What to Expect

The club participates in several shows and exhibitions each year where every member is encouraged to demonstrate their creative talents and provide the community with a heightened understanding of the hobby.

Members are afforded the opportunity to acquire specimens for their own collections through field trips to local and regional sites as well as other club functions.

Things You Could Learn

Geology, gem, mineral and fossil knowledge, cabochon, faceting, wire wrapping, beading, silver smithing, glass engraving and etching, lost wax casting, soapstone carving, etc….and make many, many new friends!

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The Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula

Do you have an interest in rocks, minerals or fossils?

Please Join Us!

Our Monthly Meetings:
Visitors of all ages are always welcome to attend our meetings. Regular meetings begin with official club business, a program, a free rock drawing and a fellowship period which includes free refreshments. Please visit our site at:
http://gmsvp.weebly.com/

Where: Sandy Bottom Nature Park
1255 Big Bethel Road
Hampton, VA 23666

When: 7 PM on the first Thursday of the month

The Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula

Purpose of the Society:

- Facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between its members by promoting the study of: rocks, minerals, lapidary arts, paleontology, and related fields Earth Science.
- Provide the community with a knowledge of the hobby through: lectures, exhibitions and demonstrations.
- Enjoy good fellowship.

Organization:

The Society is a nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Directors. The Society is the oldest mineralogical and lapidary organization in Virginia. Its first meeting was held on September 23, 1954. As a member of the Society, one is also a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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Membership

Want to become a member? It is easy. Simply come to a meeting and sign up. Everyone is welcome. Save time and fill out a Membership Application from our website and bring it with you to the meeting. Membership form is available at the bottom of the GMSVP web page.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do I have to have a large rock collection to join the GMSVP?

No, in fact many members join the club with no collection at all. You only need an interest in geology, like to have fun and occasionally get dirty.

FAQs (Cont'd)

Will I feel embarrassed if I don't know much about rocks and minerals?

Not at all. We have members with all levels of experience and education.

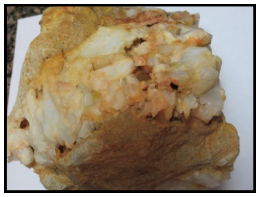
Are kids welcome?

Of course. Well behaved children are always welcome. We even have a special program called "Pebble Pups" just for kids.

Is it expensive to belong to the club?

Hardly. We think it is the best deal in town. Most field trips are free except for transportation.

GMSVP Pebble Pups Program



Sample GMSVP Meeting Door Prize