



# The Rockhounder

March 2019

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

Steven Calamuci, Vice President

## March Speaker Information:

**Speaker:** Dr. Jeffrey E. Post, Ph.D.

**Title of Talk:** “What's New in Smithsonian Gems and Minerals?”

Dr. Jeffrey Post is the Curator of the U.S. National Gem and Mineral Collection. His areas of research interest include mineralogy, gemology, geochemistry, crystallography, and electron microscopy. He has published more than 75 scientific articles in these fields.

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### Next Regular Meeting:

**Date:** Monday,  
March 11, 2019

**Time:** 7:30 PM

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

### Next Board of Directors Meeting:

There will be no Board of Directors meeting for the month of March.

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## President's Message

Ken Reynolds

Hello Rockhounds,

This weekend I traveled to Wilmington Delaware for their 56th annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. I was pleased to see a very nice sized crowd and a lot of business as I entered the show. From the feedback I got from the dealers, they were all doing well with good sales. Interest in minerals was definitely alive in Delaware and I anticipate it will be alive in Maryland for our show this month!

I said hello to many of the dealers who were at the Delaware show and so many of them are the same dealers for our show. They were all excited for our upcoming show and were looking forward to it as much as I am!!

The countdown has begun and there are only days left before our **55th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show on March 16th and 17th, 2019!**

The push is still on for filling up our sign-up sheets to volunteer at the show! We still have a lot of openings for the lapidary shop on Saturday and Sunday and could really use your help! Right now as it stands, only about half of the positions are filled. If we don't get enough volunteers, we need may not be able to have the Lapidary shop, which would really be such a shame! **Sign-up sheet will be available at the March 11th meeting.**

Speaking of our March meeting, please help us welcome Dr. Jeffrey E. Post, PH. D., Curator of the U.S. National Gem and Mineral collection! His presentation will be on what's new at the Smithsonian and also describing his recent trip to the Tucson Mineral Show and their purchases for the Smithsonian Museums collection.

Dr. Post is always a big draw for our club and it's sure to be a full house, so make sure you get there early! Hope to see you there!

Ken Reynolds,

President



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## GLMSMC Board Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2019

Karen Lottes

**Present:** Holly, Doug, Joel, Steve, Jonathan, Ken, Gary, Chris

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM.

Most of the discussion related to the show, and volunteers, are coming along with the exception of the Lapidary Shop. It is not just the Lapidary Shop during the show, but also the shop tear-down as well. We went through the show supply list and who was to bring what. The Exhibitors and Demonstrators sheets are coming in steadily. There are a lot of new case exhibitors, which is great.

Doug has been posting to social media and has sent information to area clubs. If anyone has any suggestions for places to post, let him know. Gary also has a list of groups. We should get a PDF on the website that can be easily shared.

The Auction at the last meeting did well. The JMU donation has been sent. Jonathan has completed the financial review letter as well.

Discussion about adding more monthly speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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## GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019

Karen Lottes

Meeting was called to order at 7:50. Approximately 25 in attendance.

**FRA** - Mark presented the World in Miniature badge to Nicole and Izzy.

**SHOW DISCUSSION** - We still need volunteers, especially at the Lapidary Shop and clean-up. There is still room for exhibitors and demonstrators, but we need your forms ASAP.

We have two new members, Richard Ernst and Judith Belkin of Greenbelt, Md. **Move to accept. Second. Passed.**

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## GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019

Karen Lottes

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Treasurer's Report - we have paid the final major expenses for the show. We've added extra security on the second floor and have received almost all the dealer payments.

### SPEAKER

Sue Marcus, president of the Northern Virginia group gave a great talk about how we use minerals every day. She brought a lot of objects to demonstrate. For example toothpaste uses fluorite, titanium dioxide, mica, and calcite.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

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

Mark Dahlman

**Next Meeting Date:** March 11th **Meeting Time:** 7:45-9:00pm

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

### February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

The FRA meeting started by awarding World In Miniature badges. Congratulations to Xena, Kaylee, Nicole, and Isabella! We started the Lapidary Arts badge by discussing lapidary projects and shop safety. The upcoming club show will be a great place to make a cab, string some beads, and find supplies for other lapidary creations.

### March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Our next meeting will be all about doing exhibits - particularly our group exhibit. The group exhibit will be the fossil timeline so please bring your favorite fossils to our meeting so we can plan the group exhibit. By taking part in the group exhibit, members can earn the Showmanship badge. As always we'll have door prizes to give away too.

See you there!

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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## Show Table for February 11th Regular Meeting

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NAME	SPECIMEN	LOCALITY
Jeff Cessna	Willemite	Franklin/Sterling Hill Mines NJ
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Doug Baum	Herkimer Diamond	Middleville, NY
Gary Leaman	Apophyllite/Stilbite	Jalgon, India
Diane Leaman	Glendonite	Russia
Ken Reynolds	Esperite, Hardystonite, Clinohedrite	Franklin, NJ
Reed Owens	Scheelite	NV or CA
Joel Rosen	Barite on Sphalerite	Elmwood Mine- Carthage, TN
Barbara Burr	Ruby in Matrix	Harts Range-Australia
Chuck Mason	Ocean Jasper Geode Quartz Interior	Madagascar
George Durland	Chondrodite & Diopside	Sterling Hill Vicinity- Ogdensburg, NJ

### Door Prizes

**Show Table:** Various Jaspers and Petrified Wood specimens

*Won by Jeffrey Cessna*

**General:** Malachite, Cuprite & Chrysocolla (polished slab)

Degrussa Mine- Western Australia

*Won by Sue Marcus*



## **Message from Our Downstairs Showchair**

Hello Members

We are about a week and a half out from our annual show and I am looking forward to it!!!

- There are a total of 18 spots in the Lapidary Shop that are still open, out of the 46 total spots that are needed to be filled to run the shop. If these don't get filled soon, we are going to have to decide whether or not we can run the lapidary shop this year, and going forward. The shop has always been the largest draw on our volunteer staff, but it is a perennial favorite of the show for the kids. Please help us with this part of the show—
- The Kids Zone looks to be in pretty good shape, with the exception of having three spots still open in the Saturday 12:00-2:00 shift. This shift is critical, as it is one of the busiest times of the entire weekend!
- We also need a few shifts still filled in hospitality, admissions and raffle tickets.
- As always, we definitely still need more help with set-up and takedown of the show.

Thanks very much in advance for your help--

Peace to you -Chris Luzier,  
Downstairs Showchair GLMSMC



## Upcoming Shows

### **46th Annual Atlantic Micromounters' Conference in Alexandria, Virginia**

**Speaker:** Author Extraordinaire, Dr. Robert J. Lauf

**Topics include:**

1. Electron Microscopy: The Final Frontier of Magnification
2. 2. Mineralogy of Uranium and Thorium
3. 3. Orthosilicates.

Dr. Michael Pabst will present Rare Earth Minerals.

**Friday 6-9 PM**

**Saturday 8:30 AM-9 PM**

Cost for 2-day conference \$30

*Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303*

Hotel reservation: *Phone (571) 257-9555*

**Club:** The Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, Inc.

Conference Chair, Kathy Hrechka

[www.dcmicrominerals.org](http://www.dcmicrominerals.org)





## Upcoming Shows

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### MINERAL TREASURES + FOSSIL FAIR



2019 ANNUAL SHOW



The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the  
Delaware Valley Paleontological Society  
present a joint show and sale at the LuLu Temple,  
5140 Butler Pike, in Plymouth Meeting, PA.  
Just 2 miles from the Norristown exit of the PA Turnpike!

**Saturday, March 30, 10 am to 5 pm**  
**and**  
**Sunday, March 31, 10 am to 4 pm**

Special exhibit by the Academy of Natural Sciences

Fossils, Minerals, Gems, Speakers, and Exhibits!  
Learning activities include a Fossil Dig and a Kids' Mineral Corner.  
Also – Scouting Merit Badge Information available.  
Food and Door Prizes throughout both days.

\$5.00 admission; \$1.00 kids under 12. All uniformed Scouts are free.

Information: [www.philamineralsociety.org](http://www.philamineralsociety.org)

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Upcoming Shows

**Adult Admission \$6 each**  
Group with this Ad. All \$5 each  
11 and under Free!

**March 16-17, 2019**  
**Sat. 10 am-6 pm**  
**Sun. 11 am-5 pm**

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Door prizes  
Demonstrations  
Fluorescent minerals

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Fossils  
Minerals  
New age items

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**53rd Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show**

**Montgomery County Fairgrounds**  
GPS: 39°8'44"N  
77°12'22"W  
Building 6  
16 Chestnut Street  
Gaithersburg  
Maryland

Over 40 exhibits  
Raffle  
**GPAA Gold Panning**

Beads  
Meteorites  
And more

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FROM DC, VA NOT TO SCALE

If you are planning a trip and want to know what clubs you might be able to visit, it would be worthwhile to visit the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website. Check out their newsletter archives at <http://www.amfed.org/news/default.htm>.





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