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Presidents Message:

Hello To All,
THE AUCTIONS ON, HERE WE GO !!! The program for the November meeting will be our Clubs annual auction. This is a fundraiser for the GMSL & we look forward to it every year. We have received donations of Rock, Mineral & Gem specimens as well as homemade pickles & honey fresh from the hive. So come on out, bring your family & friends for an evening of fun bidding, refreshments & socialize with other members. If you would like to donate items for the auction, bring them with you, they can be rock related or an item of other interests. We have some items for the kitchen & home & pet toys as well. Just use your imagination.

We will be receiving names for Club Officer Nominations for the December election for 2008 leaders. So put on your thinking caps & get those nominations in. I think our nominating committee has

a name for each office, so lets see some competition.

On a different note, the GMSL made a great showing at the Apple Harvest Festival at the Amherst Co. High School the weekend of October 20-21st. The new enclosed trailer came in very nice, with the loading, unloading, and storage. We received a lot of good feed back for our new Geode and Gem & Mineral Sluice Signs. I feel they added a finishing touch to a great sales booth. We had some 24 members that showed up to help set up, take down, and worked most of both days of the festival. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and club spirit. It would not have been a successful weekend without you. Frank Midkiff will have our sales totals for the festival at the November meeting report.

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From the First VP:

Did you know that the rock quartzite is formed when sandstone is metamorphosed by intense heat and pressure? Sandstone is a sedimentary rock that is made from fragments of weathered rocks. Fragments of weathered rock are referred to as clasts, so sandstone is also referred to as clastic rock. And now you know.

A big thank you goes to all our collectors who set up displays at the October meeting. The displays were very impressive and well organized. It is awesome to see what we have collected over the years.

November's meeting is our annual auction. This is

Happy Thanksgiving

a good time to a get some stuff and maybe even to let some stuff go. Also, please fill out and return a member survey. Your input is important to keep us on the right tack.

Hurry! Get your ugly rock in the reformatted Ugly Rock Contest. Entries are now free! And votes are free. The winner and his or her rock will be featured prominently in the next issue of this journal.

Adios,
Steve



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Warren Darling**Website-** Adelaide Lee**Workshops-** Dave Woolley**FRA Adult Liaison-** Shannon
Bondurant

October Meeting Minutes

Meeting: 7:00 PM, Wednesday,
October 17th**Attendance:** 38**Hospitality:** Ann Torning has requested that the members who donate our refreshments be recognized. When you bring refreshments, please sign the sheet so you can be recognized in the meeting and the newsletter.**On Time Drawing:**

The "on time" drawing was held and the first winner was Nancy Patterson who won a pyrite specimen from Glendon, NC. The second prize, a fossilized shell was won by Luis Gonzalez. Dorothy Ravizza and Franklin Midkiff won photos of the new mineral museum at JMU donated by Don McIntyre. Thank you Don, and congratulations to our winners.

Old Business: John Haskins announced that he had received a letter from EFMLS President Ellery Borow stating that Dee Tinsley was elected to the office of Region IV Vice President. Her term will begin immediately and continue through October 31st of 2008. John also announced that Natalie Darling is the new Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee Chairman.

Congratulations to Natalie and to Dee for bringing these positions to the Lynchburg Club!

John announced that the club was looking for the diamond saw and found that the cost range is between 8 and 18 thousand. In doing this, they found a wonderful trailer

(something we have needed for a long time) and since it had everything we needed on it and in it, the committee voted to make the purchase!

We are the proud owners of a wonderful new trailer that will get its first work out at the Apple Festival on Sat. Oct. 20th, 2007. The proposed changes in the membership rules were tabled for further discussion.**First Vice President:** Steve Boylan reminded us he had a member survey in the last newsletter and asked that you please fill it out and send it to him for suggestions and to let us know "how we are doing". This is your voice to get the programs you want!

Tonight is COLLECTORS NIGHT for our program. We covered the room in beautiful gems and minerals. We also had the "Ugly" rock contest. In November we will have our Auction, in December we will have our Christmas Dinner and then we must begin our programs for 2008. Please give your ideas and suggestions to Steve Boylan.

Second Vice President: Dave Callahan reported a wonderful trip to Willis Mountain Sept. 22nd with 23 people from 2 clubs in attendance. He also stated the trip to JMU to see their new Museum is a wonderful treat.*Continued on page 11*

The purpose of the Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, INC. is to promote education in The Earth Sciences including: Mineralogy, Geology, Gemology, Paleontology, and Crystallography

The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg VA, Inc.
Meets on the third Wednesday of each month,
From 7:00pm- 9:00pm
In the auditorium of the Parks and Recreation Building
301 Grove St. Lynchburg, VA 24501
Public is invited, Please join us!

October Program

Collectors Night 2007



Above: John Haskins flint knapping,
Right: Nell McIntyre's gem trees



Lloyd Watson and Jack Curtin

COLLECTOR'S NIGHT BIG SUCCESS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

by Steve Boylan; photographs by Dave Callahan, Don McIntyre, & Dee Tinsle, Lynchburg - Your votes for the best awards have been tabulated. The envelope please... It is my honor and privilege to announce your winners for Best of

Collector's Night. The Dinosaur Award for **Best Fossil** goes to **Natalie Darling**. The Show Boat Award for

Best Display goes to **David Callahan** for his tour de force of copper minerals. The Diamond Award for **Best Gem** goes to **Zachary McKinney**. The Greenstone Award for **Best Rock** goes to **John and Nona Haskins** for an outstanding display. **Honorable Mentions** go to **Nell McIntyre** for her gem tree display, **Bernard Ravizza** for his boxes of rocks, **Lloyd Watson** for his railroad rail and rocks and **Dave Woolley** for his synthetic gem.

We had a great Collector's Night at the October meeting. The displays were very well done. We appreciate the efforts all our collectors made to share their collections. Thank you. *Additional photos on page 13*

"A FESTIVAL WEEKEND" October 20th & 21st, 2007

The Apple Harvest Festival at Amherst Co. High School was a blast. It all began several weeks ago with GMSL members filling gem and mineral bags for the sluice and loading the new trailer with all our goodies.

Everyone began arriving before sunrise, Saturday morning October the 20th, to set up our booth for the weekend event. This was a new location for the Club to ply our trade so it took a few minutes to get organized as to where to place the tents, tables, sluice and geode cracker. After a few minutes of study and moving all the equipment around we found the best configuration for all our displays. I must say that the new eight-foot banners for the gem sluice and geode cracker added a real finishing touch. We received a lot of good feed back about our booth and people told us they could see the inviting sparkle of the running sluice water when they entered the main gate and the new signs just added to the attraction.

In total for the two-day event there were over 24 club members who volunteered their time and effort to this event. Some were there for the entire weekend, also to set up, take down and load up. I would like to thank everyone, you know who you are, for such a great effort in this event and for making this whole weekend possible.

Submitted by John Haskins



Photos by D. Tinsley, D. Callahan & D. McIntyre



Field Trip Report



Articles and photographs Submitted by
Dave Callahan, Field Trip Chairman

James Madison University Mineral Museum Harrisonburg, Virginia

October 13, 2007

We all arrived at the old Harrisonburg High School or Memorial Hall, as it's now known, between 11:00 and 11:30 on this beautiful fall Saturday morning. I was not really sure exactly how many club members would show up but I had previously told Dr. Kearns that he could expect about 20 from the Lynchburg and Roanoke clubs. As it turned out we had sixteen and were by far the largest group there.

There were several speakers in the opening ceremonies and then Dr. Kearns said a few words and acknowledged the many individuals and organizations that sponsored a display case. You could tell that Dr. Kearns was so proud that his long time dream was about to be unveiled to the public.

In my opinion, this is one of the finest mineral displays that I have seen. The lighting is perfect and the specimens are well placed and identified for easy viewing and photographing. There are a wide variety of specimens from around the world and the Virginia mineral collection is well placed in the center of the room. In the back room is a very interesting and beautiful collection of fluorescent minerals.

It's easy to spend hours here observing the exhibits and it is open to the general public on weekdays from about 8:00am to 5:00pm for just that purpose. If you are in the Harrisonburg, Virginia area, please stop by and see this fine mineral museum. Memorial Hall is on the corner of Cantrell Avenue and South High Street (Rt. 42). You can also call Dr. Kearns at 540-568-6421.



Bill Livingston & Jean Midkiff



Lloyd Watson

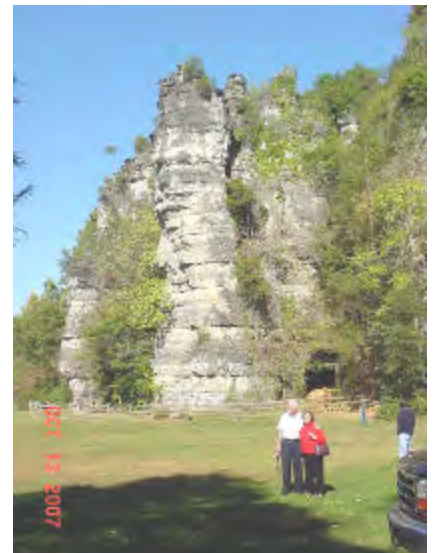


Frank Midkiff



Natural Chimneys Park.

After we left JMU, several of us wanted to check out the Natural Chimneys Park. They are truly an amazing sight and a worthwhile visit anytime you are in the Harrisonburg area. It's hard to believe such a beautiful natural wonder is right here in our backyard.



Up Coming Field Trips

For further information on field trips, contact David Callahan,
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Email dbc11@aol.com

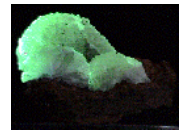
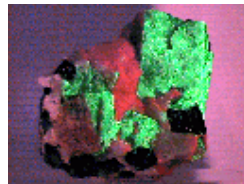
THERE WILL BE NO FIELD TRIP IN NOVEMBER DUE TO THE ROANOKE VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM SHOW NOVEMBER 23 THRU THE 25, 2007
Salem Civic Center

The Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society will again provide the very popular Fluorescent Mineral display at this show.

Set up time (need member help)
Friday 11/23/07 9am to 2pm

Open to the public
Friday 11/23/07 ~ 2pm to 7pm
Saturday 11/24/07 10am to 6pm
Sunday 11/25/07 12noon to 5pm

Clean up and pack up (need member help)
Sunday 11/25/07 5pm until we finish



*Please volunteer to help out if you are available.
For details please contact Dave Callahan at the phone or email above. Thank You.*

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP



At this point there is nothing planned due to the potential cold and freezing conditions that can cause unstable walls and hazardous conditions in a quarry. Hunting season also makes it unsafe to venture out in the woods.



DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee

An Official Field Trip of The Western South Carolina Gem and Mineral Society (Greenville, SC)(HOST)

December 1, 2007

Amos Cunningham Farm

Due West/Antreville Area, South Carolina 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **FEE SITE**

Mineral Collecting Trip- good-sized beryl crystals, amethyst and smokey quartz. This site has the best South Carolina beryl specimens of any site that I know how to get access to. The crystals are well shaped hexagons with flat ends. The color is green though most have a blue cast. The beryl ranges from translucent to opaque. Most crystals are specimen quality though some gem quality is present. The site is flat to rolling land of South Carolina red clay, and located between Antreville and Due West, SC.

Cost: **\$15.00 per person**. Children 12 years old and under are free. Children and pets must be supervised by an adult.

Lodging: There are many motels in and around Anderson, SC. There is no lodging in Antreville or Due West.

Contact Person: Any questions call Bill Wetzel at 864-306-6749 or email williampkkerri@bellsouth.net. On the day of the field trip call 864-569-5404.



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- ✂✂ The Executive Board met Nov. 7th, 2007 at 7PM at the home of Natalie Darling.
- ✂✂ Dave Callahan, Franklin Midkiff, Dave Woolley, Ralph and Ann Torning, John Haskins, Don McIntyre, Steve Boylan, JoAnn Mason, Natalie Darling and Dee Tinsley were present.
- ✂✂ Natalie Darling will be Graduating from Lynchburg Fire Academy on December 6th. We congratulate Natalie on this wonderful Achievement!

- ✂✂ For the months of Feb. to May 2008 the Rock Raiders will meet in Room 208 of the Lynchburg Parks and Recreation building. Someone else will use the basement.
- ✂✂ Franklin Midkiff reported a whopping \$1704.00 total from the Apple Festival!
- ✂✂ Lynn and Tom Powers will be contacted in regards to insurance for our trailer and the cost will be brought before the board at the next meeting.
- ✂✂ Items for the Auction are still being accepted and we need volunteers to assist. Please contact John Haskins and volunteer your time! The Auction is Nov 21st! There will be NO door prizes and NO silent auction for this meeting. Ann Torning will be out of town, but will contact someone else to man the refreshment table.
- ✂✂ Much discussion was held about our membership and roster. In the future a "membership renewal form" will be sent to each person who's dues need to be renewed. This is to obtain and maintain accurate information on each member. Dues will remain at \$15.00 per single Adult and 3.25 per additional family member. No age limit was set. Membership in the RR is only allowed if the child has an adult family member who belongs to the club and is in good standing. A 90-day grace period will be granted to members to get their dues paid. After 90 days, your name will be dropped from the Roster and you will no longer receive Newsletters. These Newsletters are costly and we can no longer send them to "non paying" members.
- ✂✂ Badges and Nametags will be given to all Adult members and it will be the responsibility of each member to keep their own nametag and bring it to each meeting. There will also be another permanent nametag order placed. These are much smaller, magnetic and easier to keep with you.
- ✂✂ There will be another sign up for T-Shirts. There will be a sheet to sign up on at the next meeting.
- ✂✂ In place of the "DIRTY SANTA" anyone wishing to participate in gift exchange should wrap a nice specimen and bring it. All packages will be numbered and those participating will draw a number and get the package with that number. Participation in this is voluntary!
- ✂✂ Natalie Darling announced she might need to recruit judges for the various competitions from the Board. Most members agreed to help if needed.
- ✂✂ Natalie Darling and Dee Tinsley will be attending the Federation Conference in Jackson Mississippi in February 2008.
- ✂✂ Dee Tinsley announced that she has contacted all the Regional VP's in the Federation and asked if they would like to exchange information, new finds, places to have fieldtrips, etc. She has had a very good response. One club in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana region responded with a request to make a swap and also stated they would be glad to take members interested fossil hunting. All of this information will be compiled and forwarded to all Region VPS in an effort to keep all members aware of what is happening in the Federation.
- ✂✂ Also Dee asked the Board to help with the Annual Regional IV Picnic! It will be held at Lake Anna again and the club will furnish the BBQ and Natalie Darling has volunteered to head that up! Many thanks to the Lynchburg Gem & Mineral Society for their support.
- ✂✂ Dee is doing a "kids Korner" for the Rock Raiders to be put in the Newsletter. If this is a success, we will continue it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Dee Tinsley
Secretary

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Due to many requests, another **T-Shirt order** will be placed following the November Meeting, (Shirts will be available at the December 19th Meeting).

Colors: Purple, Sapphire, Light Blue, Forest Green~~~ **Sizes:** Adult small through 3XL

Prices: small, med, large, XL: \$8.00 each ~ 2XL and 3XL: \$10.00 each. We will try to have several available for viewing and size orientation at the meeting. You may order at the meeting or contact Natalie at 941-1899, or gmsleditor@comcast.net Order deadline is November 25th.

Dues Renewal Notifications

At a meeting earlier this month, the Executive Committee decided to start issuing dues renewal notices to all members whose membership dues are about to expire. The Committee hopes that by reminding members through renewal notices mailed in advance of the dues expiration date, members will renew promptly. The Committee also decided to drop members from the club roster and stop delivery of the newsletter if their dues are 90 days past due.



The notice to renew dues is part of a new "membership renewal" form that allows members to submit any changes in their address, phone number, their primary or secondary memberships, or their e-mail address. Expect to see the notice/renewal form to arrive during the month prior to your dues expiration date. You can also find your dues expiration date on your GMSL membership card and name tag. Have a look. Please renew your membership promptly.

Incomplete or incorrect Membership records

As part of our efforts to better manage the membership roster, we have reviewed our membership data in detail and have uncovered several minor issues that we will address in the near future. One issue is us having obsolete e-mail addresses. See notice regarding updating your e-mail address with us on page 8 in this newsletter. We also need to obtain names of paid-up family members on a few records. Ralph Torning (Member-at-Large) has been tasked to update the roster data. Please help to improve our membership data by responding to his request for missing information when he contacts you. We appreciate your continued support.

Region IV News

By: Dee Tinsley

Today I received a nice email from Bill Gilbert and wanted to share with you that he is doing fine in Spain and is looking forward to a little time off to come home for Thanksgiving! We hope to get to talk to each other during that time. I plan to keep everyone informed on how Bill is doing and how active he is from Spain! We should all be so dedicated!

I am sending out my first letter this week to all the clubs in the Region. John Haskins will receive the copy for the Lynchburg Club.

We have much planning to do to prepare for the "Region IV Annual Picnic and Swap Meet at Lake Anna" and I am counting on our club members to help with that project.

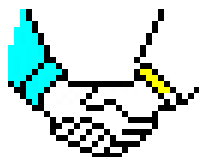
Natalie and I are looking forward to traveling to other clubs and to the Federation Conferences to represent our Lynchburg Club.

As Regional IV Vice President I will strive to make this a special year and put Lynchburg VA on the map!

Please be prepared to help with the annual picnic and to assist in other areas as needed by the Region. Thank you for your support!

Dee Tinsley
Region IV VP

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2006 EFMLS Bulletin Awards

Written Features: (adult)

Ralph Torning ~Second Place

Dee Tinsley and Dave Woolley
~Honorable Mention

Steve Boylan ~Honorable Mention

Original Non Technical Articles

Adelaide Lee ~Second Place

John Haskins ~Honorable Mention

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Original Educational Articles

Dave Woolley ~First Place

Dave Woolley ~Second Place

Steve Boylan ~Third Place

Large Bulletin

Natalie Darling, Editor~ Third Place

Junior Original Articles

Zachary McKinney ~Fifth Place

Junior Drawings

Taylor Tinsley~ Trophy

Michael Neczyporuk~ First Place

Noah Neczyporuk ~Second Place

And a certificate of appreciation was given to **Dave Woolley**, for volunteering his time to judge articles for last year's competition.

**THANK YOU and
CONGRATULATIONS to each of you.**

Schedule of Events

November 2007

SHOWS & TRIPS

November 21st, 7-9 pm-

Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society Annual Auction. Items auctioned off to highest bidder. Past events have included mineral specimens, hobby related items, jewelry, cakes, home canned goods, vegetables, bric-a-brac, crafts, furniture, electronics, etc, etc, etc...

November 22nd - 25th- Roanoke Mineral and Gem Society Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA. Details on next page.

Dec. 1st- DMC Trip- Amos Cunningham Farm, Due West, SC. Details and contact info. on page 5.

Dec. 19th- 7:00 pm- GMSL annual Holiday Pot Luck dinner and gift exchange. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift if you would like to participate in a gift exchange. Gift should be hobby related, and valued between 10-15 dollars.

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25 SHOW	26	27	28 Woolley's Workshop	29	30	

Do you have a new e-mail address?

If so, please share your new e-mail address with the club to allow us to send newsletters and special notices to you at the lowest cost. We do NOT share your e-mail address with any outsiders.

Should you have a new e-mail service or if you are not sure that we have your current one, simply send a brief message to lynchburgrockclub@yahoo.com. Please give your full name so that we can verify & correct your member record.

PROGRAMS

Announcement for November Meeting

Annual Auction - The auction is a great time to get that special gift or something unusual at a competitive price. Accepting donations of useable and valuable items for our November Auction. Your items do not have to be hobby related. Bring items to the meeting or contact one of the officers. Thank you

Announcement for December Meeting

Decembers meeting will be our annual Christmas Party and Pot Luck dinner. Plan on bringing a gift to exchange if you wish, and a potluck dish to share with everyone.

- Voting and elections will be held as the last order of business during our December Meeting on December 19th, 2007. Nominations will be accepted through the November meeting. Please contact the nominating committee (Don McIntyre, Steve Gordon, Dave Woolley) with any questions or suggestions.

Presidents Message: *continued from pg. 1*

Ralph Torning has been working very hard improving and redesigning club membership forms as well as new club information fliers for perspective members. We hope to have copies of each at the Nov meeting for your approval. Also if you had an article in our Club's newsletter last year, you need to come to this meeting to see if you won an EFMLS Award. Our club received some 16 awards, with most being presented at our October meeting, but still some remain unclaimed.

We will have a signup sheet at the November meeting for everyone to bring his or her favorite food dish to our annual December Christmas supper. So please be thinking of what you would like to bring. I haven't heard if we will be playing Dirty Santa this year for a gift exchange, if you have a better idea please let us hear it at the November meeting. I hope to see you all there November 21st for the Auction.

*KEEP LOOKING DOWN,
John Haskins*

28th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Show

Salem Civic Center • 1001 Boulevard – Salem, VA



Friday – November 23, 2007

2:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.

Saturday – November 24, 2007

10:00 A.M. — 6:00 P.M.

Sunday – November 25, 2007

Noon — 5:00 P.M.

Admission = \$3.00, Children under age 16 = Free

Free Identification of Stones

Geodes Cutting

Pearl Strands

Jewelry & Jewelry Supplies

Mineral Specimens

Wire Wrapping & Sculpture

Fossils

Displays by club members

LARGE FLUORESCENT MINERALS DISPLAY

HOURLY DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

GRAND PRIZE – A 14K GOLD SAPPHIRE RING

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!

SPONSORED BY ROANOKE VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

CLUB MEETINGS – 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH – LECTURE HALL IN
SCIENCE MUSEUM OF WESTERN VIRGINIA – CENTER IN THE SQUARE – ROANOKE, VA

Sunshine News



Sending Sympathy to Anne and Ralph Torning on the loss of their cat, Amber.

From the First VP: UGLY ROCK CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Lynchburg - The winner for the October Ugly Rock Contest is Steve with his quartzite rock from Clinch Mountain, Tennessee.

Food & Drink member sign-up for November meeting:

Soda: Luis Gonzales (1)
John Haskins (2)
Dave Hardin (2)
Lucille Watson (1)
Fruit: Anne Torning (Fruit Jell-O)
Chips: Nancy Patterson
Cake/Cookies: Nell McIntyre
Other Goodies: Lucille Watson (Sandwiches)
Anne Torning (Sandwiches)



General Mineral Miner Certification

For those interested in earning the General Mineral Miner Certification, There are four training sessions coming up in VA that you can attend.
November 29, 2007 in Charlottesville
February 13, 2008 in Thornburg
May 13, 2008 in Manassas
And sometime in June 2008 in Charlottesville
Training lasts about 7 hours and certification will allow access to more mines in VA. Contact Jeffrey Stewart at 434-951-6315

Rock Raiders



Mission Statement

Future Rockhounds of America is a nationwide nonprofit program within the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies that develops and delivers quality youth activities in the earth sciences and lapidary arts in a fun, family environment. Our underlying goals are to foster science literacy and arts education through structured activities that are engaging and challenging and by which kids- and the adults who mentor them- learn while having fun.

kids korner!

Submitted by Dee Tinsley
**Kids Korner is designed for Kids
 by a Kid at Heart!**

Scrambled Words

Unscramble the words and write the answer in the blank!

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Answers: (located on page 12)



Question of the week:

"What makes the difference between white quartz and clear quartz?"

Answer: Water (if water is present when the quartz forms, it is white. If no water is present when it forms the quartz is clear!)



Missing Letters- submitted by Debra John

Fill in the blanks of the words below. (Hint: all hobby related)

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Answers on page 12

Wis. boy, 3, finds woolly mammoth tooth

Reprinted from Yahoo News, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007~submitted by Dee Tinsley

LA Crosse, Wis, Gary Kidd had a pretty good idea that what his 3-year old grandson had found was no rock, but the tooth of a woolly mammoth. That's because he had found one himself nine years ago. Kaleb Kidd was chasing squirrels Monday at a family friend's property near La Crosse when he spotted what looked like an unusual rock.

"Grandpa, what's that?" Kaleb asked. He told his grandson it looked like the tooth of the extinct woolly mammoth.

Next stop was the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, which confirmed that it was, indeed, the tooth of a mammoth.

Connie Arzigian, the center's lab director, said it could be 10,000 to 30,000 years old. It weighs 2 pounds and measures 6 inches long and 3 inches wide. *Cont. pg. 11*



AP Photo: Kaleb Kidd of Onalaska, Wis. is photographed with a woolly mammoth tooth 11/5/07

October Meeting Minutes...

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Second Vice President: On Oct. 20th is the annual trip to Glendon NC if anyone wishes to go contact Dave Callahan. Hopefully, most of us will be working for the club at the Festival that day. There are no field trips planned for November due to the Fluorescent Booth and geode booth we help the Roanoke Club with Thanksgiving weekend. To date there are no trips for December planned.

Treasurer: Franklin Midkiff reported a balance of \$1904.76 after paying for the pipes to hold our banners, the trailer and the locks, brass nameplates and T-Shirts.

New Business: Don McIntyre presented the nominations. He stated the committee (Don, Steve Gordon and Dave Woolley) decided to present the same slate of officers as we currently have. Anyone wishing to be an officer can nominate him or herself or have someone else nominate them. Volunteers are welcome to make their requests known. The elections will be held in December.

Don McIntyre announced that Royce Wickham will be taking over as President of the Roanoke club next year, and Dave Callahan will take the position of field trip chairman for the Roanoke club, as well as holding it with our club. Our congratulations to both of these very capable members!

Help is needed for the "big" Apple Harvest Festival Saturday Oct 20th and Sunday Oct 21st at the High School in Amherst. Please volunteer your time to help set up and take down as well as work one of the booths we have. Hours Saturday are 7 AM to 5PM and Sunday 12PM to 6PM.

Natalie Darling presented the awards from the Eastern Federation, after returning from the convention held in New York. **OUR CLUB BROUGHT HOME 16 AWARDS!** For complete list of winners, please see page 7. Congratulations to all who participated and all who won!

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and "Collectors night".

Thanks to all who brought out their beautiful specimens for our viewing pleasure. Our club is rich in the diversity of its people and their collections.

Respectfully Submitted
Dee Tinsley

Woolly mammoth tooth... from pg. 10

The latest find is in better shape than the one Gary Kidd brought up from the bottom of the Mississippi River while clamming in 1998. That tooth was water-soaked and had fallen apart, he was told when he took it to the center.

The center already has a woolly mammoth tooth in its collection, "but it's always fun to see someone discover another one", Arzigian said.

"It's wonderful to get an idea of what was here in the past," she said.

Gary Kidd, 46, said it would be up to Kaleb's father, Travis, to decide what to do with the tooth. For now it is on display at Satori Arts Gallery, much to Kaleb's dismay.

"When we dropped it down at the art gallery, he was crying. He didn't want to let it go," his granddad said. "At first he thought it was just a rock. Now he's all excited."

Editors note: for more facts and photographs about the mammoth species, you may want to visit
<http://www.answers.com/topic/mammoth>

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On Sunday the crowd was a bit lighter than on Saturday but both days the weather was picture perfect with warm temperatures, a light breeze, and beautiful blue skies. It could not have been more perfect.

Everyone that participated had something to say about their experience selling gem and mineral buckets to our young customers at the sluice. It was really fun to experience the happy expressions and gleeful yells at the discovery of gems and crystals by our young patrons. There were a lot of folk's young and old alike that just stood and watching the running water, and there were many who enjoyed running their hands through the cool water too.

A good time was had by all. If you had not been so tired at the end of the weekend you almost hated to go and leave such a good experience behind. But there is always next year and I hope you will make plans to join us for a couple of great festival weekends in 2008.

Like all good Rock hounds, keep looking down,

John Haskins

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