



# November Newsletter

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[Meeting at the 715 Moose Lodge Hall 2307 Lakeside Dr. Lynchburg, VA 24501 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.](#)

## President's Meanderings:

By James Tomlin

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are well and enjoying this wonderful fall weather we have had. I have taken some time to do a little collecting and I have certainly been tired, but grateful for the opportunity. I have been out making new acquaintances and I hope to have some news about future collecting for us in the upcoming year. I would love to hear about some of your adventures this year as well, maybe see some rocks and minerals that caught your eye.

We have our annual show to attend this month hosted by the Roanoke club. If you have not already signed up please do so as we need volunteers to help out the 25th through the 27th of this month. Please contact me if you would like to help in any capacity. We will have a sign up at this month's meeting as well on Facebook. It's a lot of fun to do and a great social event with wonderful people. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help and we will show you the rest. You will earn an extra ticket for the scholarship drawing for each day you attend and work the event.

This month we will be looking for candidates for board members for the upcoming year. If you would like to have more information on a position or would like to volunteer please let me know. We thrive as a club by the grace of volunteers and could always use a fresh face and new ideas. **We will also have our yearly club auction this month with a lot of material, slabs, specimens and equipment. I hope you will all enjoy the auction and I look forward to seeing you there!**

Your Fellow Rockhound,  
James Tomlin  
President GMSL

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### Youth Out Reach

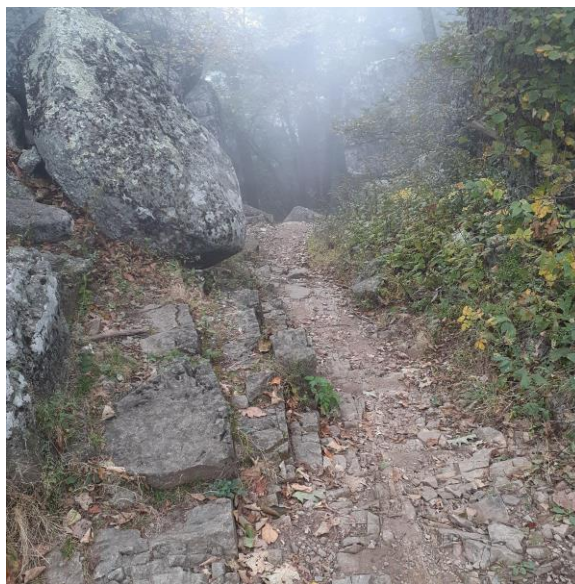
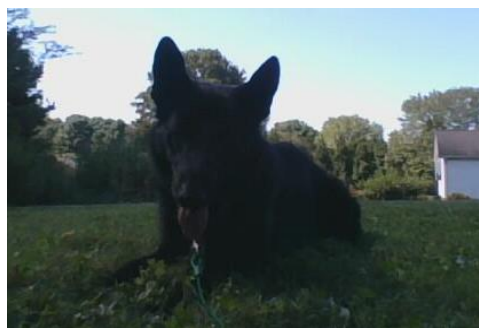
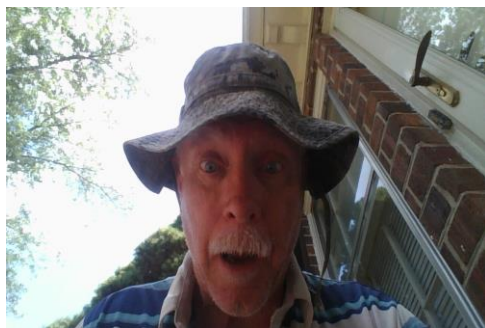
## First Vice President

For November 2022 newsletter

Virginia is the best commonwealth to find rocks and minerals and Lynchburg is the bestest because we have synclines and anticlines and martic lines. Oh my.

I am thankful for kind words. I am thankful for warm smiles. I am thankful for what we have. Have a warm and happy thanksgiving day.

Cheers, Steve Boylan



Every Rock Tells a Story -  
Picture of trail at Peaks of  
Otter. The trail goes over  
a lighter colored rock that  
has eroded at a faster rate  
than the boulder rock. The  
light colored rock may be  
an intrusion.

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## Programs for 2022

### November Meeting

Club Auction

### December Meeting

Christmas party

## Field Trips

### Club Field Trips

No collecting field but we have the Roanoke show at the Salem Civic Center the weekend after Thanksgiving, 11/25, 11/26 and 11/27. There will be more details later but we will need as many that can help to help with the show.

### South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

**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**

An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society (Murfreesboro, TN) (HOST)

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**  
**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Central Time**  
**Cumberland Furnace, TN**  
**Registration Required**

**REGISTRATION:** Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If you are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

An Official Field Trip of the Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (Columbia, SC) (HOST)

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**  
**Meet at 7:30 AM Eastern Time**  
**Trip 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern Time**  
**Mount Pleasant, SC**  
**Registration Required by November 15th**  
**Limit 60 People**  
**Fee: \$50**

**REGISTRATION:** We have access to two boats that hold up to 30 people each so we have to limit the number of folks to **60** individuals. **Therefore, we need an RSVP by November 15th so that our club can contact the outfitter to confirm our boat needs.** If you have reserved a place but are unable to attend the trip, **please be considerate** to your fellow fossil collectors and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s). **Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If the trip is full, click [here](#) to fill out a waiting list form.**

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

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## Note from the Editor

Hello All,

I hope all of you are getting the things done that you want to get done. I am running around like a chicken with its head cut off to try and get things done before my next knee surgery. Leaves to get up and projects that I want complete before Christmas. The time just flies by and things just do not get done as quickly as I would like for them to.

This month is our club auction and a great time to pick up that gift for that special rock collector in your life. Also a good time to find a rock (slab) that could make that gift for someone. Let your friends know as this is open to all and not just limited to club members.

Remember our show after Thanksgiving and that it also gives you another chance to win the drawing for the money to pay for you a trip to one of the two rock lapidary training facilities (Wild Acres or William Holland).

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

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## The Lighter Side

**What did the geologist say when his doctor said he needed a colon exam?**

No fracking way!

**What happens when you keep reading geology jokes in your free time?**

You know that you have really hit rock bottom.

**What do you call a benzene ring where the iron atoms replacing all of the carbon atoms?**

A ferrous wheel.

**What did Darth Vader tell the geologist?**

May the quartz be with you!

## 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 151 members. (adding up the new members)

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

**HELLO AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! As a reminder, for anyone who paid online using Square, I cannot mail your badges to you until you contact me with your address, the first and last names of adult(s) voting member(s) and the first and last names of minor non-voting members please.**

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**

October 18, 2022 @ 7:00

**Attendance:** 16 Members 4 Guests

**Meeting Called to Order by:** James Tomlin

**On Times Drawing Winners:** Steve Gordon, Susan Brogan, Bernard Rivera, Linda Noble, Tyler Dunn, Thom Noble and Roger Linkenhoker.

**50/50 Winner:** David Brogan won \$4.50 and donated \$2.50 back to the club.

**Silent auction made:** \$26.00

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The Willis Mountain trip was fantastic. We had 112 people in attendance and there wasn't any incidences of injury or death.

We are currently looking into other field trips. Keep your fingers crossed as I hope to have more info next month.

The Southern Maryland Rock, Mineral and Fossil show is on Saturday November 5, 2022 from 9am to 4pm at Old Waldorf School located at 3074 Crain Highway rt 301 , Waldorf, Maryland 20601

No Treasurers Report tonight as Joan Moore was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Amy McGee graciously donated a document camera to the club from PBS station.

Our Club Auction is next month during our regular monthly meeting. We will have machines, slabs, rough and specimens to auction off.

We are in need at our workshops to help make material to sell at the November show. We make these items at our monthly workshop but some club members such as myself (James) go up every weekend to ensure we have enough material to sell. We welcome everyone to come help out!

**Program:** Mineral Identification with the use of our newly purchased club microscope

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[\*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](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/Investigation_of_Artificial_Color_Infusion_of_Gemstones.pdf)

[https://instituteofappraisal.com/Exposing\\_the\\_GIA\\_Juggernaut.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 \(mindat.org\)](#)

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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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