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President's Message:

Hi All,

Where has the summer gone? It seems to me that I just got back from being out of town and here it is September. I hope all of you took advantage of the weather and got outside and enjoyed it. I know that I have but unfortunately it was not all fun. I have yet to make a field trip and that was what I enjoyed the most about being a member of this club.

We have the Apple Festival coming up in October and we need your help to make this a good event. We have the new game "Prospector Pick" and the Sluice along with geodes, crafts and many other items to sell. These items do not get made unless we have people that will come out and help. We will also need workers to work the event and help with setup and tear down at the end. We are looking for an Event Chairman for the Apple Festival to help coordinate the way we set up and help assigning people to work. Their job is not to do all of the

work but to coordinate so we do not have people just standing and not getting it done efficiently. Some of that work has been done and the names of those people doing certain jobs will be given to the Chairman once that person is appointed. Please see Natalie if you would be able to help in this position.

We will also be looking for two chairmen for the Salem show, one for the Fluorescent room and one for the tables out on the selling floor. Please step up and help out where you can.

There will be signup sheets at the meeting for you to sign up so get your name on one of the list or all of them depending on your situation.

On an up note the auction was a great success and I thank all of you that were able to purchase any of the items as this money will help with the upcoming events. When you see Natalie and Warren please show them

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From The First VP:

t's that time again- yes the seasons are changing, and we must now begin to think about elections of GMSL officers for 2018. The first order of business here is to develop a nominating committee, who will speak with and consider candidates for nomination at the October & November meetings.

I will proceed with a list of the officer positions and duties of each according to the GMSL by-laws. (see page 3). I am asking each and every club member to at least read the descriptions. This is just good information for all of us to refresh ourselves on. I also encourage you to consider where you could fit in here. While it may seem overwhelming, we do work together as a team, and

encourage new officers and the fresh ideas they present for the betterment of our organization.

If you simply don't see yourself as an "officer" at this time, please be open to helping out with our nominating committee, or a show chair position. We need 3 members for a nominating committee, and they will be assisted by the current BOD as well. You may be asked to help, so please remain open to this opportunity to make a difference. YOUR input is important to continuation of a successful Lynchburg Gem Club. Thank You in advance for your continued support, and I look forward to working closely with you.

Thats all for now,
Natalie



August Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 2017
@ 7:00 PM

Attendance: 41 members

Hospitality: Pamela Klein hosted tonight's meeting, Donald and Jessie Dudley will host September's meeting.

On Time Drawing Winners: No Drawing this month.

President -Steve Gordon-To save time for the Auction there was no 50/50 or On Time Drawings tonight.

Cindy Mitchell, Hans Schubert and Natalie Darling will keep track of and record auction items.

Steve, Natalie and Warren are working on Inventory of assets and helped organized tonight's auction items from our collection inventory. The club still has lots of inventory for future auctions.

The club voted on naming the game wheel Johnnie Knight built for club events. Thank you to the Dudleys for their suggestion and to everyone in attendance for voting. ALSO, Thank you Johnnie for your dedication and follow through on this new addition to our offerings for future club events.

This will be Warren and Natalie's last year doing the Club Newsletter and Steve asked everyone to start thinking of a replacement.

There is a budget for purchasing small items and Dave will be replacing some parts for equipment needs.

Special Thanks to Dr. Steve Lenhart for donating a facet machine and a large chunk of Unakite.

No other reports tonight in order to get to as many auction items as possible.

Program: Club inventory auction.

Minutes submitted by Linda Noble, Secretary

Welcome New Members:

Allana, Barry, AJ & Mason Bryant from Amherst VA.

Bethany Carey from Concord, VA

Linwood and Katherine Hoffman from Bedford, VA

Janice Kelly From Lynch Station, VA



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Hospitality- Monthly Volunteers
News Articles- Natalie Darling
Silent Auction- Warren Darling
Website- Casper Voogt
Workshops- Dave Callahan
FRA Adult Liaison- OPEN
Membership- Thom Noble
Finance Committee- Natalie Darling



PROGRAMS

Opportunities Available For Current GMSL MEMBERS:

The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg is currently looking for someone to take over the Newsletter Editor position. While this may seem like a huge undertaking, we want to assure you that should you choose to step up and give it a try you will receive the upmost in support, guidance, and mentoring. Please contact Warren or Natalie Darling for more information. We look forward to working with you.

List of officer positions serving the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA Inc.

President- Presides at club meetings, appoints committee chairs, Calls executive committee meetings to discuss society business, serves as an extra officer on all committees.

First VP- Assumes presidential duties if the absence of the president, serves as chair of the finance committee, Organizes meeting programs.

Second VP- Assumes duties of the First VP or President in times of absence. Responsible for field trips.

Secretary- Records meeting minutes and sends to the editor, handles correspondence and maintains history of the activities of the club.

Our September Program will be in two parts. The first will be Logan Maningas, "A Geologic Adventure in Guatemala," followed by Dave Woolley speaking on how "You Too can be a part of Faceting History.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Show Chair for the 2017 Apple Harvest Festival: This position requires someone who will organize the sign up sheet to insure coverage of all time slots, as well as delegating responsibilities accordingly. We have formerly expected Dave Callahan to do it all, and in fairness to him the BOD feels that it is now time to spread out some of the duties accordingly. The position can be held by one or more people willing to work together with club members to ensure the success of this venue. Please contact Natalie with interest or questions. Thank You.

Treasurer- Receives incoming money and pays out by the direction of the executive committee.

Editor- Produces the monthly club newsletter and sends out to club members, federation officers and exchange editors.

Membership Chair- Maintains up to date roster of current member information and sends out the roster to officers monthly.

Members At Large- Attend all executive committee meetings with full voting privileges, train as future officers.

*FIELD TRIP
REPORT...*



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*Up Coming
Field Trips*



**OFFICIAL COMBINED MINERAL COLLECTING FIELD TRIP
THE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF LYNCHBURG, VA INC. &
THE ROANOKE VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY INC.**

KYANITE MINING CORP. DILLWYN, VA. ----- ANNUAL FIELD TRIP

WILLIS MOUNTAIN KYANITE MINE

If the mine is working, we may have to limit our collecting areas.

**September 23, 2017
9:00AM to 1 PM**

Sign-up is required, call me, email me or sign-up at the meeting. If you cancel, notify me to be taken off the list as space may be limited due to the expanded list of clubs now participating in this annual event.

All club field trip leaders send me a list of your total collectors so that I can compile a list and forward to the mine management by 9-19-17. There is a limit of 150 collectors from all clubs for this event so there will be room for everyone.

SAFETY: Everyone must arrive at the office parking lot no later than 8:30AM to sign the release form and hear the required safety briefing. Each Club field trip leader, or their appointed replacement, will act as safety observer while in the mine and will be expected to be on

the lookout for and correct all safety infractions from any collector from any club. Keep in mind that this site is one of the very few that are still open for collecting. Not obeying all the safety rules will cause this site to be closed to all future collecting.

DRIVING FROM THE ROANOKE AND LYNCHBURG AREA: From Roanoke, follow US 460 East to Lynchburg, to the Sheets Station on US 460 and Rt. 811 in New London. Continue on the US 460 East by-pass around Lynchburg thru Appomattox and take Rt. 24 North to its end at US 60, Mt. Rush. Continue on US 60 East to Sprouses Corner. Turn right on US 15 South and drive 4 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Road. Turn left and stop at the stone mine office. Park out of the way as not to block traffic. Do not park along Rt. 15. Allow 1 1/4 minimum hour driving time from New London west of Lynchburg to the mine office.

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Up Coming Field Trips

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GENERAL LOCATION and ASSEMBLY TIME:

Everyone will meet at the mine office for sign-in and safety instruction so be there no later than 8:30am. The mine is located north of Farmville, Va. on Rt. 15 North, James Madison Highway. Proceed from US 460 North on Rt. 15 for a little over 12 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Rd. The stone mine office is on the right. If you approach from Rt. 60 at Sprouses Corner, then go south on Rt. 15 for 4 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Rd. and the office will be on your left. Wait in the parking lot and do not block traffic. Many trucks may be using the road. While you're waiting, be sure to enjoy the beautiful blue kyanite bolder in the front yard from the old closed Baker Mountain.

COLLECTING: Willis Mountain is what's known as a monadnock. The kyanite exposure resisted weathering and, as the surrounding area was eroded and weathered away, the mountain outcrop was left standing. This is very much like the famous Graves Mountain kyanite mine in Georgia. The center of the mountain has been mostly mined away. We should be able to find plenty of white kyanite blades in the massive kyanite quartzite; pyrite; quartz; hematite with some iridescence, red mica, green mica, apatite and possibly some blue kyanite and pale green trolleite. Some of the white kyanite and quartz here have a beautiful light blue fluorescence and the apatite is yellow so bring your short wave lamp and blackout cloth.

EQUIPMENT: The standard quarry safety gear required is a hard hats with a mfg. date of 5 years or less (everyone must have an approved hard hat....no bicycle helmets. Small heads can wear a ball cap under the hard hat), safety glasses, respiratory protection from rock dust you may encounter, a pair of wheel chocks either purchased, home made or even a rock is acceptable. Every time you leave the car, turn off the engine, put in park and apply the hand brake and wheel chocks. ONLY STEEL OR MSHA (Federal Mine Safety

and Health Act) APPROVED REINFORCED FIBERGLASS TOED BOOTS WILL BE ALLOWED, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!! No low quarters or sneakers even if they have steel or composite toes. If you do not have all the required safety equipment, you will not be allowed to enter the quarry. Also required are long pants, gloves, hammer and chisels, wrapping paper, buckets, water as it is very important to stay hydrated as it may be very hot. If you have any medical condition that would put you in any danger, do not attempt this trip. For your own safety, let your field trip leader or collecting buddy know if you have any medical condition that could be a problem for you. Be prepared for windy, hot or wet weather. We will be on the mountain top and it's always windy. We can drive to the designated collecting area, so hand trucks should not be needed. Bring a camera, as the view is awesome.

AFTER THE DIG SOCIAL: This year, the pavilion beside the office will be available immediately after the dig ends at 1PM to relax, cool off eat your lunch. This will also be a social get together so that we can have a chance to become better acquainted with the members of our rock club neighbors and to provide some time to relax before their long ride home. You might want to bring your own lawn chair. There may also be other groups there as invited guests of Kyanite Mining.

AGE LIMIT: There is no age limit, but no toddlers please. All children must be signed for, closely supervised by an adult and never left un-attended. They must also have all the required safety equipment. No Exceptions!!! If parents have any questions about what is acceptable for your child, please call me and we will discuss it.

WEATHER: The trip will be canceled due to safety concerns in case of hard rain or a thunderstorm. Call to confirm if there is any question. Contact information at the top of page 4.

Board Meeting



August 2017 Executive Committee Meeting

August 23, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Attendees: Steve Gordon, Dave Woolley, Jack Curtin, Cindy Mitchell, Siglinde Allbeck, Warren Darling, Natalie Darling, Thom Noble, Linda Noble
Not present: Johnnie Knight and Dave Callahan.

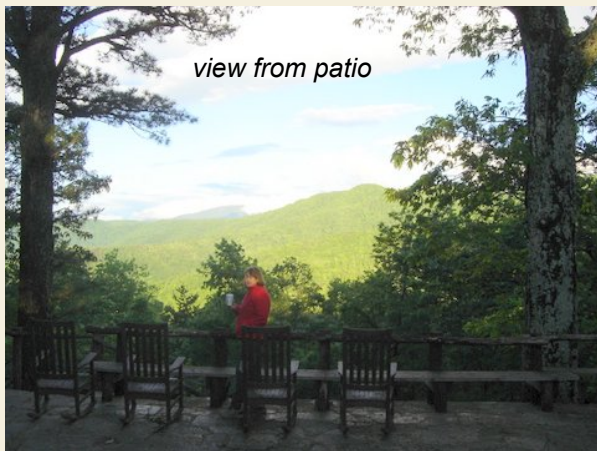
Agenda:

1. Welcome/Prayer – Steve offered a prayer to start the meeting.
2. Auction: Steve thanked Natalie and Warren on helping to make the auction a success.
3. October Apple Festival
 - a) Show Chairman- Natalie will work on selecting and getting someone for Show Chairman and Someone to help with display
 - b) Help get items, bags, and equipment to Amherst (Trucks/SUV) Thom volunteered to help pull the trailer to this event
 - c) Help getting items completed for sale. All club members will be asked to help. Suggestion was incorporating a possible cookout at the workshop.
4. November Salem Rock Show
 - a) Chairman for the show – To be determined
 - b) Chairman for the display – To be determined
 - c) Help getting items, bags and equipment to the site: Dave Callahan plus 3 people will be asked to oversee the set up and running the Fluorescent minerals display at the show.
5. Newsletter Editor Trainee – will recruit through Newsletter.
6. Equipment that we have multiples of (ex 4). Do we want to offer those items up for sale? If so how, on the website, Newsletter, meetings (all the above) Steve will identify what equipment we could put in silent auction.
7. Getting all the material we have in order so we know what we have and then decide how to use or sell it. – Steve is working on this.
8. Next year's slate of officers
 - a) Nominating Committee, Chairman plus 2 others- it was decided we would nominate people in October, and close nominations at the November meeting. Voting will occur as the last order of business at the December Meeting, as per the current By laws.
9. Steve out of town from September 10 to November 10th.
10. Dr Steve Lenhart donated Facet Machine, Trim Saw, and large piece of Unakite.
11. Dave Woolley will contact Club Master of Boy Scouts to talk about show and tell and having them be guests at our club meeting. There has been discussion about whether we should link our website with others, as well as updating our website –Further discussion needed.
12. Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by Linda Noble, Secretary.

EFMLS Wildacres Workshop May 22-28, 2017 *By Dave Lines*

My wife Ann and I arrived at 5 pm on Monday afternoon on May 22 to check-in for a week of fun, comradery and learning in a beautiful natural setting high atop a mountain in western North Carolina. Our planning had begun in January when we sent in our applications and we had received several emails since then explaining what was about to happen. We were delighted to have our first choice of classes --- silversmithing basic and intermediate. Regarding class assignment, we could have been assigned to one of our back-up choices if our first choice of classes had been full. We were told later that "first timers" to Wildacres received priority over all others.



The "campus" at Wildacres is beautiful. On the very top of a ridge about one mile down a gravel road from the Blue Ridge Parkway are six wood, stone and glass buildings that blend into the surrounding mature trees with carefully tended plantings of flowers and greenery with small patches of lawn. Between and around the main structures are paths and patios constructed of native rock and wooden planks. Placed in unexpected places around the campus are many delightful surprises

like a gazebo, or a swing, or rocking chairs, or an outdoor amphitheater built of stone, or a large chimney with a fireplace on a wooden deck perched on the side of a hill, or tasteful



North Lodge



sculptures. Several hiking trails of various lengths meander through the 1,100 acres of permanently preserved forest. The views are spectacular.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2017

Sept 22-24- 50th annual Gem & Mineral Show Hosted by the Shenandoah Gem and Mineral Society. Hours: Fri-2-6; Sat 10-6; Sun 11-5. Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville, VA.

Oct. 21-22- 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and 67th Eastern Federation Convention. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave, Bristol, Ct. EFMLS Annual Meeting: Friday, October 20.

Oct 26-28- Treasurers of the Earth Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil & Bead Show and Sale. Harrisonburg, VA. Rockingham County Fair Grounds, 4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA. Friday and Sat. 10-6; Sunday 11-5. toteshow.com for information.

November 18-19- 26th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: George Mason University Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, Braddock Rd & Rte 123; Fairfax, VA. Contact: www.novamineralclub.org

November 24-26- Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Gem Show and Sale. Also featuring the Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society World Class Fluorescent Mineral Display. More details to come as to times, cost, etc. Stay Tuned...

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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	 4	5	6	7	8	9 Workshop
	 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Meeting 7PM	21 Rosh Hashanah	22 Autumn begins	23 Field Trip
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

REMINDER...

Club workshops are held on the second Saturday of each month at Dave Callahan's home. Workshops are open to members only, and all members are encouraged to attend when possible.

There will be some discussion at this months meeting about possibly offering other days for the workshops also.

This is a great learning & fellowship opportunity, as well as a way to contribute to your club. You can "learn" while helping to fabricate items for sale at our fall festival, then use the equipment available to complete your own personal pieces.

Please consider coming out, regardless of your level of experience. All help is needed and appreciated!



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We checked in at the North Lodge --- a building reminiscent of a Frank Lloyd Wright design. We were given a Welcome Packet with a very full schedule of events – everyone is required to attend all scheduled activities – sort of like summer camp for adults. We took our bags to our assigned room on the top floor of three of the North Lodge. It was paneled in dark wood, contained two twin beds, one bedside lamp stand, one lamp, one easy chair, a sink, lighted mirror and a long counter covering some drawers for our clothes, an “open” closet with empty clothes hangers, a ceiling fan (no air conditioning), a baseboard heater and a private bath (tub and toilet only) --- basic, but adequate. Interestingly, there were no room keys. No one locked their rooms the entire time --- what a nice feeling of trust. It set the tone.



We started that evening with dinner at 6:30 pm in the spacious dining hall with windows on two complete walls extending a full two stories tall looking into the forest. Great views. The wood inside the dining hall was natural colored and the walls were adorned with large scenic photos of waterfalls and forest. On the upper floor inside the main entrance, there were display cabinets with rocks and minerals as well as examples of the many crafts that were taught – like pottery. The meals were all preceded by the sound of a loud farm bell which was rung exactly 10 minutes before mealtime – then again at mealtime. I suspect the bells were rung because we lost track of time. There were no TVs or radios or newspapers and only one computer and intermittent cell phone service.

That first meal, like most lunches and dinners, was served family style. Breakfasts and some lunches were served via a buffet line. I can honestly say that every meal was delicious. The food was really tasty and we ate very well. After supper we gathered in a Meeting Room on the first level of the North Lodge for orientation on the do's and don'ts, what to expect each day and we met our teachers and classmates.

After the meeting, Ann and I decided to get some rest because it had been a long day traveling. We unpacked and went to bed early. The beds were comfortable and we slept well.

The next morning (as every morning) the wake-up bell rang at 7:30 a.m. for late sleepers, but we had been up for an hour or so. Ann found some fresh coffee in the canteen in the lower level of the adjacent South Lodge at 6:30 a.m. --- which turned out to be an every morning tradition for some as they gathered around the coffee pot to shoot the breeze. And precisely at 7:50 a.m., the bell rang again to signal breakfast. Since it was raining and foggy (the weather was cool and wet for the first 2 days), we began walking toward the dining hall (located about a 100 yards from our room) with an umbrella and raincoats. Imagine the scene we encountered --- dozens of people, singly or in small groups, in various stages of “awakeness”, moving slowly and quietly toward the dining hall. It was humorous. At the 8 a.m. breakfast bell, most folks were gathered on the upper level balcony overlooking the dining area --- everyone simply started down the stairs and into the serving line for breakfast --- fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, oatmeal, biscuits, orange juice, coffee, et cetera. People sat at large round tables --- ten chairs per table. The EFMLS (Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies) filled half the room with 6 tables to accommodate the students and instructors. The other side of the dining room was reserved for other Wildacres attendees who were there at the same time --- cello players, pottery makers and a group from Appalachian State University. At 9 a.m. we returned to the Meeting Room to hear the first of six (6) programs given by the Guest Speaker for the week --- none other than “Bob Jones”, famous author (at least in the world of mineral collectors) and Senior Consulting Editor of Rock and Gem magazine. Bob was THE main reason I had chosen to attend Wildacres this spring. At 90 years young, Bob is really an amazing fellow who acts 20 years younger than his age. His stamina and enthusiasm are incredible. Needless to say, Bob gave an engaging and very fun presentation with many photos.

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His general theme throughout the week was to provide talks of his adventures around the world relating to rocks and minerals. He shared plenty of great stories and kept us wanting more.



Bob Jones

After his first talk, I stayed down in the Meeting Room and had a nice one-on-one conversation with Bob and explained that I had a request --- for his autograph(s). First, he signed his photo on page 17 of the September 2016 issue of Rock and Gem which was the lead off article of the series of ten entitled "A Rockhound's 80-year Mineral Odyssey". Second, since this article described his first encounter with minerals at age 10 on a school field trip to the Yale Peabody Museum fluorescent mineral display, I thought it would be neat for him to autograph a slab of fluorescent calcite (red) and willemite (green) from Franklin, New Jersey. He did sign it and seemed to really enjoy doing so. Bob is a very likeable person and we talked easily about several things including my son Jeff who had previously met both Bob as well as his son Evan Jones.

At 10:10 a.m., I had to leave Bob for our first class in silversmithing. Ann and I arrived at our classroom which contained a double row of benches down the center with tables around three sides of the room and all stacked with supplies and equipment. Our instructor – Richard Meszler --- had taught the class for many years and wasted no time getting us moving. We first inventoried our individual toolbox on our bench. Then we made a "pickle solution" of boric acid and borax in the crockpots – one for every two benches --- and we set up shallow glass trays with water for quenching. Then Richard passed out the silver (sterling) and silver solder for our first project – a small plastic bag containing a tiny bag of

silver solder (3 small wires – each with a different bend in the wire at one end – which was code for the type of solder – hard, medium and EZ) and a silver strip and some silver wire.

Two of our 8 students had taken the class previously, but the rest of us were beginners. There was lots of new stuff to learn and we jumped right in. Next, we learned



classroom

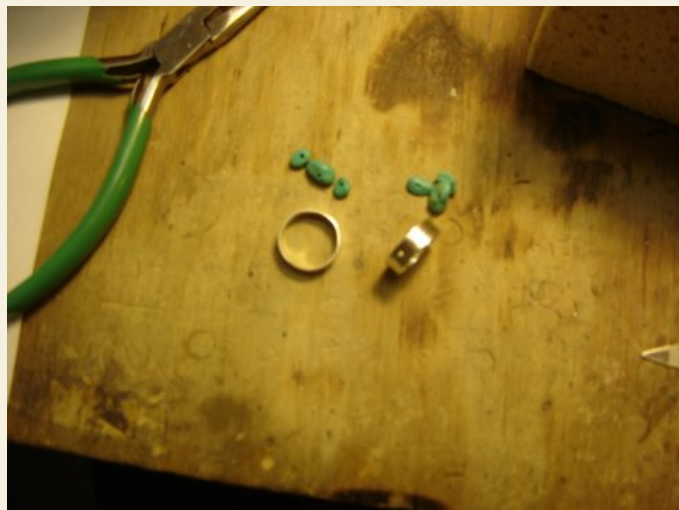
to anneal silver --- annealing softens the metal so it can be more easily bent into a desired shape. First, Richard gathered us all around his bench and he demonstrated the proper technique --- a style of hands-on teaching that he used throughout the course.

We learned to light the acetylene torches (one at each bench) and to adjust the flames to various temperatures. Instead of annealing my strip of silver, I managed to melt it. Not to worry. Richard was not ruffled --- "there are no mistakes, there are just changes in design" – he simply gave me another piece of silver and --- under his close supervision --- I tried again. Successfully this time. *Photo below by Carolyn Weinberger*



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Our first project was to make a set of earrings by bending a strip of silver into a circle and soldering the ends together --- seamlessly. We first had to drill a hole in each silver strip that would later accommodate a wire. Each end of the strips had to be squared off with a small file and the strips bent into a "D" and perfectly aligned before soldering. Then we "flattened" our "hardest" solder wire using a rolling mill and snipped off some tiny



1/8" long pieces of solder. Then we used a very small paint brush to apply flux and we placed a piece of solder across the "seam". The "D" shaped loop was held with a "third hand" during this process and during the soldering. After soldering, we quenched and pickled each piece to clean them, then we filed off the excess solder and buffed and polished each piece inside and out with the various machines including a flex shaft. Then we drilled another hole through the seam we had just soldered together. Then we carefully bent the "D" shaped ring into a circle and re-polished each piece. Then we learned how to make a rounded bead on the end of a piece of silver wire using the torch. After polishing the beaded end of the silver wire, we pushed the other end of the wire through the lower hole, threaded on some beads and pushed the wire through to top hole and made a loop using "flat-round" pliers. Then we made ear wires with pliers and added them to the round loop. Upon polishing everything, we had completed our first project. I have told you all of this detail to give you some appreciation of the amount of effort, time and skill that goes into seemingly simple silver work. What I just described to you took almost all the first day to complete.

The conclusion of this article will be printed in the October issue of the Gem and Mineral Journal.

President's Message:

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your appreciation as they got the auction together without help from me or anyone else. Also be on the watch for items that the club will be offering for sale in the coming months.

By the time for the club meeting I will have deployed out for work and Natalie will be filling in for me at the meetings. I should be back by November but will miss the Apple Festival so please pick up my slack and help get ready for the shows.

That's all for now, and as always keep looking down,
Steve

**In search of
Joe Slette.**

He paid cash for membership and simply wrote his name on a piece of paper back in July. (there were no membership forms available). We have no contact information for him, so if you know him please have him contact an officer so we can complete his membership information. Thanks for your assistance!

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MEETING LOCATION

*DIRECTIONS: Fairview Center;
3621 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24501
434-847-1751~ From Route 29 expressway or Route
460, take the Campbell Avenue Exit. Follow Campbell
Ave. to 3621, which is across the street from a Citgo
Gas Station. There is a fence around the building and
parking on both streets running along the sides of the
property as well as a lot in the back. We will be
looking for you!*