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[Meeting at the 715 Moose Lodge Hall 2307 Lakeside Dr. Lynchburg, VA 24501 3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.](#)

[Wintery weather meetings schedule is if the Lynchburg schools are down for weather then the meeting is cancelled](#)

[Workshop is the 2nd Saturday of the month.](#)

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President's Meanderings:

By James Tomlin

Hello Everyone,

I really enjoyed seeing those who joined us on our annual dig at the Willis Mountain Kyanite mining field trip. It was a very nice day out with great weather and wonderful company. We had a great turnout from our club with 28 in attendance and 112 overall. We had quite a few wonderful finds on this trip including a new specimen I could not identify, it was found by a couple of people. It has a blue trapped under a milky layer that seemed to be surface or in a broken seam. It was quite beautiful and I would have mistaken it as trolleite if I didn't see a piece earlier from Steve Gordon's collection. I loved interacting with the different clubs that were in attendance and making new acquaintances.

Roanoke show is fast approaching this November and we will need all the help we can get. We only have one more workshop until the show and we will need volunteers making items for the show. For the show itself, we will need people the weekend after thanksgiving to help with the sluice line, picker's wheel and club sales. It's a wonderful time and I encourage anyone to come on out and give it a try. You will earn extra tickets towards the end of the year drawing for the scholarship each day you help.

I would like everyone to remember we have our elected officers meeting coming up. If you have a nomination you would like to come to attention please let one of the officers know. If you would like to become an officer yourself, we would love to have you let us know and we can help you out.

Your Fellow Rockhound,
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Youth Out Reach

First Vice President

Virginia is the best commonwealth to find rocks and minerals and Lynchburg is the bestest because we have synclines and anticlines and martic lines. Everybody says so.

It is time to start planning for 2023. Twelve months gives us twelve meetings. Typically we run five group programs. The group programs are Christmas party, auction, collectors' night, mineral identification and lapidary arts. Twelve minus five give seven. So we have seven programs which would be individual presentations. If you have a suggestion or interest for a program, let us know and we can put it on the long list. If you know someone who can make a presentation, let us know and we can add to the short list. Then we start booking.

Cheers, Steve Boylan



Programs for 2022

October Meeting

Willis Mountain rock Identify. Bring what you found and we can help you identify and label. Do not have anything that you need identifying then bring one of your favorite rocks that you found and tell the story of where you found it, when you found it and why your kept it.

November Meeting

Club Auction

December Meeting

Christmas party

Field Trips

Club Field Trips

No collecting field but we have the Roanoke show at the Salem Civic Center the weekend after Thanksgiving, 11/25 , 11/26 and 11/27. There will be more details later but we will need as many that can help to help with the show.

South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

An Official Field Trip of the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society (Marietta, GA) (HOST)

Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM Eastern Time

Chattooga County, GA

Summerville Crazy Lace Agate

RSVP if you plan to attend

An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society (Murfreesboro, TN) (HOST)

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Central Time

Cumberland Furnace, TN

Registration Required

NOTE: DMC field trips will continue to be planned and scheduled, but may be cancelled or rescheduled pending COVID-19 status. If there are any changes to a trip, all contacts listed for DMC member clubs will be notified via email as soon as possible. The DMC trip schedule page on the SFMS website (<https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program/dmc-field-trip-schedule>) will also be updated with the current status of trips. **Lori Carter, DMC Coordinator**

Interested see Flyer sent out – If you did not get the flyer let me know.

Note from the Editor

Hello All,

We are now into Fall and the weather is getting cooler so getting out for rock collecting will be safer. The snakes and other creepy crawly thing will be less of a safety factor as they are during the warmer weather.

Remember our show after Thanksgiving and that it also gives you another chance to win the drawing for the money to pay for you a trip to one of the two rock lapidary training facilities (Wild Acres or William Holland).

I would love some pictures from any of you and about anything to put in the newsletter. I am giving out of my own pictures so please send me some of yours. Or give me something else to put in the place. That would give me some other inspiration and maybe bring joy to others also.

That is all for now,
Steve

Note from the Membership Chair-person

Debbie Wade

Hello all,

First, a reminder that our Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg is now on a January 1 through December 31 membership year. Membership fees are now all due annually before January 31st. Very few members have renewed thus far.

Our rates have changed:

Single adult membership is still \$15 annually.

Two adult memberships and/or up to 6 dependents is \$25 annually.

Membership badges are new also. I shall be issuing the new ones to everybody, hopefully catching a few of you at our monthly meeting to save some time and stamps. When you receive the new one, you can trash the old ones.

We currently have 148 members. (adding up the new members)

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

HELLO AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! As a reminder, for anyone who paid online using Square, I cannot mail your badges to you until you contact me with your address, the first and last names of adult(s) voting member(s) and the first and last names of minor non-voting members please.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wade
Membership Chair

Your GMSL membership entitles you to:

- * receive our monthly newsletters
- * attend our monthly meetings
- * participate in members-only GMSL fieldtrips to quarries, mines, & events related to gems & minerals
- * purchase club t-shirts or hoodies
- * discounts with several "rock" stores and vendors for current members with badges
- * attend our club member's only workshop each month
- * a chance to win a \$500 annual scholarship

Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022 @ 7:00

Attendance: 31 Members, 3 Guests

Meeting Called to Order by: James Tomlin

On Time Drawing Winners: Carl Pilat, Brian White, Kay Watson, Cindy Felte, Clint Ferguson, Sarah Hamrahan, Brenda Finch, Sharun Parker, Joan Moore, Kyrina Johnson, David Brogan and Cindy White.

50/50 Winner: Kay Watson won \$6.50 and donated it back to the club

Old Business: None

New Business: We have a trip to Beckley, West VA on October 1st to hunt for fossils @ 9:00.

We need club members to watch out for others safety at the Willis Mtn trip this weekend.

Myself (James T.) and Thom Nobke had a successful weekend at the Shenandoah Show this past weekend. We made \$523.00 with the pickerswheel between Friday and Saturday. We were so busy that we did not have enough material to run the wheel again on Sunday.

Happy 70th Birthday to Thom Noble! His wife Linda Noble has surprised him with a cake for to enjoy celebrating his birthday with him during break.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$11,129 currently in our account.

Program: Willis Mountain Safety brief by Dave Callahan and Thomas Hale had a presentation about his first book: North Va Trap Quarries

Willis Mountain Pics



A large rock with Rainbow colors



A shot from the top of the mountain



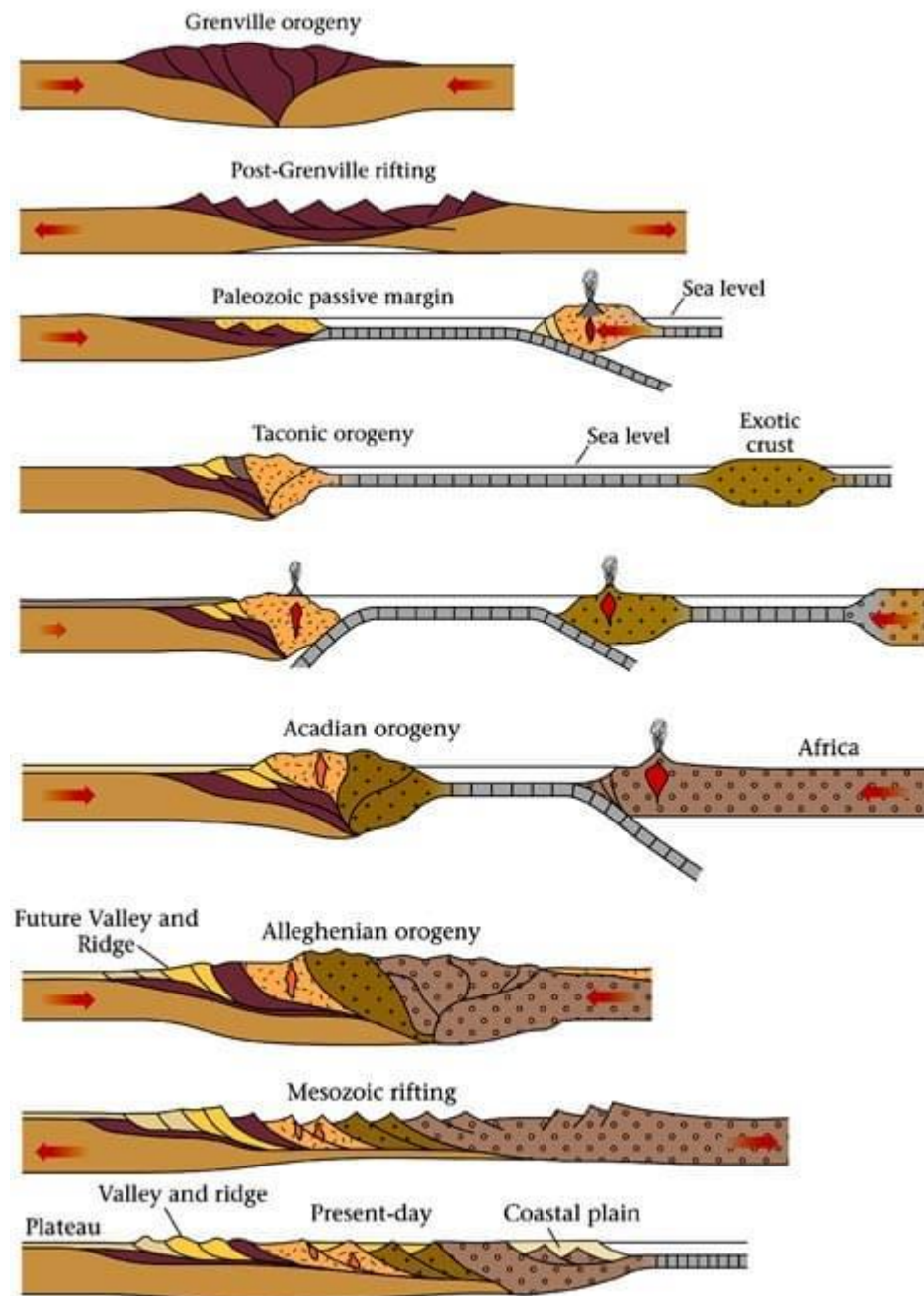
After the dig people enjoying each other's company

A great **Thank You** to those at Willis Mountain that allows us to go there and collect and enjoy those that like rocks like we do. It was a tremendous day of collecting and everyone stayed safe and there was no safety events.

Appalachian mountain history is more complex

Appalachian mountain history is more complex than the meme going around suggests. It is the products of multiple events. The oldest one (the Grenville Orogeny) was worn flat and buried long before the modern system began. The present day Appalachians aren't even the mountain range than formed in the late Paleozoic: they are the erosional remnant of the Valley and Ridge province that formed AFTER bones and trees were well established...

Sent by James Tomlin
President GMSL



[Other Links that you may want to check out:](#)

International Gem Society

<https://www.gemsociety.org/reference-library/>

Mineral Cleaning for Amateurs

John's website is full of information that all mineral collectors will find useful and interesting.

<http://www.johnbetts-fineminerals.com/>

Morefield Mine Tour:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5aQp57HMso>

Impromptu lecture on crystallography:

The crystallography talk can be found in the You Tube videos at https://youtu.be/sTxMrh9_QI, or copy and paste in your browser: [Crystallography by Dave Woolley](#).

A Guide to Ethical and Conflict-Free Jewelry

<https://ethicaljewellery.org/introduction>.

Insurance Institute of Jewelry Appraisal

https://instituteofappraisal.com/Investigation_of_Artificial_Color_Infusion_of_Gemstones.pdf

https://instituteofappraisal.com/Exposing_the_GIA_Juggernaut.pdf

Rock collecting guide for geology beginners

<https://www.basementguides.com/rock-collecting-and-geology-basics/>

Facebook Link for the club

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/432839874271992/?ref=share>

Link to Mindat web page for Willis Mountain

[Willis Mountain Mine, Sprouses Corner, Farmville Mining District, Buckingham Co., Virginia, USA \(mindat.org\)](http://www.mindat.org/entry/Willis+Mountain+Mine,+Sprouses+Corner,+Farmville+Mining+District,+Buckingham+Co.,+Virginia,+USA)

If you need to renew your club membership you can let me or Debbie Wade know and we can email you the form. You can make checks out to GMSL.

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