

**Crystals! Crystals!! Everywhere! Everywhere!! Mt Ida 2018** by Dave Lines



Big News! The **31<sup>st</sup> Annual World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig** was a blast! Thirteen (13) members (Sondra, Cheryl, Harry, Tina, Joe, Paula, Al, Carole, Ralph B., Teri, Greta, Steve, Dave) of the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club trekked the 1,100+ miles to Mount Ida, Arkansas and swept the contest in both categories for club competition --- we had the most club members and scored the most points.



We **WON** the beautiful Club Trophy --- a gorgeous quartz crystal cluster mounted on a handsome wooden plaque with a brass plate commemorating the event.

PLUS the club was awarded two (2) free registration entries (worth \$100 each) for next year's contest. AND we received a BONUS gift (valued up to \$950) of two (2) days in a 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage at the very nice Mountain Harbor Resort at nearby Lake Ouachita (pronounced "watch- a-ta").



If you want to **hear more about our fabulous adventure** and see some of the **great crystals** we found, come to the Rock Club meeting this coming Tuesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm when **those who attended the Mt Ida trip will present the evening's program.** (\*Note – this program replaces the previously planned "Geode Cracking" by Jim White.)

ALSO --- we will have some additional surprises --- and some great door prizes --  
- during the program.

PLEEZE come on out to the meeting and enjoy! You will be VERY glad you came.



