



November Newsletter

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[Meeting at Miller Center Aviary](#)

[301 Grove Street
Lynchburg, VA 24501
3rd Wed of the month
7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. It
will be in the Aviary through
the rest of the year](#)

[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.](#)

President's Meanderings:

By James Tomlin

Hello All,

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for family gatherings and pie! Pie is important as are some of the subjects on which I need to talk about this month.

I need to start by saying WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The club is only going to continue and thrive if we have volunteers. We have the same very loyal people volunteering for everything and we need others to step up and help. The club will cease to exist if we do not have new people to help out.

Speaking of volunteers, our Salem Mineral Show is this month, the 26th, 27th and 28th. We have sign-up sheets to volunteer for each of the show days at each meeting. We need help with unloading the trailer, setting up and working the sluice, helping with the sales table, break down and loading; We will need at least 8 to 9 people for each day. We will set up Friday at 8:30 am and doors open at 2:00. Hours for each day are Friday 2-7, Saturday 10 - 6 and Sunday 12 - 5. Each day that you help out with the show, you will receive one entry towards the scholarship drawing in December. We have a few volunteers for each day already, but we need more. Without volunteers, we will not be able to keep funding the club to keep it going.

The November meeting will be held at the Aviary, unless otherwise specified. This month's meeting will be the Club's Annual Auction of equipment, slabs, specimens and rough. There will be some capping machines of various sizes and conditions. We will also have some high-end material and slabs. There will be plenty for everyone. We will dedicate the majority of the meeting just for the auction. So come out ready to bid.

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Youth Out Reach

Next month will be our annual club Christmas party with a pot luck dinner. The club will be providing beverages and fried chicken. We would appreciate it if each household would please bring either a side dish or dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet at November's meeting to specify what you will be bringing. After we finish dinner we will be playing Dirty Santa. We have set a limit for gifts at \$15.

We will be holding the drawing for the scholarship to Wild Acres and William Holland at the club Christmas party. Members must be present to win. Members 18 years of age or older will each receive 1 entry into the drawing. You may also have extra entries for volunteering to help with shows and events. More information will be available at the Christmas party.

I am looking forward to closing this year on a great note, with some wonderful folks!

Your Fellow Rockhound,
James Tomlin
President GMSL

First Vice President

Virginia is the best commonwealth to find rocks and minerals because if it was not true we could not put it in the newsletter. A big thank you goes to Scott Duresky for his presentation about the Rutherford pegmatite. We learned a lot.

The November meeting will be the annual club auction.

Cheers,

Steve Boylan,

And for the November meeting, we are soliciting items for the club auction. Contact a club officer if you are able to help the club with an item for the auction.

If you would like to present a program or suggest a program for a meeting, please talk to an officer or send an email.

Cheers,

Steve Boylan

Programs for the rest of the year

NOVEMBER MEETING

Happy Thanksgiving. We will have the annual club fundraising auction

DECEMBER MEETING

Merry Christmas. Potluck dinner with a dirty Santa gift exchange.

Field Trips

Our next endeavor is the Roanoke Club's Salem Show on November 26th – 28th where we will be selling, slushing and spinning the picker's wheel. We need all the help we can get so sign up to help.

Note from the Editor

Hello All,

My brother flew in during the week of the meeting and we had dinner on Wednesday the night of the club meeting. I had planned to come by after the dinner but the dinner went long. Oh well, so much for plans but we did have a good dinner and fellowship. I do not foresee anything that would block this month's meeting for me but who knows. With any luck I should be there.

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

Hi GMSL,

I am hoping one of you would be willing to take over being Membership Chairperson from me. Primary duties include the following:

- Getting mail from PO Box at Odd Fellows Rd
- Inputting new members on Excel spreadsheet and keeping it maintained
- Mailing new members badges, welcome letters and such
- Checking Facebook to approve qualifying membership requests and Instant Message others with a "please join us" script
- Forwarding any membership payments to the Treasurer
- Keeping Steve and Dave apprised of new members for workshops and newsletter
- Attend Board Meetings

I would gladly sit down with you at my home and show you what I do and pass on all of the equipment and supplies I have here for the club. Of course, I still want to be an active member, just not Membership Chairperson.

Thank you,

Debbie Wade debbie5227@yahoo.com

P.S.: We have 135 members currently in the club

Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

Attendance: 20 Members 2 Guests

Meeting called to order by: James Tomlin

On Time Drawing Winners: Mary McIntire, Nona Haskins, Rodger Linkenhoker, Dave Callahan, Mona Hagstrom, Linda Noble and Bill Livingston

50/50: We didn't do the 50/50 at this meeting

Old business: The Willis Mountain Trip was awesome. We had over 75 in attendance representing 10 clubs. No infractions and everything went on without a hitch. All cubs got to mingle with other clubs and get to know one another. Several very nice specimens were found and no one left empty handed. We all look forward to doing it again next year!

New Business: We have the Salem show November 26th, 27th and 28th where will be running sluice, pickers wheel and sales table and need volunteers to help make it run smoothly. We are in need of at least 9 volunteers for each day. You may sign up to volunteer during the club meeting or by email at Lynchburgrockclub@yahoo.com

Club board nominations will be held in November with elections taking place in December.

Our annual club auction will be at November's club meeting and our annual Christmas party will be at December's meeting. We do our party pot luck style. The club will provide the main dish and We will have a sign-up sheet at Novembers meeting for sides and desserts. Please sign up for the item you will be bringing so we don't end up with multiples.

We will also have our scholarship drawing in December. Volunteer for the Salem show and that'll get you into the drawing.

Program: Scott Duresky - The Historic Rutherford Mine - Pegmatite #2 Amelia Courthouse, VA
At the end of his program he raffled off a collection of micro minerals from the Rutherford Mine and the winner of this collection was Holly Tomlin

****Linda Noble will be graciously recording the meeting minutes for me in November as I will be taking care of my mother after surgery. I look forward to seeing everyone again in December.***

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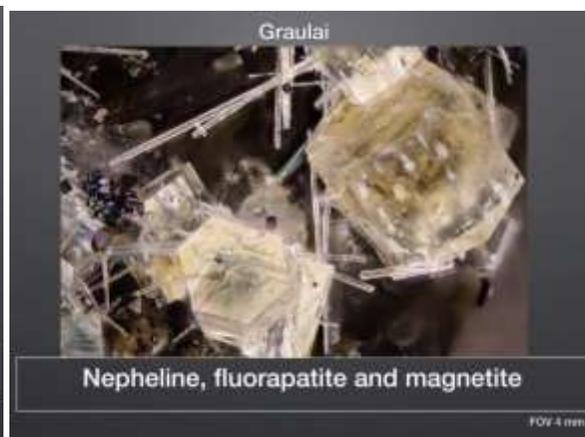
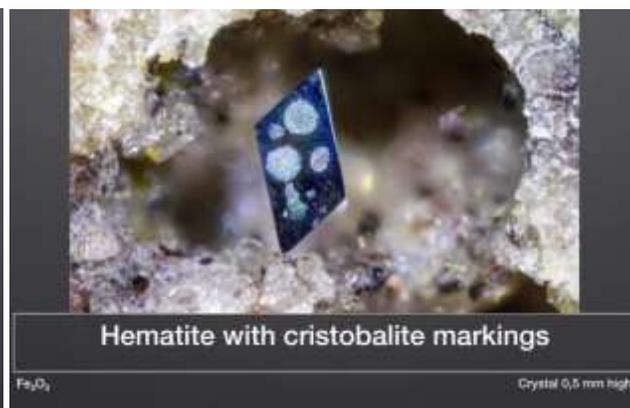
Microminerals “Down Under”

by Kathy Hrechka, editor

Our December 23, 2020 featured speaker was Steve Sorrell from Melbourne, Australia. He hosts a program every other Tuesday at 2pm (EST) with various geology persons of interest. On January 26, micromineral collector Henk Smeets, from the Netherlands shared his microminerals from Udersdorf, Emmelberg, Hillsheim, Graulai, In den Dellen, and Wannenköpfe.

Steve recorded Henk’s program and posted it to Utube. https://youtu.be/D7nSKqre_7g

Sign up for Steve’s programs, and meet new presenters, while enjoying friendly faces within our geology community. steve@sorrellpublications.com



[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/sTtxMrh9_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/willismountain)

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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