



THE REGULAR MEETING of the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County MD., Inc. will be held on Monday February 13th in the dining room of the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, in Rockville. The business meeting will begin at 7:45 but the room is available to us at 7:30 PM so come early and see what you and others have on the Show Table and chat with old friends. The program will be "Pleistocene Vertebrate Fossils" by Rod Towers our Vice President and Program Chairman.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Monday, February 20th at 7:30 PM at the home of David and Nancy Ballard. Any member is welcome to attend but please let Nancy know if you plan to attend.

ROSTER UPDATE

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A SHOW EXHIBIT application is included with this issue. USE IT. If you have not already sent your entry to Frances Gallegos, take the time to do it NOW. Ours is the major show in the area with many exhibits, demonstrations, a work shop, and activities for children. We need your help to make our show a success. Do your part by exhibiting. The GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds will be here before you know it (March 18 and 19). Of course you may put in more than one case, or collaborate to share a case with another member. Juniors take note: The best junior exhibit in the show will be given the Lillian Turner Award, a \$100 U.S. savings bond. Rules say that you must be age 17 or younger and the case should be substantially your own work. If you have won previously, the case must be substantially different from the previous entry.

AMBER, Jewel of the Earth, with Sir David Attenborough, will play on PBS on February 14th. Make note!

DEADLINE for the March Rockhounder is February 28, 2006



to those born in February: Christine Abelow, Nancy Ballard, Frances Gallegos, Betsy Hallman, Philip Krug, Bill Mattison, Tom Parnell, Ginger Posthumus, Juan Proaño, Norman Root, Lester Schaub, Carol Smith, Rod Towers, and Inga Wells. The birthstone for February is Amethyst



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The Meeting January 9, 2006 was called to order at 7:45 PM by Immediate Past President, George Durland, who turned over the gavel to the new President, Scott Braley, and a hearty round of thanks and applause was given to George. The Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2005 regular meeting were approved. No Field trips are planned. Wendell Mohr brought show fliers. He announced that Carl Miller will be the EFMLS Region IV V.P., Wildacres applications are available for sessions May 22-28 and Sep.11-17,2006, and that Harvey Lindenbaum cancelled the rental of the small dealer hall for the show due to the increased rental not supported by revenue. Rent was raised 32%. Treasurer, Juan Proaño, reported that we are still solvent. 18 dealers have sent payments with 4 more expected. The Fanny Phillips material sold in Dec. yielded \$375 and the sale of Tom Wolf/Stephanie Sidella donation, yielded \$78. Final 2005 accounts will be ready for audit in about 2 weeks. Sara and Robert LaVilla volunteered to do the audit. A firm commitment for Librarian has not yet obtained.

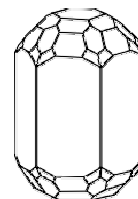
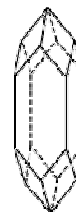
Speaker, Jeffrey Post, presented an excellent digital slide show “Unraveling the Mysteries of the Hope Diamond”. The Hope diamond is the largest known blue diamond at 45.52 carats today and is on display in the Winston Gallery, visited by about 5 million people a year. Only about 1 in 200,000 diamonds are blue. The largest diamond used to be the Cullinan, in the British Crown jewels collection, but has been eclipsed by the “Brown Jubilee”, at 540+ carats, owned by the King of Thailand. Research has centered on the history of the Hope, found in India, stolen in the French revolution, appeared re-cut some 20 years later in England and bought by King George II, bought by Henry Philip Hope (Thus the name) and, after changing hands several times, Pierre Cartier sold it to Evalyn Walsh McLean, and eventually it was donated to the Smithsonian. He told of the purported “Curse”. A team project involving Scott Sucher, Stephen and Nancy Attaway, and Jeffrey Post. resulted in virtual models (CZ replicas were cut from them and were brought for examination) of the “Tavernier”, 115 metric carats, “French Blue”, 69 metric carats, and the Hope, which supported the postulation that each iteration represented a lessening of the size of the stone. The project also showed that no significant smaller stone(s) would have been available from the re-cuttings. The “Brunswick Blue” did not come from this diamond. The Hope is not symmetrical and has a flat culet on the back side. Modern cutters criticize the faceting job. Other research was a study of the color and optical properties of blue diamonds. The Hope is a type IIB, containing a trace of Boron, no Nitrogen, and is a conductor of electricity. No destructive tests are practical for rare blue diamonds which are very expensive. The Hope fluoresces and phosphoresces. Under UV, diamonds may or may not fluoresce and do so in different colors. They do phosphoresce and the rate of decay is measured. Blue diamonds show two (red/orange and green) peaks in the spectrum of emitted light for 48 tested stones. Synthetic diamonds can be doped with Boron. Synthetic blue diamonds lack the red/orange phosphorescence. (Perhaps a trace element besides Boron is needed?). Some non-blue diamonds, when irradiated, turn blue. For further detailed information see the June 2005 Lapidary Journal article on the project and/or visit <www.si.edu/resource/faq/nmnh/hope.htm>

Visitors were: Nancy DeMulder, Kathy Ewell, John & Ildiko Jankovich, Mary Myers, Judy Spitzler, and Oscar Wuerstlin. Persons visiting and who were elected to membership were: Heather Felsen, Jeremy King,, Tim Morgan & Michele McMurtry, and Harold and Dee Williams. See Roster update for details. About 50 people attended the meeting which was adjourned at 9:57PM. Secretary Robert Winfield.

DOOR PRIZES. The general door prize, a Fluorite from China was won by Nancy Ballard. Rory McElravy, junior member, won a Meteorite from Nantan, China. Two other juniors, Ben Harris and Sarah Kaider won a Copper Specimen, and Magnetite crystals respectively. The show table prize, a Madagascar Celestite, went to Jennifer Wingard.

SHOW TABLE January 9, 2006

Lisa Carp	4 Jade Specimens	Guatemala, New Zealand, Myanmar
George Durland	Willemite, Leucophoenicite	Franklin NJ
	Hancockite, Manganaxinite	Franklin NJ
Jonathan Harris*	Dolomite	Pinesburg Quarry, Williamsport MD
	Prehnite	Rockville Crushed Stone Quarry, Rockville MD
Sarah Kaider	Quartz	Sugarloaf Mountain, Montgomery Co.** MD
Jane Kuehn	Hope Diamond Replica	Smithsonian NMNH
David Kogon	Iron Ochre	Grube Uranus Mine, Bavaria, Germany
Chuck Mason	Green Fluorescent Chalcedony	Yount Ranch near Gering NE
Rory McElravy	Heliotrope/Bloodstone	Locality Unknown
Wendell Mohr *	Meg. Shark Tooth, Sand Dollar	Aurora NC
	2 cent stamps: Navajo Turquoise	USPS
Juan Proaño	Cassiterite, Sulfo salts Pb, Ag, Zn	Pirquitas Mine, Jujuy Province, Argentina
Michael Tihomirov*	Prehnite/Apophyllite	Fairfax Quarry VA
Rod Towers	Microscope Micro Scheelite and Quartz	
Jen Wingard	Barite, Amethyst	Sardinia, Italy
Heather Felsen	Larimar	Dominican republic



* Self Collected

** Sugarloaf Mountain is mainly in Frederick County- Editor

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: The Meeting of Jan. 16, 2006 at Ballard's home was called to order by Rod Towers, who presided until the arrival of President Scott Braley. Board Members present: Nancy Ballard, Scott Braley, George Durland, Frances Gallegos, Wendell Mohr, Juan Proaño, Joel Rosen, Rod Towers, and Bob Winfield. Member present: Bill Mattison. The replacement for Shop Leader Lois Ritchie at the 2007 Show will be Don Turner. Bob Irby suggested Ms. Brennan from Montgomery College for February speaker on sculpture, and Rod to confirm Jan. 17th. Juan Proaño reported a year end balance of \$39560.74 and balance of Jan.16 of \$35345.56, having paid Fairgrounds rental, which is up 32%. 20 Dealers have paid for space. First of two remaining dealers to pay will get a spot. (Reduced number of dealers due to not using room off big dealer room.) Discussion about hiring help for Show cleanup as suggested by Harvey Lindenbaum: Would depend upon cost. Documents are ready for LaVillas' audit. Joel Rosen clarified need to purchase 2 more specimens for door prizes. After discussion of whether better specimens has increased membership or attendance (Doubtful except possible for juniors), It was agreed that Joel will pick specimens from Sidella material in Juan's basement. Then we will have specimens through June 2007. Scott Braley initiated a discussion of how to increase membership, attendance at meetings, and involvement of membership in activities. More help for setup and teardown at the Show is needed because of the increasing age of workers. Ways to get members engaged and taking leadership roles was briefly discussed. The use of paid display advertising of meetings, working with local colleges and universities through posters and fliers and possibly sponsoring rockhounding clubs there, joint outreach projects with other area clubs, and having fliers to announce upcoming programs (Require planned programs well in advance) were discussed. If the Society web site project is not progressing, Scott offered to undertake the task which might require a paid host and payment for a domain name. George Durland volunteered to present a program on Photographing Minerals for March. Possible program speakers were proposed. To date we have no Show Chairman for 2007. Alternate sites for the Show need to be checked for price and convenience. Membership will be asked if they want the Rockhounder by E Mail to save printing and postal costs. Could possibly send reminder of meeting a couple of days before via E Mail. Lois Ritchie proposed that David Ballard be elected to Life Membership, George Durland so moved, Juan Proaño seconded and motion passed unanimously. She also suggested honorary membership for Jeffrey Post, however there is no provision in the By-Laws currently. Bill Mattison spoke of



his need to sell specimens and an item in the Rockhounder was agreed upon. Wendell reported on NY field trip investigation by Anita Lizas James. 501C3 status is still to be completed. George and Karen Durland have accepted responsibility for Club & Show publicity and Wendell Mohr has agreed to be Editor. Meeting adjourned 10:04 PM. Bob Winfield Sec'y.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES George Durland put a mineral display in the Rockville Library. Titled "The minerals of the Franklin and Sterling Hill Mines in Franklin and Ogdensburg, New Jersey", it was in a display window. It contained some "Ugly rocks" with a poster containing pictures of some of them glowing (fluorescing) in the dark. The game was to find and match the ugly rocks to the glowing rocks on the poster. Kids got a kick out of trying to match them up. There were some rare and pretty minerals from the mines and a write up explaining the mines and the minerals and fluorescents found there. It was exhibited from Friday January 6th to the 28th.

SCANDAL As reported in several newspapers, the private non profit Gemological Institute of America was involved in a major problem with bribery. Four employees were dismissed when it was discovered that they were allegedly bribed by some diamond dealers to raise the grade of diamonds. (Grade depends on the 4 C's: Color, Clarity, Cut, and Carat size) GIA also made management changes and created a compliance officer position. A lawsuit by a jewelry dealer resulted when some Saudi royal family members felt cheated when gems they purchased were found to be lower graded when taken to an independent appraiser. The exact extent and impact of the problem is yet to be determined. The lawsuit was settled but terms are confidential. GIA offers, with conditions, to re-examine assessed grades free of charge. A diamond is forever but.....

NEW REGION IV EFMLS VP Region IV (Delaware, Maryland and Virginia) has a new Regional Vice President. He's Carl Miller, Immediate Past President of EFMLS and member of the Richmond G & M Society. Carl succeeds Jennie Smith who resigned. We thank her for her long-time dedication to the region and Federation. Carl will serve out the remaining months of Jennie's term of office.



SNOW CONTINGENCY Reminder: If schools in Montgomery County, MD are to be cancelled, or let out early, because of weather on the day of a scheduled Society meeting, we will have no meeting. Call the Society President or a Board Member (Numbers on the back of the ROCKHOUNDER) if in doubt. With the unusual weather patterns this year who knows what can happen!



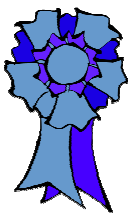
OFFER We now have the capability of sending you the Rockhounder by E Mail. It gives you the chance to receive it, with color, at the earliest possible time. If you do not require a hard copy, it will save the Society the printing and mailing costs. If you want to do this, contact the Editor at <wmohr@erols.com>.

SALE Bill Mattison is an apartment dweller trying to reduce his collection to a more manageable size. He is offering 450 fluorescent specimens, as a lot only, for \$2850. Give him a call at 301 946 1357 if interested.

NANCY BALLARD retiring editor extraordinaire, deserves the highest appreciation from us all for her long devoted serve since April 1973! That would make a book about 9 inches thick! We cannot say enough to her about how much we appreciate her faithful service. Year in year out, without fail. Now let that typewriter get a chance to cool off and relax and enjoy, Nancy!



NEW LIFE MEMBER The Board of Directors has elected David Ballard to Lifetime Membership. Dave is a 1950 VPI graduate, and worked for many years at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards, as a metallurgist and was a scanning electron microscopy specialist. He has a long active history with the Society which includes being President, and V.P. (Program Chairman) of the group. He was Treasurer when the Show committee had a separate treasurer. He was property manager including responsibility for the purchase of the trailer for storage of Show materials, trailer storage, new fronts for showcases, and new boxes for the cases. At our Show he handled the electrical, enlisted a demonstration of the analytical machine called EDAX for several years, succeeded in having the Micromineralogists be demonstrators, assisted with the mailing of post cards promoting the Show, and was the "Jack-of-all trades". He and Nancy have co-hosted Board meetings for years. And as Nancy says, "He put up with me and supported me for the 32+ years as Editor". For these accomplishments, we welcome Dave to Life Membership.



RESOLUTIONS

Some More New Years Resolutions for Rockhounds:

- S**upport your Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society.
- U**rge your friends to join.
- P**ay your dues promptly.
- P**lan to attend all meetings.
- O**btain suitable articles for the club Bulletin.
- R**ead at least one new book on Rockhounding.
- T**ransport a fellow member to meetings if he or she has no transportation.
- Y**ield to someone more knowledgeable than yourself.
- O**ffer to help the beginner or new member.
- U**pgrade your collection continually.
- R**emember to share your knowledge and surplus rocks with others.
- R**ecognize faults of others and forgive them.
- O**mit criticism which is not constructive.
- C**ontribute to all phases of rockhounding.
- K**now your membership, introduce yourself to new members.
- S**ign up at least one new member in 2006.
- O**ffer to help, even when not asked.
- C**atch up on your reading during the cold months.
- I**nvite friends to attend meetings with you.
- E**nter a case in the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show.
- T**ry to find new rock hunting localities.
- Y**ell if you are not asked to help and you want to participate.

Modified from Calgary Lapidary Journal 12/03, author not given, via the Roamin' Rams 1/04

Leadership for the Society Still Needed. If willing to serve, contact President, Scott Braley:

2007 Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show Chairman
 Historian
 Librarian



CLASSES Montgomery County Public Schools are again offering adult education classes of interest.

- ◆ “Gemstones I & II”, 14—2 hour classes, once more is being taught by member, Lisa Carp, and begin on February 15 and 14, respectively at 10:00 AM at Concord Center, 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda.
- ◆ “Stone Sculpture”, 10—2 hour classes, is handled by Ann Ruppert, who has previously been a demonstrator at our show. Classes begin February 22 and 23 at 7:00 PM also at Concord Center.

Nancy DeMulder, who attended our January Meeting, is teaching these five classes:

- ◆ “Metal Arts Jewelry, Beginning Level”, 8—2 hour classes, start March 21, 7:00 PM at Concord Center.
- ◆ “Metal Arts Jewelry, Intermediate Level”, 7—2 1/2 hour classes begin on March 20, 7:00 PM at North Lake Center, 15101 Bauer Drive, Rockville.
- ◆ “Bead Stinging: Thread & Wire I”, 4—3 hour classes begin March 4 at 9:30 PM at North Lake Center.
- ◆ “Advanced Wire Work”, 2—3 hour classes start April 22 at 9:30 AM at North Lake Center.
- ◆ “Intermediate Beadwork”, 3—3 hour classes begin May 6 at 9:30 AM at North Lake Center.

For class details, registration and rates information (For Regular, Seniors, and Out of County), pick up a “Learning for Life” brochure, Spring 2006, at a County library. Phone 301 517 5005 for questions. You may also check <www.mcpsadulted.org>

FIELD TRIPS There are currently no field trips planned for February. If you are interested in being notified of possible last minute trips, be sure Anita Lizas James has your E Mail address or phone number. Her E Mail is <alzas@gonzaga.org> or alternatively <johnjames04@comcast.net>, or Phone 301 652 5527.



TRUTH AND SOME CONSEQUENCES By Jon Spunaugle, AFMS Conservation/Legisl. Committee Chair

During the last few weeks of the year 2005, Congress was trying to pass a Budget Bill entitled "Truth and Some Consequences Deficit Reduction Act of 2005" (HR 4241) before adjourning for the year end holiday. Contained in a version of the U. S. House of Representatives Bill were two sections (Sections 6201 and 6202) that would make changes to the Mining Law. One section increased the annual fees paid on mining claims and increased, slightly, the size of a mining claim. A second section would have removed the prohibition on patenting a mining claim. This prohibition on patents was put into law in the mid '90s. The patenting of a mining claim transfers, for a fee, the surface rights on public land to the claim owner and thus is, in fact, selling of public lands to private parties. Perhaps you read about all of this in the news reports last December.

Because several sections of this Budget Bill were controversial (Including this mining bill change and a provision to open a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve [ANWAR] to oil drilling and other provisions), this version of the Budget Bill failed to get enough votes to pass and was withdrawn to be modified to remove the controversial provisions. However, Congress is still working on this Budget Bill so stay tuned. It is hard to predict what will happen when Congress reconvenes in late January, 2006. The "sister" legislation to this House Bill is found under Senate Bill S-1932.

When I reviewed the House Bill HR 4241, I did not see any major threat to hobby collectors in either section of the proposed mining law provisions. Those inclined to oppose the patenting of mining claims would feel otherwise. However, I always deplore these "hidden" sections in what is a Bill that should normally contain budget or appropriations language only. It just seems to me that if these things need to be changed then it should be done, in this case, in a separate Bill to change the mining law. Hiding these provisions in these gigantic last minute Bills that are put together hurriedly by staff members and voted on with little debate and even less knowledge of what all they contain is not what most people I talk to think Congress should be doing. A recent example I am reminded of is a Bill passed a year ago that contained a section creating the new "America the Beautiful Pass", Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. This Act was added as a section of the general appropriations Bill (HR 4818) late in 2004. It was passed as Congress was adjourning a year ago in November. We did not realize what had happened until January, 2005 when it was already the law of the land. Speaking of the "America the Beautiful Pass" I expect that there will be public input opportunities on the development, use, and cost of this national pass in 2006 in preparation for implementation in 2007. These opportunities will be published in the Federal Register. We'll be watching for them and try to keep you informed.

There is nothing new to report on the Fossil Bill which seems to be bottled up in the U.S. House of Representatives, Natural Resource Committee for now.

Lastly, if you are aware of any hobby problems in the area of my Committee's responsibility that I have not written about, I would appreciate an e-mail at <jonspe@juno.com> or a phone call at (360) 835-9313 to alert me. This is big country to cover and your concerns are important. I am very grateful for all the feed back that I have received as well as tips on what is going on.

ASBESTOS Recent reports in the Potomac Almanac indicate that the asbestos issue is reopened Fawcett Road is in a catch 22 situation. Dedicated to the county over 40 years ago, but never accepted for lack of meeting standards, it is unpaved. Dust has been shown to contain asbestos but there is insufficient information to show that it presents a hazard. The cost of \$800,000 for paving would have to be born by the residents. There are other unpaved County roads which are being inventoried. Decisions must be made by the county about paving and who pays. Studies in the '80's and '90's showed no increased harm or increased cancers or respiratory illnesses to residents near Rockville Quarry per the Department of Environmental Protection. We try asbestos we can to keep you informed!

SUNSHINE All of us wish Jack Busch a successful impending surgical procedure for his back pain problem. And we continue to hold Mary Beth Mason and Nancy Ballard in our thoughts for satisfactory medical outcomes.



INTERNET**Hooooo Sez We've Seen 'Em All?**

Contributed by Wendell C. Mohr

Island Gem and Rock, a Victoria, B.C., Canada business site by C. Speedie and G. Irwin,



may be seen at <<http://www.islandnet.com/~isldngem/>>. Try to find Victoria's Secret if you can!

As usual, this is not an endorsement for a commercial dealer. Last modified Oct. 5, 1999, several links are broken, but look at Links and Stuff, especially Getting Started, Shop Hints (With some light hearted humor), Rock Rogue Gallery, Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society, and Eclectic Lapidary. One Piece of gem rough advertised is without charge! It's a peach. Must be a freestone!

Gobin-World Wide Fine Minerals, <<http://www.mineralsweb.com>>, by Brice & Christophe Gobin, another dealer site, offers exquisite pictures of minerals. Check The Mineral Gallery, New Specimens, Our Collection, and Our Famous Finds and remember to click on photos for enlarged views and detailed locality information. Lots of beautiful stuff. In awe of the prices these days? To trade you must be hip (A high income person). The history of the dealership is elicited at Our Story. Moroccan and African scenes add interest. There are a limited number of select links to mineralogical information, other dealers, and shows. It is a proven medical fact that most mineral collectors suffer a 94% hearing loss when informed by the dealer of the cost of the fine crystals they'd like to own!

The Graphite Page, is by John A. Jaszczak at the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum at Michigan Tech. University, at <<http://www.phy.mtu.edu/faculty/info/jaszczak/graphite.html>>. The Overview is interesting with Properties, Spirals, Spherical Graphite, Structure, Localities (About seven U.S. and nine Worldwide). Excellent pictures and microphotographs reveal unusual forms. Try the Pencil Pages under Graphite Links . Or follow Localities > Borrowdale England > Graphite from Plumbago Mine > History > Keswick Pencil Mill and Museum and explore a non-Ticonderoga viewpoint.



⇐ I am Right

No, I am right ⇐

A Graphite!

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Delaware Mineralogical Society, 43rd Annual Earth Science, Gem, and Mineral Show, Saturday, March 4, 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunday, March 5, 11 AM to 5 PM At Delaware Technical and Community College I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Route 58) Newark (Stanton), Exit 4B off I-95. Tickets available at the door: Adults \$5.00, Seniors \$4.00, Juniors \$3.00, and children under 12 free with Adult. For further information, contact: Gene Hartstein, (302) 234-4488 or <fossilnut@aol.com>. See <<http://www.delminsociety.net/>> for a \$1.00 off adult admission coupon.

MARCH 18 & 19 IS OUR SHOW!! Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Nancy Ballard will have **sign-up sheets** at the Feb. & Mar. meetings for various jobs which need to be done at the show. Success depends on everyone working. Let's have 100% participation of all those residing in the area. New members are asked to participate. There are jobs for everyone. **Your Help Is Imperative.**

Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club, 16th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and Sale. Saturday March 25, 10 AM to 4 PM. Clearwater Nature Center, 11000 Thrift Road, Clinton MD. Demonstrations of cabochon making, faceting, bead weaving, and scrimshaw. Vendors selling. Children's jewelry craft also available. Ages 12 & up admission \$2.00, 11 and under free.

Atlantic Micromounters Conference, sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, March 30 to April 2, at MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD. For reservation and information contact Steve Weinberger at <scrystals3@verizon.net>, P. O. Box 302, Glyndon MD 21071-0302, 410 833 7926.

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