



# The Rockhounder

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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.”

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## Regular Meeting Announcements

Gary Leaman, Vice President

### November Speaker Information:

**Speaker:** There will be no speaker this month.

**Title of Talk:** Club Members’ Auction

Instead of having a speaker for the November 13th Regular Meeting, we will have a club members’ auction. Please bring any Rockhounding items, rocks, minerals, fossils or equipment you would like to be auctioned off at the meeting.

There will be no show table.

You will receive 100% of the proceeds from your auction items. You may donate the proceeds or a portion of your proceeds of your auctioned items to the club.

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### Next Regular Meeting:

**Date:** Monday, Nov. 13, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 PM

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

### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board of Directors will meet **7:30 PM** on **Monday, Nov. 20, 2017** at the home of Jonathan Harris. Board members are expected to be there. Any member is welcome to attend, but please let Jonathan know if you plan to attend.

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## Speaker Information (Cont'd)

Gary Leaman

Make sure you fill out your Auction Control Forms and Auction Bid Slips ahead of time. These can be found in the email that Chris Luzier will send this week. The auction control forms must be completed in advance so that the auction can be setup and start in a timely fashion. You will not be able to auction items without these forms.

As noted in our October Rockhounder, the November 13th meeting will be of interest to everyone who has come home from one of our monthly club meetings where we had a small auction and bought a lot, went to a rock and mineral show, or just picked up those priceless stones from the road side. If you have had time to sort through the October auction items that were bought by some members, bring in any items in that you may not need or want and others may want.

Gary Leaman, Vice President

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## President's Message

Jonathan Harris

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

October was a busy month. First on October 14, we held our auction of Mickey Kuhn's large selection of lapidary material and minerals. Members were able to purchase many beautiful agates, petrified wood, and other specimens. Wonderful material went from years of isolation in Mickey's garage to new hands, ready to display and polish.

Our second big event was the transfer of our show material from the old trailer to the new trailer. Recognizing that our trailer was approaching the end of its useful life and at high risk of roof leaks, Joel found a brand new trailer to house our display cases and other show materials. A crew of dedicated rockhounds transferred the material to the new trailer a couple of weeks ago. See Holly's article (page 8) for details and photos.



Diane Leaman auctioning off a lot of agates. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Harris.

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## President's Message (Cont'd)

Jonathan Harris

Our club members' auction is this coming Monday. It is an excellent chance to convert your excess specimens into cash and find them a new home where they will be appreciated. Please consult the auction rules for details and be sure to bring the auction control sheet and bid slips for each specimen, and set up your material in the time allowed before the beginning of the formal meeting so that the auction can run efficiently for everyone.

Finally, see the rest of The Rockhounder for information on local shows and field trip opportunities.

Cheers,  
Jonathan

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## GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2017

Jeff Cessna

The October 9, 2017 meeting was called to order by President Jonathan Harris at 7:45 pm. There were approximately 44 people in attendance (40 adults, 4 juniors). It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting and the September 18, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

**President:** President Jonathan Harris announced there would be a short BOD meeting during the break. Jonathan also mentioned that the club had received an inquiry about assistance polishing rubies. Contact Jonathan if you can help.

Chris Luzier to take the minutes of the October BOD meeting, if the secretary does not arrive in time.

**Membership:** Doug Baum announced the visitors for the evening. All stood and introduced themselves and spoke of what brought them to our club. It was M/S/P to approve the memberships of Frank and Elizabeth Roddy of Silver Spring, MD.

**Show:** Dave Tiktinsky announced that all dealers were returning so far. Chris Luzier noted we will

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Jeff Cessna

help making pre-forms for the lapidary shop. The club has a machine available for loan and can provide materials. Sign-up sheets for all show positions will be available at a meeting soon.

Chris Luzier discussed the October 14th auction, giving times and requesting help running the auction. Gary Leaman was still sorting a final load of material. Denise Nelson announced an upcoming GLMS-DC auction on October 29th.

**Field Trips:** Dave Fryauff discussed many upcoming shows and field trips (see page 10).

**Property:** Joel Rosen announced the club has a new 22 ft x 8 ft trailer for show supplies. The new trailer has a ramp door for easier loading and unloading.

**Program:** Gary Leaman introduced the speaker for the evening, member Casper Voogt. Casper presented "My 2014 Trip to Madagascar with Mindat." This was Casper's 3rd of 5 trips taken with Mindat. He gave the flavor of this type of trip that blends mineral localities with cultural tours. They were a large group for Madagascar, having 60 people in 16 4WD vehicles. Casper briefly discussed the geology of the island and then moved through the various places visited. He brought a few samples either representative of or purchased on the trip, including a musical instrument and a leather hat. Also included were stories of logistical problems such as difficult roads, hand propelled ferries, and mostly complete bridges. Casper fielded many questions from an interested audience. Thanks, Casper.

**BOD:** Logistics of moving material from the old trailer to the new trailer were discussed. No votes were taken.

Joel Rosen noted that member Steve Calamuci had donated a selenite to the club, to be used as a future door prize. Thanks, Steve.

Show table and door prizes were administered by Joel Rosen.

**Adjournment:** It was M/S/P to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 PM

Jeff Cessna, Secretary



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## GLMSMC Board Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2017

Jeff Cessna

Board Members present: Doug Baum, Jeff Cessna, Tom Dushel, Jonathan Harris, Gary Leaman, Chris Luzier, Holly McNeil, Wendell Mohr, and Joel Rosen. Board Members not present: Dave Fryauff and Dave Tiktinsky. President Jonathan Harris called the October 16, 2017 meeting to order at approximately 7:33 pm.

**Show:** Andy Celmer notified the Board that he would like to request funds to replace worn silicon carbide coarse wheels with diamond wheels. The BOD will need price information.

**Property:** The date to transfer material between trailers was reconsidered, due to conflict with the GLMS-DC annual auction. A date of October 22 was chosen and a rain date was established. Jonathan Harris will contact members. Joel Rosen noted that the new trailer has 6-lug wheels precluding use of the club 5-lug spare. It was decided a spare was not needed. Joel will contact the individual that tows the trailer to inquire if they can have an appropriate spare available during towing.

Chris Luzier reported on the auction results. Tom Dushel will provide a check to the former owner of the material. Chris will do a write-up for the Rockhounder.

**Treasurer:** Tom Dushel will prepare a budget in advance of the next BOD meeting for discussion. The audit of the 2015 and 2016 books is complete and all was in order.

**Nominations:** Nominating Committee Chair Chris Luzier announced all nominees had agreed to run.

**Membership:** Doug Baum distributed the updated roster by email. We are roughly even with the same timeframe as last year.

**Programs:** Gary Leaman discussed upcoming the club member auction and Christmas party. Chris Luzier has the paperwork to use for the member auction. Gary will provide the next VP with the list of potential speakers. Gary and Diane Leaman will donate an additional laptop computer and accessories to the club as a backup for the current club laptop held by the Treasurer. It was M/S/P to thank the Leamans for this donation. An official donation letter will be prepared.

**Show:** Pre-forms were discussed. A count of existing pre-forms is needed. The position of a Downstairs Co-Chair was established and filled by Gary Leaman to Chair the shop, retaining the current shop foreman during the show weekend. The Downstairs Co-Chairs will remain as one vote on the BOD.

Additional possible positions and requests from BOD members were discussed, including a request for a tiara and a scepter. Joel Rosen requested a baseball bat. No action was taken on requests.

**Adjournment:** It was M/S/P to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Jeff Cessna, Secretary.



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## Future Rockhounds of America (The MOCKS) Ages 10-15

Mark Dahlman

**Next Meeting Date:** November 13      **Meeting Time:** 7:45-9:00 PM

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

### October 9th Meeting:

Four of our FRA members earned the Maps badge at our October meeting. Congratulations to Kaylee Bloom, Nichole Mueller, Colin Savage, and Jennifer Weiss for learning about distinct types of maps, the sources of map information, and how maps are made. We looked at the many types of maps the USGS has to offer, particularly geological maps of the local area.

### November 13th Meeting:

In addition to awarding Maps badges at the November meeting, we will be celebrating our two new Rockhounds, Kaylee Bloom and Peter Korenko. They have both earned six FRA badges which makes them official Rockhounds – congratulations Kaylee and Peter!! To add to the celebration, we'll have pans and paydirt to practice our gold panning skills. Colin will also tell us about his recent trip to China! Don't forget to bring your three igneous rocks, three sedimentary rocks, and three metamorphic rocks to complete the Earth Processes badge. Bring a friend if you'd like. See you at the meeting!

For more information on the Future Rockhounds of America program, please contact Mark Dahlman at <fra\_advisor@glmsmc.com> or 301-428-0455.

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## Slate of Officers Nominations for 2018

Chris Luzier

This is the slate of officers for 2018:

**President:** Ken Reynolds

**Vice President:** Steve Calamuci

**Secretary:** Karen Lottes

**Treasurer:** Holly McNeil

The elections will be held at the November regular meeting. If there are any other interested nominees, please notify any of the BOD members.



Show Table for October 9, 2017

\*\* denotes self-collected or self-made

Name	Mineral	Place
Jeff Cessna	Corundum	Norway
	Pectolite Thumbnail	Franklin, NJ
Frances Becker	Polychrome Jasper	Madagascar
Diane Leaman	Black moonstone	Madagascar
Gary Leaman	Pink Tourmaline moonstone	Madagascar
Tom Parnell	Herkimer Diamonds	Middleville/Fonda, NY
Ken Reynolds	Polished Willemite, Sphalerite, and Yellow Zincite	Sterling Hill Mine, NJ
Doug Baum	Petrified wood	Madagascar
Marcia Baum	Amethyst Drusy Quartz	Unknown
Dave Fryauff	Phlogopite XL **	Amity, NY
	Calcite, Barite	York, PA
	Manganoan Calcite	Huanzala Mine, Peru
Gerald Elgert	Coprolite?	Paint Branch, MD
Wendell Mohr	Variscite	Clay Canyon, Utah
Steve Parker	Kyanite	Willis Mountain
Amanda Parker	Black/Purple Fluorite	Unknown (acquired at estate sale)
Joel Rosen	Cobaltian Calcite	Boo Azzer, Morocco
Nancy Shinowara	Rocks and Minerals of Mt. Vesuvius	Pompeii, Italy
Chuck Mason	Psaronius Tree Fern	Brazil
King Stablein	Eucryptite in Petalite	Bikita Pegmatite, Zimbabwe
Karen Lottes	Petrified wood	Arizona
George Durland	2 Smithsonites (Fl.)	Choix Sinaloa, Mexico
Steven Calamuci	Corundum Ruby	Afghanistan
	Turgite	Willis Mountain
Don Greaves	Rhodochrosite	Argentina
Chris Luzier	Calamine	Sterling Hill Mine, NJ
	Fluorite	New Mexico

Door Prizes

Respectfully submitted by Chris Luzier



## The Great Trailer Transfer Has Occurred!

Holly McNeil

After three years of setting money aside, the club has finally been able to replace our 30-year-old trailer. Tremendous thanks and kudos to Property Manager Joel Rosen who did all of the leg work on this purchase, coordinated the delivery, handled logistics with our 'landlord,' and facilitated the transfer. The transfer took place on Sunday, October 22. Joel towed both trailers to a parking lot in Poolesville and was joined by Andy, Bruce, Chris, Diane, Doug, Gary, Holly, Jeff, and Jonathan to empty the contents of the old trailer into the new. For any new club members that might not be aware, the trailer holds all the equipment and supplies needed for our annual show in March (you'll be hearing much more about that in the coming months). Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the



Unloading the old trailer



Making sure everything is in order



Joel arrives with the new trailer



Working hard

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The Great Trailer Transfer Has Occurred! (Cont'd)

Holly McNeil



What is this? And why was it in the trailer?



Do we need this?



Loading the show cases



All packed and ready -- a successful transfer! Well done Joel!



In goes the shop!



## Field Trips

Dave Fryauff

### Upcoming Field Trips:

1. **Saturday and Sunday, November 18th & 19th:** *Northern VA Mineral Club Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show*
  - At Dewberry Hall, Johnston Center, George Mason Univ., Rte 123 & Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA
  - Parking in Lot A with shuttle bus to the mineral show
  - Adults \$6, Seniors \$4, teens 13-17 \$3, kids & uniformed scouts are free
2. **Sat & Sun, November 18th & 19th:** *Gem Miner's Holiday*
  - At Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA
  - Adults \$5, kids under 12 are free
  - Go to <[www.gem-show.com](http://www.gem-show.com)> for details
3. **Sunday, November 26:** *Sterling Hill Mining Museum & Franklin Mineral Last Day to Dig in 2017*
  - 9 AM– 3 PM
  - This is the last day in 2017 for daytime collecting at Sterling Hill and the Buckwheat Dump
  - These localities (in Ogdensburg, NJ) are about 4-1/2 hours driving distance away from Gaithersburg, MD. Intrepid collectors might also want to stop off at the CK Williams Quarry just north of Easton PA on their ride back to MD.
4. **Saturday, December 2nd:** *GLMSMC Collecting Trip to HK Penn-MD Serpentinite Quarry*
  - 8 AM– 12 PM
  - Arrive at least 15 minutes before 8 AM and park at the Quarry office
  - At the HK Penn-MD Serpentinite Quarry, Peach Bottom, Lancaster Co., PA
  - Kids under 15 permitted as long as they have the full safety gear (helmet, eye protection, long pants, steel toed shoes) AND their parent. Please RSVP to me by the night of Wednesday, November 29th. All are advised to have a signed copy of your assumption of risk/hold blameless agreement (you can find this form in the message I sent out to all members with this information).

Carpooling is highly encouraged.

Cheers,  
Dave Fryauff



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**2016 Annual Financial Review**

Our 2016 annual financial review was performed and completed by Mark Dahlman. Thanks, Mark!

October 9, 2017

To the Board of Directors of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland

I have reviewed the accounting records of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland for the year ended December 31, 2016. All my questions have been answered satisfactorily, and I believe that the accounting records are accurately stated.

Mark Dahlman

Germantown, MD

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**October 14th Auction**

Chris Luzier

Well, our October auction of the Reich's Mineral Shop locations was an excellent event, with loads of material that all went, for very reasonable prices, to a variety of people. This material was from two store locations whose inventory was purchased around three decades ago by the owner, Mick Kuhns. Mick contacted the GLMSMC to see about auctioning the material, as it had been sitting around, collecting dust for all of these years. He just wanted to see it back in collectors' hands so it could be appreciated and enjoyed again, as it was by him. This was another wonderful opportunity for the GLMSMC to be able to have a fundraiser and get plenty of old stock material out into the hands of our group's members and other local group's members as well.

We had four other local mineral societies represented at the auction by their members, who perused an amazingly large selection of flats of material. In fact, it took three pick-up truck loads to get all of

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October 14th Auction (Cont'd)

Chris Luzier

the material there on Friday afternoon/evening for the set-up! Baltimore Mineralogical Society member, Herb Close, was ready to go first thing in the morning on Saturday. He brought in a hand truck before the auction had even gotten started. Apparently he knew he was going to have tonnage coming out of there and he was correct! You can see his picture accompanied with the article and tell that he is ready for the auction to begin.

With any event like this one, there are many people to thank with set-up, sorting of and tagging lots, and transport/storage. I'd like to thank all of the people who helped with the whole endeavor, including Gary and Diane Leaman, Holly McNeil, Jeff Cessna, Jonathan Harris, Dave Tiktinsky, Andy Celmer, Frances Becker, and the staff of the Rockville Senior Center. I would



Herb Close with his hand truck at the auction. Photo courtesy of Holly McNeil.



Gary Leaman setting up. Photo courtesy of Holly McNeil.

like to most especially thank Mick Kuhns again for entrusting us with his material to auction. Special thanks go to Jonathan as well for the use of his garage to store the vast amount of material and coordinate with Mick for dropping off and unloading all of the material to his house. Also, Gary and Diane deserve another word of thanks for their storage, sorting, and tagging of flats at their house and at Jonathan's house. Thank you as well to all of the bidders who showed up to support the GLMSMC and add some nice specimens to their collections at the same time. Much obliged to you all!!!

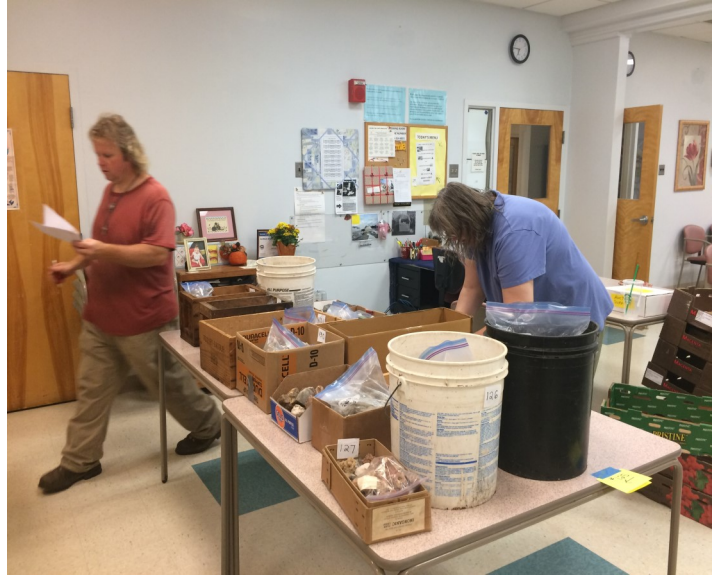
Respectfully submitted by Chris Luzier

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October 14th Auction (Cont'd)

Chris Luzier



Photos courtesy of Holly McNeil.



**Upcoming Shows**

**Fall New York City Gem & Mineral Show**

Hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club

**November 11-12, 2017**

Watson Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn at 57th St)  
440 West 57th St, New York, NY

Contact: Tony Nikischer at <[www.excaliburmineral.com](http://www.excaliburmineral.com)>

**26th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**

Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club

**November 18-19, 2017**

**NEW LOCATION:** George Mason University, Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center,  
Braddock Rd & Rte 123; Fairfax, VA

Contact: <[www.novamineralclub.org](http://www.novamineralclub.org)>



Upcoming Shows (Cont'd)

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