August Newsletter

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Meeting Location & Time
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 follows Lynchburg schools, if they are closed for weather then the meeting is canceled.

Workshop is on the 2nd Saturday of the month, contact the club president for location details.

President's Meanderings

Hello Everyone,

We are thrilled to announce that our **Fifth Annual Gem and Mineral Show** is happening this month, and we couldn't be more excited! This milestone marks a significant moment for our club, and we're eager to share it with all of you. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the club, we can't wait to see you at the event.

Volunteers Needed!

While we've got a few wonderful volunteers already, we could still use a few extra hands to make this the best show yet. If you're able to lend a hand, we'd greatly appreciate your support in making this event a success. Please reach out to us if you're interested in volunteering!

Website Update: Simplifying Registration

In other exciting news, I've been working hard to improve our website to make the registration process even smoother for everyone. One of the new features is a fillable online form with payment options, which will make signing up easier than ever. This will also help us streamline membership renewals and event registrations moving forward.

As we continue to grow, we're committed to refining our systems and providing you with the best possible experience. I'm excited to see where this new online tool takes us, and I'll be adding even more features in the future to better serve the club.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all at the Gem and Mineral Show, and we're looking forward to making this event the best one yet! See you there!

Your Fellow Rockhound.

James Tomlin
President, GMSL

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Upcoming Events

GMSL Rock Show: August 15-16, 2307 Lakeside Dr. Lynchburg, Va

SVGM Rock SHow: September 19-22, Augusta Expoland

- https://www.shenandoahvalleyrockclub.org/activities_meetings/57th_annual_svgms_show.html

Oct. 3rd-5th Treasures of the Earth Va Beach
https://www.treasuresoftheearth.com/about-

Programs for the Future

August - Scott Duresky - Discoveries of 5 new Microlite groups from Rutherford #2 Pegmitite.

Note from the Editor

Greetings All,
I hope everyone is excited for our Rock and Gem show this month! I can't believe it is already here. There is still time to volunteer, get in touch with James or Joan or search your email for the Sign up genius that came out last month. Personally things have been a little hectic so not a lot of rocking around has been happening for me. I would really like to put together a special insert next month's newsletter of the rock adventures we have had as a club this year. Please send me any photos of club or personal rock trips and I would love even just a few sentences of your experience!

Be safe and Well and see you soon at the show.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter or programming please feel free to contact me at Senamagill@gmail.com.

GSML Membership Report

Hello Everyone,

A reminder, you must be a member in good standing two weeks prior to the field trip scheduled date. Why be a Member?

* receive our monthly newsletters * attend our monthly meetings * participate in members-only GMSL field trips to quarries, mines, & events related to gems & minerals * Purchase club t-shirts or hoodies * Discounts with several "rock" stores & vendors for current members with badges * attend our club member's only workshop each month * A chance to win a $500 annual scholarship.

Any questions feel free to contact

Carl N Pilat, Membership Chair, Choptankpirate@yahoo.com

Please see website for membership form and payment information. **https://www.lynchburgrockclub.org**

Note: There is a limit of 2 primary "voting" memberships per family. All membership dues must be renewed between January 1st thru 15th annually to continue with GMSL.

GSML Meeting Minutes

The Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg Club Meeting

July 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Attendance: 24 Members 5 Guests

Meeting called to Order By: James Tomlin

On Time Drawing Winners: Nona Haskins, Jennifer Hunt, Zachary Netterfield, Shelby Brown, Natalie Schelin, Rebecca Hunt, Michael Staton, Katherine Sattur, Amy McGee, Susan Brogan, Susan Tipton, John McGee, Estelle Brinius, Jesse Carter, David Brogan, Maddie Abedzateh, Ben Thompson, Steve Boylan and Debbie Thompson.

50/50 Winner: Susan Brogan won $1

Old Business: We had a small exploratory field trip to Staunton & Belmont Quarries. It's been at least a decade since we've been able to get in any Rockydale Quarry. It was a wonderful trip and tremendous that they let us in. We got lots of education from the Belmont quarry that has not been in use for many years. It was such a good trip that I did a write up on it. They said they would love to have us back in the future, hopefully this year or next.

New Business: As many of you know we have lost Stones & Bones as a local rock shop. Unfortunately we are also losing Easter Island as they have said they will be closing by the end of the year. I have already gone in and emptied the club case and packed it and sorted it by who loaned them to the club. If I haven't reached out to you, Please get in contact with me as I would like to get those items back to those that they belong to. As for the case itself we need to figure out exactly what to do with it. It is very large and heavy. We are discussing whether to sell it, auction it off or donate it somewhere. We'd also be interested in having it in another place to showcase what we do as a club. If you have any ideas for a place that would be willing to house it, let us know. We welcome any ideas you may have for it.

We have our 5th annual club show coming up in August here at the moose. We need volunteers in any capacity. No experience is required. We have sign up sheets in the back if you'd be willing to volunteer. Each day you volunteer you will get 1 entry into our end of year scholarship drawing. We are also looking into other prize options for volunteers for a raffle of some sort.

We will have our end of year auction in November as well as the Salem show.

Program: We watched a video on plate tech-tonics in the United States

Minutes: Holly Tomlin

Executive Board Meeting

Monday July 7, 2025 @ 6:00pm, adjourned 8pm

Member in Attendance: James Tomlin, Holly Tomlin, Thom Noble, Linda Noble, Ben Thompson, Carl Pilat and Joan Moore. Sena Magill attended via zoom

The Executive Board:•Discussed the display case at Easter Island, our August Show, the club website, storage options for club machines & material, incentives for volunteers & Membership.

GSML Club & Affiliated Clubs Field Trips

Gem and MIneral Society of Lynchburg Field Trips

Due to the need to make sure only members who are in good standing with club dues are attending field trips details will not be in the newsletter. Please check your email regarding trips.
September (Mount Willis) will be the next month we have a trip.

South Eastern Federation Field Trips (Dixie Mineral)

The DMC trip schedule page on the SFMS website
https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program/dmc-field-trip-schedule

Other Links that you may want to check out

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/

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\

Mineral Collecting in Virginia
https://www.energy.virginia.gov/geology/documents/Brochures/MINERALCOLLECTING.pdf

https://www.energy.virginia.gov/geology/geologymineralresources.shtml

What to do with my Rocks now

how to create the BEST vendor booth for a market! Increase sales & overall vending experie…

7 SIMPLE $$ Budget-Friendly Display Ideas for Your Next Craft Booth

https://www.recoverie.com/blog/pricing-handmade-items

GMSL2505 July Every Rock Tells a Story

Every Rock Tells a Story Lost on Mount Rainier Steve Boylan GMSL202507

Figure 1 Mount Rainier Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication.

George Vancouver sat in the cafe of the Paradise Inn at the base of Mount Rainier wondering if today was the day to go to the summit of the stratovolcano. Mount Rainier had been built up from strata of magma eruptions over more than 500,000 years and is one of the many of the most dangerous stratovolcanoes in the world. Now in the holocene epoch Mount Rainier was a large accumulation of andesite rock that needed to be climbed. Andesite rock is an extrusive igneous rock with 52 to 63 percent silica (SiO_2). At 144,100 feet above sea level. George knew this was no easy climb. George ate his eggs and bacon and then some more bacon, put on his blue jacket and green backpack, and left the Paradise Inn. George headed up the Disappointment Cleaver Route to the summit of Mount Rainier. The bacon was good. It was good bacon.

A waitress remembered seeing a man in a blue jacket with a green backpack that morning. But the man with the blue jacket and green backpack never returned. The waitress remembered he had left a good tip when he paid his bill. That's important because the character of a man can be judged by the amount of tip he leaves.

Sparks will fly. Have a good day.