



THE ROCKHOUNDER

June 2025

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 July issue of the Rockhoulder to Editor Maria Nopo at editor@glmsmc.com by June 30th.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Heather Vineyard, Vice President

May Meeting Information

Speaker: Dr. Michael Wise

Title of Talk: New Acquisitions for the National Gem and Mineral Collection

Dr. Michael Wise is a geologist in the Mineral Sciences Department of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. He obtained his PhD from the University of Manitoba. A pegmatite expert, he has conducted much research and has published many scientific articles on the subject.

Next Regular Meeting

Date: June 9th, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Rockville Senior Center
1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, MD

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 16th, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Virtual
(Online Zoom Meeting)

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President's Message

Chris Luzier, President

Good day to you members!

Hard to believe that we have just begun the month of June, but here we are! This month has some exciting mineral events coming up with the three-day Gem Miner's Spring Show, starting on Friday, June 13th to the 15th. It happens to also be in our backyard, at the Howard County Fairgrounds! This is an excellent show and we are very lucky to have it in our area now. There is also, on the same weekend, the South Jersey Show on June 14th & 15th in Cherry Hill, NJ. The show flyers are posted in this month's Rockhounder, along with many other upcoming shows for the Autumn show season.

This month's meeting is our last meeting before our Summer break, and then we commence meetings again on Monday, September 8th. For our June meeting, we have Mike Wise as our speaker and it will be good to see him back at our meeting again! His presentations are always amazing and we really appreciate him taking time from his busy schedule to meet with us. Look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 9th and have an excellent week!

GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from May 12th, 2025

Jeff Cessna, Secretary

The 12 May 2025 meeting was called to order by President Chris Luzier at 7:45 pm. There were approximately 36 adults and 8 juniors in attendance. It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the 14 April 2025 Regular meeting and the 21 April 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

Announcements: President Chris Luzier welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted attendance may be low due to Wildacres. He reminded members we will have a June meeting and then a summer break until September. Chris thanked Jeff and Holly for selecting material from the Muir collection for auctioning. There were giveaway items available after retirement from the mini-miner's section of the show.

Show: There is nothing going on.

Field Trips: Marco reported there are discussions to return to some quarries we have previously visited. He requested input from members for locations. Jonathan Harris mentioned a quarry in New Jersey that is owned by a college and allows the collecting of fossils.

Membership: Membership chair Doug Baum was not in attendance.

EFMLS Liaison: Upcoming shows will appear in the Rockhounder. The Gem Miners Spring Show is upcoming from 13-15 June. Some members will sell there and supplied flyers for entry.



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GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from April 14th, 2025

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Treasurer: Jonathan Harris reported the club has money and has not been hacked or scammed.

Secretary: The secretary cannot attend the May BOD meeting. Holly volunteered to take minutes.

Program: Vice-President Heather Vineyard introduced our speaker for the evening, member Steve Hatleberg. The presentation was titled *Copper Rocks of South Mountain*. Steve opened with a safety tip – members were welcome to view the large selection of specimens he brought but should use the leather gloves provided to protect their hands. All the displayed specimens were from one mine, but the presentation would discuss 6 mines. Steve showed photos where you could see the host rock, Catocin Greenstone. This rock was studied by Florence Bascom, the 1st woman to receive a PhD from Johns Hopkins. Much information can be found in her thesis – *The Ancient Volcanic Rocks of South Mountain MD*. Steve illustrated the story of how greenstone was formed and came to include copper. He compared our local exploration to the copper boom in Michigan with Maryland and Pennsylvania being a bust. He discussed the historical mining of copper in the area until he came to the final mine, which is the source of the specimens except that they are an industrial byproduct from mining of the greenstone for use in asphalt shingle production. Thanks, Steve.

Diane Leaman administered the auction of specimens from the Muir collection.

The show table and door prizes were administered by Joel Rosen.

Adjournment: It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 PM.



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GLSMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from May 19th, 2025

Holly Heighes, recording secretary pro-tem

Attendees: Andy Celmer, Jonathan Harris, Dan Kohn, Gary Leaman, Chris Luzier, Joel Rosen, Dave Tiktinsky, Guests: Holly Heighes, Diane Leaman

The meeting was called to order at 7: 35 pm by Chris Luzier, President.

President

Chris discussed a possible new donation to the club and suggested that it might be good to auction it off at the September picnic. Chris announced the speaker for the June meeting to be Dr. Mike Wise and the speaker for the September meeting to be Gary Lohman.

Treasurer

Jonathan reported that the check for the May meeting auction was mailed to the owner.

Other Issues and Announcements:

Dan reported on Wildacres and informed the group that GLSMC was formally thanked for the donation to Wildacres. Dan further reported that the EFMLS has redone their insurance and that perhaps we could revisit that issue.

Joel reported that the unused rocks from the trailer were re-homed to members at the May meeting.

Joel asked about an event that was brought up at the May meeting. Chris indicated that he would follow up on it with Steve.

Holly inquired as to the status of the financial review. Chris previously reported that Tom Dushel had agreed to perform the 2024 review and that he would follow up with him.

Holly inquired as to the status of the security deposit account with the Fairgrounds. A further discussion with the fairgrounds comptroller is required with Jonathan.

Action Items:

Chris to ask Karen about dates for the September picnic.

Chris to follow up with Gabriela Farfan or Ioan Lascu regarding speaking at one of our meetings in the autumn.

Chris to follow up with Tom Dushel to get the 2024 financial review started.

Jonathan to ensure all accounting data is available on DropBox for the review.

Jonathan and Chris to coordinate a conversation with the Fairground's comptroller.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



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Show Table from April 14th Regular Meeting

Name	Specimen	Locale
Jeff Cessna	Copper Slab	Virgin Copper Mine - Greenstone, PA
“ ”	Sphalerite	Balmat, NY
Dan Baker	Agate/Barite Sandwich	Petosi, MO
Jake Margolis	Copper Sulphides in Metarhyolite	Washington G., MD
Joel Rosen	Fluorite	Weardale Co., Durham, England
Gary Leaman	Garnet Almandine	Garnet Cave, NC
Diane Leaman	“ ”	Emerald Creek, ID
Mango Vaz	Actinolite in Talc Schist	Mineral Hill Mine, MD
Reed Owens	Vaseline Glass	
Jonathan Harris	Copper in Metabasalt	Adams County, PA
Corrine Wilson	Green Opal & Chalcedony	California
Maria Nopo	Copper in Selenite	Mission Mine, AZ
Charlie Zellers	Smoky Quartz in Ferruginous Quartz	Rock Run, Potomac,, MD
Barb Burr	Copper	Keeweenaw Peninsula, MI
Dave Fryauff	Calcite **	West Virginia
Ken Reynolds	Copper	Adams County, PA
Marco Molinaro	Calcite/Aragonite/Pyrite **	West Virginia
Germaine Broussard	Catoctin Greenstone **	Frederick, MD

** Denotes self-collected

Show Table Door Prize

Hematite
Ningxiang, Hunan, China
Won by Danny Baker

General Door Prize

Barite
Sardinia
Won by Diane Leaman



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

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: June 9th **Meeting Time:** 7:45 - 9:00 pm

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

May 12th Meeting:

The May meeting was all about storing your collection, particularly how to protect your specimens and labels from a variety of hazards. Of course, everyone went home with a new specimen to add to their collection too.

June 9th Meeting:

If you've cataloged 10 or more pieces, please bring your catalog to the meeting to get credit for that Collecting badge requirement. Beside the presentation we'll do the signoffs for the Collecting badge and decide on the next badge to work on. We'll have door prizes for everyone who is there too. This is our last meeting before our summer break so I hope you all can make it!

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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Happenings at the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore



There are several exciting classes coming up!

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



Questions about classes? Send us an email: classes@gemcuttersguild.com



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Upcoming Events

Retired Geologist and GLMSMC member, Sharon Lyon has started a free, weekly newsletter that highlights geology news, events, and everyday life. Please see the link below for more information.

[AAPG Newsletter](#)

Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Spring Mineralfest

June 7, 2025

10:00 - 4:00

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Pennsylvania-Earth-Sciences-Association-PESA-club-and-Mineralfest/100064902032245/#>

Macungie Memorial Park

50 N Poplar St

Macungie, PA, 18062

Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society

June 7 & 8, 2025

Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 11:00 - 5:00

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

Richland County Fairgrounds, Fairhaven Hall

750 North Home Road

Mansfield, Ohio 44903



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With this ad, \$1.00 off General Admission

GEM MINER'S SPRING SHOW!!
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Minerals! Fossils!
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 \$6 ADMISSION - CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

 Howard County Fairgrounds
 2210 Fairgrounds Road
 West Friendship, MD 21794
www.gem-show.com
 (see website for updates)
 (301) 807-9745

****NEW LOCATION****
**Annual South Jersey Gem,
 Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show**
 Date: June 14 - 15, 2025

  

Trinity Presbyterian Church
 (499 Route 70 East Cherry Hill, NJ 08034)

Show Hours:
 Saturday: 10am – 6pm
 Sunday: 11am – 5pm

~20 Dealers ~ Hourly Door Prizes ~ Food Truck

Admission:
 Adult: \$6.00; Children (6-17): \$4.00;
 Children under 6 & Scouts in uniform: Free
 *Receive \$1 off any adult admission ticket with this flyer

Sjmineralshow.com * sjmineralshow@gmail.com

 **2025 Franklin NJ Mineral Show** 

franklinmineralshow@gmail.com



Saturday September 20 (9-5)
Sunday September 21 (10-5)
2 Locations: (0.1 miles apart!)
 Franklin Firehouse - 132 Buckwheat Road
 Franklin Firemen's Memorial Park - 46 High Street

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**Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club
59th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show**



September 27 – 28, 2025
Sat. 10-6pm, Sun. 10-4pm
Zembo Shrine Auditorium
2801 N. Third St. Harrisburg, PA

Admission - \$6 or \$5 with this Postcard or Ad
Postcard valid for up to 4 admissions
Children 12 and under free w/ paying adult



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at
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WEST FRIENDSHIP, MD

Saturday, September 27th, 2025 ♦ 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Sunday, September 28th, 2025 ♦ 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITS ★ DEALERS ★ DOOR PRIZES
DEMONSTRATIONS ★ GEM MINE FOR THE KIDS



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**SOUTHERN MARYLAND
ROCK, MINERAL, AND FOSSIL SHOW
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025**

**9 am to 4 pm
OLD WALDORF SCHOOL
3074 CRAIN HIGHWAY (Rt 301), WALDORF MD 20601
(next to Jaycees Hall)**

**ADMISSION DONATION: ADULTS \$5.00, SENIORS (65+) \$4.00,
JUNIORS (13-17) \$3.00, 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH AN ADULT**

FREE rocks for all Kids. FREE Door prizes every 30 minutes.



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VENDOR APPLICATIONS OR QUESTIONS?
CONTACT Kenny Jameson THRU WEBSITE: SMRMC.org



GEMARAMA 2025 - Discount Coupon

2025 show theme: **Treasures in Stone**
Tuscarora Lapidary Society's 56th Annual Show

SAVE THE DATE

November 1st: 10am - 6pm November 2nd: 10am - 5pm
Hall D, Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center
100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456

Discount with this bookmark: \$1 off adult one-day fare, good for the entire family.
Purchase discount tickets in advance at lapidary.org/gemarama.

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- Exhibits
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