

# THE ROCKHOUNDER



MAY  
2011

**PURPOSE:** 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".

**REGULAR MEETING:** Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month from September to June. The Society will meet on **Monday May 9th** in the dining room of the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville. The short business meeting will begin at 7:45 pm but the room is available to us at 7:30 pm so come early, chat with old friends, and see what is on the Show Table.

The program titled "**Gold in Southeastern PA and Eastern MD.**" will be presented by **Jeri Jones**. A native of York PA who attended Catawba College in NC and earned his degree in Geo-archaeology, he is employed with York County Parks, now serving as the Program Coordinator. Jeri also owns Jones Geological Services where for 30 years he has researched the geology of Southeastern PA. Jeri leads groups on field trips and acts as a consultant to several area quarries. His interests include the mining history, geologic history, groundwater resources and southeastern Pennsylvania earthquakes. He resides in the Spring Grove, PA area.



Gold in southeastern PA has been known since the early 1800's, but was rediscovered by a group of mineral collectors in the early 1970's. With their efforts and research conducted by others, gold is known from every county along the Mason Dixon Line in Pennsylvania. It is a known fact that when the gold deposits along the Potomac River shut down during the Great Depression, some of the prospectors went to southeastern PA seeking the gold.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will meet **Monday May 16th** at the Home of Andy Muir. Board members are expected to be there. Any member is welcome to attend but please let Andy know if you plan to attend at <amuir21@comcast.net> or phone 301 990 1370.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

KOSTKA, James, 906 North Street NE,  
Leesburg VA 20176-4504, 202 207 5437,  
jkostka@juno.com



## ROSTER CHANGES

BABB, Kevin & Roshni (&Trevor) e-mail roshnibabb@gmail.com.

## DELETE:

(End of Science Fair winner's family's one year free membership)  
CHATTERJEE, Bishwanath, Mitali, and Trinish  
KEEN, Dan, Christine, Eric, and Michael  
LYONS, Rachel, Devon, and Brennan  
SILVA, Mario, Jennifer, and Marina

## IN THIS ISSUE

Meetings, New Members	
Roster Changes,	
Rockhounder Deadline.....	1
Birthdays and May Birthstone.....	2
Regular Meeting Minutes.....	3
Board Meeting Minutes.....	4
Field Trips, Safety Notes.....	5
FRA Mini Miners.....	6
FRA Mocks, Library, EFMLS Lake	
Anna Picnic, Rockville Science Day.....	7
Shows & Events.....	8
Show Table.....	9
Web Sites, April Prizes.....	10
Silent Auctions, Help Wanted, Canadian	
Birthstone Coins.....	11

**DEADLINE** for June 2011 Rockhounder: May 30th

**MAY MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Roshni Babb, Frances Becker, Paul Campanella, Andrew Cooper, Lawrence Davis, Linda Fleck, Corky Harrison, Bob Irby, Steven Karsch, Elmer Lantz, Robert LaVilla, Jennifer Paraboschi, Annette Regatts, Oksana Yakovlev.

**MAY'S BIRTHSTONE: THE EMERALD**

By Lorna Larson

The Emerald belongs to the beryl family. The formula for beryl consists of  $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{16}$  with the emerald being formed when chromium replaces aluminum in the beryl structure. Technically, only the beryl colored by chromium is an emerald although those colored by vanadium are also allowed to be called emeralds. All other green beryls are called green beryl. Hardness is 7.5 - 8.



Real emeralds and lab emeralds made with chromium will show up red when viewed through a Chelsea filter. Unlike the other beryls, emeralds are almost always included. Additionally, almost as soon as the emerald crystal is removed from the ground, it is dropped in oil, and may be oiled several times prior to being set. Hence, if it begins to look dull or rather chalky, it needs to be re-oiled. One author recommended re-oiling every 2 - 5 years. Never put it in a sonic cleaner or steamer as this removes the oil and could break the stone.

The name comes from the Greek work "smaragdus" which simply means "green." Early Egyptians mined "emeralds" prior to 2000 BC in an area between the Nile and the Red Sea in upper Egypt. Supposedly these mines belonged to the Queen of Sheba, but are now called Cleopatra's Mines. But these stones were small and not always the best color. Some of the stones that have survived from that period were tested and determined to be green beryl. Unfortunately, prior to modern times when the composition of a stone could be determined chemically, people named gems according to color. Therefore, other green stones such as Peridot were called emeralds. Then in the 1500's, Spain invaded South America and began selling South American emeralds world wide which were sometimes misidentified as to their source.

Emeralds have long had a spiritual component. The Egyptian Book of the Dead instructed those who embalmed the dead to place emeralds at the throat of every mummy to ensure the limbs of the soul had sufficient youthful strength to protect it from harm. In Christianity, a Christian bishop dedicated the stone to St. John, and it is the fourth foundation stone for the New Jerusalem. It is named as one of the stones in Aaron's Breastplate with the tribe of Gad written on it within the Jewish tradition, and the Muslims use it to represent their first heaven.

Many cultures attributed various healing attributes to the emerald and used them as talismans to ensure an easy birth and to treat various other ills. Nero was reported to have eye glasses made of emerald to enhance his eyesight. In actuality, it was probably one of the other beryls. It was also associated with lovers; and like the turquoise, a loss of its color indicated their beloved had been unfaithful.

Historically, this stone has one of the longest record of any gem and deserves its place in history as a major gemstone. Perhaps you will enjoy being a part of that tradition in owning such a stone. Just make certain you take proper care of it, and it will be a stone to pass down to descendants with a lore and history that outshines any other gem. Aren't those who were born in May lucky?

Rock Talk May 2008

Photos R. Weller,  
Cochise College



The April 11, 2011 meeting was called to order by Past-President Mark Dahlman at 7:45 pm, with approximately 85 people attending. It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 regular meeting.

**Silent Auction:** Wendell Mohr announced the items in the silent auction for the evening. The auction close was called by president Eric Kindahl. All but one lot sold. Some sold twice (!), which has since been remedied.

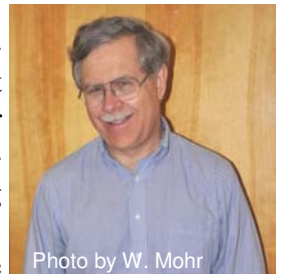
**FRA:** Holly McNeil, with the assistance of Dr. Jeffrey Post, presented Gemstone Lore and Legend badges and Showmanship badges to several "MOCKS", (see this newsletter) and culminated with the club's second "Rockhound" award, presented to Trevor Babb. Congratulations, Trevor.

**Door prize drawing for juniors:** Rod Towers administered the drawing.

**President:** Eric Kindahl asked the following individuals to stand and be recognized: Mark Dahlman and Pat Repik-Byrne; all those assisting before the show; all those assisting at the show; all those assisting with clean up; and all those displaying at the show. He noted that the only way the show happens is through the efforts of these individuals. Thank you, to all. Mark Dahlman had many items from the show lost & found.

**EFMLS Liaison & Guest Editor:** Wendell Mohr had flyers for local shows and extra programs from our show. He reported on the success of the club booth at Rockville Science Day due to the efforts of volunteers Mark Dahlman and George Durland. George noted an increase in attendees. Mark noted that George helped many "see the light" with his UV lamp. The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium is approaching. Wendell has the application forms for the Wildacres sessions this year.

**Presentation:** Vice president Owen Powers introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Jeffrey Post. Dr. Post presented "Recent happenings at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History National Gem and Mineral collection and his experiences at the recent Tucson show." He began his presentation by noting his admiration for the Future Rockhounds of America program. Next, he discussed the events surrounding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hope Diamond at the Smithsonian, including the display of the diamond both out of its setting and in a new temporary setting. The majority of the presentation was devoted to the experience of attending the Tucson show. Many wonderful pictures accompanied descriptions of what could be seen at the show, what was new, and what was acquired by the Smithsonian. Particular attention was paid to the story of the world's largest single piece of cut aquamarine, sculpted from the originally 60 pound *Dom Pedro* crystal. As always Dr. Post was gracious enough to answer many questions from the audience. Thanks Dr. Post.



**New Member:** It was M/S/P to approve the membership of Jim Kostka.

**Treasurer:** Andy Muir reported some preliminary numbers from the show. The numbers were similar to the previous year, which had been a very successful show.

**Drawings:** Joel Rosen administered the show table and the drawings for the door and show table prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Jeff Cessna, Secretary.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES****April 25, 2011 Board of Director's Meeting**

Board members present: Doug Baum, Jeff Cessna, Mark Dahlman, Jonathan Harris, Eric Kindahl, Wendell Mohr, Andy Muir, Owen Powers, Pat Repik-Byrne, and Joel Rosen. President Eric Kindahl called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

**EFMLS Liaison and Guest Editor:** Wendell Mohr noted the board must form a nominating committee for upcoming elections. Eric Kindahl assigned this duty to the board. At least president and vice-president offices will need candidates. Some preliminary names were discussed for later contact. Several donations to the club were discussed. A new editor has still not been found for the Rockhounder. Please consider giving back to the club by volunteering.

**Field Trips:** Jonathan discussed an upcoming field trip and his efforts to secure more trips. He noted that it is important to fill trips to make the efforts of the quarry personnel worthwhile, particularly at Vulcan Manassas quarry where we should have at least 10 participants.

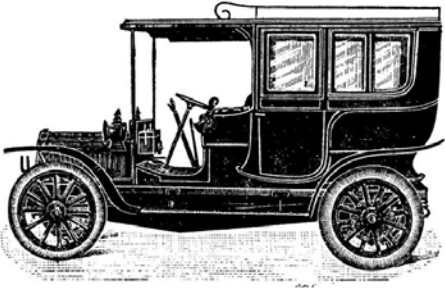
**Treasurer:** Andy Muir discussed the club finances. The 2010 report, audit, and tax statement are in progress. A suggestion for business/non-profit partnership was presented and discussed by the board, with no further action taken. Results of the silent auction as well as a cash donation by Jeff Nagy of \$50.00 were noted.

Mark Dahlman presented his research on three options for a PA system to be purchased by the club. Discussions began on ways to celebrate the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> year, approaching in two years.

**Show:** An extensive review of the annual show was undertaken. Andy Muir presented preliminary financial numbers. All noted the success of the show and possible opportunities for improvement were discussed. Particularly, the show could benefit from volunteer efforts from more members. It was M/S/P to state to members the expectation that they serve at the show. Exhibitors will be encouraged to also be a show worker. The January 2012 club meeting will be at least partially devoted to discussions of what is involved with each volunteer opportunity at the show. The hope is that this familiarity will encourage members to give new positions a try. Included will be training for assisting in the shop, teaching juniors the basics of producing a cabochon. Additionally on that subject, Elmer Lantz has offered a workbench and the club can offer loan of a machine if a trusted member can be identified to provide space and individual training in the basics of cabochon production. The shop is one of the stations most in need of additional volunteers to be staffed effectively. The shop may need to be dropped from the show if enough volunteers cannot be identified. Wendell Mohr presented several observations from the show. The contractual ban on the use of tape on painted surfaces was enforced this year. No magazines were donated this year to be given away. Members are encouraged to wear their name badges. Francis Becker has volunteered to string bags sewn by Jo Ann Mohr for next year's show. Pat Repik-Byrne reported that the earlier deadline for exhibits worked well. There were 55 exhibits. Coordination of demonstrators was discussed. Mark Dahlman reported that we are on the fairground schedule for next year on our usual dates. Our deposit will be rolled over for next year. Joel Rosen reported on the club trailer. Solutions will be sought for the problem of shifting cases within the trailer. Mark Dahlman will continue the discussions of the show at the next meeting of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Jeff Cessna, Secretary.

**FIELD TRIPS**

**Saturday May 7, 2011.** Meet 7:30 am at Vulcan's Manassas Quarry. We must be out by noon or when the quarry employees have to leave. The rock is diabase, with one level having a layer of hornfels. This quarry has produced prehnite, apophyllite, calcite, amethyst, other quartz, chalcopyrite, pyrite, epidote, and zeolites -- stilbite, chabazite, heulandite, stellerite, and others. Our recent joint trip with the Northern Virginia club was quite productive, hence the second visit (Jonathan has invited them to join us on that day also).

Please let Jonathan know if you plan to attend and your agreement to the waiver and rules by **May 3**, so he can provide the quarry with an accurate headcount. Also, Jonathan may need to appoint a group leader. Children 10 and up are welcome if accompanied and well supervised by a parents and use the required safety gear.

**Note: Digging into the walls is not permitted at Vulcan quarries. We must stay 7 feet from any walls.** ( One club's member snaked into a quarry after hours. He was killed while digging into the wall and a big rock collapse got him. Pretty ironic! No man is completely useless. He can always serve as a bad example.)

**Directions:** From the Beltway, go West on I-66. Take Exit 44, VA-234. Go 3.6 Miles. Turn Left onto Wellington Lane. The quarry will be on your left, about 0.5 miles from VA 234.



- If you need to leave a quarry and expect to return before collecting time is up, be sure to get your hand stamped! •

**SAFETY NOTE FOR SPRING**

Owen Martin, AFMS Safety Chair. AFMS News May 2010 **Take your Benadryl® with you!**

Well it was a hard winter by most standards in the central and south and eastern U.S. It even snowed three times at our house in Houston and froze hard enough to break pipes in several houses in our neighborhood.

Not that I'm complaining - after all we get PLENTY of summer for 6+ months every year. With that being said the cold weather delayed up the spring bloom and as a result EVERYTHING started blooming last week! So my Bradford pears, dog wood, peach and red buds are in full bloom. Weeds are taking over the hibernating grass and have tons of little flowers, my pine is pollinating and so are some oaks and maples across the street. AND to top it all off Cedar keeps blowing in from Hill Country.

Now the weather was just perfect this weekend so I figured it was time to get out and at least do some yard work - about 8 hours worth. This was after a land clearing project in Hill Country from the previous weekend. As a result of proximity and increased respiratory activity I did myself in. All those allergens caught up with me and just about knocked me out. It wasn't exactly an asthma attack, but my eyes were swollen, my nasal passages were swollen up so that I couldn't breathe except out of my mouth, and I kept coughing up crud!

OK - so the moral of the story is that I should have taken Benadryl® prior to engaging in such activities. Not to say that I wouldn't have had some impact from all that pollen, but at least I could have mitigated the violent response my body had to it all. Luckily I was able to nurse my bloated head on the couch while watching conference basketball tournaments.

However if I was in the field and had such a problem, especially one that could have led to an asthma attack, then I would have been in trouble. Keep that in mind as you head out on your first hunt of this spring! Prepare, be safe and breathe easy!!!







**FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA**  
**MINI MINERS**

**FOR AGES 6-9 ONLY:**

**Next Meeting Date:** May 9, 2011 **Meeting time:** 7:00-8:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** The Card room at the Rockville Senior Center

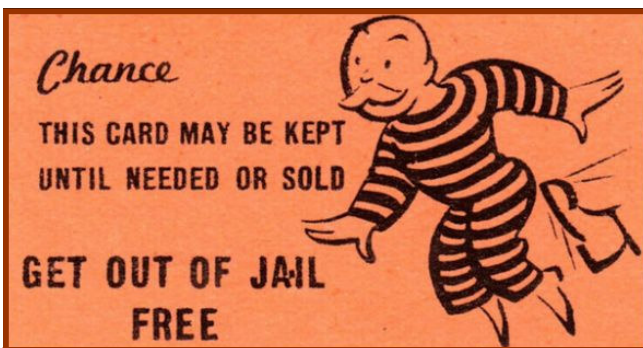
At the April 11th meeting, the Mini Miners learned about crystals and had lots of fun building crystal shapes using gum drops and toothpicks. It's a sure bet the gem drops did not go to waste after the session.

Information has not been received about the May 9th subject, but the young people can be sure it will be interesting. Come and be surprised.

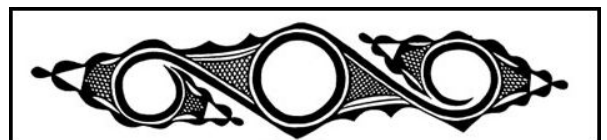
For more information contact: Linda Smith H: 301-530-5007 or e-mail <Tunacat107@aol.com>.



Photos by W. Mohr



If you sneak into a quarry with a "NO TRESPASSING" sign, this is what you will be needing:



## FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA (The MOCKS) Ages 10-15

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2011 **Meeting time:** 7:45 - 9:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center



CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
Trevor Babb who earned and was awarded the A.F.M.S. Future Rockhound program designation of "Rockhound". With this achievement, Trevor joins an elite group.

Photo by W. Mohr

Photo by M. Campeau



Photo by W. Mohr

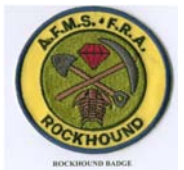
CONGRATULATIONS TO: Cassie DeSalvo, Claire Salvo, Ryan Gunnison, Jennifer Weiss, Elena Olshin and Trevor Babb who earned Gemstone Lore & Legend badges, and also to Elena and Abbie Olshin who earned Showmanship badges.

THANK YOU TO: Dr. Jeffrey Post who graciously participated in the award presentations.

**April 11 Meeting Program:** We covered basic mineral identification techniques using hardness, streak and luster, and then practiced on a few specimens.

**May 9 Meeting Program:** We will follow last month's mineral identification session with another component in the Rocks & Minerals badge program by learning about crystal formation. We will cover the seven crystal systems, construct some examples and learn what impact the crystal structure has on the behavior of the mineral. Time permitting we may talk about twins (Not Cassie and Claire) and inclusions.

For more information on the Future Rockhounds of America program, please contact:  
Holly McNeil at <fra\_advisor@glmsmc.com> or 301-605-7179.



**LIBRARY** A reminder that the Society has a nice lending library at your disposal. Search the fine Society web site, maintained by Becky Dahlman, at <<http://www.glmsmc.com/>>, click on "Library" and see a listing of what's available. Jonathan Harris is the librarian and can make any item available to you upon request. Call 301 545 0808 or e-mail him at <Jonathan.jgharris7@gmail.com>.

**EFMLS REGION 4 PICNIC AND SWAP** at Lake Anna State Park is still on hold. There have been problems scheduling the event. It might be in June which will be known soon, however that is looking less likely. If not June it will have to be rethought.

**EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH** Thanks to George Durland and Mark Dahlman who manned an exhibit on Rocks, Minerals, Fluorescence, Phosphorescence, and Tenebrescence on April 10th at Montgomery College for the Rockville Science Day. They presented for 5 hours to a crowd of youths.





**ON-GOING SPECIAL EXHIBIT** has opened at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City . See <<http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/wld/>> for information. The exhibit will remain until January 2, 2012. It showcases a uniquely super-sized group of dinosaurs: the long-necked and long-tailed sauropods, which ranged in size from 15 to 150 feet long.



**ON-GOING EXHIBIT** The University of Richmond, Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature, has reinstalled the permanent exhibition of Fluorescent Minerals from the Permanent Collection. It contains more than 300 specimens and more than 40 different mineral species from North America and beyond. Highlights of the installation include numerous minerals from New Jersey, yellow-green hyalite opal slabs from North Carolina, and deep red rubies from India.



Aragonite  
R.Weller/Cochise College

See <[http://www.artdaily.com/index.asp?int\\_sec=2&int\\_new=43935](http://www.artdaily.com/index.asp?int_sec=2&int_new=43935)>

**MAY 27 -29** The 18th Annual Aurora Fossil Festival, Aurora NC. Fri.: 6 pm, musical entertainment. Sat.: Parade begins at 11 am, vendors, food, PotashCorp-Aurora will offer free tours of their local phosphate mine from 11 am until 4 pm. Petting zoo and fossil dig for kids. Museum open. Speakers: 10 am--Mark Renz--"Desert Sharks", Noon--George Powell--"A Whale of a Challenge", 1:30 pm--Mark Renz--"Giants in the Storm." Annual fossil auction. Street dance & music evening. See <[http://www.aurorafossilmuseum.com/events/afm\\_events.html](http://www.aurorafossilmuseum.com/events/afm_events.html)> for specifics.

**JULY 9-10** EFMLS/AFMS Convention and Show hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. Show is at NY State Fairgrounds. Headquarters hotel: Ramada Inn Syracuse: \$99 per room if you call 315 457 8670 and ask for Eastern Federation rate. AFMS meetings July 7 - 8. EFMLS Annual meeting Friday, July 8. This will be a very big show since it is a combined show for their Society, Eastern, and US Federations. You might want to go to the world famous "Herkimer Diamond" locations, about 1 1/2 hour drive from Syracuse. Information: <[www.gmss.us](http://www.gmss.us)> click on "Gem Show" or call Cathy Patterson 315 638 8817

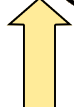
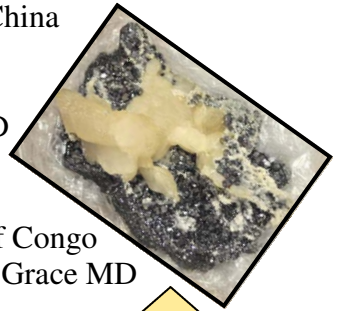
**MAY 21** Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. 22nd Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show. I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to exit 26 - York Rd. South. Ruhl Armory is on the East side of York Rd. (across from a car dealer and funeral home) just inside I-695, Towson MD. Free admission



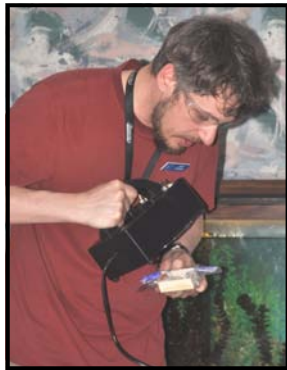


**SHOW TABLE:** April 11, 2011 Thanks to those who bring items for sharing at the meetings.

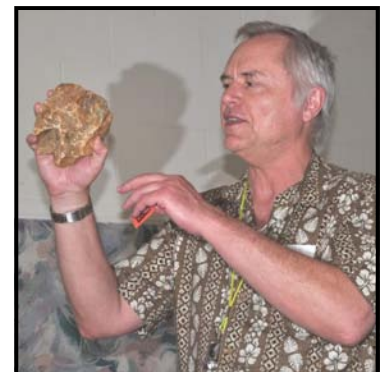
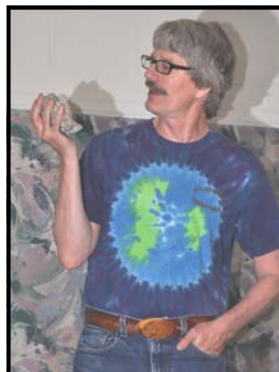
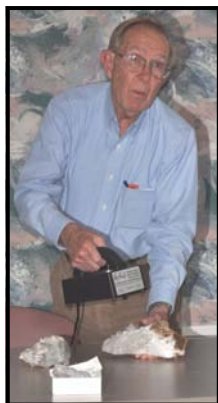
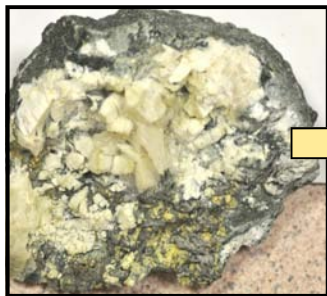
<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Specimen (s)</u>	<u>Locality</u>
Frances Becker	Quartz, Feldspar, Pyrite, Calcite*	Vulcan Q., Havre de Grace MD
Boe Brosius	Calcite	Frederick MD
	Obsidian	Locality unknown
Barbara Burr	Celestine	Madagascar, Africa
Jeff Cessna	Fluorophlogopite (man made)	Nat'l. Bur. Of Stds., Washington DC
	Melted Sand from rocket blast	Edwards AFB CA
George Durland	Fluorite	Blue Circle Q., Weardale, England
	Fluorite	Guangxi Provence, China
	Fluorite & Celestine	Clay Center OH
Ryan Gunnison	Ammonite	Locality unknown
Chris Hansen	Artifacts*	Montgomery Co. MD
Pat Haynes	Fluorite	Zarembo Island AK
Eric Kindahl	Zircons (~4.4 billion years old)	Jack Hills, Australia
Diane Leaman	Cobaltian Calcite	Kowelzi, Republic of Congo
Gary Leaman	Pyrite*	Vulcan Q., Havre de Grace MD
Chuck Mason	Dulcote Agate	Somerset, England
Wendell Mohr	Hematite Rose	Bahai, Brazil
Andy Muir	Fluorite	Rosiclare IL
Joel Rosen	Calcite on Galena	Droujba Mine Laki/Rhodope Mts., Bulgaria
Pat Repik-Byrne	Calcite with piercing Stibnite	Hunan Province, China
Earl Smith	Cryolite	Ivigut, Greenland
Rod Towers	Ghost Crystals*	Brookside Gardens, Wheaton MD



\* = Self-collected or self made



Photos by W. Mohr



THE ORIGINAL COMPUTER!!



## WEB SITES

By Wendell Mohr

**Zinc, the Key to Preventing Corrosion** The FRA program for juniors places emphasis on the use of minerals. <<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2011/3016/>> is a USGS educational site to learn about Zinc. Click on the link “pdf report 5.2 MB” and, as the newspapers say, read all about it. It’s easier reading if you zoom in. Several links for further interest are included at the bottom of the report.



- Asked the question, “Where is Zinc used?”, The plumber answered there’s a zinc in every bathroom. The geologist replied, “I don't zinc so!” •

## Websites for Kids

By Shelly Woodard, AGMFS



<[www.KidsKnowIt.com](http://www.KidsKnowIt.com)> I love this site network because it incorporates music into learning; subjects are Animals, Astronomy, Biology, Dinosaurs (A search resulted in 516 hits – from games to drawings), Geography, Geology, History, Math, Memory and Spelling. <[www.dltk.com/crafts/space/moon.html](http://www.dltk.com/crafts/space/moon.html)> shows how to make a moon rock craft, included are materials needed and template that can be printed out. Also many more leads to dinosaur activities. <[www.kidsgeo.com/geology-games/rocksgame.Php](http://www.kidsgeo.com/geology-games/rocksgame.Php)> presents a geology game along with games about the earth. I like how the site shows igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks and a game to help the viewer learn the different rock types.

From Hounds Howl March 2010

- A young member was attending the wedding of two G&M club members. After the service the FRA leader asked him “How many women can a collector marry?” “16,” replied the little boy. Asked how he knew this. “Easy,” the boy said. “All you have to do is add it up. 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer. •

**The International Meteorite Collectors Association**, at <<http://www.imca.cc/>> is valuable to meteorite fans. Clicking on “met info” gives information about collecting, finding, classifying, Martian meteorites, field reports, and meteorite scams. Hammer information documents hits on humans, animals, and man-made objects. Be sure to visit the encyclopedia of meteorites showing thousands of specimens!



- Hunting meteorites in Australia worked out very favorably for the collector there. The guy enticed a kangaroo to accompany him. Not only was the animal interesting to work with but also he would carry many of the tools and supplies required to extricate the finds. What’s more, he had the perfect built-in place to safely carry the very valuable finds. •

## April 11th PRIZES

**Juniors:** Trevor Babb won a specimen of Calcite on Quartz + a copy of Rock and Gem Magazine. Jennifer Weiss also won a specimen of Pectolite & Prehnite + a copy of Rock and Gem Magazine.

**Show Table Prize,** Calcite and Strontianite from the Old Winfield Quarry, Winfield PA, was taken home by Rodnie Towers.

**General Door Prize,** A Galena/Marcasite and an “Agatized Geode”, both from unknown localities were claimed by Maureen Gunnison.

Participate at the Show Table to increase your chances of winning a prize!

**APRIL 11th SILENT AUCTION** resulted in sales totaling \$216:

Michael Ellwood gift: Air Blaster and Compressor \$100

Sara and Robert LaVilla gift: Star diamond tumbler \$26, NSI Children's tumbler \$1, and Miscellaneous specimens - onyx, marble, fossils \$4. For total of \$31

Leona Nelson gift: Micromount collection \$35

Virginia Vance gift: Ray-Tilt Gem Maker \$50

One lot was not sold because the minimum bid established by the seller was not reached.



Rockhound Sales

Special thanks to the donors for the contributions.

**MAY 9th SILENT AUCTION** Continuing this activity, there will be four lots donated by Susan Marcus from Anna's estate.

1. 8" X 16 1/2" fragile "cat" construction consisting of many many sharks teeth.
2. 10 1/2" X 14" matted picture by Byron Ward of collecting fossils at the Chesapeake Bay in 19" X 22" frame.
3. Book: *Montgomery Gold Fever* by Walter Goetz.
4. Hard hat and safety goggles sold as ONE lot.

Once again, President Kindahl will select the end time for bids and settlement will be made with Treasurer Muir.

**CLASSIFIED--HELP WANTED** CATEGORY 2011

Immediate opening available! GLMSMC seeks entry level Editor to prepare newsletter. Prerequisites: Computer experience, basic photographic skills a plus. Applicant should be detail oriented. Team player, and have clean criminal record. Hours flexible to meet your needs and deadlines On-the-job training available. Board of Directors membership free! with acceptance of job. Competitive wages and benefits (\$0), pay doubled after one year. One month (July/August) vacation with no wait to qualify. Immediately qualifies to compete in EFMLS/AFMS Editor competitions. Enjoy the satisfaction of working with fine people of the GLMSMC. Hurry before job is filled. Apply in person to President Kindahl or contact Wendell Mohr, <wmohr@erols.com> or 301 926 7190.

A geology student was infatuated with a freshman, but was so timid he never had the courage to speak to her. In fact, he even told his therapist that every time he got near her he felt like he was unimportant. He said that he felt as insignificant as a tiny pebble. "Well," his therapist responded, "If you want to get the girl you'll just have to be a little boulder!"



Canada Mint

**Birthstones Collection**  
**2011 Fine Silver Coins with Swarovski element**  
**\$64.95 Canadian dollars each**  
[mint.ca/birthstones](http://mint.ca/birthstones)



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President- Eric Kindahl, 301 Violet Court, Mount Airy MD 21771-5206	301 829 2161
Vice President- Owen Powers, 2810 Abilene Drive, Chevy Chase MD 20815-3015	301 587 9275
Secretary- Jeff Cessna, 12116 Cliftdale Drive, Silver Spring MD 20904-1941	301 680 7963
Treasurer- Andy Muir, 17949 Hazelcrest Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20877-3761	301 990 1370
Junior Advisor- Rod Towers, 19609 Gunners Branch. Rd., Germantown MD 20876-2738	301 972 1264
Field Trip Chairman- Jonathan Harris, 11932 Goya Drive, Potomac MD 20854-3313	301 545 0808
Membership Chairman- Doug Baum, 11205 Golden Meadow Court, Germantown MD 20876-1740	301 515 4641
Show Chairperson- Pat Repik-Byrne, 9 Starlight Court, Potomac MD 20854-2658	301 279 5962
Property Manager- Joel Rosen, 833 Rampart Way, Union Bridge MD 21791-9325	410 775 7937
Immediate Past President- Mark Dahlman, 11906 Scovell Terrace, Germantown MD 20874-2532	301 428 0455
EFMLS Liaison- Wendell Mohr, 9509 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg MD 20877-3501	301 926 7190
Bulletin Editor <b>Pro Tem</b> Wendell Mohr, 9509 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg MD 20877-3501	301 926 7190

Charter Member: Dan Spielman; Life Members: David Ballard, Jack Busch, Larry Harrison,  
Wendell Mohr, Juan Proaño, and Dan Spielman

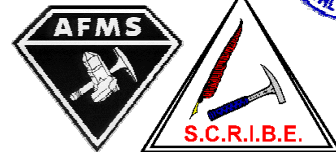
Society Address: Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County MD., Inc.  
P. O. Box 444, Gaithersburg MD 20884-0444 Web Site: <http://www.glmsmc.com/>  
All Society correspondence is to be sent to this address except that which is intended for the  
Rockhounder and its editor. Such items are to be sent to the editor's home address.



Permission to copy material printed herein, except specifically copyrighted items, is granted, provided credit is given.



Award Winning  
Bulletin  
EFMLS, AFMS



TIME SENSITIVE  
DATED MATERIAL  
FIRST CLASS MAIL



THE ROCKHOUNDER  
Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society  
Of Montgomery County, Md., Inc.  
Wendell C. Mohr, Editor  
9509 Emory Grove Road  
Gaithersburg MD 20877-3501

