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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 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 Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. The pollen has finally subsided just enough where I can enjoy the great outdoors a bit more and get out. We are in transition with field trips and Fieldtrip chair so please be patient but we will have some club hosted trips soon. There will be a gold panning trip here soon as we work out some details. Thank you all for your patience and guidance as it is getting harder to get into some places.

Sometimes we just need to gain more knowledge and have a better approach to work with potential collecting sites.

Our show next month is fast approaching so if you would like to help out this year and earn tickets for the scholarship please sign up or email the club or myself. If you would like to vend at the show and haven't already gotten with me please do so as spots are filling up fast. Our show last year was a lot of work but it was also a very fun day filled with great specimens and wonderful people. I hope you all get a chance to come check it out and support the club and its members.

Your fellow Rockhound,
James Tomlin
President GMSL

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Virginia is the best commonwealth to find rocks and minerals because we are excited about the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg. What we do is important. What we do is the good stuff. I am just saying. And now you know.

Cheers Steve Boylan



Programs for 2022

JUNE MEETING

Crystallography by Steve Boylan

Everybody interested in rocks, minerals and solids needs to know something about crystallography. This presentation shows how sample morphology and symmetry are connected by X-ray diffraction. Presentation will feature pyrite, garnet and galena. There may be a test.

Reference:

https://www.slideshare.net/SteveBoylan2/edit_my_uploads

JULY MEETING

No program yet.

July 23, 2021 Annual Show and Sell 715 Moose Lodge

Field Trips

Club Field Trips

Our show on July 23 from 10:00 am to 6 pm.

South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

Saturday, June 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Propst Farm

Maiden, NC

Fee: Ages 14 and up: \$30

Ages 11-13: \$15

Ages 10 and under: Free

Friday, July 15, 2022

Thermal City Gold Mine

5240 US 221 North Highway, Union Mills, NC 28167

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Limit 35 People

Registration Required

Fee: \$10 per person site fee

Recommend pets stay home; need to be controlled if camping

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**

Interested see Flyer sent out – If you did not get the flyer let me know.

Note from the Editor

Hello All,

I forgot what day my anniversary was on and yes it was on Tuesday the day of the meeting. So I choose to stay home with my wife that night instead of coming to the meeting. I have not been doing much with my rocks as I am trying to complete my work shed. It is very close to being complete so now I just have to get motivated on a project. The summer is upon us and I hope we get a trip to go and spend the day digging for some rock. It has been a long time since I have been on a dig and I am really looking forward to our next dig.

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

Hello all,

First, a reminder that our Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg is now on a January 1 through December 31 membership year. Membership fees are now all due annually before January 31st. Very few members have renewed thus far.

Our rates have changed:

Single adult membership is still \$15 annually.

Two adult memberships and/or up to 6 dependents is \$25 annually.

Membership badges are new also. I shall be issuing the new ones to everybody, hopefully catching a few of you at our monthly meeting to save some time and stamps. When you receive the new one, you can trash the old ones.

We currently have 129 members. (adding up the new members)

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Would you care to grow some glittering crystal geodes in eggshells with your kids?

Here's the link:

<https://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/diy-eggshell-crystal-geodes>

I get the newsletter from Emerald Hollow Mine. This article was referenced and I found it quite interesting. Maybe something for one of our newsletters? Emerald Hollow Mine is an awesome newsletter for someone like me, a novice :)

[What are the most Earth-like worlds we've found?](#)

Sincerely,

Debbie Wade

Membership Chair

Your GMSL membership entitles you to:

- * 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

Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

Attendance: 27 Members 0 Guests

Meeting Called to Order By: James Tomlin

On Time Drawing Winners: Bill Livingston, Ann Maurice, Eric Routon, Jim Hagdon, Dave Callahan, Rodger Linkenhoker, Susan Brogan, James Tomlin, Nancy Linkenhoker, Rob Johnson, David Brogan, Carl Pilat, Debbie Wade, Steve Boylan and Rona Haskins

50/50 Winner: John McGee won \$9.50

Old Business: We need volunteers for our July 23rd show. You will earn 1 entry into our annual scholarship drawing for volunteering for our show. Sign-up sheets will be at each meeting.

We need plenty of people to help make items during our monthly workshops for the club to sell at the Salem show in November.

New Business: I will not be at our June meeting as my family and I will be on vacation with our girls before the oldest heads off to college in the fall. Steve Boylan will be the man in charge for our June Meeting.

Thom Noble and I went to Dave's house several times to work on the saws and we are happy to say that both saws are back up and running!

We will be doing club inventory at our June workshop. The more people we have helping with inventory the easier it will be.

Program: Video Presentation on Saltville Quartz Crystals by Thomas Hale

Dinosaur Word Find

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ALLOSAURUS
ARCHAEOPTERYX
IGUANODON
UTAHRAPTOR
STEGOSAURUS

ANKYLOSAURUS
TYRANNOSAURUSREX
MEGALOSAURUS
COMPSOGNATHUS
TROODON

APATOSAURUS
BRACHIOSAURUS
TRICERATOPS
KENTROSAURUS
VELOCIRAPTOR

[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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