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GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA

January 2015



President's Corner

Walter Priest

Special Points of Interest:

GMSVP February Meeting

- Sandy Bottom Nature Center; Hampton, VA
- February 5th, 7 PM

Hampton TOTE Show

- HR Convention Center
- March 27—29

EFMLS Convention

- Hickory, NC
- March 27—29

Wildacres Workshop

- Little Switzerland, NC
- May 18—24



Greetings. Well, 2015 has finally arrived, and it promises to be the best year yet for the Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula. We have a lot of new faces in the leadership of the Club, a new Website coordinator, a new Secretary, a new 1st VP for Membership Chairman and a new Field Trip Coordinator. We have also welcomed a number of new members. I can feel a real sense of excitement and anticipation for what a great year is in store for the Club in 2015.

We have been invited to a new TOTE Show in March at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Hopefully, this will prove to be a productive venue for us. It will certainly be new and exciting.

We also have our usual schedule of great activities: TOTE Shows, picnics, auctions, and programs. The Board of Directors also will be working hard this year to provide exciting field trips, workshops and other activities to round out the year.

Come join us for a new and wonderful 2015. If you have not renewed your membership for 2015, please do so as soon as you can so you do not miss out on any of the fun (see <http://gmsvp.weebly.com/> for membership guidance).

Rock on,
-Walter

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Must Have Mineral Books for Library

Source: Diamond Dan Publications, Mini Miners Monthly, Vol 8, No. 9, September 2014

- Here's some mineral books suggested by Diamond Dan Publications for your library:
- Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species 2014 by Malcolm E. Back
 - Rocks and Minerals: A Guide to Minerals, Gems, and Rocks. A Golden Nature Guide, by Herbert S. Zim, Paul R. Shaffer and illustrated by Raymond Perlman.
 - Gem Trails of Southern California by James R. Mitchell
 - Northeast Treasure Hunter's Gem & Mineral Guide: Where & How to Dig, Pan and Mine Your Own Gems and Minerals by Kathy Rygle and Stephen Pedersen
 - A Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals by Frederick H. Pough.

GMSVP CALENDAR

02/05/15—GMSVP February Meeting at Sandy Bottom Nature Center	03/27-29/15—TOTE Show at Hampton Roads Convention Center
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Devil's Backbone

Sara Phillips, Geologist

While driving from Lake Moomaw in Warm Springs, Virginia to my cousins baby shower in Canvas, West Virginia along Route 39, I accidentally stumbled upon this outcrop.

When I drove by for the very first time, I thought I saw an anticline structure out of the corner of my eye, and it sent chills up my spine on account of its size. I ended up turning around immediately to investigate. I discovered that this was an anticline predominantly consisting of sandstone with some shale and siltstone. I took a few photos, and continued to my destination.

When I returned home, I did some research and discovered that this rock outcrop was an exposure of the Browns Mountain

Anticline. The outcrop is predominantly comprised of the Tuscarora Formation (sandstone) on its outer layers, underlain by the Juniata Formation (siltstone/shale/sandstone) comprising its interior layers.

This is one of the best anticline outcrops that I have ever encountered. I highly recommend to stop and take a look, if you are in the area.



"Devil's Backbone," Browns Mountain Anticline, Route 39, along the southern bank of Knapps Creek, Huntersville, West Virginia, on the boundary between the Valley & Ridge province and the Appalachian Plateaus. (Photograph taken by Sara Beth Phillips, June 2014)

GMSVP January 2015 Meeting

Dan Fontaine



During a cold day in November, our club participated in fossil hunt along the James River in Surry, VA. Robert Mazzrillo provided a program about the geology of fossils at the collecting site and pictures taken during the fossil hunt.

Sara Phillips has graciously taken on the role as our club's field trip committee chair.

She led a discussion with our club members on potential field trips during 2015.

Christine Hempley presented some badges earned by some Pebble Pups last year. She also met separately with Pebble Pups to work toward their "Rocking on the Computer" badge.



The 2015 GMSVP Board held their first Meeting on January 5th. Minutes from the Board Meeting are included on pages 15 and 16. Board Members are elected “volunteers” that help run the behind the scenes things that enable us to function as a club. Board Members and their duties are summarized below.

President, Walter Priest: The President presides at all meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and performs all duties customary to the office. He is a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He may appoint such special committees as he deems necessary. He is authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. He votes only in the case of a tie. The President, together with the Treasurer, are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the Club’s IRS 501(c) (3) (non-profit) status. The President or his designee is responsible for reserving the Club’s meeting dates with the Sandy Bottom Nature Park staff on January 1st of each new year.

First Vice-President, Brenda Hawks: The First Vice President serves as Chair of the Membership Committee. She signs all membership cards. She acts as aide to the President and performs all duties of the President in his absence or inability to serve including signing checks in the absence of the Treasurer. She maintains a roster of all current members and makes this roster available to all club members on a regular basis or whenever updated.

Second Vice-President, Barbara Priest: The Second Vice-President serves as Chair of the Program Committee. She performs such other duties as the Board of Directors directs. She acts as aide to the President and performs all duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice-President.

New GMSVP Members

Welcome new rockhounds! —
Sara & Claiborn Phillips

<p>2015 Treasures of The Earth (TOTE) Show Schedule Source: http://treasuresoftheearth.com/events/</p>	<p>October 16 – 18 VA Convention Center Virginia Beach, VA</p> <p><i>Shows close by you may be interested in:</i></p>
<p>March 27 – 29 Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA</p>	<p>March 20 – 22 Meadow Event Park Doswell, VA</p>
<p>April 24 – 26 Virginia Beach Convention Center Virginia Beach, VA</p>	<p>May 1 – 3 Richmond Raceway Complex Richmond, VA</p>
<p>July 17 – 19 Virginia Beach Convention Center Virginia Beach, VA</p>	<p>Sept 18 – 20 Richmond Raceway Complex Richmond, VA</p>

Treasurer, Gary Bergtholdt: The Treasurer receives all monies paid to the Society. He makes disbursements when authorized by the Budget, by the direction of the Board of Directors, or by vote of the Society. He keeps an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements, and financial obligations and gives a statement of account at each meeting. He presents a complete written report and has an audit performed at the end of the calendar year. All checks are signed by the Treasurer or the President or the First Vice-President. In the absence of the Membership Chair, the Treasurer is authorized to sign membership cards. The Treasurer is also responsible for the maintenance of the Club’s post office box.

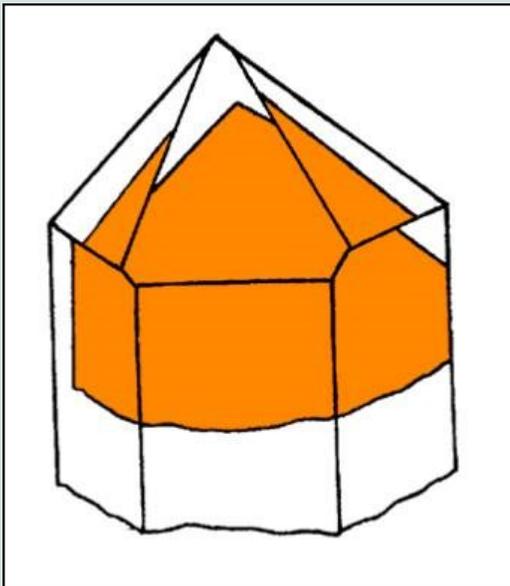
Secretary, Pat Fontaine: The Secretary keeps an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee and The Board of Directors and keeps such records available during meetings so that accurate information as to past actions and intentions may be obtained. The Secretary handles the routine and special correspondence of the Society, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A GOOD CLUB GREAT! GET INVOLVED!

Can Light Go Through Minerals?

Source: Diamond Dan Publications, Mini Miners Monthly, Vol 8, No. 11, November 2014

There are many different ways to describe the look and the physical properties of a mineral. Some of these have to be done using special equipment (like “specific gravity”). To measure specific gravity you need a “Jolly Balance”. To measure hardness you need a set of minerals in the Mohs’ Hardness Scale. However, color is determined simply by looking at the mineral and describing the color. Another description that you can do with the mineral specimens in your collection is “Transparency.” Transparency is a description of how much light goes through a particular mineral. This is very easy, and includes only three simple categories. Here they are:

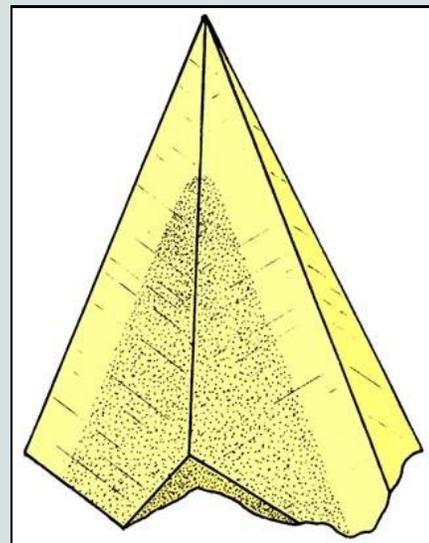


Transparent: A mineral is described as transparent if light travels through it. Quartz crystal, beryl (like emerald and aquamarine), some specimens of gypsum, and some specimens of calcite can be described as transparent. When you hold them up to a light, you can see right through them as if they were pieces of clear, perfect glass.

Translucent: A mineral is described as translucent if light can pass through it, but you can’t see through it because there are inclusions or other things inside the specimen. You can see shapes and shadows through the specimen, but not clear objects.

Minerals that are sometimes transparent can, very often, be

translucent. Other examples of translucent minerals are tourmaline, some quartz, calcite and fluorite specimens, etc.



Opaque: A mineral is described as opaque if it doesn’t let any light pass through it at all, even when it is sliced into thin pieces. Examples of opaque minerals include galena, pyrite, sphalerite, marcasite, etc.

Go to the specimens in your collection and try to look through them. Are they transparent, translucent or opaque? This can be a challenging project. There are some specimens that are translucent. However, on a very, very thin edge of a crystal, you may be able to see right through that edge. You may end up describing the specimen as “translucent (with some transparent edges).”

Also, keep in mind that there are surprises in the mineral world. Minerals like sphalerite are nearly always opaque. But once in a rare while, a unique and wonderful specimen is found that, on a thin edge, is

translucent! On the other hand, some mineral species, like galena and pyrite, are opaque and will never, ever be translucent.

Have fun. If you keep a catalog of your specimens and their properties, analyze them and write down the “Transparency” of each specimen.



Lines are all around us – lines waiting for the latest technological gadget being offered starting at midnight; lines at the grocery store check-out, lines at the stadium rest rooms at ½ time, and virtual lines waiting on hold for tech support to help us with the aforementioned tech gadget.

Speaking of helping: there are also lines of text in instruction manuals, lines on maps to get us where we need to go, and, lines that guide us with safe conduct during field trips. Now, some of those safety guidelines are mere suggestions on how to work alongside and with our fellow rock collectors on a club field trip or dig. Other guidelines are not mere suggestions, but firm rules and lines that one must not cross.

Let us take for example, a club member who decides to attend a field trip to a quarry the club frequents. The quarry owner has graciously permitted the club's visits because she knows the club will respect her quarry's collecting guidelines. Let us further say the member decides to ignore one of the owner's guidelines and collects on the working or unstable face of the pit. The member is in direct violation of the owners wishes. Ignoring those safety guidelines might cause a major or a serious (or worse) injury and result in the entire club being banned from further collecting there.

If other club members spot the infraction first what might they say to the miscreant? "Come away from there – it's not safe", "We could all loose our collecting privileges here if you collect there", or perhaps, "You are setting a bad example by breaking the quarry owners guidelines." What action might a club take if the offender decides to disrespect the lines?

What does a club do to keep the whole club safe from a person who repeatedly does the unsafe? Most clubs have some idea of what is acceptable and what is not; when some guideline may be broken, and some not. Most clubs decide such issues when the need arises on a case by case basis, and in light of what is best for the club's interests.

When the need occurs to have a talk to the rule breaker, one thing that can make it easier on the club is to be able to point to a specific club rule that is immutable, unquestionable, cast in stone, if you will that lays out specific actions for safety transgressions that are egregious.

If the quarry owner is aware her rules and guidelines were disrespected, the club can say that action was taken to insure that such a transgression will not reoccur. Still, it is much preferred that the incident had never occurred. Prevention is better than damage control afterward.

Safety rules enforcement issues can be tricky and difficult to tend to. So, it is usually advantageous to have the whole club on board and understanding all the club's, quarry's, MSHA, OSHA, and so on guidelines that are applicable to the field trip or dig. Safety does not begin with the accident or violation – safety starts with thinking, research, preparation, discussion and follow-up with all the safety aspects to any particular trip, show, activity of even that involves people, critters or things.

Please be safe and do mind the lines!

New Editor Guidelines—A GMSVP/S.C.R.I.B.E. Initiative

Dan Fontaine



The Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.B.E.) is an international organization of bulletin editors of amateur gem, mineral, and earth science societies. S.C.R.I.B.E. exists to: (1) improve communication and public relations among gem and mineral societies, their federations, and other related organizations through involved bulletin editors; and (2) advise and assist new editors with old ideas and old editors with new ideas while giving all editors a share in all ideas for publishing better bulletins. As your GMSVP editor, I am a member of this international society.

When I became your editor last year, I found very little guidance related to the expectations and resources available to a rock club editor. Using the S.C.R.I.B.E. discussion group forum, GMSVP is taking a leadership role to work with members from S.C.R.I.B.E. to develop "New Editor Guidelines" to post on the S.C.R.I.B.E. site. Once posted, a link will be added to our site for access by future club editors.

It is time to talk about the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. So let's talk.

The AFMS Scholarship fund receives its money from the clubs in six of the seven Regional Federations and then distributes scholarships to post-graduate applicants in the geophysical sciences from the interest garnered from the principal of the fund. Post-graduate students have far fewer resources than the undergrads do, so this scholarship money becomes a very important part of their ability to pay for the higher levels of education. In this world of high technology there are very few jobs, even underground, that do not require a Master's or a Doctorate degree.

How it works on our end:

The donations from each club are tracked by the scholarship coordinator (that is me) and the club is awarded percentage points based on the club's membership listed in the latest EFMLS Director and the dollar amount donated. The monies are cumulative so that if a particular donation does not equal \$1 per member, the overage is retained and added to the next donation from the club to help reach the next level of support. If there are donations made **in memory** of a club member who has passed away those donations are also tracked and used in the calculation of the club's scholarship support percentage.

What can you and your club members do:

Make a donation! Ideally, each club should put a "Scholarship" line item in their budget each year. It does not have to be a large amount as every donation counts toward the greater good. That line item can be supported by any number of means. My own club passes the "Scholarship tin" around at every meeting. At the end of the year we take the money collected during the year and round to the next \$100.00 for our annual donation to the AFMS Scholarship. If your club runs a mineral show, part of the proceeds from the door or a raffle run during the show could fund your club's donation. We all have treasures around the house that really would look better at someone else's house. A club yard sale would serve two purposes the most important of which is to fund a donation to the AFMS Scholarship.

Obviously the larger the amount of the donation, the larger the percent increase in support, and the more bragging rights as your club's totals are published in the EFMLS Annual Report. But it is not about us, it is about trying to insure that good people are working in the fields that really mean something to us as a group and that our hobby will survive. Once the men and women that we support are in the workforce, we hope that they remember who supported them during their formative years and will in turn support our hobby through their actions in positions of leadership in the geosciences.

Editor's Note: The 2015 GMSVP budget contains a line item for a donation to the AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Northern Virginia & Maryland Gem and Mineral 2015 Shows

February 14

Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club
25th Annual Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show
Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
<http://www.smrnc.org/2015-rock-show.html>

March 21 & 22

Gem Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery
County MD., Inc. Montgomery Co GLMSMC - 51st
Annual Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Show
Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg MD
<http://www.glmsmc.com/show.shtml>

April 10 & 11

Symposium - Micromineralogist of the National Capital
Area
Alexandria, Virginia <http://www.dcmicrominerals.org/>

May 2015 – Date yet to be determined

Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society
Ruhl Armory Show
Towson Beltway / Baltimore.
<http://www.chesapeakegemandmineral.org/>

November 21 & 22 (tentative)

George Mason University Fairfax/Northern Virginia
Mineral Club Annual Show
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Johnson Center (tentative)

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As I write this our neighborhood is blanketed in snow -- snow in Maryland before Thanksgiving? Sure an odd sight! Although a beautiful scene, I can't help but turn my thoughts towards springtime and the chance to head off to see the spring blossoms that always greet us upon our arrival at Wildacres. And this time, with a late May date, it's doubtful that we'll be greeted with snow showers...or even bitter cold weather.

Not yet been to Wildacres? Are you ever missing a treat! Wildacres Retreat is a conference center that offers its facilities to non-profit groups such as the EFMLS who conduct educational or cultural programs.



Situated on 1,600 acres on a mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC (about an hour north of Asheville), the center includes a variety of classroom and meeting spaces, and about 60 double-occupancy bedrooms, each with a private bath. EFMLS has use of Wildacres twice each year and 2015 will be no exception.

In a nutshell...Wildacres is a fabulous place to take classes in lapidary, jewelry making, photography, etc.!!! Each of our sessions features a guest speaker plus a line-up of interesting classes for participants to choose from. A complete list for each session can be found elsewhere in this issue (or on our web

site efmls-wildacres.org).

Spring (May 18 – 24) will see the arrival of none other than Bob Jones, Senior Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine as our Speaker-in-Residence. Bob will provide all of us with six fabulous talks including some about his adventures around the world. He'll be joined by his wife Carol, an exceptional jewelry artist. Bob really needs no introduction other than to say that he's a marvelous person and speaker and that we're in for a treat.



Later in the season, Denise Nelson will join us as Speakers-in-Residence. Denise is a graduate gemologist, member of the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers, recipient of the Diamond Council of America's Gem and Diamond certificates and owner of her own jewelry design and appraisal service.

So what are you waiting for? Registrations for the spring sessions will be accepted beginning January 1 and since class size is limited, we suggest that you register NOW so you won't be disappointed. A complete list of classes can be found on pages 8 and 9 and a registration form on page 10.

Want more information? Visit our website (www.efmls-wildacres.org) or the Wildacres Retreat web site or contact us at info@efmls-wildacres.org. We promise that you won't be disappointed.

E-MAIL UPDATE: We're excited about our upcoming EFMLS Wildacres Workshops and hope that you are considering joining us "on the mountain" this year.

- As we previously announced, our spring session is **May 18 - 24** with Bob Jones as our Speaker-in-Residence.
- **Now the good news about our 2nd session.** We finally have our dates -- **August 24 - 30** and our Speaker-in-Residence will be Denise Nelson.

I've attached copies of the class lists and descriptions as well as a registration form for your convenience. Don't delay as space is limited! (See pages 8—10.)

And more good news....your club has an opportunity to win a scholarship for one of your club members for one of the 2016 sessions. Details are simple....e-mail me your club bulletin issues (December 2014 - June 2015) that contain one or more articles, blurbs, photo array, poem etc. encouraging your members to come to Wildacres this year. Each item earns a ticket for the drawing and in July we'll pull one lucky ticket from our bag. Full details are in the February EFMLS News that will be mailed next week. Just e-mail those bulletins to: efmlswildacres@gmail.com and I'll do the rest!



I'm looking forward to seeing you this May or August. Questions...don't hesitate to ask. For more information about the EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres visit our website efmls-wildacres.org and click on the Wildacres tab. There you'll find photos, information about the workshops, an application form, listing of classes and information about our "Speakers-in-Residence."

WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES ~ MAY 18 24, 2015. SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: BOB JONES

Class & Instructor	Description
Beading and Findings Mia Schulman	Knitting is back. You will learn how to make a knotted bead necklace as well as how to identify and properly use "findings" such as jump rings and clasps. If time permits you can also make a bracelet and/or earrings to match. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Knitted Wire and Bead Bracelet Mia Schulman	Don't worry, you don't have to know how to knit. These bracelets are stunning and people are always surprised when told they are knitted. 2-day class offered second semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons – Basic Bernie Emery	Learn to transform a piece of rock into a shiny, well-formed cabochon. You will learn the use of the trim saw as well as basics of grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons - Intermediate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabbing and use of the trim saw. 2-day class offered second semester.
Chainmaille – Basic Roger Campbell	Learn the ancient art of chainmaille using non-soldered copper jumpings. Students will learn different weaves while completing class projects. All tools will be provided. An optivisor or other magnification would be helpful. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Chainmaille – Continued Roger Campbell	The 2nd semester class will be a short review of chainmaille and students will learn additional weaves. All tools will be provided. An Optivisor* or other magnification would be helpful.
Faceting Larry Heath	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an Optivisor (#7 or #9) and an apron. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Fused Glass – Advanced Becky Edmundson	Students will learn to use a wet saw to cut shapes, a grinder to smooth the glass, and a jeweler's bit to cut a channel in the piece before it is fire polished in a kiln. You should expect to complete a minimum of two pieces. Students are asked to bring safety glasses and, if you own them, a glass cutter and breaking pliers. No prior experience necessary. 2-day class offered first semester. Note: The advanced class is offered before the basic class for fused glass because more firing time is required for the more complex pieces.
Fused Glass – Basic Becky Edmundson	Fused glass is the art of cutting and layering pieces of glass and then firing them in a kiln. Dichroic coated glass gives a 3-D look. Students will learn the basics of cutting and firing the glass and will complete at least two pieces of jewelry. Students are asked to bring safety glasses and, if you own them, a glass cutter and breaking pliers. 2-day class offered second semester. No prior experience necessary.
Photographing Small Mineral Specimens – Bruce Gaber	Students will learn to set up, light and photograph small mineral specimens to show off their beauty. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Modern Macro photography Bruce Gaber	The natural world is often at its most wonderful when viewed – and photographed – with magnification. Minerals, flowers, insects, all can reveal dramatic beauty in the space of moderate Magnification. We will learn the tools and techniques to be photographic explorers of this space. In addition to lens selection, lighting, and of course choice of appropriate subjects, we will use state-of-the-art digital techniques such as focus stacking and high dynamic range imaging. And we'll have a lot of fun while we're at it. 2-day class offered second semester. No prior experience necessary.
Basics of Scrimshaw Sandra Brady	Scrimshaw, a folk art dating back centuries, is a special form of engraving applied to ivory and similar materials. This course offers an excellent way to begin traditional scrimshaw. Working with a hand scribe you will learn attractive shading techniques and how to work on both natural and man-made materials. You will also learn basic composition and tool sharpening, as well as transfer methods for those who are "drawing challenged." An optivisor or other magnification is recommended. 2 day course offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Scrimshaw – Color Basics Sandra Brady	Building on the methods taught in the first semester, students will be introduced to color. Again, working on both natural and man-made materials, modern scrimshaw methods utilizing the beauty of color will be explored. Preservation of your art work will be included. Bring an optivisor. 2-day course offered second semester. Prerequisite: Basics of Scrimshaw.
Silversmithing - Basic Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing and bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing – Intermediate Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel and ball in which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. 2-day class offered second semester. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering.
Wirewrapped Jewelry Jacolyn Campbell	Using pliers, gold-filled or sterling silver wire, assorted beads or gemstones, and a few basic wirecraft techniques, learn how to create your own fashion rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings to add that perfect accent to your jewelry wardrobe or to give as gifts. All tools and materials will be provided. #1 - Designed for beginners, participants will make an adjustable ring, two bracelets, a pendant and two pairs of earrings. 2-day class offered first semester. #2 - Designed for those with some experience (or a brave beginner) participants will make a fitted ring, two pairs of earrings, a cabochon pendant and a bracelet. 2-day class offered second semester.

Wildacres 2nd Session Classes – August 24-30, 2015. Speaker-in-Residence: Denise Nelson

Class & Instructor	Description
Faceting – Steve Weinberger	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition they will how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an optivisor and/or jeweler's loupe if you have one. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Gem Identification – B. Jay Bowman	Students will learn to use the various instruments used to identify cut gems. This will include the, refractometer, spectroscope and others. They will practice on a variety of stones provided. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Gem Trees – Basic Suzie Milligan	Gem trees are a replica of a tree that is made from wire using gemstones for leaves, etc. The formed tree will be placed on a stone base. The student will learn to measure and cut the wire for their tree, how to twist the wires, how to place the tree on a selecte base, and then add polished gemstones. No experience is needed. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Gem Trees – Advanced Suzie Milligan	The student will learn to form different types of trees. These may include maple, willow or pine. We will make a tree using beads (no gluing required). Pre-requisite: Basic Gem Trees. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Intarsia – Richard Shackleton	In this intarsia class we will start with a kit to frame a picture jasper. You will learn the basic procedures of gluing rocks together framing a center piece. Then you will make a design pattern intarsia. After these two projects you will know enough to create on your own. You are welcome to bring your own material. You should have had some experience with grinding stones. You will be using flat laps and genie grinding machines. It is easy and fun and you'll end up with some nice pieces. 4-day class.
Polymer Clay – Barbara McGuire	This beginning class includes all the 'ah-ha's' that are easy, exciting and effective when Introduced to polymer. You'll learn the very basics, including the finishing, but the real bonus to the class is learning the elements and principles of design. If you are color-challenged this is a great opportunity to learn, as polymer is a playground of color. With very simple "tricks of the trade" the possibilities are endless to create your unique portfolio of beads, jewelry components, focal cabochons and surface design. Good for wearing, wrapping, setting and jewelry design. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Roadside Geology – Virginia Meador	Bring your camera and join us for a roadside tour of nearby features to study the geologic history of the Blue Ridge region with an added bonus of photo ops and tips. 2-day class offered second semester.
Silversmithing – Basic Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing and bending/shaping/texturing metals; soldering, piercing and polishing. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing – Intermediate Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel and bail in which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. 2-day class offered second semester. Pre-requisite: basic silversmithing experience including soldering.
Soapstone Carving Sandy Cline	This class will provide a general introduction to the carving of soapstone. You will develop a working knowledge of the material, tools, safe handling issues and the methods used to complete a carving. You will produce a simple piece and progress to making a more advanced sculpture of your choice. The development of your own personal stylewill be encouraged. 2-day class offered both semesters. No prior experience necessary.
Wildacres "Wild" – Virginia Meador	Students will explore the beauty of the Wildacres area including its flora and some of its hidden secrets. Good walking shoes with ankle support and rain gear are recommended. This is not a class for those having difficulty walking woodland trails and hills. 2-day class offered first semester.

2015 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: May 18-24: _____ Fall: August 24 - 30: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to PAMM BRYANT, Registrar at 2645 Davis Mill Rd, Goochland, VA 23063. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2015.** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

For Office Use Only	
ID #	_____
Date Rec'd	_____
Amt. Paid:	_____
Ck #:	_____
Amt. Paid:	_____
Ck #:	_____
Paid in Full:	_____

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$390.00 per person. Deposit is \$185 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes _____ No _____ Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of roommate: _____ (if none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male _____ Female _____ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes _____ No _____
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes _____ No _____
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes _____ No _____

Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls-wildacres.org/) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? Please indicate at least 3 choices in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Second Semester

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2014)

Mail to: Pamm Bryant, Wildacres Registrar, 2645 Davis Mill Rd, Goochland, VA 23063

If you have any questions, please contact either

Pamm Bryant, Registrar at <pbryant6 at juno.com> or 804-457-4698 or

Fran Sick, Director at <ednfran at epix.net> or 570-928-8313.

When we are out collecting, we have an obligation to fellow fossil or mineral collectors, the general public and to ourselves to practice conservation by collecting ethically and responsibly. The Merriam Webster dictionary defines a conservationist as “someone who works to protect animals, plants, and natural resources or to prevent the loss or waste of natural resources: a person who is involved in conservation.”¹ One of the easiest things we can do to practice conservation is to follow the guidelines that are established in the AFMS Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics has been published in the EFMLS News on numerous occasions but I wonder how many of us have taken the time to actually read the Code let alone try to implement all of it when we are out collecting? Most of the Code consists of common sense items that if we practice, will help us protect and preserve those collecting areas that are near and dear to our hearts. (Editors Note: AFMS Code of Ethics is included on the next page.)

Let’s look at the first statement in the Code of Ethics, ‘*I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.*’ Collectors must always obtain permission from the landowner before entering private property. You should never trespass on public or private property in order to collect. Failure to ask for permission is a valid cause for a complaint by the landowner of unlawful entry (trespass). Criminal charges and/or civil court actions could be costly and result in the cancellation of your collecting privileges on the subject land. You do not have the right to take fossils and minerals from the person who owns them. The fact that the property owner does not know they are there does not give you any special rights. Depending upon the value of the material you illegally collect, you could be charged with a felony for the theft of the property.

As a guest of the landowner, the collector should respect the property, taking care not to damage fences, trample crops or disturb or injure livestock. All gates must be left as they are found. If you dig a hole remember to fill it in completely. If the landowner gives you permission, you may want to mark the spot you were digging to permit you to come back on a future day to continue your exploration of the site. It is always a good practice to leave the area in as good as or better condition as you found it. Take all of your trash with you and if there is any trash left at the area by others pick it up and dispose of it properly. Take the time to note and report anything unusual or of special interest, such as leaking water troughs, livestock on roadways, gates that are closed and denying water to stock or the presence of trespassers or poachers. This will strengthen your relationship with the landowner and ensure that your presence on their property is providing an added benefit. This type of feedback will most certainly result in an invitation to come back again sometime.

Remember to always ask permission before you go collecting. Offer to share with the landowner any specimens you find. Most landowners will let you keep the specimens. By offering to share what you found with the landowner, you may peak their interest in the earth sciences and may pave the way for further collecting expeditions on their property. The friendships you make with landowners can last a lifetime and will almost certainly be more valuable than anything you could find. If the landowner refuses to give you permission to collect, do not enter their property. You may want to politely ask him why he is refusing his permission to ascertain if there are any concerns that you could address. If he still refuses to grant you access, thank him for his time and move on to another collecting site.

Public Lands may be off limits to collecting. It is safe to assume you cannot collect unless you absolutely know it is legal to collect at that site. Although the landowner you contact to ask for permission on private property is likely to be a reasonable and friendly individual, the public servant you contact to ask for permission on public land may be anything from suspicious to kind to condescending. Unlike the landowner who is lord of his domain, the public servant must answer to a boss and “NO” is a safer answer for him to give.

If it is legal to collect on certain public land please make sure that you follow any rules that have been established limiting the collecting area, the collecting method or the number of specimens that you may collect. Failure to follow the rules may result in fines and the closure of the area to future collecting.

By using our common sense and following the AFMS “Code of Ethics” we will continue to preserve those collecting areas that are near and dear to our hearts and may open up new areas for ourselves and fellow collectors. Please remember to collect responsibly.

(Endnotes)

1“Conservationist” *merriam-webster.com*. Merriam Webster an Encyclopedia Britannica Company, 2014, 24 November 2014.

I am still looking for individuals to join the EFMLS Legislative and Conservation Committee. If you are interested in assisting the EFMLS by joining this important committee or know of someone in your club who would be a good addition to this committee, please contact me at <slipgapdms@aol.com>.



AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

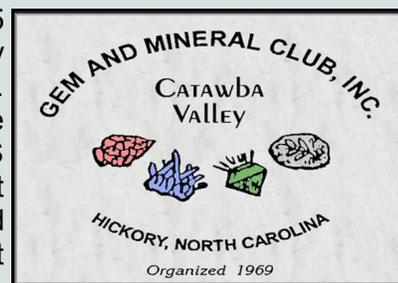
2015 EFMLS Convention in Hickory, NC on March 27—29

Baxter Leonard, Show Chair and Larry Huffman

Source: EFMLS Newsletter, Volume 51, Number 9, August-September 2014



The Catawba Gem & Mineral Club will host the 2015 EFMLS Convention on March 27-29, 2015 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center (Hickory MCC) in Hickory, NC. Our organization was organized in 1969, joined the EFMLS in 1973, and hosted the annual EFMLS conventions in 1989 and 1995. Its members take great pride in sponsorship of its annual show and are excited about the upcoming EFMLS accepting our proposal to host its annual convention in the Tar Heel state.



Hickory is located in the foothills region of the western Piedmont of our diverse state and North Carolina has 300+ minerals within its borders. The county which is home to Hickory has well known minerals within the quartz family, and everyone is familiar with the minerals of adjacent Alexander County which includes emeralds / hiddenite / and rutile.

This is our 45th annual show with a group of vendors that have quality mineral specimens, fossils, jewelry both finished and unmounted stones, lapidary material, and beads. The club has educational exhibits covering specific themes as well as personally collected and personally crafted specimens. We invite all attendees to join with us in sharing your exhibits... a display case may be reserved or you may bring your own. Look for showcase exhibit sign up info later.



We take much pride in setting aside the Friday morning for school groups to listen to various topics and have time for their questions.

Also, demonstrations of wire wrapping, making cabochons, and faceting are present.

Our club will conduct a field trip to the Reel Amethyst Mine in close by Lincoln County on Friday, March 27th where exceptional colored crystals and clusters have been found.

The schedule for EFMLS events is:

Friday, March 27

- 5:30 pm - Cracker Barrel, Hampton Inn
- 7:30 pm - EFMLS Annual Meeting: Hickory Convention Center

Saturday, March 28

- 1:30 pm - Annual EFMLS Auction, Hickory Convention Center
- 7:30 pm - Awards Banquet, Hickory Convention Center



January Ice—Photo by Dan Fontaine

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 am - Editors' Breakfast, Hampton Inn

Lodging has been arranged at Hampton Inn of Hickory, adjacent to the Hickory Metro Convention Center...a block of rooms has been set aside for convention delegates. (rate \$104 plus tax). Be sure to mention that you are with the EFMLS Convention when calling.

- Hampton Inn, 1956 13th Ave. Dr, SE, Hickory, NC 28602 ; 1-828-624-2000; I-40 at exit 125
- Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602; I-40 at exit 125



SAVE DATES TO YOUR HOME CALENDARS!

Changes in Red

Hampton Sandy Bottom Nature Park's Nature Center

7 PM

- Board Meetings: January 5th, March 30th, July 6th, and September 28th
- Regular Meetings: January 15th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May (picnic instead of meeting), June 4th, July 2nd, August 20th, September (picnic instead of meeting), October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd

Hampton Sandy Bottom Nature Park's Lakeside Shelter

(Watch for a future newsletter announcement)

- Picnics: May 16th and September 12th

Treasures of the Earth Show (GMSVP Booth)

Source: <http://treasuresoftheearth.com/events/>

- **March 27 – 29**
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA
- **April 24 – 26**
Virginia Beach Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA
- **July 17 – 19**
Virginia Beach Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA
- **October 16 – 18**
VA Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA



Attachment: Proposed GSMVP 2015 Budget

- The meeting was brought to order at 7 PM by GSMVP President, Walter Priest, at Sandy Bottom Nature Center.
- Walter introduced our new member and field trip coordinator Sara Phillips.
- The Treasurer, Gary Bergtholdt, proposed a tentative budget for 2015. This was discussed, and the following recommendations were suggested:
 - ◇ GSMVP will be using the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) insurance due to the lower rate. The insurance premium will be based on GSMVP membership as of December 31, 2014.
 - ◇ The budgets for hospitality, Picnic food, and Christmas foods will be combined in 2015.
 - ◇ The donation for FOSB (Friends of Sandy Bottom) will be increased, because we are using the facility for board meetings in addition to general membership meetings.
 - ◇ The newsletter/publication budget includes funds for printing more brochures if needed. These may be needed, because we will be participating in four Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) shows this year.
 - ◇ The budget will be amended once Holly Worsham provides an estimate for the proposed hosting of our own website. Note: Following the meeting Holly provided an estimate to upgrade to Weebly PRO membership and purchase a domain name for our club. The estimate was added as a budget line item.
 - ◇ The postage line will be removed from the budget. Necessary postage will be included as part of the cost for the activity requiring it.
 - ◇ The cost for Mineral of the Month Club is removed from the Pebble Pups budget.. We have enough samples in the shed to provide the necessary mineral samples for at least 18 months.
 - ◇ We are reinstating our donation to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) scholarship.
 - ◇ We are now renting a truck to transport our equipment to TOTE shows, rather than storing the equipment and using our trailer. Therefore, the budgets for self storage, and trailer maintenance and registration were eliminated.
 - ◇ The budget for equipment maintenance has been increased, because it is necessary to replace two sets of Genie wheels. We are considering buying one set from Johnson Brothers (which is less expensive) and one set from Diamond Pacific, in order to determine which brand is a better value (cost versus durability). Also, we will purchase new discs for the flat lap machine.
 - ◇ Nothing will be budgeted for workshops. Participants will either bring their own supplies to workshops or pay a fee to the instructor, if necessary.
 - ◇ There will be no budget for rock and equipment purchases. These items must be put to a vote by the general membership when an opportunity for an appropriate purchase arises.
 - ◇ Our projected expenses for 2015 are \$9580.25 and our projected income is \$9728.66.
- The board recommended that we have an auction of the Pixie machine, which was donated to us. The machine is in “like new” condition. This will be advertised prior to the auction.
- Kelly Mazzrillo will design larger file size GSMVP logo and an official letterhead for the GSMVP. Dan Fontaine will forward the current GSMVP logo file to Kelly.
- Purchase of appropriate gifts for speakers was discussed. Walter Priest suggested that he had seen some lapis pyramids/obelisks that were reasonably priced.



Minutes for the Board Meeting of January 5, 2015 (Cont'd)

Pat Fontaine

- Ideas for potential programs for the coming year were discussed. Sara Phillips offered to present her experiences in Brazil and also her thesis on mineralogy. Robert Mazzrillo said he would discuss fossil collecting at Pipsico at the January meeting; also, Sara Phillips will lead a group discussion on 2015 field trips during the meeting. Other suggestions were Rock Bingo (which would also be a fundraising opportunity), the Lora Robins Museum in Richmond, and a rock swap. Barbara Priest indicated that she would contact Chuck Bailey at the College of William and Mary to see if he would be available to speak to us.
- Sara Phillips would appreciate any suggestions for field trips that members would be interested in attending. Also, Pat Fontaine suggested that when we go on field trips, we should collect a gratuity for our hosts early in the day, since members often have to leave at various times and do not necessarily stay until the end of the day.
- Dan Fontaine described a project that he has been working on with other members of Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.I.B.E.). They are putting together some guidelines for new newsletter editors in order to assist them with the task. He suggested that we create similar guidelines for all positions on the board and committee chairs.

Minutes prepared by Pat Fontaine

January 6, 2015

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As of 1-5-15								
2015 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual
Insurance	\$257.60	\$211.20	\$257.60	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$446.00	\$300.00	
SFMS dues	\$122.50	\$165.00	\$221.14	\$157.50	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$78.75	\$78.75
EFMLS Dues	\$208.25	\$224.00	\$277.03	\$182.00	\$150.00	\$99.75	\$73.50	\$73.50
Field Trips	\$48.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	NA	\$50.00	
FOSB "donation"	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	
Hospitality	\$207.09	\$191.05	\$62.43	\$35.16	\$700.00	\$833.31	\$900.00	
Picnic Food	NA	NA	\$183.46	\$134.64	NA	NA	\$0.00	
Christmas Food	NA	NA	\$0.00	\$66.10	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	
Historian/Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$150.60	\$150.00	
Membership	\$115.92	\$29.30	\$125.38	\$0.00	NA	NA	\$100.00	
Memorial/Donation	NA	NA	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	
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Pebble Pups	NA	\$31.68	\$659.40	\$285.03	\$1,035.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Picnic Shelter	NA	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
PO Box Rent	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$66.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Presidents Gift	\$108.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.44	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$38.00	
Purchases - Rocks	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Purchases - Equipment	NA	NA	NA	\$650.25	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Programs and Meetings	\$59.91	\$15.15	\$51.73	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Website	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	NA	\$250.00	
Scholarships	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Shows/Special Events	\$5,312.57	\$3,821.28	\$2,579.98	\$4,215.34	\$4,000.00	\$2,059.51	\$3,000.00	
Truck Rental	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$598.75	\$1,000.00	
Equip Maintenance	\$536.62	\$589.93	\$439.05	\$1,062.51	\$600.00	\$448.37	\$1,400.00	
Self Storage	NA	NA	NA	\$1,469.47	\$1,500.00	\$1,469.47	NA	NA
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	NA	NA
Trailer Registration/Tax	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$8.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	NA
Workshops	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$8,781.06	\$6,931.49	\$6,253.41	\$9,657.45	\$12,051.00	\$7,371.98	\$9,580.25	\$392.25

2014 GMSVP Income	
Membership	\$650.00
Monthly Auctions	\$379.00
Apr/Club Auction	\$950.25
May Picnic	\$122.00
Sep Picnic	\$115.00
Apr TOTE	\$2,599.26
Jul TOTE	\$1,471.21
Oct TOTE	\$2,441.94
Total 2014	\$8,728.66
Mar 2015 TOTE	\$1,000.00
Est. 2015 Revenue	\$9,728.66



Attachments:

- 1) Accepted GMSVP 2015 Budget
- 2) Logo designs

- The meeting was brought to order at 7 PM at Sandy Bottom Nature Center by Treasurer, Gary Bergtholdt, standing in for President, Walter Priest, who was unable to be present.
- Gary introduced our new field trip coordinator, Sara Phillips. Sara led discussion regarding our expectations for field trips. We discussed the type of trips in which we are interested, the distance we are willing to travel, and the duration of the trips. She hopes to offer us some options at the next general meeting.
- Christine Hempley presented some Pebble Pups awards for a report on the 2014 Rose River field trip and lapidary and faceting projects. The Pebble Pups focus for this year will be on miniature specimens and fluorescents.
- First Vice President, Brenda Hawks, reported that so far we have 52 members for 2015, including our newest members Sara and Claiborn Phillips. The new membership cards are ready to be picked up by members.
- Secretary, Pat Fontaine, indicated that the final copy of the minutes of the January 5th board meeting had been forwarded to all board members and committee chairs.
- Treasurer, Gary Bergtholdt, reported that we have:
 - ◇ \$13,188 in checking
 - \$666 in savings
 - \$3,667 in CD
 - \$17,521 total
- Property Chair, Hank Woods, reported that he has ordered geodes to sell at the TOTE shows, but they have not arrived yet. He has also ordered two sets of Genie wheels from Johnson Brothers and one set of discs for the flat lap machine.
- Michael Griffith reported that our Facebook page is up to date and has 431 followers from all over the world.
- Webmaster, Holly Worsham, indicated that she will get a subscription with Weebly PRO. She is also in the process of submitting the website for a 2015 competition. The website includes a list of interesting events, such as a flint knapping presentation this Saturday, January 17, in Courtland, VA.
- Gary recognized Kelly Mazzrillo for doing such an outstanding job with Hospitality. We all enjoyed a fabulous chili cook-off with accompaniments.
- Robert Mazzrillo reported that he has not heard anything further regarding details of the March TOTE show in Hampton, VA. He suggested that because we are not sure of how much space they have allotted us, he is prepared to place our rock saws outside, if necessary. He will e-mail requests for volunteers to help with the show, which will take place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on March 27, 28, and 29. The TOTE shows are also listed on Facebook and website under the "Events" tab.
- New Business
 - ◇ Mrs. Elizabeth Sale has passed away. A remembrance will be sent to the family.
 - ◇ The amended proposed budget was presented to the general membership by Gary Bergtholdt. After some discussion, Bubba Ward moved that the budget be accepted as it stands. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously without change by voice acclamation. The approved budget is Attachment (1).



- ◇ A new design for the GMSVP logo was presented to the membership for consideration. It was very well received. A final vote will be taken at the next general meeting. Graphics of the current and proposed new design are included as Attachment (2).
- ◇ Gary introduced and welcomed two guests, Rhonda and Dana.
- ◇ A motion to adjourn the business meeting was passed.
- We then enjoyed a presentation by Robert Mazzrillo about the fossil hunt field trip to the Pipsico Reservation in Surry, Virginia during November 2014. The MAGMA club generously invited GMSVP to take part in searching for fossils of the Pliocene and Miocene eras. Participants obtained many nice specimens of shells, especially Chesapekten Jeffersonius and Ecphora Quadrstrata, in addition to tube worms, shark teeth, and even a whale bone. Robert completed his presentation at 8:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by Pat Fontaine

January 16, 2015

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PO Box Rent	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$66.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Presidents Gift	\$108.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.44	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$38.00	
Purchases - Rocks	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Purchases - Equipment	NA	NA	NA	\$650.25	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Programs and Meetings	\$59.91	\$15.15	\$51.73	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Website	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	NA	\$250.00	
Scholarships	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Shows/Special Events	\$5,312.57	\$3,821.28	\$2,579.98	\$4,215.34	\$4,000.00	\$2,059.51	\$3,000.00	
Truck Rental	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$598.75	\$1,000.00	
Equip Maintenance	\$536.62	\$589.93	\$439.05	\$1,062.51	\$600.00	\$448.37	\$1,400.00	
Self Storage	NA	NA	NA	\$1,469.47	\$1,500.00	\$1,469.47	NA	NA
Trailer Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	NA	NA
Trailer Registration/Tax	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$8.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	NA
Workshops	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total	\$8,781.06	\$6,931.49	\$6,253.41	\$9,657.45	\$12,051.00	\$7,371.98	\$9,580.25	\$392.25

2014 GMSVP Income	
Membership	\$650.00
Monthly Auctions	\$379.00
Apr/Club Auction	\$950.25
May Picnic	\$122.00
Sep Picnic	\$115.00
Apr TOTE	\$2,599.26
Jul TOTE	\$1,471.21
Oct TOTE	\$2,441.94
Total 2014	\$8,728.66
Mar 2015 TOTE	\$1,000.00
Est. 2015 Revenue	\$9,728.66

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