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Notes from the President

by Robin Stoughton



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Now it's that magical time of the year again, hoping for snow on Christmas day! Congratulations to our new board members! Kelley Finch was elected as 1st VP, Jessica Bates was elected as 2nd VP, and Jennifer Spitz was elected as Secretary. Lloyd remains our Treasurer and myself as President. We will have a board meeting in January.

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating one this month.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party, Friday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 pm. We will start on time as the party ends at 9pm, so please don't be late. Everyone that signed up, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Club will provide the chicken, meat, veggie, cheese and fruit trays. All who plan on playing pollyanna, must bring a lapidary related, gift wrapped item. No joke gifts or anything not lapidary related. Kids will have activities to do while adults play the pollyanna and other games.

Thanks to Jay Graber for a great program on his trip to Utah, beautiful pictures from out there.

Our drawing winner, from volunteering at the October Treasures of the Earth Show, was Dylan Boger. He won a year's subscription to Rock & Gem magazine.

REMINDER: All newsletter info needs to be to Judy by the 3rd of each month unless told otherwise.

No workshop this month.

Hope everyone has a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT



November was an average month for the club's treasury. At the monthly meeting the club raised \$68 from the paid raffle, \$55 when three members joined the club, and \$10 from the silent auction.

Please welcome the following new members to the club: **Brenda GALINDEZ, Ray HARRISON, and Jamie SIMPSON.** That brings total club membership to 105 adults and 14 children.

Expenses for November were higher than normal due mainly to the Holiday Party. These expenses included: \$500 for Holiday Party food, \$152.50 for grab bag specimens for the March show, \$45 for specimens for the Holiday Party game, and \$29.95 for one year of **Rock & Gem** for the October Show volunteer winner, **DYLAN BOGER.**

NOTE - Club dues for **2022** will be **returning back** to \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children now that the club can hold regular monthly meetings.





2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just a reminder for those who are on the list....

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

TIME: 6:30 PM

**CLUB IS SUPPLYING MEAT, FRUIT & CHEESE TRAYS
ALONG WITH CHICKEN.**

**MEMBERS ARE BRINGING EITHER A SIDE DISH OR A
DESSERT.**

ACTIVITIES:

- **LAPIDARY GIFT EXCHANGE**
- **SARAN WRAP GAME**
- **CHRISTMAS FAMILY FEUD GAME**

Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by Kelley Finch

Robin Stoughton called the meeting on 11/19/21 to order at 7:35 PM and welcomed New Members & Guests and recognized members with November Birthdays.

Communications / Announcement / Committees:

Treasurers Report – Lloyd S.: November 17, 2021

Balance on Hand 09/31/21: \$5274.21	
October Income:	October Expenses:
TOTE Show 1961.05	Jack Rabbit Self-Storage (Nov) 136.00
1120.00 – Adult Grab Bags (112)	Show Supplies 115.85
112.00 – Kid’s Grab Bags (112)	(101.05 - Kelley & 14.50 - Rosanne)
321.00 – Raffle – Amethyst Plate	Church Meeting Room (Oct) 40.00
142.50 – Memberships (9 Adults, 1 Kid)	<u>Newsletter Supplies (Judy H.) 37.46</u>
42.50 – T-Shirt Sales (8)	Total Expenses 329.31
223.05 – Donations	
Memberships (2 Adult, 9 Kids) 55.00	
Paid Raffle 42.00	
Silent Auction 23.00	
T-shirts (2) 20.00	
<u>Total Income 2101.05</u>	
Balance on Hand 10/31/21: \$7045.95	

Newsletter – Judy H.: Submissions by members are encouraged and need to be to Judy H. by the 3rd of each month. However, the November deadline is 11/26/21.

1st VP (Membership) – Mike J.: Unavailable

Librarian – Wesley J.: Unavailable

Workshops – Bill S.: No workshops for the remainder of the year.

TOTE Show – Rosanne H. & Kelley F.:

Kelley F.: The show volunteer raffle for a one year subscription to Rock & Gem magazine was won by Dylan Boger.

The TOTE officials have asked us to focus on demonstrations and displays for future shows. In order to keep getting our tables and entrance fees for free, we will need to accommodate their wishes. So start planning now... to contribute to the next show. The 2022 TOTE show dates are: March 11th – 13th July 15th – 17th Oct 7th – 9th

Field Trips - Kelley F.:

Kelley F.: No planned field trips in November or December due to holidays and weather – we will resume field trips next year. I attended the JMU Mineral Museum Grand Opening on Oct 29th, contact me if you are interested in visiting and I will try to arrange a private viewing for our club.

Robin S.: The last few field trips we have had members who did not follow the safety rules and regulations. This could have resulted in a huge (\$20K +) fines for the mines, TGMS and the individual with the safety infraction. Additionally, not only the individual but also our en-tire club could be banned from attending future field trip events for several years. Future infractions will result in immediate removal of the individual from the site and a ban on that person from attending all future TMGS field trips.

Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Minutes taken by Kelley Finch

Hospitality – Robin S.: TGMS Christmas Party (10/10/21 from 6:30 -9 pm).

RSVP – We need to get a good count of attendees to insure there is enough food and to be good stewards of the TGMS funds - there is an RSVP / sign-up sheet. Each member can bring one guest and a side or dessert to share – RSVP. TGMS will provide the entrée and main trays. Of course, any members who have Covid-19 concerns with regards to the traditional buffet style served food are welcome to bring a private, self-supplied meal for themselves and guest if applicable.

Gift Exchange - We will do the usual “Pollyanna” gift exchange (mineral or lapidary themed) we have in years past. Participation is optional and only attendees who bring a wrapped Pollyanna gift (\$10 - \$20 in value) can participate in the Pollyanna gift exchange – please no “gag” gifts.

Entertainment - Back by popular demand is Judy H.’s “Saran Wrap Ball” game. New this year, she has purchased a “Christmas Family Feud” game. These games are a blast and require prior preparations based upon the number of participants. She needs a good count of attendees - so please RSVP for the party.

Election / Ways & Means – Roger T.: There were no floor nominations, each unopposed candidate was awarded the respective office position:

President – Robin Stoughton	
1 st VP (Membership) – Kelley Finch	2 nd VP (Programs & Entertainment) – Jessica Bates
Secretary – Jennifer Spitz	Treasurer – Lloyd Schifflbain

Pebble Pub Program – Rosanne H.: no attendees

Website – Brooks Britt: Unavailable

2nd VP (Programs/Entertainment) – Kelley F.: The 2022 program & entertainment calendar is open and in need of presenters for most months. Please contact Jessica Bates if you have an idea, topic or a program you would like to share with the club.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Raffles & Silent Auction: Roger T. conducted door prize raffle, the purchased raffle and the silent auction – always many happy winners!

Program: Jay Graber gave a great presentation on his recent trip to Southern Utah.

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS

By Roger Tiangco

AND NOW THE PURPLE DUSK OF TWILIGHT TIME, STEALS ACROSS THE MEADOWS OF MY MIND - HIGH UP IN THE SKY, THE LITTLE STARS CLIMBED – ALWAYS REMINDING ME OF COMING CHRISTMAS TIME! MERRY CHRISTMAS YOU GUYS!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! YOURS TRULY, IS HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ANOTHER FUN-FILLED EVENING WAS WHAT WE HAD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021. TGMS, YOUR CHEERFULNESS AND UNDIMINISHED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUR CLUB ALWAYS BRING INSPIRATION TO EVERYBODY. FOLLOWING ARE THE GEMS AND MINERALS THAT ADD TO OUR DELIGHT:

TURQUOISE: A hydrous basic phosphate of Copper and Aluminum, Turquoise forms as a secondary mineral in the zone of alteration in disseminated hydrothermal deposits, but only in areas that have aluminum bearing rocks. Some specimens may show strong sky-blue color, which can be ascribed to its Copper content, and is ranged with the group of idiochromatic gemstones. The winner was so excited to find out that his ticket number was picked from the jar to win the 5-piece Turquoise specimens. Turquoise is the State Rock of Arizona and New Mexico. Other best collecting areas: California, Nevada & Virginia.



AGATE: Agate is a variety of Quartz – Silicone Dioxide, with some Iron and Aluminum in its lattices. Agate, like Chalcedony, is formed in several environments, generally near the surface of the Earth where temperatures and pressures are relatively low. Agate is dubbed as one of Nature's most beautiful gemstones. It commonly forms in the zone of alteration of lode and massive hydrothermal replacement deposits and as bodies of Chert in chemical sedimentary rocks. The winner took home his pre-sliced slab, yellow-brownish in color. Agate is the State Rock of Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, So, Dakota and Tennessee. Other best collecting areas: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Montana, Oregon and Texas



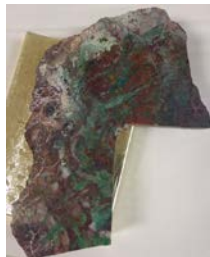
HERKIMER DIAMOND: The winner of this popular and rare Quartz specimen, showed a combination of excitement and quizzical face, for a Diamond this big! I would too! This Herkimer diamond weighs 220 grams! The sharp hexagonal facet of this water clear is natural. The specimen is from a crystalline mass and it is a doubly terminated "Quartz Crystal" as nature intended. They are often found lining cavities, that it gained its name as "Herkimer Diamond", from Herkimer County, New York. Locally best collecting area: Herkimer County, New York, USA.



OBSIDIAN: As we are already aware of, Obsidian is made of Silica-rich magma, of granitic composition, and developed as "volcanic glass." It was fashioned by Mother Nature out of molten rock material that cooled off very quickly after intense volcanic activity. Obsidian was spewed together with hot lava into the Earth's surface. The excited winner will now provide a new home to this shiny arrowhead-shaped Black obsidian. Obsidians are usually blackish in color and fracture conchoidally and show translucency on the edges. Other varieties include: Apache tears, Fire Obsidian, Mahogany, Pitchstone, Rainbow. Sheen, Snowflake and Starburst. Best collecting areas: Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.



CHRYSOCOLLA: One of the showy metallic minerals, Chrysocolla is often found in limestone. It is a secondary ore mineral of Copper, in line with Azurite and Malachite. The winner will now give a new home to this gemstone of dark bluish-green color. It was pre-sliced and weighed over 70 grams! Chrysocolla is believed to be harder than Turquoise, but softer than Chalcedony. As we already know, it usually forms in the zone of alteration in all types of hydrothermal deposits. It is best used in jewelries, as it gives beautiful color and sheen when polished. Best collecting areas: Lebanon County, Pennsylvania and several Copper Mines of Arizona.



DOOR PRIZES:

Happy are those who Lucked-Out to have Won the following gem specimens: Amethyst, Apatite, Desert Rose, and (2ea.) Rhombohedral Quartz.





TGMS OFFICERS ELECTION

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

GREETINGS EVERYONE!!!!

We, on the Nominating Committee have the honor to present the results of the TGMS November 19th - OFFICERS ELECTIONS. The Winners are:

President:	Robin Stoughton
1 st Vice President:	Kelley Finch
2 nd Vice President:	Jessica Bates
Treasurer:	Lloyd Schiffelbian
Secretary:	Jennifer Spitz

The position of President was won by the incumbent - Ms. Robin Stoughton. The Treasurer's Office was also won by the incumbent - Mr. Lloyd Schiffelbian. There were no "Floor Nominees". Those running on the ballot were uncontested and hence, by virtue of ACCLAMATION, we do declare them as WINNERS of this TGMS OFFICERS ELECTION.

TO ALL ELECTED OFFICERS:

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

"FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO US ALL"

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Roger Tiangco (Chair), Roger Blackman, Dianna Hinshaw & Rosanne Hinshaw



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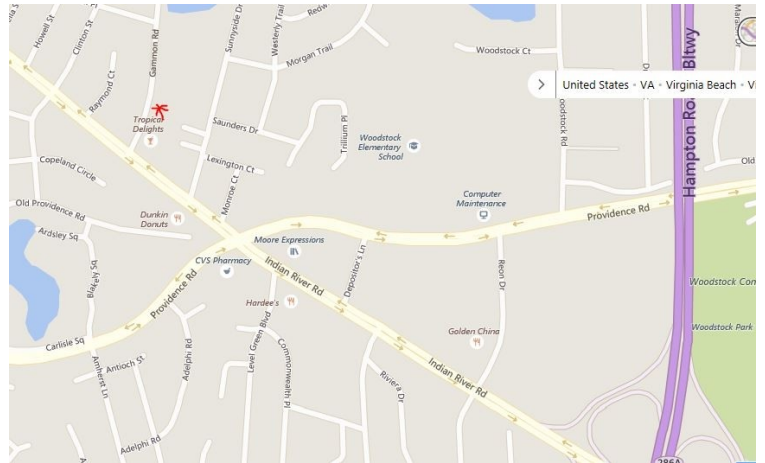
Meetings are the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM at Memorial United Methodist Church located at 804 Gammon Road, Virginia Beach, VA Our monthly meetings are open to everyone, no admission is charged.

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Email hyszczak@cox.net to submit articles to the newsletter editor. Deadline is third of the month for material for the newsletter - but the sooner, the better!

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Our meeting in December will be on
December the 10th at 6:30 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)

