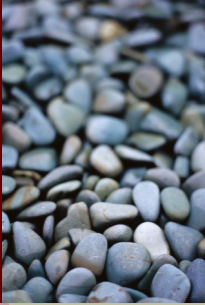


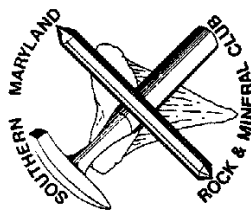
February 2013



SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB



RockTalk



Message from the Editor

Over the past 6 years, I have had the pleasure of being the editor of the Rock-Talk. Our newsletter is important to our club. It's a connection between members, a way to communicate our adventures and knowledge that might not otherwise be shared. Field trip reports, articles on the science behind what we do, and fun stories are always included in our newsletter. For those who can't attend the meetings, there is a chance to catch up in the minutes and see

what is going on in the Eastern and American Federations in a quick snapshot.

Due to personal reasons, I am handing over the reigns of the RockTalk to Michael Patterson's very capable hands. I know he will do great and I hope that some of our regular voices continue to be heard within the pages of our newsletter as well as some new ones we may not have heard from before.

Remember, the RockTalk doesn't exist without member con-

tributions. It is only through your voices that the pages come to life. Think about some way you can contribute even one article. Maybe you even have an idea for a regular column. There is always room for new ideas, trip reports, and even the "sciency" stuff.

I wish you all "Happy Hunting" and can't wait to hear about your next adventure!

Jessica

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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.

EFMLS/AFMS News

Submitted by Jessica Dixon



The EFMLS Newsletter this month has some great information if you are interested in this year's WildAcres. A list of classes as well as registration forms are included this month. Also, there is a great article reminder on safety. Always some great information from the Eastern Federation.

For more information on any of these articles, visit www.amfed.org/efmls



This month in AFMS news, there are some good ideas for coming up with a program, thoughts on giving presentations, and ideas for writing themed poetry for an article for a newsletter. (RockTalk has had some great poetry in the past...you could do the same!) Check out this month's newsletter for some great ideas!

For more information, visit www.amfed.org

Upcoming Shows and Events

Submitted by Ralph Gamba

February 23: Wetumpka Impact Crater Day, Wetumpka, Alabama. Tour of the Wetumpka impact crater. For more information, call 334-567-5147.

March 16-17: 49th Annual GLMSMC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show Montgomery County Fairgrounds 16 Chestnut Street Gaithersburg, MD Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-5 Admission: \$6 ages 12 and older (children 11 and under, and scouts in uniform get in for free) See <http://www.glmsmc.com/show.shtml> for directions, coupon, and more information.

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.

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December and January Minutes

By Christine Proctor

DATE: December 15, 2012 Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm No guests or new members today

TREASURER: N/A **MEMBERSHIP:** N/A

PROGRAMS: Penny has handed out a new sign up sheet for programs and refreshments.

FIELD TRIPS: N/A **EDITOR:** N/A **WEBMASTER:** N/A **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

NEW BUSINESS: Still looking for a president for the upcoming year.

So far we have the following;

Cheryl- treasurer Polly- membership Penny- programs Jim- field trips

Bob- web master Jessica- editor Christine- secretary

We now have access to three rooms for the rock show.

AJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

DATE: January 22, 2013 Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm No guests or new members today

TREASURER: Cheryl

MEMBERSHIP: Polly-waiting for most people to pay their dues tonight.

PROGRAMS: Penny- has two programs so far. we need one for February and April. Tonight's program will be Penny reviewing the survey she sent out and Bob going over the new lapidary club.

FIELD TRIPS: Jim would like some suggestions for trips.

Recent trips people went on include;

JMU

National History Museum- the Don Pedro exhibit which has a huge aquamarine which will now be on permanent display.

Jefferson Patterson Park- Archeological dig. You can't keep anything, however, each year around May 10th, August, or July during the week they offer digs. 2Days of lab work also available.

Pig Point- Ann Arundel County has a dig in the fall.

Herkimer- May after Mother's Day (Tom Copeland)

Utah- upcoming for late summer or fall.

EDITOR: N/A

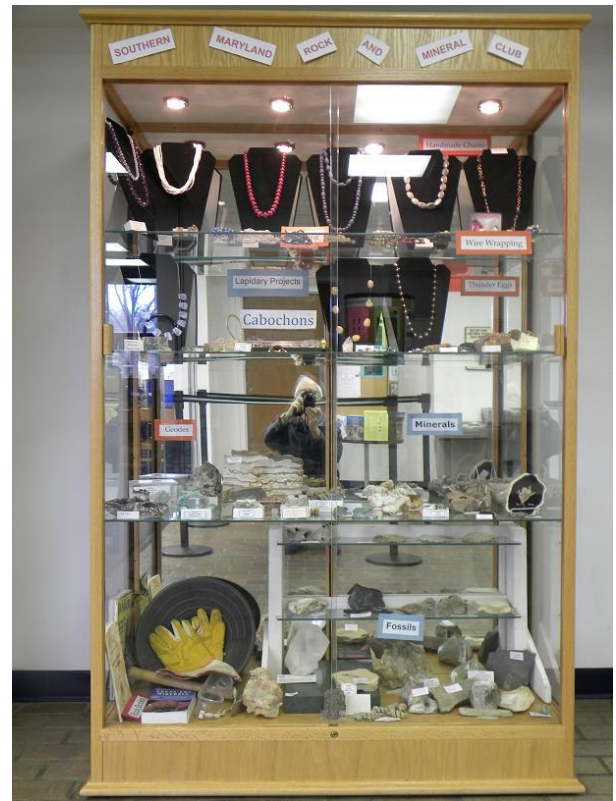
WEBMASTER: Bob will have many changes after tonight's discussions.

Club Showcase

By Paul Holden



This showcase was on display at the Surratts-Clinton Library.



Minutes

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OLD BUSINESS: Rock Show- The gun Show has been cancelled. We will have all three rooms. We need to organize the demos which are usually done by Lorna and Dave. We need volunteers for the front desk. There will be Nature Center staff available for set up help. Set up displays at libraries, La Plata has been done and Clinton will be done on February 1st. There are various free advertisement options. We still have the \$1.00 off coupons available. Scouts in uniforms get in for free. Polly and Cheryl will be helping with announcements during the rock show.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a Lapidary meeting Sunday February 24, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

There will be a cabochon workshop Saturday February 2, 2013 at 10:00am showing procedures and a demonstration.

Tonight's refreshments are provided by Cheryl and Monty. The program will be given by Penny and Bob.


AJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

49th ANNUAL GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

MAR. 16 & MAR. 17, 2013
SAT. 10 AM-6 PM, SUN. 11 AM-5 PM

Presented by the Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society of Mont. Co., MD,



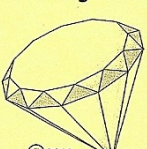
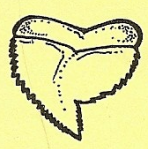
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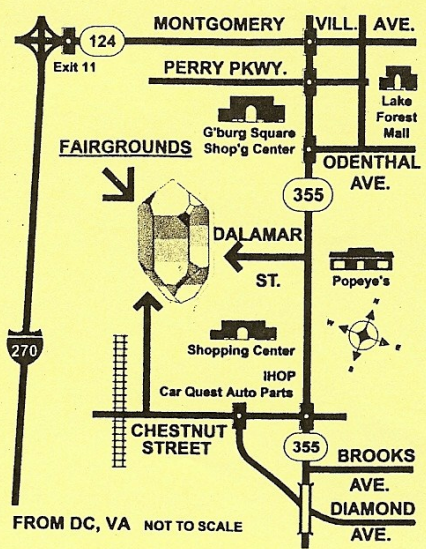
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ROCKTALK

Clearwater Nature Center
Maryland-National Capital Park &
Planning Commission
11000 Thrift Road

Next Meeting
February 26, 2012
7:00 PM

We're on the web:

SMRMC.org

February's
Refreshments/
Programs

Refreshments:

Jennie Knies

Program:

"Gemstone Phenomena" by Mike Bolster