



THE ROCKHOUNDER

Summer/September 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 October issue of the Rockhounder to Editor Maria Nopo at bulletineditor@glmsmc.com by September 26th, 2025.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Heather Vineyard, Vice President

September Meeting Information

Speaker: Dr.rer.nat Gary E. Lohman

Talk Subject: Meteorites

Our September meeting speaker will be Dr.rer.nat.Gary E. Lohman, who, with his wife Cindy Lohman, runs Garaci Geopaleology.

They are well-versed in many Natural History subjects (including fluorescent minerals), and have displayed for the past few years, a large fluorescent mineral darkroom at the Spring Howard County Gem and Mineral Show at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Gary will be speaking about one of his favorite subjects, Meteorites. He will also have some meteorite specimens on hand, along with his presentation. It has been a very long time since we had a meteorite presentation, so don't miss this one.

Next Regular Meeting

Date: September 8, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

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

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Virtual
(Online Zoom Meeting)

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President's Message

Chris Luzier, President

It's amazing that another summer has clicked on by and I hope it was an enjoyable one for you all! There were some good shows throughout the season and some good mineral specimens found up at Franklin and Sterling Hill Mines in the past few months. One of the most notable was a find of the real rarity, cuspidine on the Buckwheat Dump at the Franklin Mineral Museum! This was a large and showy example in calcite and it is wonderful to hear of such great pieces still being found. There was also a lot of action in the Herkimer Diamond fields around Fonda, NY., with one friend of mine going up multiple times through this year and hitting three separate pockets, with two being large pockets holding specimens up to about 3 inches. They are quite pretty but are still going through the clean-up process now to get them looking like something that should be hanging on a chandelier!

We have our GLMSMC Annual Picnic/Auction coming up quickly on Saturday, September 6th at Griffith Park in Gaithersburg. We sent the announcement to the members email list a couple of weeks back and will resend it again ahead of the event. Please bring an item or two for the potluck style picnic and be ready to see some good rocks too for your bidding pleasure. This is a fundraiser event for your mineral group and thanks for the opportunity to get together and share good times, food and rocks with each other. The upcoming regular meeting is right on the auction's heels on Monday, September 8th and we look forward to seeing you. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Gary Lohman who will do a fascinating presentation on meteorites. Look forward to seeing you all soon!



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GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from June 9th, 2025

Jeff Cessna, Secretary

The 9 June 2025 meeting was called to order by President Chris Luzier at 7:44 pm. There were approximately 51 adults and 6 juniors in attendance. It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the 12 May 2025 Regular meeting and the 19 May 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

Announcements: President Chris Luzier welcomed everyone to the last meeting before summer. Members inquired about the PA open house at a cutting shop in York. Chris will keep the members up to date on information. Karen Lottes mentioned the fall club picnic. There will be an auction of donation material to the club. There were several flats of material to give away to members. Linda Kohn informed members that during their trip to Wildacres, the club gift was recognized.

Membership: Membership chair Doug Baum welcomed visitors and asked them to introduce themselves. It was M/S/P to accept the membership applications of two new members.

Show: No news to report on the show this time of year.

Picnic: A fall member auction and picnic are being planned for early September.

EFMLS Liaison: Upcoming shows will appear in the Rockhoulder.

Treasurer: Jonathan Harris reported the club solvent. He mentioned to those working on the website to be careful of the uptick in spam emails and to be careful with links claiming there is a problem with the website.

Program: Dan Kohn introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. Mike Wise of the Smithsonian Institution. The presentation was titled Recent Acquisitions to the Gem and Mineral Collection. Mike gave an update on Jeff Post and staff in new positions at the museum. The program discussed acquisitions over the last several years. He started with a map of localities, noting it doesn't cover a lot of the world. They are constantly looking for items from China, Pakistan, and India. What followed were images of news specimens with a discussion of what made each one unique or interesting. He provided insight on how the museum can acquire specimens, especially those selected by the Smithsonian Gem and Mineral Collectors group or donated by individuals. A donation from Ron Winston was used to create a new public display of fancy-colored diamonds, newly opened in the same room as the Hope Diamond. Mike answered many questions from an interested audience. Thanks, Mike.

The show table and door prizes were administered by Joel Rosen. Dave Smith donated extra door prizes of an issue each of Gems & Gemology and the Lapidary Journal.

Adjournment: It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 PM.



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GLMSMC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from June 16th, 2025

Jeff Cessna, Secretary

The 16 June 2025 Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chris Luzier.

Board Members Present: Andy Celmer, Jeff Cessna, Jonathan Harris, Dan Kohn, Gary Leaman, Karen Lottes, Chris Luzier, and Dave Tiktinsky. Editor: Maria Nopo. Guests Present: Holly Heighes, and Diane Leaman.

President: Chris discussed term limited board positions for the next year. Holly Heighes volunteered for treasurer. Karen Lottes volunteered to be secretary.

Picnic: Details of the fall picnic were discussed, and the date was selected. Donated materials will be auctioned to club members and invited guests. Four individuals have the materials, up to 300 lbs each. Auction lots will be created. Diane is available to serve as an auctioneer. As usual, there will be a pot-luck picnic. Karen will update the flyer from last year.

Newsletter: The new editor email still needs testing. Maria is considering updating the newsletter template.

Treasurer: Jonathan Harris supplied a balance sheet and an income statement. Jonathan will supply the 2024 financials to Tom Dushel for review.

Show: Holly Heighes talked to the comptroller at the fairgrounds to inquire if they had a record of the club still having a deposit in place. Holly is now a secondary contact at the fairgrounds for the club show.

Karen Lottes reported that the Rockville Science Center has found a home for the specimens they had discussed with the club.

No other regular reports.

Adjournment: It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm.



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Show Table from June 9th Regular Meeting

Name	Specimen	Locale
Jeff Cessna	Sphalerite (Green FL)	Franklin, NJ
“ ”	“ ” (Blue-Purple FL)	“ ”
“ ”	Spodumene	Emmons Quarry, Maine
Chris Luzier	Yellow FL Sphalerite	Franklin, NJ
Diane Leaman	Septarian Nodule	Madagascar
Gary Leaman	Willemite/Calcite/other	Franklin, NJ
Charlie Zellers	Rhodonite	Silverton, CO
Maria Nopo	Quartz, Epidote, & Axinite	Peru
Ken Reynolds	Esperite/Hardystonite	Franklin, NJ
Steven Calamuci	Fluorite	Germany
Doug Baum	Serpentine	Russia
Kurt Knower	Travertine & Flowstone	National Limestone Quarry, PA
Andrea McCluskey	(Help me ID it)	Unknown
Mira Lottes	Yoopelite R2-D2	“ ”
Marco Molinaro	Pyrite/Calcite	West Virginia
Dan Kohn	Kunzite, Glass	
Dave Fryauff	Opal	Chalk Mountain Mine, NC
Corrine Wilson	Sphalerite, Galena, etc.	Germany
Jonathan Harris	Pegmatite w/ Apatite	Howard County, MD
Joel Rosen	Andersonite	Moab, UT
Dan Kohn	Slag U Glass	Pennsylvania
“ ”	Kunzite	Afghanistan
Tom Parnell	Wulfenite	Mezica Mine, Slovenia

Show Table Door Prize

Chrysocolla
 Inspiration Mine, Gila County, Arizona
Won by Maria Nopo

General Door Prize

Chrysocolla
 Kulukulubu Mine, Shaba Province, D.R. Congo
Won by Dave Tiktinsky



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

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: September 8th **Meeting Time:** 7:45 - 9:00 pm

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

June 9th Meeting:

We started the World In Miniature badge at the June meeting. This badge is all about micro, thumbnail, and perky-sized specimens. Everyone went home with a collection of specimens donated to by our generous benefactor out west, Pat Haynes.

September 8th Meeting:

If you've cataloged 10 or more pieces, please bring your catalog to the meeting to get credit for that Collecting badge requirement if you haven't already. We'll continue on with the World In Miniature badge with more specimens to mount. 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](#)

The Shenandoah Valley Gem & Mineral Society
♦♦♦ Presents ♦♦♦
**The 57th Annual
Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show**
The Augusta Expo - 277 Expo Road, Fishersville, VA

Friday 9/19/2025 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday 9/20/2025 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday 9/21/2025 11 am - 5 pm



**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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GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY and FOSSIL 

presented by...
THE GEM CUTTERS GUILD of BALTIMORE

at
HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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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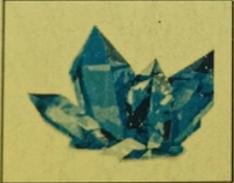
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**SOUTHERN MARYLAND
ROCK, MINERAL, AND FOSSIL SHOW
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025
9 am to 4 pm
OLD WALDORF SCHOOL
3074 CRAIN HIGHWAY (Rt 301), WALDORF MD 20601
(next to Jaycees Hall)
ADMISSION DONATION: ADULTS \$5.00, SENIORS (65+) \$4.00,
JUNIORS (13-17) \$3.00, 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH AN ADULT**

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



THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING
LOTS OF UNIQUE GIFTS
OVER 45 TABLES
*ROCKS *CRYSTALS *FOSSILS
*HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY
*LAPIDARY *MINERALS
*FLUORESCENT TENT *DISPLAYS

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Mineral Club

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

The Baltimore Mineral Society is hosting the 69th Memorial Micromount Symposium on October 17-19, 2025. [Click here for more info.](#)



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.

- Demonstrations
- Exhibits
- Dealers
- Gems
- Jewelry
- Food
- Childrens Activities
- Beads
- Fossils
- Minerals
- Silent Auction
- Free Parking

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Vice President - Heather Vineyard

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NON-BOARD POSITIONS

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