

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