



January Newsletter

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Meeting at the
715 Moose Lodge Hall
2307 Lakeside Dr.
Lynchburg, VA 24501
Tuesday of the month
7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

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Wintery weather meetings
schedule is if the Lynchburg
schools are closed for
weather then the meeting is
canceled.

Workshop is on the 2nd
Saturday of the month,
contact the club president
for location details.

President's Meanderings:

By James Tomlin

Hello All,

I hope you all have had a blessed Holiday filled with love, joy and peace. It was wonderful spending time with you all at the club Christmas party and having fun playing dirty Santa together. I truly enjoy the party every year and I look forward to it as our tradition. What a wonderful close to our year and I can't wait to see how the next one unfolds.

This new year will be an exciting one for sure, with a few sites opening up to us for collecting. As weather permits we should be getting our boots dirty a bit more than the past few years. A lot of these places will be limited to the number of people allowed in so please make sure to sign up at meetings or shortly after announcements. We have also added safety vests to the list of required attire to all mine digs.

We have a few new board members this year and a couple of shifting jobs within so please be patient with us as we adjust. We are in need of some willing individuals to shadow some of us this year as we need people to eventually replace us. This year according to our bylaws will be my last year as president and we need someone to replace me. I hope to have someone willing to take my place that loves our community and loves what we do.

Take care and I will see you all soon,

Your Fellow Rockhound
James Tomlin
President GMSL

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Kyrina Johnson
Youth Out Reach

Programs for 2024

January: What's that rock? Programming will be rock identification. There will be a chance to perform various basic tests to help determine "What's that rock?".

February : Will be a meet and teach. The exact layout isn't complete yet so stay tuned.

Note from the Editor

Hello All,

I would like to introduce myself as the Newsletter Editor for 2024. I live in Charlottesville, Va so will not be able to attend many meetings but hope to get to know people on the field trips! I grew up in the woods of Nelson County Va. and have been a lover of rocks since childhood. After a trip out west last year I have unearthed my old passion and have become an active rockhound. My son, husband, dog and 6 cats are supportive of my rockhounding but do not share my interest. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter please feel free to contact me at Senamagill@gmail.com.

Have a great 2024,
Sena

Note from the Member at Large Youth Programming

There are no new updates from the member at large youth programming. However as a reminder Kyrina could use assistance in the coming year with educational and youth focused programming. Please get in touch with Kyrina if you would like to take part in getting the next generation of rockhounds engaged.

GMSL Membership Report

Hi folks!

Hope that everyone had a great holiday season. I know we did.

We are still at 123 individual and family memberships comprised of a total of 232 members.

With that said, it is now time to renew your membership for 2024. I have received a few but there is still a long ways to go I will be sending out an email this month that memberships are expired. The email will have a printable application attached. If any of your contact information has changed,

please fill this application out and send it with your dues. Please help me by renewing your membership as early as possible.

Thanks,
Thom Noble
Membership Chair

Here are a few things that being a member gives you:

- * 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.
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Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023 7:00pm

Attendance: 36 Members

Meeting Called to Order By: James Tomlin

Officer Elections: After a Unanimous Vote The GMSL Executive Board for 2024 is

President: James Tomlin

First Vice President: Steve Gordon

Second Vice President: James Tomlin will handle Field Trips

Secretary: Holly Tomlin

Treasurer: Joan Moore

Newsletter: Sena Magill

Membership: Thom Noble will be Training Carl Pilat for a month or two before Carl takes over completely

Members at Large: Kyrina Johnson and Ben Thompson

Advisors to the Executive Board: Thom & Linda Noble

Program: Christmas Dinner & Dirty Santa

Scholarship Drawing:

Nancy Linkenhoker & Jeff Franklin each won a \$500 scholarship to William Holland or Wild Acres!! Congratulations to them both!!!

Field Trips Club Field Trips

Others are still coming in

South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

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**

Feb. DMC is through the Athens Rock and Mineral Club, Athens Ga

March. DMC is through Georgia Mineral Society, Norcross, GA

If you did not get the email let me know and I will send it to you.

Every Rock Tells a Tectonic Story- Blackwater Creek Trail

By: SJBoylan

In Bulletin 74, by author W. R. Brown, 1958, the map of the Lynchburg quadrangle shows a railroad track running alongside Blackwater Creek in Lynchburg Virginia. Figure One shows an enlarged section of the map featuring Blackwater Creek and the railroad track. Figure Two shows the corresponding area on the trail map. When I first walked the trail they were still paving it. The foreman drove a white pickup truck and played bridge. The Awareness garden was just an overgrown spot. I wonder if the road bed will be used more as a railroad or as a nature trail.

Figure One - Blackwater Creek Bulletin 74 Map Detail

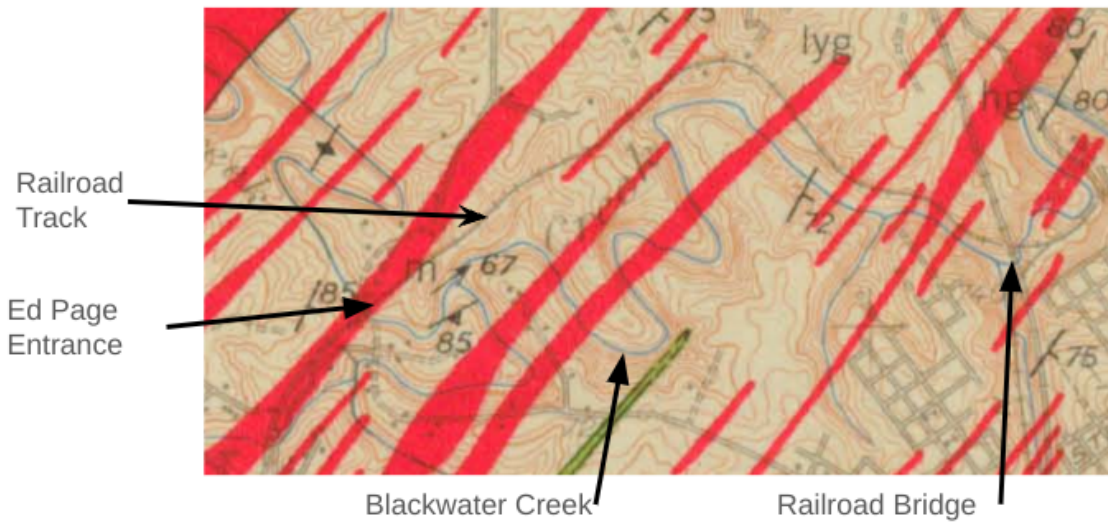


Figure Two - Blackwater Creek Trail Map



Other Links that you may want to check out:

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/>

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 \(mindat.org\)](#)

What to do with my Rocks now

- ▶ Wire Wrapping Tutorial- Simple Wire Wrapped Cabochon Pendant- Great For Beginners!
 - ▶ The Beauty & Magic of Microscopic Minerals (01_07_21)
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If you need to renew your club membership you can let Thom Noble know and he can email you the form. You can make checks out to GMSL or pay online (links at bottom of web site <https://www.lynchburgrockclub.org>).

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Membership Application

This form is also downloadable from our website www.lynchburgrockclub.org



I/We wish to apply for membership in The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, Inc. ("GMSL") and agree to abide by the Society's By-laws.

New membership Renewal **Check One**

New Membership

Renewal

If Renewal: Please check box above if any contact information has changed from last year

Please PRINT all information and write names as you would like them to be shown on your membership badge.

Applicant(s): Today's date: _____

Mr. / Ms. _____ [Primary voting Membership]

Spouse / Partner: _____ [Additional voting Membership]

Street Address (required): _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone #1: () _____ #2 () _____ E-mail: _____

We will email you our monthly GMSL Newsletters & Field Trip notices (we will not share your information with outsiders)

Minor Dependents: (Secondary Memberships, non-voting)

Membership Fees: Covers through December 31st this year

SINGLE: 1 adult, 18 years & over \$15.00 \$ _____

OR

FAMILY: Up to 2 adults and minor dependents \$25.00 \$ _____

Payment by check preferred! Check # _____ Cash _____ Total \$ _____

Make check payable to "The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, Inc." or "GMSL" and mail completed application form and dues to: GMSL PO Box 11975, Lynchburg, VA 24506-1975, (or bring membership application & dues to our monthly meeting). Note: There is a limit of 2 primary "voting" memberships per family. All membership dues must be renewed between January 1st thru 15th annually to continue with GMSL. If you pay dues by check, allow us 2 – 4 weeks to cash your check, however, your new membership badge(s) should arrive by mail within 2 weeks of paying.