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Virginia Beach, VA

President's Notes

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I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter! It will be early this year! Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating one this month.

I want to thank Lewis Reyna for an outstanding program on rockhounding in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada last month.

Thanks to all who brought snacks to the meeting last month. All members are welcome to bring snacks to any of our meetings, there aren't any sign-up sheets.

Our annual club auction has been moved to September as we do not have enough items to have it right now.

Thanks to Kelley, Judy and Jennifer for picking up some show raffle specimens for the club from Tucson.

Our first Treasures of the Earth show will be March 22-24 with setup on the 21st. Contact Kelley Finch to help out. Her number is 757-630-6607. We must have displays and demonstrations all three days so members need to volunteer to do these and help at the tables.

REMINDER: Get all your newsletter info to Judy Hyszcak by the third of each month unless asked for it earlier.

I will see y'all at the meeting.



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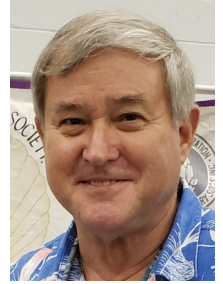
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TREASURER'S REPORT



March was a rather busy month for the club's treasury. At the meeting, the club raised \$255 when 17 adults, including 4 new members, paid their annual dues. We sold all 10 books that members had ordered for \$184.71. The paid raffle raised \$67 and 9 T-shirts were sold for \$45. Please welcome the following new members to the club: Bob Kinast, Chris & Morgan Staub, and April Threet.

Club expenses are typically higher in January with \$608.27 for the Eastern Federation club liability insurance and \$304.50 for the Eastern Federation club dues. Other club expenses were routine, except for \$195 for the 11 books the club ordered (1 book for the club Library) and \$425.99 for specimens purchased at the Tuscon Show and the cost of their postage. The treasury balance is now about \$6,891.

If you have not already, **please** pay your **club dues** soon (\$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 18 years old) so you will continue to receive our wonderful newsletter. You can pay either at the monthly meeting or send your dues to the club's P.O. Box.

LOOK AT THIS!

Bill Stine brought this find to show us at the February meeting. It was found at the Pipsico Boy Scout Camp recently. It is a calcite clam that is just bursting with crystals A real treasure!



Club Dues for 2024 due.

They are \$15 for Adults.
\$7.50 for Children under 16,
and Free for children 5 years
and younger.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

2024 Important Dates

(Dates are subject to change or be cancelled)

March 15	TGMS Meeting
March 21	DATE CHANGE !! Spring TOTE Show - Set Up
March 22, 23, 24	DATE CHANGE !! Spring TOTE Show
March 15 - 17	Land of Sky Gem Show, Swannanoa, NC
April 19	TGMS Meeting
May 17	TGMS Meeting
May 31 - June 2	Pipsico Fossil Hunt
June 21	TGMS Meeting
July 19	TGMS Meeting
August 9 -12	Pipsico Fossil Hunt
August 16	TGMS Meeting
September 20	TGMS Meeting
October 18	TGMS Meeting
November 15	TGMS Meeting
December 13	TGMS Meeting / Holiday Party



PROGRAM FOR MARCH

LOOKING FOR FOSSILS AND MEG TEETH

New Member, Bob Kinast will be sharing his experiences diving for fossils and meg teeth. He is a blackwater diver and locates fossils out of various rivers in South Carolina. When he is not diving, he makes fossil and shark tooth crafts. He does all his own polishing, and cabbing on a 6" CabKing. He likes the idea of a shark's tooth displayed on a mount. Some favorites are vintage/distressed wood and fossilized whalebone. He also crafts fossilized whalebone knives and sterling silver shark tooth jewelry.



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2024 T.O.T.E. Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Shows



March 22nd, 23rd & 24th

August 2nd, 3rd & 4th

October 4th, 5th & 6th

The 2024 Treasures of the Earth (T.O.T.E.) shows are a great opportunity to get together with other TGMS members, visit, share your talents and learn more about minerals all while helping the club. Please consider volunteering...even just an hour will be a great help. All members who volunteer will be entered into a raffle drawing for a one-year subscription to the Rock and Gem magazine or a \$25.00 gift card if you already get that publication.

We need many members to help in order to make these shows successful. Here are a few examples of how you can help:

- ☺ **Tables** - Volunteer at the tables to collect donations for specimens and the various bags that we offer. If you like working with kids, you can help at the kid station.
- ☺ **Display Cases** - We need displays! We have several large wooden display cases and two small glass cases. Show off your collection or crafts!
- ☺ **Lapidary Artists** - Lapidary demonstrators are always a big hit. You must have attended a workshop and have been cleared on the machines.
- ☺ **Demonstrators** - Do you make gem trees, jewelry, chainmail or do any other rock or mineral related craft? We need demonstrators of various types to share their skills.
- ☺ **Digital Microscope** - Emery Dixon's "It's a Small, Small, Small World" digital microscope demonstration was such a big hit at the October 2022 show. So, the club voted to buy a similar digital microscope. We need volunteers to run this demonstration.
- ☺ **Fluorescent Display** - Our Fluorescent Specialist, Roger Blackman, will have his always popular demonstration. We need a few outgoing and friendly volunteers to assist him.

If you cannot make it to the show, we always need help setting up starting at 12:30 PM the Thursday before the show. Sign up at one of the meetings or contact Kelley Finch 757-630-6607.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM FOCUS: ROCKHUNTING IN IDAHO, OREGON, AND NEVADA



Lou Reyna talked to us about what he experienced out west. Great talk that made several of us want to go there too!





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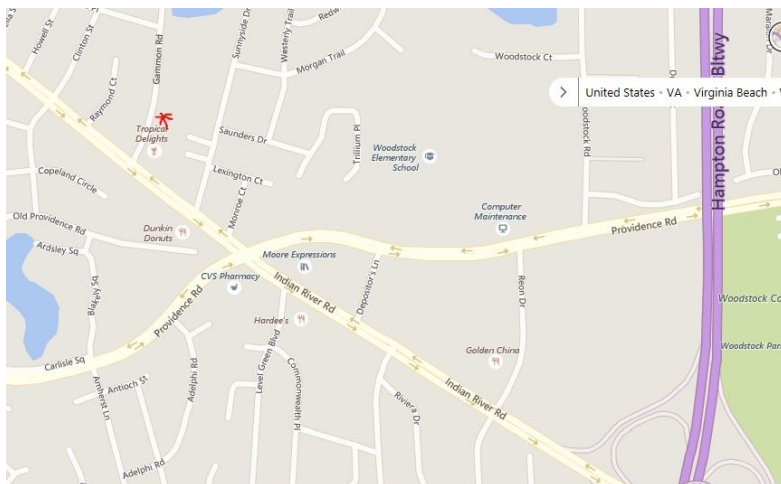
Meetings are the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM at Memorial United Methodist Church located at 804 Gammon Road, Virginia Beach, VA. Our monthly meetings are open to everyone, no admission is charged.

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Our meeting in will be on
March 15th at 7:30 pm at
Memorial United Methodist Church,
804 Gammon Road, Virginia Beach, VA.
(Gammon Road is off of Indian River Road, in
between Military Highway and Providence Road)

