



February Newsletter

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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 follows Lynchburg
schools, if they are closed
for weather then the
meeting is canceled.
- Workshop is on the 2nd
Saturday of the month,
contact Club President for
location details.

President's Meanderings:

By James Tomlin

Hello All,

I hope you all are well and staying warm during our cold winter days. As things start to warm up we will get back to collecting more and enjoy having a nice day out. We will have a few indoor field trips for you that we can enjoy during these cold months. I look forward to seeing you out as we had to miss our last meeting due to weather and closings.

Take care and I will see you all soon,

Your Fellow Rockhound
James Tomlin
President GMSL

Programs for the Future:

February: 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?"

March : Stay Tuned.

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Note from the Editor:

Hello All,

I hope everyone is well. Winter is always a time that can be a bit dreary. The weather makes it difficult to go hounding, but that gives us a chance to look at our collections and say “huh, maybe I should do something with these awesome rocks I have found”. I personally have been struggling to find the “right” thing to do with my collection, so on that note I am asking people to send me photos of your favorite thing to do with your rocks. Is it displaying them on the wall in a printer tray? Make jewelry? fill your yard? Whatever it is, big or small, send in photos and share your collections with the club! Let's inspire each other. 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.

GSML 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 GSML field trips 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.

If you need to renew your club membership you can let Thom Noble know and he can email you the form (it is also included on the last page of the newsletter for convenience). You can make checks out to GSML or pay online (links at bottom of web site

<https://www.lynchburgrockclub.org>).

Our Mailing address is:

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GSML Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024 7:00pm

Meeting was canceled due to snow.

Attendance: NA

Meeting Called to Order By: NA

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:

GSML Club & Affiliated Clubs Field Trips

Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg Field Trips

We have been invited to attend a field trip to the JMU Museum to see the collection of rocks and minerals they have on display. This will be a guided tour that starts at 10am on Saturday February the 10th. Please be there by 9:45 to meet up before the tour begins at the museum.

South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

NOTE: DMC field trips will continue to be planned and scheduled, but may be canceled 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 Story- Blackwater Creek Trail Diagram

Steve Boylan

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 a diagram of the trail represented as a straight line. The diagram shows the trail from the Ed Page entrance to the railroad bridges. The distance is about 2 miles. This section of the trail is characterized by cuts and fills. There are ten cuts and ten fills. The fills are between the cuts, The original topography is ripples. The cuts and fills were made to provide a smooth path for the railroad tracks. Figure two shows two closeup views from cut 1.

Figure One - Blackwater Creek Trail Diagram

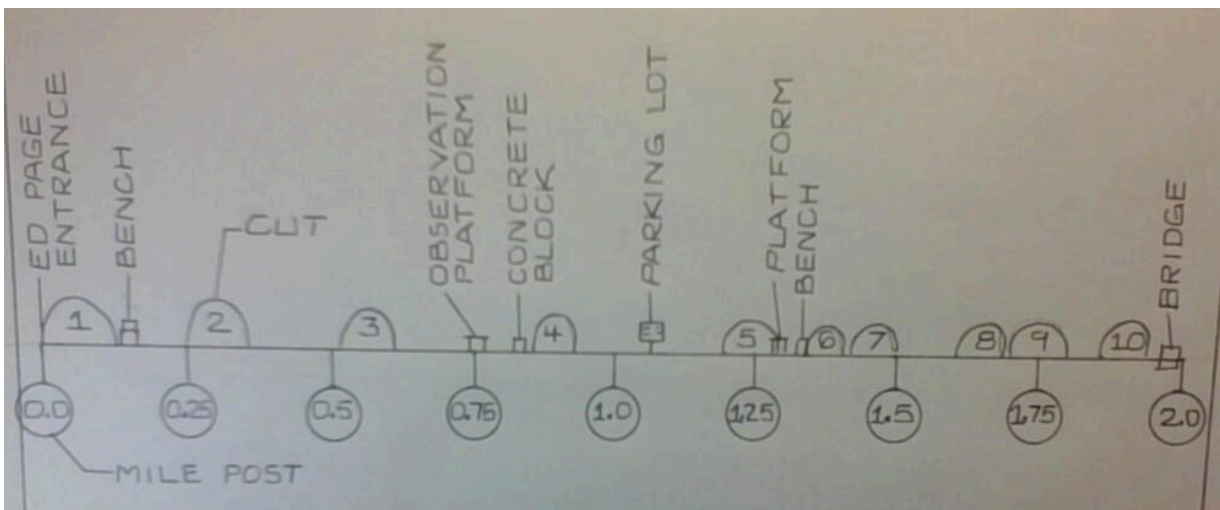


Figure Two - Closeup Views from Cut 1



[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

▶ [Mini Tree of Life Pendant Tutorial Wire Wrap Cabochon](#)

<https://www.rockngem.com/how-to-photograph-rocks/>

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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.