

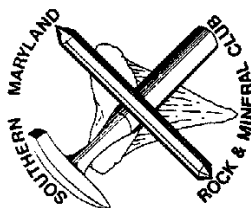
December 2009



SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB



RockTalk



Message from the President

Here it is December 2009, almost Christmas, and where has the time gone? I was preparing a thank you piece, to welcome the new club officers and retire to obscurity, but you went and re-elected me president for another year. I guess I need to polish up my writing skills, as the monthly deadlines come all too quickly, and they always seem to arrive at the most inopportune times, when things are crazy and there seems to be no extra time to write a short piece.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good cheer as the holidays descend upon us. With luck, you should get this issue before our annual Christmas Party. Please plan on attending this event on Tuesday, December 15th, 2009 starting at 6:00 pm at the Knies

home. Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

I was reading through the January 2010 EFMLS News all about the upcoming Wild Acres 2010 classes. I have never been to Wild Acres, but I know that some of our members have, and I believe that some of us may have even taught classes there. The Wild Acres Retreat is in North Carolina and it happens for a week in April and a week in September. For a very reasonable fee of \$350 (which includes lodging and all meals for the week), the student can take one four day class or two, two day classes. These classes are on a variety of lapidary subjects. For more information, please see www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm. Each session has a keynote

speaker that gives six general interest talks during the week to the full assembly, but is available on campus for informal discussions. The April 2010 speaker will be Bob Jones, the senior editor for Rock & Gem Magazine. I have never met Bob Jones, but I avidly read everything he writes for Rock & Gem in some issues he writes the majority of the articles. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. I would pay \$350 just to hang out with Bob Jones for a week. Unfortunately for me, all participants must take classes. OK folks, you have been warned. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2010. Make your plans NOW.

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Meetings

...are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Clearwater Nature Center 11000 Thrift Road
Clinton, MD.

For more information, call Michael at (301) 297-4575.

Upcoming Shows and Events

Ralph Gamba

February 20, 2010 – Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show. Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Equestrian Center, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 4) Upper Marlboro, MD. 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission \$3.00

March 6-7, 2010 - Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, Churchmans Road (Rt. 58), Newark (Stanton) DE @ I-95 exit 4B. Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-5. Admission adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, 12-16 - \$4.00

March 12, 2010– rock and mineral auction Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society, Women's Club of Catonsville, St. Timothy's Lane & Frederick Rd in Catonsville, MD 7:30 PM

June 11, 2010 - rock and mineral auction Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society, Women's Club of Catonsville, St. Timothy's Lane & Frederick Rd in Catonsville, MD 7:30 PM

October 8, 2010 - rock and mineral auction Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society, Women's Club of Catonsville, St. Timothy's Lane & Frederick Rd in Catonsville, MD 7:30 PM

August 14-15, 2010 – Native American, Fossils, Rocks, Gems and Minerals Themed flea market Shupp's Grove, Adamstown, PA
www.shuppsgrove.com 607 Willow St. Reinholds, PA

If anyone has information on any other local shows or rock events, contact Ralph Gamba at rgamba@verizon.net, so they can be included in this list.

REMINDER:

SMRMC Holiday Party

December 15, 2009

6:00 PM

The Knies Home in Marbury

Bring a dish to pass

Bring a wrapped gift for Chinese Auction. Please make your gift rock/mineral/fossil related.

See you there!!!



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Minutes...

Polly Zimmerman

Nov. 24, 2009

Meeting was called to order 7:15 pm

Secretary: The minutes were approved as printed in Rock Talk.

Membership:

Sandy and Sam Lyons were visiting from VA.

Bob's class was also visiting.

Treasury: No changes.

Programs: No programs are needed until the New Year.
The new officers will settle on the schedule.

Field Trips: Fossil trips will be planned on short notice when the tides are low.
Dave will notify everyone by e-mail.

Web-Master:

Calendar will be posted on the web-site.

There is still space on the web-site.

Old Business:

Our show and sale will be Feb. 20th. Letters have gone out the vendors asking them to participate.

New Business:

List of officers for 2010 was announced and elections will be at the Christmas Party.

Christmas party will be Dec.15th. We will have a Chinese Gift exchange.

Dixie Mineral Council invites the Eastern Fed. of Clubs to join in their field trips. The next field trip will be to Ruck's Pit in Florida.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Snacks and program (Rock / gem hunting to Utah) followed.



ROCKTALK

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11000 Thrift Road



We're on the web:
www.smrnc.webs.com

Message from the Editor

Happy Holidays everyone! I can't believe how quickly they have arrived and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

I have submitted the articles for the 2009 Bulletin contest. They needed to be in early this year because the Eastern Federation's convention is early. I have high hopes that we will have successful articles.

I am also going to put out a plea for articles for 2010. I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to have a voice in the RockTalk. Without you, there is no newsletter!!! I thank all those who helped make the past year a

great one. I am looking forward to seeing more from you! I also want to congratulate Carole on a successful program in October. She had a question, found an answer, and shared her information with the club. Hopefully we can have more members following her lead!

Also, look for a couple of changes to the newsletter for 2010. I am keeping the same basic format, but am going to try to standardize some things. I also need to add a couple of things to the newsletter to keep the club informed. Look for those things starting in January.

PROGRAMS/ REFRESHMENTS

December	Holiday Party
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I am looking forward to our annual Holiday Party. Hopefully you all received the flyer. If you haven't or have lost the information, let me know via email and I will send it to you again.

Merry Christmas everyone!
And a Very Happy New Year!