



# Gem & Mineral Journal



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## Presidents Message:

Hello To All,

At the August Society meeting we learned that Bill Gilbert is leaving us for a while, because of a job transfer, & will not be able to finish his term as Region IV Vice President for the EFMLS. We will miss him & hope he will return to us soon. The EFMLS has requested we place a name in nomination to fill out Bill's remaining term, from now until October of 2008. I am happy to announce that Dee Tinsley has stepped up & has been nominated & the paper work has been mailed. We hope to hear good news by next month. Dee has done a great job for the GMSL as Secretary; she has an outgoing personality, makes friends very easily & has great communication skills. We feel she will do a great job as Region IV V-P. Good luck Dee & you can expect support from the GMSL.

On a different note I read in the EFMLS News Letter that the AFMS is thinking of raising the dues next year & I feel it will trickle down to the club level. We will have to wait & see what develops & react accordingly. And some more good news the IRS is going to require small tax-exempt organizations to E-

File a Form-990 in 2008 to disclose to them our finances or we will lose our tax-exempt status. What will Uncle Sam think of next? We should be receiving detailed info in the next few weeks.

A big thank you goes out to Ralph Torning for stepping up & taking over some of Frank Midkiff's Treasurer duties. Ralph will be taking care of Membership Badges & keeping up to date excel files for all the member information. If you have any changes in address E-mail or phone number please write it down & pass it on to Ralph.

Remember the club will be finalizing orders for Club Logo T-Shirts at the September meeting; there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Also please remember to bring items to the next three meetings for our annual Club Auction in November. To have a successful auction we need a good supply of items for members & guests to bid on. So please bring in some rock related items or something you think will bring on a flurry of bids to the meeting, I will have a collection box on the stage. If you have large items I will come & pick them up. Thank you in advance.

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## From the First VP:

Did you know that basalt is a volcanic igneous rock that can occur in massive lava flows? It can form by the crystallization of hot magma and contains the minerals plagioclase feldspar, pyroxene and olivine. And now you know.

Our thanks go to member Karl D. Everett for doing an excellent presentation about meteorites at the August meeting. It is amazing to imagine the impact of a meteorite striking the earth at sixty thousand miles per hour.

September's meeting will feature a surprise video.

Hurry! Get your ugly rock in the reformatted Ugly Rock Contest. For a limited time the entry fee has been waved. 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. What could be better than that?

Cheers  
Steve

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## August Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**Attendance:** 42**Hospitality:** was provided by members who signed up at the last meeting. Thanks to all who participated.**On Time Drawing:** winners were Estelle (?last name) and Karl Everett.**Old Business:** John Haskins announced that Bill Gilbert, Vice President of Region 4 is moving to Spain and we have been requested to nominate a replacement.[Natalie Darling has been asked and has accepted the position of Bulletin Advisory Committee Chairman for the Eastern Federation.](#)[Congratulations Natalie!](#)Zack McKinney was presented a certificate for 10<sup>th</sup> place in Junior Articles from the American Federation.

Club tee shirts will be ordered again. If you are interested in getting a tee shirt please come to the Sept. meeting so we can get an official count.

The IRS has notified the club that we will have to do an E-File even though we are a non-profit organization this year. Details will be coming from the IRS.

Don't forget to submit your entries for the Sluice &amp; geode cracker Sign!

**First Vice President:** Steve Boylan announced that the Ugly Rock Contest rules are changing!**New Rules:** No entry fee and instead of splitting the pot, you get recognition in the next newsletter!

He also announced that Septembers program will be a video on Paleontology and Oct. is collector's night, Nov. is the Auction and Dec is the Christmas Party. Please bring your items for the auction to each meeting between now and Nov.

**Second Vice President:** Dave Callahan announced that Alisha had brought stones from Spruce Pine to share with the club members. He also announced that **August 25<sup>th</sup>** we would be visiting the Staunton Lime Quarry to find Calcite. The time there will be 8:00 AM to Noon.**Sept. 22**, we will go to Willis Mountain for Kyanite. This will be from 9 AM to 1 PM. **October 13**, will be an official club field trip to the grand opening of the new Mineral Museum at JMU. Please plan to attend this event. It begins at 11:00 AM. Details on page 5. Dave Callahan's brother is selling some of his stock of Obsidian if anyone is interested please let Dave know.**Treasurer Franklin Midkiff:** reported a balance on hand of \$4841.59. He announced we have several new members & welcomed them. We paid \$460.00 for the geodes for the Apple Harvest Festival and \$25.00 for our incorporation fee, as well as the speaker fee.*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!**

## Meteorites~ Program for the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting

### By guest speaker Karl Everett

Meteorite impacts in Canada, Chesapeake Bay and the Gulf of Mexico and what happens when the meteors hit was the topic of our program for August. Karl explained the details with the help of an informative power point presentation to the club members. He also discussed *Tektites*, (meteor melted rock), *shocked quartz*, and *naked glass*, which are all products of the high-pressure impact.

Karl is a geologist with a degree in Mining Engineering. He has worked in the Iron mines in Minnesota and also for Vulcan Materials. He now works in Environmental Health and Safety and is responsible for several hundred miners as part of his regular duties. We had an enjoyable, educational evening learning about meteorite impacts and hope Karl will join us again in the future.



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www.philly.com

## Hot Rock Goes on the Block

By KATE TAYLOR

Staff Reporter of *The New York Sun*

September 13, 2007

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<http://www.nysun.com/article/62550>

A chunk of meteorite that once belonged to the [American Museum of Natural History](#) is about to go on the auction block, with an estimate of between \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million. The rock, a 28-pound section of the Willamette Meteorite — the largest meteorite ever discovered in [America](#) — will be offered at Bonhams on October 28, in what is being billed as the first-ever auction exclusively of meteorites.

The Willamette Meteorite, which weighs more than 15.5 tons and is believed to be billions of years old, has been a centerpiece of the Museum of Natural History's collection since 1906. In 1998, the museum sliced a 28-pound section off the top and traded it to [Daryll Pitt](#), the curator of the Macovich Collection, the largest private collection of meteorites, for a half-ounce piece of Mars, which is now on display in the [Arthur Ross](#) Hall of Meteorites. A spokesman for the museum, [Steve Reichl](#), said yesterday that the piece of Mars is of vital importance to research.

The trade wasn't publicly disclosed until 2002, when Mr. Pitt auctioned off a couple of smaller slivers of the rock. By then, the Museum of Natural History had gotten into a legal battle with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, who claimed that the meteorite, which was discovered in [Oregon's](#) Willamette Valley in 1902, was a sacred object and should be returned. The conflict ended in a settlement, giving the tribe has the right to hold a religious ceremony once a year in the [Rose Center for Earth and Space](#).



The Willamette Meteorite at the American Museum of Natural History.  
*The Macovich Collection*



Club member Zachary McKinney stands beside a meteorite at the Smithsonian during the March 07 field trip. Photo by Dave Callahan.



# Field Trip Report

Articles and photographs Submitted by  
Dave Callahan, Field Trip Chairman

## Spruce Pine, NC. Weekend August 3 thru 5, 2007

This was the 50th annual Mineral and Gem Festival in Spruce Pine, North Carolina and the weather was beautiful. If there were any rain showers they missed us completely.

Some of the group arrived on Thursday to have a little more time to enjoy the shows and relax after the long drive down.

Most of our group stayed at the Bear Den Campground on the parkway and that was very enjoyable. We had spaghetti and meatballs Friday night and a big old campfire to sit around, tell tall tales and roast marshmallows.



Saturday morning, 21 of us assembled at the Wal-Mart parking lot, took some group photos and then convoyed out to the Ray Mine near Burnsville for some beryl collecting. We really had a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time. In the afternoon, most of us drove out to an old iron mine and collected some magnetite, epidote and massive garnet.



Sunday after packing up for the return trip home we stopped by the Sinkhole mine for some apatite, garnet, thulite, gray quartz, mica and feldspar. Most of us started back home about noon to end a wonderful weekend in the mountains of beautiful Spruce Pine. If you missed the trip this year and would like to go next year, make plans for the first weekend in August. We'd love to have you join us.



## Staunton Lime Quarry combined field trip Staunton, Virginia August 25, 2007

Wow! Another great turnout for this field trip. We originally had 31 sign up but as the date grew closed we had some cancellations. We ended up with 23, which was a tremendous turnout.

We collected lots of beautiful small honey colored calcite crystals in the bottom of the quarry and then headed for the Belmont Quarry across the highway. This turned out to be a real disappointment as the water level was so high it blocked the access to the area there the really nice calcite crystals are found. Since they stopped pumping water out of this quarry several years ago it has slowly begun to fill up. There is no natural drain in this quarry so until pumping is resumed, the future looks mighty dim for collecting those large honey colored calcite crystals.

## Up Coming Field Trips

For further information on field trips, contact David Callahan,  
540-297-1853  
Email [dbc11@aol.com](mailto:dbc11@aol.com)

### KYANITE MINING CORP. WILLIS MOUNTAIN KYANITE MINE Near Dillwyn, VA Combined Lynchburg/ Roanoke Club Field Trip SEPTEMBER 22, 2007 9 AM TO 1 PM

**Gathering Time:** If you choose to drive as a group, we will meet the Roanoke Club at the Sheetz Station on US 460 and Rt. 811 in New London which is on the West side of Lynchburg. There is an Exxon on the opposite corner. We will depart promptly at 7:30 am the 1.5 hour 77 mile drive to the mine site

**Location:** If you choose to meet us at the Mine office for sign in and safety instruction, be there between 8:45 and no later than 9:00am The mine is located north of Farmville, Va. on Rt. 15 north. Proceed from US 460 north on Rt. 15 for a little over 12 miles to the stone mine office on the right. If you approach from Rt. 60 at Sprouses Corner, then go south on Rt. 15 for 4 miles 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 without the rutile. 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 iridescent, red mica and possibly some blue Kyanite and pale green thulite. Some of the white Kyanite here fluoresces a beautiful light blue, as does some of the quartz.

**Equipment:** Standard quarry gear required such as hard hats, safety glasses, good strong boots, long pants, gloves, hammer and chisels, wrapping paper, buckets, food and water. Be prepared for windy, hot or wet weather. We will be on the mountaintop and it's always windy. We can drive to the collecting area so hand trucks should not be needed. Bring a camera too as the view is awesome.

**Age Limit:** There is no age limit but an adult must supervise all children.

**Contact:** The trip will be canceled and rescheduled in case of hard rain or a thunderstorm. Call to confirm if there is any question. David Callahan Phone 540-287-1853 or Royce Wickham Phone 540-427-1424.

### Official Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society Field Trip Saturday, October 13, 2007 11:30 am until

Please join us in celebrating the grand opening of the new

### James Madison University Mineral Museum

The university has relocated and renovated its mineral display facility. With the help of the JMU administration, lapidary and mineral societies in the region, and generous gifts from individual supporters, we will be officially opening the doors of our museum to the public on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

There will be food, beverages and a few words of welcome from members of the James Madison University administration. Of course there will be plenty of time to view the specimens on display. The collection hosts displays from Virginia, Elmwood, a Franklin – Sterling Hill fluorescent collection, and systematic displays. We hope that you will be able to join us.



**Please RSVP by October 8<sup>th</sup> to: Lance E. Kearns, Curator, Dept. of Geology & Environmental Science; MSC 6903; James Madison University; Harrisonburg, VA. 22807**

**Office: 540-568-6421**

**Secretary: 540-568-6130**

**Email: [KEARNSLE@JMU.EDU](mailto:KEARNSLE@JMU.EDU)**



### Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The Executive Board met Sept 5, 2007 at 7PM at the home of Natalie Darling.

All raffle tickets have been sold for the Federation and will be sent off by John Haskins.

?? Discussion of the banner was presented and we need to have all entries by the next meeting. Only one banner for the Geode Cracker and one for the sluice should be made. The club banner can hang in the tent with the candles, etc. that are made by the members.

- ?? We will try a new method for workshops/ classes. At the regular monthly meeting we will have a sign up list for members to voice their learning desires. The majority vote will be the focus of the workshop at Woolley's on the fourth Wednesday that month. Dave also offered to hold the workshop twice per month if there is an interest here. Please let him know.
- ?? Siglinde Allbeck is working on information for club T-shirts. We will have an order form for members to select size and color choice this month.
- ?? We will have a field trip to the Kyanite mining on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and to JMU on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Our workshop at Dave Callahan's will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept. Dee Tinsley gave 5 cases of zip lock bags (total 1500) to Dave Callahan for the packing of the rocks for the sluice. These bags were donated by the GLAD MANUF. CO in Amherst VA.
- ?? Dave Woolley announced he would not be able to man the booth in November for the Roanoke Club show. We are asking Steve Gordon and Dave Callahan to take charge in his place.
- ?? Steve Boylan showed everyone a cartoon his brother had published in the Gold Prospectors Magazine. We are hoping to get permission to print it in the newsletter.
- ?? Steve Boylan also announced the following events: Sept – Video – dinosaurs; Oct – Collectors night; Nov – Auction; Dec – Party.
- ?? Dee Tinsley was asked to call Elizabeth Ford regarding the use of the Parks and Recreation building in November. We have had to move to accommodate others in the past and need to confirm our place there this year.
- ?? Franklin announced a donation of \$100.00. We thanked the donor with a nice card mailed Sept. 6, 2007 and signed by all board members.
- ?? The board agreed to present the need for a large saw to the membership for a vote. If carried the club will own a very nice saw and all can learn to use it.
- ?? No further business, so we adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Dee Tinsley, Secretary



### Attention All Club Members:

*Last Call for submissions of ideas for our banners, which will be used to advertise our sluice, geode cracker, and lapidary crafts during our future fundraisers. Please bring drawings or written ideas to the meeting for consideration. These banners will be used for many years, so lets put our heads together and come up with the perfect representation of our club.*





## ALL AMERICAN AWARDS

by Pat Pitkin, EFMLS Chair

I don't mean to sound "Scrappy", but where are the Historians in this group? Don't you want to record what your club is doing so future members can see what fun it is to be a "Rock-er?"



You will be surprised at all the things your club does when you begin to accumulate documentation for your project. It takes a lot of "Do'ers" to make a thriving organization and we sure do have them. Now is the time to show your club and prospective members what it is we DO !!!

This project is not difficult. Find a "Go-Getter" in your group and "Sic-em" on retrieving information. Set aside a folder to accumulate your findings, and then have someone, or a committee of someones, put together the information into the 2007 Scrap-book for this year's EFMLS Competition.

Check out the rules and try to match as many points as possible. Get a local "Nagger" to dig up the documentation. As the Judges say, "Without documentation, it didn't happen". Let's stir up some competition here! Then send the Book on to me to be sent to the Judges. You need your Club History documented, and what is a contest without entries?

The information is on the American Federation Website, or you may

contact this year's AFMS Silver Award winner, The Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. The notebook, assembled by Dan Pitkin at (pfitkind@earthlink.net) went through three sets of judges in the EFMLS, and then was sent on to the American Federation where it received a SILVER award. The entry did a fabulous job documenting all of the PESA group activities during 2006 and lost points, not for content, but for activities that the club did not participate in.

More information on the upcoming All-American Award Contest - that for 2007 club activities will be in the newsletter shortly. Stay tuned...and plan on entering.

*Lets start our club scrapbook. There is a wealth of information available from our senior members and past officers. Who will step up to the plate and head up this project? It could be one or a group of interested members. Lets show new members and other clubs what the G&MSL has accomplished during our existence.*

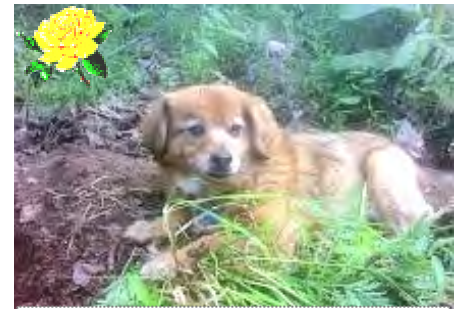
COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT ARE THE KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS!

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## Sunshine News

# Welcome New Member

Harriet Lee of  
Charlottesville,  
VA



*It is with great sadness that we had to say good-bye to our little Rockhound "Soccer Darling", who passed away on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Soccer enjoyed many club field trips over the years, and we will miss having her along to find "the good stuff" for us on future trips.*

**Morefield Mine Re-opens** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, for the fall collecting season.

There have been some renovations to the mine, and Sam has announced that he has Mica for sale by the pound.

Anyone interested should contact Sam at (804) 561-3399.



**Morefield  
Gem Mine**



# 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.

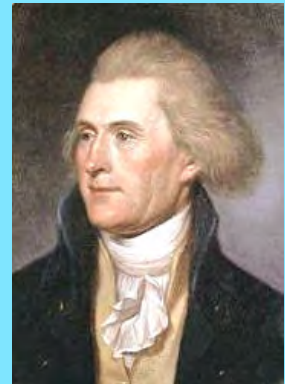
Dear Fellow Rockhounds:

I know many of you are aware of Thomas Jefferson's interest in rocks and minerals.

Below is a link to the Avalon Project from Yale. In Jefferson's book, Notes on Virginia, he discusses the Virginia minerals.

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/jevifram.htm>

Thanks, *Mary Loose DeViney*



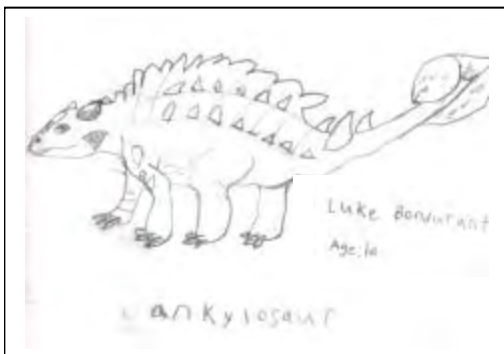
## Minerals

- ALABASTER
- BARITE
- CALCITE
- DOLOMITE
- FELDSPAR
- GALENA
- HEMATITE
- IRON
- LEAD
- MALACHITE
- QUARTZ
- RHODONITE
- SELENITE
- WOLLASTONITE

AHVPLSBGMKHRMHI  
 FLEBCZTAXAHEAMD  
 LXATAVQPROHYLEM  
 PRWBWUMADIXRATI  
 WOLLASTONITECIA  
 WFGRUSNREBPEHTE  
 QUTFEITOAQGEIAQ  
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"Minerals" word find puzzle submitted by *Debra John*.

All club members are encouraged to submit drawings, puzzles, poems, or articles for future newsletters.



Drawings by Rock Raiders Luke, Naomi and Ruby Bonurant. Left to right: Luke's Ankylosaur, Naomi's dinosaur, Ruby's fossil



Announcing The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Richmond Gem & Mineral Society...

# 2007 Fall Rock Swap

>>>>>>>>>> Free Admission <<<<<<<<<<<

Visitors (adults or children, from novice to expert) are always welcome, and may swap or purchase from among the various mineral, gem, fossil, shell, and lapidary specimens

**Saturday, November 10, 2007**

Hours: 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

(The Rock Swap is indoors - so come rain or shine)



**Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall**  
**1515 East Ridge Road, Richmond, VA**  
(adjacent to the Church in a one story building with parking)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT (either):  
Murray Rosenberg, Swap Chairman, 804-740-0019 or  
Jim Doran, President, 804-288-8092

DIRECTIONS: The swap is at the same location as it has been since 1998, an easy to get to, centralized location in Henrico County, near the Regency Square Mall and Douglas S. Freeman High School. Maps available upon request.



North or South of Richmond, Virginia

Use I-95 to Exit 79 to I-64 West (this is just north of Richmond City). Leave I-64 at Exit 181A (South) on Parham Road. Proceed south on Parham Road for about 1.5 miles and turn left onto East Ridge Road. (A right turn at this same intersection takes you onto Quivocasin Road and leads to the Regency Square Mall). The Ridge Baptist Church and Meeting Hall are about 400 feet on the right across the street from the new Kroger's Market. Meeting Hall is at the rear of the parking lot on the west side of the church. There is ample parking in front of the Meeting Hall.

East or West of Richmond, Virginia: Use I-64 and follow the directions above.

**NOTES**

- To defray the costs of the Swap, RGMS asks that Swappers donate a specimen(s) for future RGMS raffles and auctions.
- Food and beverages are available at near-by restaurants.
- Tables are limited and no table reservations will be accepted. **If you have your own tables, please bring them!**

\*\*\* SWAPPERS PLEASE LABEL YOUR MATERIALS \*\*\*

Tuscarora Lapidary Society Presents

# GEMARAMA 2007

One of the largest Fine Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Shows on the East Coast

November 3rd: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.      November 4th: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Our 38th Year Theme: Gemstones of the Western USA

CFS, The School at Church Farm • Exton, Pennsylvania

North side of Business Route 30, 1/2 mile west of Frazer-Rt. 30 exit off Route 202

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For information: www.lapidary.org. • Ticket may be duplicated.

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- Children's Activities
- Gems    • Jewelry
- Beads
- Fossils
- Minerals
- Findings & More!

# Schedule of Events

## SHOWS & TRIPS

**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9-1** Lynchburg/  
Roanoke Clubs Willis Mountain field  
trip. Details on page 5.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am until-**  
Official GMSL field trip to the grand  
opening of the JMU Mineral Museum.  
Details and contact information of  
page 5.

**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**- Treasures of the  
Earth Gem Show, Harrisonburg, VA.  
Details at [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com)

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**, - Gemarama  
2007. Tuscarora Lapidary Society,  
West Chester, PA. Details at  
[www.lapidary.org](http://www.lapidary.org) or see page 9.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**- Treasures of  
the Earth Gem Show, Charlottesville,  
VA. Details at [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com)

**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9-3**- Richmond  
Gem and Mineral Society Annual  
Rock Swap. Details on page 9.

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, cakes, home canned  
goods, vegetables, bric-a-brac, crafts,  
furniture, electronics, etc, etc, etc...

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**- Roanoke  
Mineral and Gem Society Annual  
Gem and Mineral Show. Salem Civic  
Center, Salem, VA. More details at  
information becomes available.

## September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Callahans Workshop 9 AM	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Meeting 7 PM			Field Trip
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Woolleys Workshop 7 PM			
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## Up Coming Programs

### **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, grab your seats, now presenting a video about mineralogy, geology, gemology and/or paleontology.

### **October 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 Meeting**

Collector's Night - Prepare to show off your collection of crafts, jewelry, rocks and minerals. Awards will be voted on. All members are invited to bring their displays. Even just one piece or sample would be great. Tables will be provided. This is always a great time to see what everyone has collected or made.

### **November 21<sup>st</sup> 2007 Meeting**

Annual Auction and House Clean-up – Great time and great buys at this annual event. See page 11 for details.

## Presidents Message:

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If you have ever wondered what to do with all of those big beautiful yard rocks we find on field trips come by my house & maybe you will get some ideas. Nona & I will complete our 3<sup>rd</sup> rock garden this week. We placed this one next to our road & you should see all the interest it has generated already. I hope to have pictures of the latest rock garden at the Sept meeting.

My favorite season, fall, is upon us & is a great time to get out there on upcoming field trips. The weather will be cooler & also the fall foliage will be something else to enjoy. So keep your eyes open for field trip notices, I hope to see you out there. I also hope to see you at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.

***"Keep Looking Down"***  
***John Haskins***

## August Meeting Minutes...

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Franklin also requested help with the nametags and roster at the last Board Meeting and Ralph Torning volunteered to take on that responsibility. Thanks to Franklin for a job well done and thanks to Ralph for stepping up!

**New Business:** John announced the workshop scheduled for Sept 15, 2007 at Dave Callahan's house to prepare for the Apple Harvest Festival. We have 400 approx. bags to fill with gemstones.

Dee Tinsley announced that Glad graciously donated 5 cases of quart sized zip lock bags (for our sluice prep materials) with 360 bags per case. This is a donation equal to about \$186.00. A thank you card was circulated to send.

Dave Woolley announced there would be no "workshop" next Wed. night as he is going to New York to watch his son Chris in a Broadway Play!

*There was a correction to the minutes of the meeting last month. Don McIntyre stated that the Big tent we were using belongs to the club and that the smaller tent we were using belonged to Siglinde. Thank you Don for the correction.*

*Another reason a list of what we own is needed.*

**Program:** Karl Everett one of our members gave a very informative talk on Meteorites and where they have occurred on the earth. Many thanks to Karl for his time and presentation.

***Respectfully submitted by***  
***Dee Tinsley, Secretary***

### Refreshments for the September 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 Meeting

#### DRINKS 2 LITER

Cola - Anne Torning (2 bottles)  
Decaf - Nancy Patterson (2 bottles)  
Diet - Cindy Burns (2 bottles)  
Natalie Darling (2 bottles)

VEGIES: Natalie Darling (pasta salad)

Fruit:

Meats: Dee Tinsley (ham)

Cheese:

Desserts: Lloyd Watson

Cookies/Cake Jerry Smith, Nell McIntyre

Chips: Anne Torning

Bread:

If you did not sign up but wish to contribute, please use this list as a guide and feel free to bring what you wish.

Thank you for your continued support!

# Annual Auction

***The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA Inc***  
***invites you to attend this annual fundraiser:***

**Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 7:00 PM**

immediately following a very short business meeting.

**Place:** Lynchburg Department of Parks and Recreation Auditorium. 301 Grove St, Lynchburg, VA 24501

Members, please gather your unwanted items now, specimens, nic-nacs, collectables, jams, cakes, whatever you can spare and bring them to a meeting so we will all have plenty to bid on. Bring your family and friends to the auction~ you never know what may be up for bids!!!



**Websites to visit:** Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society:

[www.lynchburgrockclub.org](http://www.lynchburgrockclub.org)

The SFMS Newsletter, the Eastern Federation  
Newsletter, and the

AFMS Newsletters are available for all members  
to read on line at the Federation Websites:

[www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms), [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) and

[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)

**Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA  
Inc Membership Application**

*(All information for official club use only)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Members Names:

Spouse/ Sig. \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Children/ \_\_\_\_\_

Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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***Dues: First Person: \$15.00 per year,  
Each additional family member \$3.25***

***Mail To:***

***P.O. Box 2348***

***Lynchburg, VA 24501***



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### Staunton Lime Quarry, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007

