Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club

ROCK TALK JUNE 2026

23 JUNE 2026 at 1900 (7:00 PM)
Meeting at OLD WALDORF SCHOOL
(next to the Waldorf JayCees Hall)
North of the RT 301 / RT 5 Intersection

JUNE PROGRAM

Geode splitting with Jim White

Jim will have his "Magical Geode Splitter" and will split on request one's geodes to reveal the interior surprises! Prepare oneself for multiple oohs and ahs with a few wows once they are split.

SMRMC MINUTES

SMRMC Meeting Minutes – 05/26/2026

GUESTS - Tim opened the meeting and recognized two guests Joe and Austin.

MINUTES - Meeting Minutes from the April meeting were approved by the group.

TREASURER – Greta gave the treasury report and stated that she will paying the rent for the facility tonight. She said that there were 13 tables remaining for rental for the October club show. Contact her or Ken for table rentals.

MEMBERSHIP – 118 members with 12 minors.

FACEBOOK – Currently 1104 members.

PROGRAMS/SNACKS – Jim White will have his Geode breaking tool for the June Program. But we need a program for the July meeting with volunteers for refreshments.

FIELD TRIPS--- Chair Dave Lines. General note: Dues must be paid up to date to attend field trips (Insurance Rules).

Recent past field trips

May 15, 16, 17 – Flint Knapping and other Ancient Technology in Calvert County at Jefferson Patterson Park, 10515 Mackall Road, St Leonard, MD 20685. Dave Attended with a cousin on Friday afternoon and did some flint knapping. Learned a lot and was fun. Will do again next year.

May 16 --- US Silica Mine, Montepelier, VA from 7:30 am to noon. Gray flash moonstone (andesine), bronzeite (enstatite), ilmenite, rutile, blue quartz, almandine garnets in biotite schist.

Upcoming field trips

June 6 --- National Limestone quarries at both Middleburg and Mount Pleasant Mills. PA. All day trip (9:15 am to 3:30 pm) to collect calcite (xls and massive), purple fluorite (massive only), strontianite xls, celestite xls, travertine (cave flowstone), wavellite xls, and fossil snails. 19 signed up so far. Three (3) Richmond club members will join us – may invite more.

September – Lynchburg Club coordinates with multiple clubs to attend Willis Mountain in Dylwyn, VA to collect Kyanite has not been confirmed to date but is expected in the next few months. Stay tuned for further information.

Other possibilities – Dave mentioned that he will look into other sites. First was **Rose River** in Madison County, VA where Unikite, Blue Quartz, and other minerals could be found. River level is the key issue for collecting. Second was the **Point of Rocks** located along the Potomac River in Northern Maryland/Virginia. Area is known for Potomac Marble, jasper and Blue Quartz. Also was mentioned the possibility of going to **Contrary Creek**, in Virginia where garnets, pyrite and gold are found. May seek permission to collect on a neighboring property where garnets could be easily found on the paths.

NEWSLETTERS –May edition was sent the week prior. Always looking for inputs.

WEBSITE – Bob was not in attendance but the Website stays updated. He is still looking for someone to take over the Website management.

OLD BUSINESS -

Kenny discussed the show and how the efforts are moving forward. He had additional flyers and stated Rich was able to get the show announcement in the June EFMLS newsletter. Kurt reminded the group that for the August Club Auction, new people are needed to run the auction (documenting winners and bidders). Contact Kurt for more information. STEM Night was successful and multiple volunteers like Diane and her grandkids with Gary also mystifying the kids. Dave and Anne enjoyed the working the crowds. This effort may be repeated again next year.

NEW BUSINESS –

Kenny prolificated more about the show and its way forward. July's meeting will be run by Diane.

2026 Programs / Refreshments

Volunteers and topics are *desperately* needed to expand all members knowledge in various related topics. Having outside speakers is a great addition to our meetings,

so if anyone knows someone that would speak on a relatable topic - **PLEASE** contact Diane. She will appreciate **ANY** and **ALL** leads. Always, members speaking on their adventures/knowledge is ALWAYS enlightening to the members and visitors.

Refreshment volunteers are usually easier for many to accomplish. But Jill still needs to fill the calendar quickly to ensure the meeting attendees stomachs do not growl during the programs.

Please contact Diane with any assistance you desire to extend!

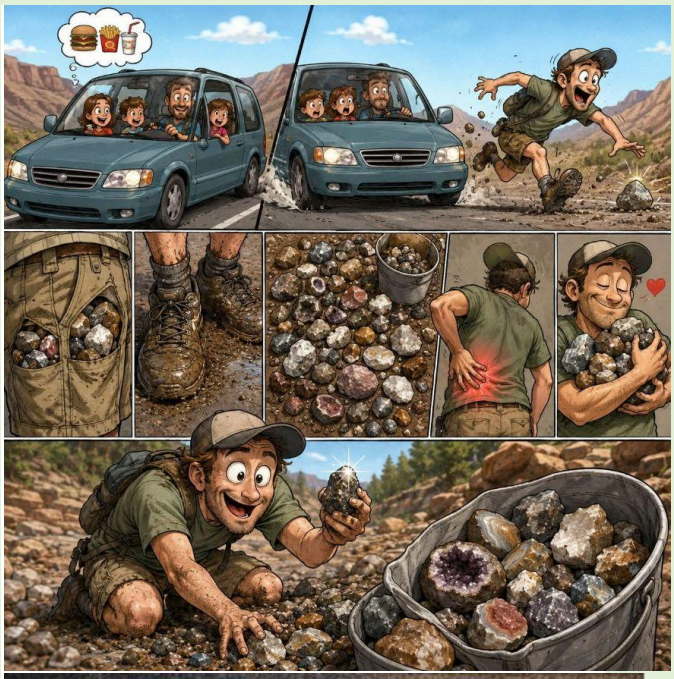
For Best information on forecasted Tide Levels from Dave Lines

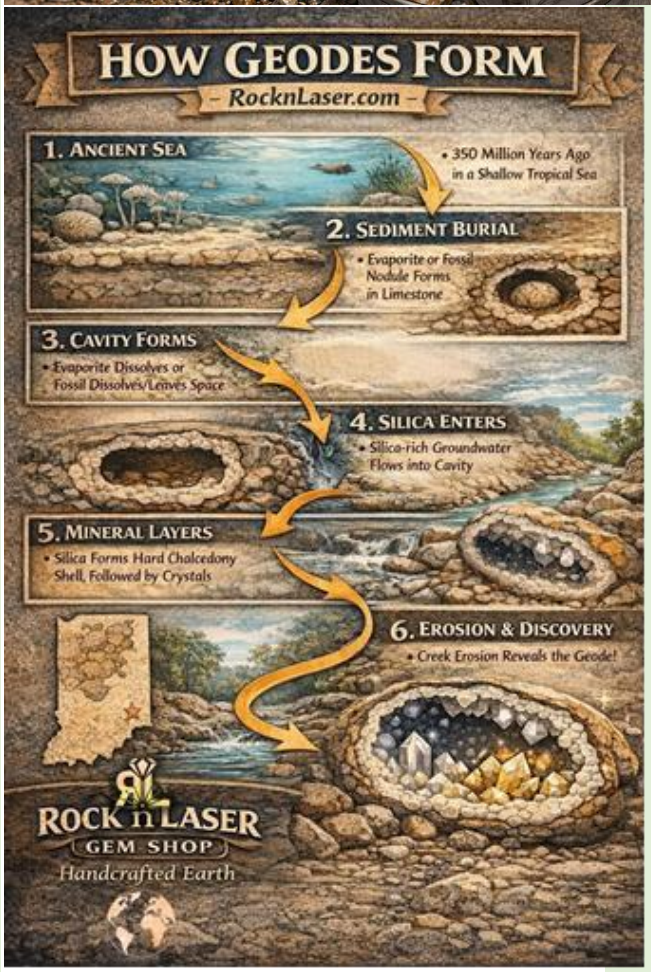
Recommend you keep checking the "water levels" on the NOAA website https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/stationhome.html?id=8577330 so you can choose the best location to look for fossils. The water levels at Solomons Island will be similar to the those on the Bay. Purse/Potomac River is 4 hours later. **HAPPY HUNTING**.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

REMINDER – To ensure your membership is up to date, PLEASE download the membership form from the SMRMC website and follow the renewing requirements!! Up to date dues allows members to attend the field trips due to insurance requirements.

Greta will be ready for those that have not paid their dues at each meeting.





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2026 PROGRAMS/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

MONTH	PROGRAM	REFRESHMENTS
23 JUN 2026	Geode Splitting with Jim	Amanda G.
28 JUL 2026	Mineral ID with Diane	TBA
25 AUG 2026	CLUB AUCTION	TBA
22 SEP 2026	Planet Venus with Jill	TBA
27 OCT 2026	TBD with Dr. Godfrey	TBA
24 NOV 2026	Meteorites with Gary	TBA
22 DEC 2026	HOLIDAY PARTY (Date may change)	POT LUCK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ ODDS AND ENDS

LYNCHBURG, VA JUNE 26-27, 2026 - Lynchburg Gem & Mineral Show**,-** Flyer on Page 14**.**

SYRACUSE, NY: JULY 11-12, 2026 -: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse - 59th annual wholesale and retail gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show. Location: NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building; 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. Sat. 10 - 6 and Sun. 10 - 4. Admission: $8, children under 12 free when accompanied by a paying adult. The show features lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, hourly raffle drawings, 25 cent straw draw, earth science lectures, rocks, minerals and fossils from around the world, and a youth area with lots of activities for children including a sluice, soapstone carving, and jewelry making for kids. Family fun for everyone. For more information look on our website: www.gmss.club; Facebook: www.facebook.com/gemandmineralsyr or gmssrocks@gmail.com (Show Chair).

PITTSBURGH, PA JULY 25-26, 2026 - -The 2026 Monongahela Rockhounds Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, July 25 and 26, 2026, West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Co., #4 Skyview Hall, 660 Noble Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15122. Free admission. http://www.monongahelarockhounds.org for information

ESSEX JUNCTION, VT JULY 18-19, 2026 - - Burlington Gem and Mineral Club, 45th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, Vermont 05452. Dealers, exhibits, demonstrations, raffle, silent auctions, door prizes, mineral and fossil identification table, and children's activities. Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm. $5 adults (16-59), $3 seniors (60+), children under 16 free with paying adult. Refreshments available. Free parking. Handicapped accessible. Info: Felicia Edwards at vtbgmc@gmail.com or http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org/show.html

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026 - - Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show & Sale! Gold's Gym - 258 Titusville Road Poughkeepsie, New York September 19 & 20, 2026 Sat. 10:00 - 5:00 / Sun. 10:00 - 4:00 SHOW THEME: "GEMS & MINERALS and CLASSIFICATION" 30 dealers – Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, Beads, Gems! 6 Free Rocks for Kids at "Glitter Mountain" ! SLUICE at "Garnet Gulch" for Treasure ! FLUORESCENT MINERAL Display ! Earth Science SCAVENGER HUNT for MHV Students ! LAPIDARY DEMONSTRATIONS ! Displays of GEMS & MINERALS by VASSAR GEOLOGY MUSEUM and MHV Members WHOLESALE DEALER

FRANKLIN, NJ SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026 - - Saturday, September 19 (9 to 5) and Sunday September 20 (10-5) at the Franklin, New Jersey Firehouse (137 Buckwheat Road, Franklin, New Jersey). This is both an indoor and outdoor show. Dealer fees for outside are $50 for a 15 by 20-foot space with indoor dealers' fees dependent on size of booth. (e.g., $500 for a small booth and $600 for a large booth) Contact the Franklin Mineral

Museum for more details. Public Admission is $7

WALDORF, MD 3 OCTOBER 2026 - Show and Sale. Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Southern Maryland Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show. 3074 Crain Highway (RT 301) Old Waldorf School, (next to the Jaycees Hall) Waldorf, MD. 9AM to 4PM. Adults, $3; Children 12 and under FREE with Adult. Visit SMRMC.ORG for a $1 Off Coupon. Door Prizes. Over 45 tables of Rocks, Crystals, Fossils, Handcrafted Jewelry, Lapidary, Minerals, Displays and a Fluorescent Tent. Questions: Contact Kenny Jameson through the Website: WWW.SMRMC.ORG.

EAST ROCHESTER, NY OCT. 24-25, 2026 - - Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry-Fossil Show and Sale at Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY. Event times: 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. For more information, visit Rochester Lapidary Society.

WEST CHESTER, PA NOVEMBER 14, 2026 - - EFMLS Convention in conjunction with FM-PA Annual Symposium, Saturday, November 14, 2026, with a field trip the following day. Registration will begin September 1, 2026 and will be on FMPA's website.

NEWS STORIES WITH POSSIBLE INTEREST

A fossil site in North Dakota appears to have captured the day the dinosaur-killing asteroid struck Earth, right down to tiny glass beads from the impact lodged in the gills of fish that died within hours
https://spacedaily.com/t-a-fossil-site-in-north-dakota-appears-to-have-captured-the-actual-day-an-asteroid-killed-the-dinosaurs-right-down-to-tiny-glass-beads-from-the-impact-lodged-in-the-gills-of-fish-that-died-within-hou/

Rare sunflower- structured 'fool's gold' pyrite discovered in Gujarat's coal mines
https://researchmatters.in/news/rare-sunflower-structured-fools-gold-pyrite-discovered-gujarats-coal-mines

Discovery of Magnesiochangesite-(Y): China's second newly identified lunar mineral
https://en.cnnc.com.cn/2026-05/18/c_1183993.htm

Geologists say earthquakes may be "making" gold nuggets inside quartz, and the study explains how extreme pressure, fluids, and hairline fractures do the work
https://www.ecoticias.com/en/geologists-say-earthquakes-may-be-making-gold-nuggets-inside-quartz-and-the-study-explains-how-extreme-pressure-fluids-and-hairline-fractures-do-the-work/32570/

In 2017, Colorado construction workers accidentally dug up a very rare dinosaur fossil
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/science/in-2017-colorado-construction-workers-accidentally-dug-up-a-very-rare-dinosaur-fossil/articleshow/131243140.cms

Buried for 70 Million Years, Scientists Unearth Hundreds of Dinosaur Eggs From Multiple Species Inside One Ancient Fossil Bed
https://indiandefencereview.com/dinosaur-eggs-multiple-species-france-meze/

In 2022, three boys hiking in North Dakota found a rare fossil that turned out to be a teenage T. rex
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/science/in-2022-three-boys-hiking-in-north-dakota-found-a-rare-fossil-that-turned-out-to-be-a-teenage-t-rex/articleshow/131243101.cms

Germany to Return Contested Dinosaur Fossil to Brazil
https://eos.org/articles/germany-to-return-contested-dinosaur-fossil-to-brazil

Archaeologists discovered an 8,000-year-old coastal superhighway marked by human and animal footprints
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/science/archaeologists-discover-an-8000-year-old-coastal-superhighway-filled-with-ancient-human-and-animal-footprints/articleshow/131258633.cms

New Mexico Oldest Footprints: 23,000-year-old footprints in New Mexico changed everything scientists believed about the first Americans
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/23000-year-old-footprints-in-new-mexico-changed-everything-scientists-believed-about-the-first-americans/articleshow/131343561.cms

'Mammoth' Bones Kept in a Museum For 70 Years Turn Out to Be Entirely Different Animal
https://www.sciencealert.com/mammoth-bones-kept-in-a-museum-for-70-years-turn-out-to-be-entirely-different-animal

Stones & Bones: The dino 'monsters' of Patagonia—and the hermit who found them
https://www.nationalgeographic.com/newsletters/article/stones-bones-dino-monsters-patagonia-hermit

Tanzania discovers some of the world's most valuable strategic minerals through Chinese-backed exploration
https://africa.businessinsider.com/local/markets/tanzania-discovers-some-of-the-worlds-most-valuable-strategic-minerals-through/j4c1f34

Geologists Discover One of the World's Largest Rare Earth Deposits That Could Fuel the Next Tech Revolution
https://indiandefencereview.com/rare-earth-deposits-ancient-subduction-zones-tectonic-discovery/

An unborn dinosaur is found inside its egg after 70 million years, and the fossil offers a rare look at the final moments before hatch day
https://www.ecoticias.com/en/an-unborn-dinosaur-is-found-inside-its-egg-after-70-million-years-and-the-fossil-offers-a-rare-look-at-the-final-moments-before-hatch-day/32622/

Astonishing Arrowhead Discovery: 115 Native American Blades Found in Mississippi Creek
https://www.agweb.com/news/business/farmland/astonishing-arrowhead-discovery-115-native-american-blades-found-mississip

MIT researchers develop a low-cost technique to get lithium out of rocks
https://news.mit.edu/2026/mit-researchers-develop-low-cost-technique-lithium-from-rocks-0528

The rarest mineral recognized by science weighs about 0.011 ounces, exists as a single known natural specimen, and its discovery exposes how fragile Earth's catalog still is
https://www.ecoticias.com/en/the-rarest-mineral-recognized-by-science-weighs-about-0-011-ounces-exists-as-a-single-known-natural-specimen-and-its-discovery-exposes-how-fragile-earths-catalog-still-is/32773/

Largest Ever Dinosaur Discovered in Southeast Asia Was a Real Doozy
https://www.sciencealert.com/largest-ever-dinosaur-discovered-in-southeast-asia-was-a-real-doozy

Heron-like, fish-eating dinosaur from 70 million years ago discovered in Argentina
https://phys.org/news/2026-05-heron-fish-dinosaur-million-years.html

Massive 11,000-carat ruby unearthed by miners in Myanmar, officials say
https://www.cbsnews.com/news/myanmar-ruby-unearthed-mogok-mandalay-gem-mining/

Scientists unearth a 'petrified aquarium' of 62-million-year-old fish fossils
https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/fish-fossil-cretaceous-extinction-egypt

New Velociraptor cousin was a '4-winged' dragon that hunted prey from the trees of ancient China, fossil find hints
https://www.livescience.com/animals/dinosaurs/new-velociraptor-cousin-was-a-4-winged-dragon-that-hunted-prey-from-the-trees-of-ancient-china-fossil-find-hints

Fossils found in Scotland just pushed back the origin of land-walking animals by 14 million years and placed them in a stretch of the fossil record where nothing was supposed to exist
https://spacedaily.com/n-fossils-found-in-scotland-just-pushed-back-the-origin-of-land-walking-animals-by-14-million-years-and-placed-them-in-a-stretch-of-the-fossil-record-where-nothing-was-supposed-to-exist/

Hycroft mine in Nevada assessed $10B value, 51-year life
https://www.mining.com/hycroft-mine-in-nevada-assessed-10b-value-51-year-life/

USA Rare Earth to build $1.2bn plant in South Carolina
https://www.mining-technology.com/news/usa-rare-earth-to-build-1-2bn-plant-south-carolina/

US picks Louisiana, Oklahoma rare earth projects for $134M funding
https://www.mining.com/web/us-picks-louisiana-oklahoma-rare-earth-projects-for-134m-funding/

Calvert Cliffs Fossil Elephants, other Land Mammals, and Seals just Published by Smithsonian Press

SOLOMONS, Md. – May 7, 2026 – A comprehensive new scientific volume examining fossil elephants, land mammals, and seals from Calvert Cliffs has been published by Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press and is now available online at no cost.

Titled *Smithsonian Contributions to Paleobiology, No. 109: The Geology and Vertebrate Paleontology of Calvert Cliffs, Maryland, USA – Volume 3: Elephants, Land Mammals, and Seals, the publication was co-edited by Dr. Stephen J. Godfrey, Curator of Paleontology at the Calvert Marine Museum, and CMM Research Associate Gary Grimsley.*

The volume presents a detailed survey of rare fossil discoveries from Calvert Cliffs, a geologically significant site in Calvert County, Maryland. While the cliffs are best known for marine fossils such as seashells and shark teeth, researchers have also uncovered exceptionally rare remains of terrestrial mammals that lived between approximately 18 and 8 million years ago.

These land-based fossils include extinct herbivores such as elephants, rhinos, tapirs, horses, camels, peccaries, antelope, and fanged deer, as well as rare carnivores like bear-dogs. Fossil evidence of seals—animals that inhabited both marine and terrestrial environments—has also been documented.

The diversity of these large mammals provides insight into the region's prehistoric environments, which ranged from prairie landscapes and patchy forests to more humid, densely forested habitats over a span of roughly 12 million years. Notably, fossils of small mammals have not yet been discovered in these deposits.

The publication includes contributions from Ralph E. Eshelman, W. David Lambert, Gary S. Morgan, Stephen J. Godfrey, David J. Bohaska, Richard C. Hulbert Jr., Jon A. Baskin, Brian L. Beatty, Robert E. Weems, and Leonard Dewaele.

The volume is accessible online via DOI: https://doi.org/10.5479/si.32085168, where readers can view or download the full searchable publication.

Explore how the prehistoric past, natural environments, and maritime heritage come to life and tell a unique story of the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert Marine Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $11 for adults, $9 for seniors, military, and veterans with valid ID, AAA and AARP members, $6 for children ages 5 – 12, children under 5 and museum members are admitted free. Proud participant in Museums for ALL. For more information about the museum, upcoming events, or membership, visit the website at

www.calvertmarinemuseum.com or call 410-326-2042. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

Figure 1. View of a short section of Calvert Cliffs, Calvert County, Maryland.

Figure 2. A single molar of the extinct elephant Gomphotherium calvertense. This molar was found along Calvert Cliffs. See the life restoration of this elephant in Figure 3

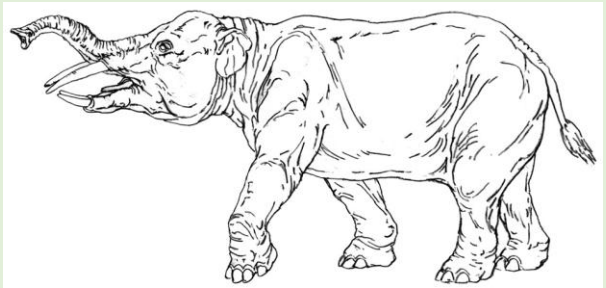


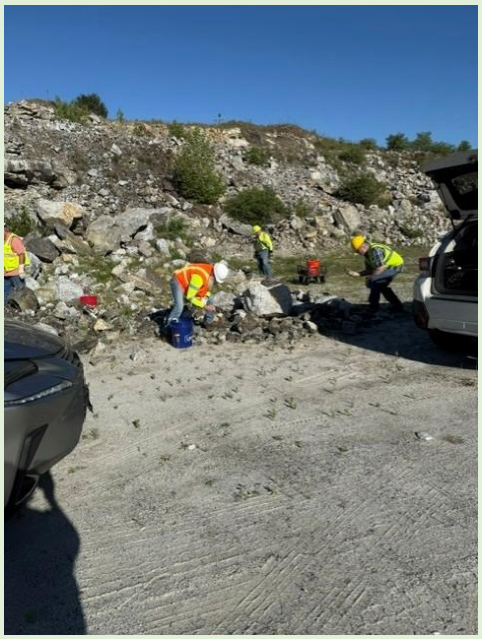
Figure 3. Life-restoration of one of the extinct kinds of elephants that is known from Calvert Cliffs. Notice that these elephants retained tusks in both upper and lower jaws. They would have been about the size of modern Indian elephants. Art by Tim Scheirer

Trip Report for US Silica Mine in Montpelier, VA
by Dave Lines

Perfect weather. From a cool start in the 50's rising to a warm 70 with sun all morning, it was beautiful morning. The mine supervisor met us at 7:30 am and reminded the 12 (Tom, Lorna and Francesca S., Peter and Ricky T., Jim W., Kathryn K., John W., Bernie B., Renee, Rich and Dave) of us of the safety precautions and current conditions. There would be a large front end loader moving rock from the quarry to the crusher and the conveyer system would be in operation. He also told us about a very good aerial photo of the entire operation

This was our first look at the large open pit quarry where they mine a granulated feldspar called "anorthosite". Anorthosite is a coarse-grained, intrusive igneous rock composed almost entirely (90–100%) of plagioclase feldspar. It is light colored in this quarry and is highly valued in various industries. .

He spent an extra 10 minutes briefing the 3 folks who had never been in a commercial quarry. Two of us presented specimens to the mine supervisor. We then caravanned in our vehicles down into the mine following the mine supervisor's truck.

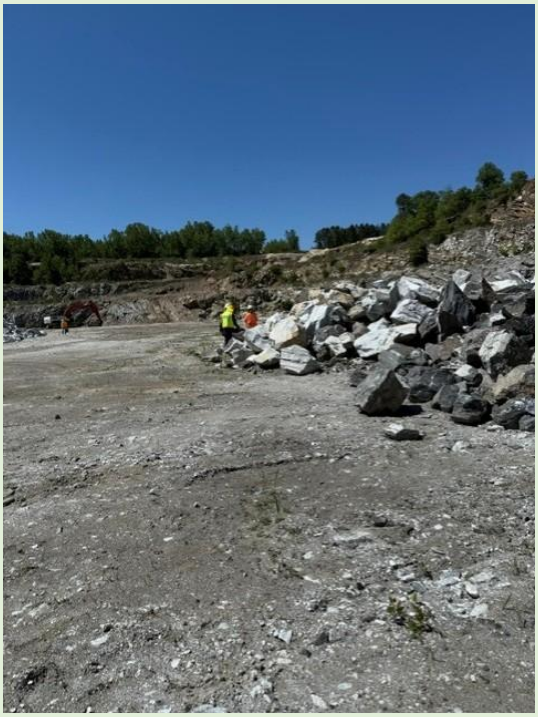


Our first stop was in the gray flash moonstone and bronzeite area. They had spread out a large amount of the material for us to collect from.

First stop was the gray moonstone (andesine) and bronzeite (enstatite) area. The big change there since our trip last year was that a 20-foot-wide swath of the berm had been removed and spread out over the quarry floor for us to collect from. In my past 24 years of coming to this quarry, I have never seen so much excellent quality bronzeite along with lots of "blocky" chunks of almost pure gray flash moonstone and all of it was readily accessible. Everyone found plenty. I spent a good amount of time helping others by reducing the larger boulders of bronzeite into smaller and more manageable size specimens. There were also seams of very collectible massive rutile and ilmenite in some of the material. After an hour and a half of collecting here, we moved to the bench above this area and found similar materials. The difference was the increased variety of minerals like iridescent ilmenite and white flash moonstone.

Another view of the moonstone/bronzeite collecting area. Very easy to collect and drive to.

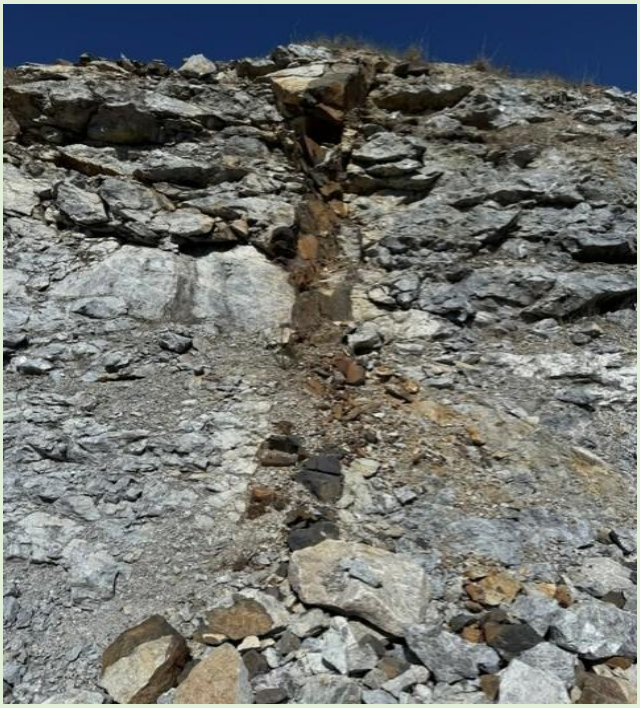
After 45 minutes here, we moved to our final area where we found almandine garnets. This was somewhat of "hit-or-miss collecting" because not everyone found a high-quality garnet, although everyone found lots of garnets with biotite embedded in them. Overall, it was an enjoyable and very productive field trip.



By late morning, the air temperature on the quarry floor had risen to 70 degrees. The material on the right was mostly biotite mica schist

Garnets literally studded the entire surface of this boulder. Rich and Dave were able to remove several very gemmy specimens.

The dark black boulder between Rich and Dave was covered with embedded garnets from marble to golf ball sized



This clearly shows a basalt dike which is about 4 to 6 feet wide in the highwall.

Quarryville Amethyst
By Rich Simcsak

It was a cool wet Friday morning that Mother Nature was so nice to stop the rain that night for the day of collecting amethyst in a Quarryville's farmer's field. 40 members of the Delaware and Lancaster Clubs were assembled in the Quarryville, PA farm with high anticipation of finding amethyst. We were briefed that the amethyst could be found on the surface and we were allowed to scratch the surface inch or so to see if more crystals / pieces were in that area. The group departed the parking area at (AM and was told we needed to be off the fields by 1:30PM. Two (2) plowed fields were available for our inspection each about 30 yards wide by 300 yards long.

The fields were cluttered with quartz based stones and multitude of "leaverite" rock. But it took a while before the first pieces were found but once people had their eyes acclimated to what they were looking for people were finding small but distinguishable purple material worthy of taking home. Multiple discussions with the "Amethyst Veteran Seekers" from the Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club (can be found on FACEBOOK) was valuable in finding areas of possible amethyst.

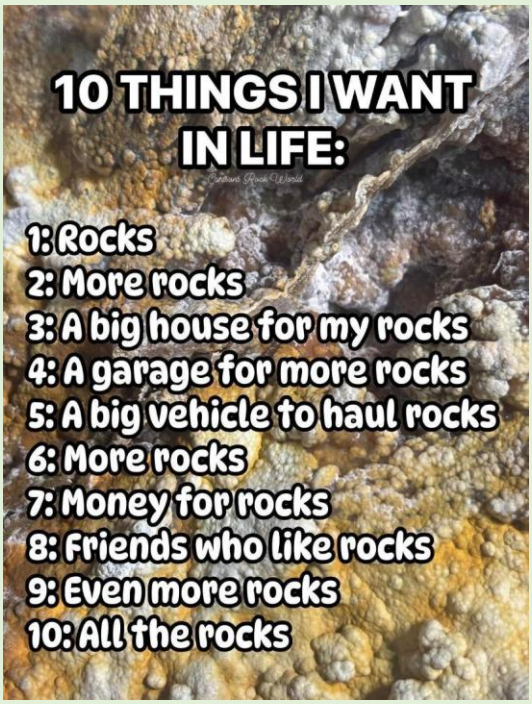
For me, it was scheduled to be a 150 mile trek from California, MD with a 3 hour plus drive. But an overnight stay at Intercourse, PA (East of Bird-in-Hand and Paradise, PA), it was an easy 20 minute drive down many two lane roads and following many Amish buggies with their families on board.

As people departed, they were stopping by a table with amethyst samples by the farmer's children and only requested a "donation" for what one would take. No price was set. MANY people enjoyed the chance to get additional samples from the family children's table. Yes, I did also.

6TH ANNUAL
GEM & MINERAL SHOW
HOSTED BY THE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF LYNCHBURG, VA
FRIDAY JUNE 26TH 2PM – 6PM
SATURDAY JUNE 27TH 10AM – 5PM
FUN FOR ALL AGES!
PICKERS WHEEL
GEM SLUICE
DEMONSTRATIONS
VENDORS WILL HAVE:
SPECIMENS
CUTTING MATERIAL
JEWELRY
ART
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
LOCATED AT -715- MOOSE LODGE IN THE LARGE HALL LYNCHBURG, VA
HOURLY DRAWINGS!
SPECIMEN RAFFLE!
Come explore the beauty of nature's treasures!

Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club
2026 Christmas in July Extravaganza
Farm and Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd, Lancaster, PA
Saturday, July 25– 9am – 5pm
Sunday, July 26 – 9:30am – 4pm
An incredible selection of Fossils, Gems, Minerals, Crystals, Handcrafted Jewelry and Eclectic Curiosities available for sale!
Free EXPERT specimen analysis
Family-Friendly Educational Learning Activities
NEW food vendor: Tread's Snack Shack
FREE PARKING & Handicapped Accessible
Adults: $5.00
Students K-12: $1.00 • Under 5: Free
Admissions purchased on Saturday are valid for both days of the event!
ADMISSIONS BY CASH ONLY PLEASE

I don't just collect rocks.
I collect tiny works of natural art.
MichiganRockHunters


10 THINGS I WANT IN LIFE:
1: Rocks
2: More rocks
3: A big house for my rocks
4: A garage for more rocks
5: A big vehicle to haul rocks
6: More rocks
7: Money for rocks
8: Friends who like rocks
9: Even more rocks
10: All the rocks

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Rock and Gem Word Search - SEPT 2020 (REPRINT)
by Rich Simcsak

This is a first attempt to have the newsletter something people do more than read and delete from their email. If this is seen as a "good thing" for the newsletter to make it a bit more interactive, I will attempt to continue with other Themed Word Searches**. Recommendations are always welcomed!!**

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The following words should be findable in this Word Search. Good Luck!!

AMAZONITE
AMBER
BARITE
BERYL
DIAMOND
EMERALD
FELDSPAR
GARNET
GOLD
LEAD
OBSIDIAN
PEARL
PLATINUM
PYRITE
QUARTZ
RUBY
RUTILE
SAPPHIRE
SILVER
SMRMC
TOPAZ
TURQUOISE
ZIRCON

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Nothing at this time.....

We all realize we have a little too much of a good thing and must share those items with others - but at a cost.

If any member wants to sell material to other club members, they can request to post it here for other club members to evaluate if they really need it for their collection / needs..

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