



THE ROCKHOUNDER

April 2025

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."

Note: Please send any submissions for the May issue of the Rockhoulder to Editor Maria Nopo at bulletineditor@glmsmc.com by April 28th.

Regular Meeting Announcements

Heather Vineyard, Vice President

April Meeting Information

Speaker: Jeff Nagy

Title of Talk: Historic Gold and Copper Mines of Maryland

Our April 14th meeting will be our longtime member, Jeff Nagy, who will discuss the "Historic Gold and Copper Mines of Maryland". This will include the famous Maryland Mine which was rich in gold in quartz specimens and was quite a prolific producer for gold. Jeff is well-versed in Maryland geology and local specimens, and is excellent at faceting as well. He has produced some exceptional and large faceted stones from Maryland minerals, most especially smoky quartz. Join us for an excellent evening with one of the local experts with excellent historical accounts and stories of many of Maryland's classic mine sites.

Next Regular Meeting

Date: April 14th, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

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

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 21st, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Virtual
(Online Zoom Meeting)

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President's Message

Chris Luzier, President

Greetings GLMSMC Members--

I am excited to report that we had really strong attendance for our annual March mineral show! There were a number of new families, scout groups in uniforms and younger attendees in general. I had some amazing compliments from many first time visitors and our perennial show patrons as well. The dealers were very happy at how things went and all of the extra promotion that we all kicked in to do! I was especially grateful to our wonderful food truck and their delicious items. There were many compliments for the cuisine and the portion size as well!

As always, I want to give a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who make our unique and special show, possible! There is no show quite like ours and it takes all of your help to do it every year. I am grateful to each and every one of you for providing your time and talent to make our show the gem that it is. Thank you again!!!

GLMSMC Regular Meeting Minutes from March 10th, 2025

Jeff Cessna, Secretary

The 10 March 2025 meeting was called to order by President Chris Luzier at 7:49 pm. There were approximately 43 adults and 8 juniors in attendance. It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the 10 February 2025 Regular meeting and of the 17 February 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.

Announcements: Chris Luzier welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that the new order of Andy Muir commemorative t-shirts, in two new colors, had arrived. He asked that members who ordered pay and pick up their shirts. Additional shirts were available for those who had not ordered.

Show: Chris provided details for the upcoming show. Exhibit cases would be available for set up by 11:00 AM. Those members setting up display cases must have their cases set-up by 6:00 PM. Volunteers were secured to bring water to setup and to the show. A few positions were not yet filled for mini-mine and hospitality. Our food vendor was not available, but a food truck was quickly secured thanks to member Holly Heighes and friend Jeanne. Joel Rosen gave the schedule for his arrival and when the trailer unloading would start. He thanked those who had signed up already and encouraged others to do so as well.

EFMLS Liaison: Andy announced that cards were available for an upcoming show in Philadelphia. He announced other upcoming show in Star County and North Jersey.

Membership: Membership chair Doug Baum thanked those who had already paid their dues. He invited guests to introduce themselves. It was M/S/P to accept the membership application of Tim.

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Field Trip: Marco announced a field trip invitation from the Maryland Natural History Society for petrified wood. He gave an update on club efforts to secure field trips for the season. Details will be emailed to members. Returning member Charlie Zellers offered to help with Field Trips. Dan Kohn announced an opportunity to visit the site of the Potomac Marble Quarry in association with a Montgomery History replay of the associated talk.

Program: Vice-President Heather Vineyard introduced our speaker for the evening, member Fred Paraskevoudakis (Paras). The presentation was entitled *The Silver Mines of Lavrion, an Incredible and Diverse Mineral Wealth*, a follow-up to his presentation at the January meeting. Fred started with a geological overview of the area and how it fit into history with the mining beginning in the 6th & 5th century BC, including photos of the sites. The wealth of the silver mines contributed to the defeat of the Persian Navy and the mines contributed to the building of Athens. He followed that with a photo and video tour of the Jean Baptiste and Hilarion mines of the Kamariza mines from recent trips in 2023-24. Spectacular scenes of in-situ, bright blue and green, minerals were shown from various sites deep within the mines. He followed with the tourism opportunities available in the area and finished with photos of exhibits from the local museum in Lavrion and, even better, the collection of the local guide. Thanks, Fred.

Note: There are no Board of Directors Meeting Minutes because there was no board meeting in March.



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Show Table from March 10th Regular Meeting

Name

Jeff Cessna
Dan Baker
Marco Molinaro
Maria Nopo
Tom Parnell
Rick Roffeld
Doug Baum
Charlie Zellers
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Dan Kohn
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Jake Margolis
Joel Rosen
Richard Ernst
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Jonathan Harris
Corrine Wilson
Gary Leaman
Diane Leaman
Ken Reynolds
Sam Tereyuk

Specimen

Sphalerite (FL)
Marcasite
Garnets
Pyrite & Calcite on Quartz
Malachite/Azurite
Meteorite
Aragonite
Chlorite after Augite
WHATZIT? (FL)
Moss Agate
Tiger Eye
Tourmaline
Fluorite (American Tunnel)
Fluorite
Calcite
Calcite
Calcite
Amethyst
Carnelian
Fluorite/Calcite
Jade

Locale

Horn Silver Mine, UT
Starkville, Mississippi
Maybe, CA
Huanzala Mine, Peru
Tousit Mine, Morocco
Argentina
Greece
St. Lawrence County, NY
Unknown
Unkown
“ ”
Madagascar
Gladstone, CO
Namibia
Argentina
Austin, TX
China
Brazil
Brazil
Lavrion, Greece
Canada or Siberia

Door Prize #1

Rock Wedge/Bookend
Won by Jake Margolis

Door Prize #2

Fluorite Tower
Won by Doug Baum



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Future Rockhounds of America (The MOCKS) Ages 9-16

Mark Dahlman

Next Meeting Date: April 14th **Meeting Time:** 7:45 - 9:00 pm

Meeting Location: Sunroom Cafeteria at the Rockville Senior Center

Congratulations to all of you who exhibited at our show - it's one of the great things that sets apart our club show from other shows! A big thanks to all of you who volunteered at the show - it's the thing that keeps the show running every year!

We'll be continuing on the Collecting badge this Monday with a special guest presenter, Holly, the founder of our FRA group. Holly will speak about cataloging collections including her experience cataloging the Smithsonian's gem & mineral collection (with behind-the-scene scenes).

We'll also be returning the specimens you entered in our group exhibit. We'll have things to help you with your own collection as well as door prizes of course.

I hope to see you all soon!

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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[https://www.facebook.com/groups/
984241208329511/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/984241208329511/)



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Happenings at the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore



There are several exciting classes coming up!

See the [Events and Classes](#) page to see the full calendar of offerings.



Questions about classes? Send us an email: classes@gemcuttersguild.com



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Upcoming Events

Retired Geologist and GLMSMC member, Sharon Lyon has started a free, weekly newsletter that highlights geology news, events, and everyday life. Please see the link below for more information.

[AAPG Newsletter](#)

34th Annual Chesapeake Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show

Saturday, April 19, 2025 10 AM – 4 PM

Howard County Fairgrounds

2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, Md 21794

Free Admission and Parking

Minerals, Original Jewelry, Fossils, Rough & Cut Gemstones
Silent Auctions, Door Prizes
Activities for Kids

www.chesapeakegemandmineral.org

Directions: From Baltimore take I-70 to Rt. 32 south; Turn right on Rt. 144 west Fairgrounds Road is half a mile on the right.

From Washington area – Routes 29 or 95 North to Rt. 32 west/north; turn left on Rt. 144 west-Fairgrounds road is a half of a mile on the right.

GEMBOOREE

April 26 & 27, 2025

<https://summitlapidaryclub.com/gemboree>

Emidio & Sons Expo Center

48 East Bath Rd

Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 44221



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The Berks Mineralogical Society's 56th Annual "WORLD OF GEMS & MINERALS"

May 3 & 4, 2025

Sat 10:00 - 5:00, Sun 10:00 - 4:00

<https://berksmineralsociety.com/vendor-info/>

The Pavilion at Leesport Farmers Market

312 Gernant's Church Rd

Leesport, PA, 19533

The Spring NJ Gem Show

May 14 - 18, 2025

<https://springnjgem.show>

New Jersey Convention and Expo Center

97 Sunfield Avenue

Edison, NJ, 08837

Parma Rock-A-Rama

May 17 & 18, 2025

Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 10:00 - 5:00

<https://www.parmalapidaryclub.com/rock-a-rama>

Soccer Sportsplex

31515 Lorain Rd

North Olmsted, OH, 44070

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2025 Spring Show

May 17 - 18, 2025

10:00 - 4:00

Outdoors at the 4-H Center

3210 US Rt. 50

Mays Landing, NJ, 08330

Salem Gem & Mineral Show

May 23 - 25, 2025

Fri/Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 10:00 - 4:00

<https://americangemshow.com/>

Salem Convention Center

1001 Roanoke Blvd

Salem, VA, 24153

Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Spring Minerafest

June 7, 2025

10:00 - 4:00

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Pennsylvania-Earth-Sciences-Association-PESA-club-and-Minerafest/100064902032245/#>

Macungie Memorial Park

50 N Poplar St

Macungie, PA, 18062

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Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society

June 7 & 8, 2025

Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 11:00 - 5:00

<http://www.midohiomineralandfossilclub.com/>

Richland County Fairgrounds, Fairhaven Hall

750 North Home Road

Mansfield, Ohio 44903

****NEW LOCATION****

South Jersey Gem, jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show

June 14 & 15. 2025

10:00 - 5:00

<https://sjmineralshow.com/>

Trinity Presbyterian Church

499 Route 70 East

Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034



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President - Chris Luzier

Vice President - Heather Vineyard

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