



The Tidewater Prospector



Newsletter for the Tidewater Gem and Mineral Society January 2022 Virginia Beach, VA

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Notes from the President

by Robin Stoughton



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

Hope this year is a good year for everyone! We had a wonderful Christmas party and look forward to another one this year!

Thanks to everyone who helped out and a big thank you to Judy for coming up with all the games and wrapping presents for the kids. Also, thanks to all who attended the party.

Hospitality: All members are welcome to bring snacks to our monthly meetings, there are no sign up sheets so bring whatever munchies you would like to share.

We will hopefully be making some club grab bags at the February meeting.

Our March program will be our annual club auction.

You need to renew your membership dues if you haven't already. You cannot use any club equipment, check out books or attend field trips if you haven't.

Workshops: There are no workshops scheduled anytime soon unfortunately.

Our first Treasures of the Earth show will be here soon. It is March 11th-13th with setup on the 10th. Kelley and Rosanne will be in charge. We need volunteers to setup displays so start thinking of what you would like to display. We also need demonstrators for the weekend. All display cases are currently available, we need a reply by the February meeting if you want to use one.

We will not be having a meeting in July due to the show that month. We need volunteers to do programs for all the other months, April thru June and August thru November, please let Jessica Bates know if you can help out or have any ideas. Her number is 757-354-9622

REMINDER: ALL newsletter input to Judy by the 3rd of each month.

I never like having to post stuff like this, really sad. We lost one of our long time club members, Cheri Jackson, on Wednesday, January 5th. Cheri has been with our club for 23 years and she will be greatly missed. She loved our meetings and our shows and was a very caring person and a great friend.

Our club has lost another great member, Roger Tiangco, has passed away. He was a very active member, doing the raffles, silent auctions and in charge of our elections. He will be greatly missed.

Hope to see everyone at this month's meeting!

TREASURER'S REPORT



December was a normal month for the club's treasury. We had a **fantastic Holiday Party** thanks to **Robin**, our President, who purchased and organized the meal and **Judy**, our Newsletter Editor, who organized the gift exchange and games! It was the **best party** the club has had in years!!

At the party, the club raised \$157.50 when 10 adults and two children paid their 2022 club dues, and \$10 from the sale of one T-shirt. Please **welcome** the following new members to the club: **Linda MASSARO, Billy & Shannon STOUGHTON** and children **Faith & Grace**. Club expenses were routine, except for a \$200 Church donation and \$20 in additional food cost. The treasury balance is now about \$6,008.

2022 Club DUES are Now DUE

Club Dues for 2022 will be **\$15 for Adults, \$7.50 for Children under 16, and Free for children 5 years and younger**. Please pay your dues by the **April** meeting or send them to the club's Post Office address.



Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by Jennifer Spitz

Robin S. called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM & welcomed New Members & Guests and recognized members with December Birthdays.

Communications / Announcement / Committees:

Treasurers Report – Lloyd S.: December 7, 2021

Balance on Hand 10/30/21: \$7,045.95

November Income:

Paid Raffle	\$68.00
Membership (3 Adults)	\$55.00
<u>Silent Auction</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total November Income	\$133.00

November Expenses:

Jack Rabbit Self-Storage (December)	\$136.00
Holiday Party Food	\$500.00
Grab Bag Specimens-Show (Robin S.)	\$152.50
Holiday Party Gift Specimens (Judy H.)	\$45.00
Church Meeting Room (Nov)	\$40.00
Newsletter Supplies (Judy H.)	\$37.46
Show Volunteer Raffle- <u>Rock&Gem</u> (Dylan Boger)	<u>\$29.95</u>

Total November Expenses \$942.38

Balance on Hand November 30, 2021: \$6,236.57

Newsletter – Judy H.: Submissions by members are encouraged and need to be to Judy H. by the 3rd of each month.

Lloyd has 2022 calendars. Members are welcome to take a calendar.

Cheri Jackson is in the hospital. Part of her foot was removed. Please sign get well card to send to her.

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

Secretary – Cheri J.: Unavailable

Librarian – Wesley J.: Unavailable

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

Pebble Pub Program – Rosanne H.: Present

Website – Brooks Britt: Unavailable

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Raffles & Silent Auction: No Raffles, due to Christmas Party

Program: No presentation, Christmas Party and Games

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM

ROGER'S REFLECTIONS

By Roger Tiangco

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT, AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND?
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AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR - FOR AULD LANG SYNE. WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF
KINDNESS YET, FOR AULD LANG SYNE.

Another most exciting and colorful event for TGMS Club, happened on the 10th of December, 2021. Everyone at the meeting were in joyful spirits of Christmas – “The most wonderful time of the Year!” Upon entering the room of our meeting place, we were greeted with enthusiastic cheerfulness and camaraderie, enhanced by wall-to-wall Club members and Guests that decorated the Meeting Hall. The aroma of foods – lined on the table, were more than enough to make you salivate incessantly! How true, how true as the proverb goes: “WORTHWHILE FOODS MAKES WORTHWHILE FOLKS”.



Roger having fun at his table with friends.

Yesirree! – we had an enormous smorgasbord of foods, trays after trays of fresh cut salads, fruits, grapes, oranges, pineapples, strawberries and a variety of delicatessen – hams, cheeses, hot dogs, pans of steaming meatballs, all sorts of Casseroles, Fried chicken, Shrimp “hors d’oeuvres”, deviled eggs, buns, biscuits, dips and sauces, all sorts of cakes, varieties of scrumptious Chocolate cakes and enormous desserts and drinks! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! These can feed an Army of a Combat Team! Pardon my expression – but I’d say “HATS OFF” and “KUDOS” to our Lady President Robin Stoughton and the Hospitality Committee! They prepared, arranged and tackled all these dishes, together with all the dishes brought in by Club Members - you all did a wonderful job! THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH!

The other exciting episode of the night was the GIFT-GIVING part: we played the “SARAN WRAP BALL GAME” - and “Thanks to our Newsletter Editor – Ms. Judy H. for a new way to have the Pollyanna gift exchange! First, everyone went up as their table was called to secure a gift from the “GIFT TABLE” (this table held all the Gifts brought in by everyone!). And as soon as everyone was back at their tables – the throwing of the “Die began – the table sign directed the action of the dice”. When it came down to only two gifts still open, the higher roll of the dice let that person decide to keep the gift in their possession or take the other person’s unopened gift.

With the Saran Wrap Ball Game, dice were used and whatever gifts fell out while the player was unwrapping the Saran Wrap Ball were theirs to keep and they kept unwrapping the ball, until the person next to them threw the dice and came up with “doubles” - then THEY got the ball to unwrap. This went on until the Ball was completely unwrapped.

Everybody was so thrilled with their TREASURES FROM THE EARTH gifts. Please allow me to recall few of them, as follows: AGATES, AZURITES, AMETHYSTS, CHALCEDONYS, CHRYSOCOLLA, GRANITES, QUARTZ CRYSTALS, SHELL FOSSIL (SILVERED).

“MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HASTA LUEGO,
ARRIVEDERCI, CHEERIO
& CHIRP CHIRP!”

T.G.M.S. 2022 Important Dates

January 21st	Club Meeting
February 18th	Club Meeting
March 11th – 13th	VB TOTE Show
March 18th	Club Meeting
April 15th	Club Meeting
May 20th	Club Meeting
June 17th	Club Meeting
July 15 – 17	VB TOTE Show (No Club Meeting)
August 19th	Club Meeting
September 16th	Club Meeting
October 7th – 9th	VB TOTE Show
October 21st	Club Meeting
November 18th	Club Meeting
December 9th	Club Christmas Party



FMVA Partnership Update

FMVA Looking Ahead: Plans for 2022 by Thomas Hale



2022 is expected to be an exciting year for FMVA! Our partnerships are growing and we hope to have several new affiliates and collaborations in early 2022.

Our goal is strengthening the community outreach of FMVA while delivering some key products such as our NOVA publication, mineral directory, and the second Rockhounding 101 course.

Our speaker series line-up for next year is also really exciting. Plans are in the works to dedicate some talks to interdisciplinary fields by bringing in the industry and security communities who are working on incredible issues related to mining and minerals.

Our goal is to transform the way we see minerals and bridge communities together.

We hope to attend multiple shows in early 2022 that were postponed due to COVID-19 and will be attending several new events to promote our work to new communities across the state! In addition to professional groups, our team is in the process of coordinating with several geoscience student groups in the state.

For more information on FMVA visit: <https://friendsofmineralogyvirginia.org>

Remembering the Christmas party



Playing the Saran Wrap Game.



Farther along with unrolling the ball!



Children with their presents.



Playing the game, Family Style.



Jay showing all the coal cards he got from the ball. So the question is, are getting coal cards better than getting coal in your stocking?



Comparing what prizes were won!



ACTIVITIES

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VISIT A SHOW OR SWAP

March 5-6, 2022 - 58th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike (Route 202), Wilmington, DE. Communications and involvement are our keys to success. January 2022 Page 6 Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Juniors \$4, children under 12 and scouts in uniform free with an adult.

March 5 – 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, March 6 - 11:00 AM–5:00 PM. Info and discount ticket: www.DMSrocks.org.

March 25-27, 2022 - Catawba Valle Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, 1960 13th Avenue Drive, SE, Hickory, NC. Friday and Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 M TO 5:00 PM. Admission \$5.00 for all three days, children 12 and under admitted free. Club web page www.cvgmc.com. Contact Dean Russell, cvgmcsecretary@aol.com or 828-303-1448.

March 26-27, 2022 - Che -Hanna Rock & Mineral Club 2nd Annual Show. Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Road, Wysox, PA. March 26 – 9:00 AM-5:00PM, March 27 – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Adults \$3, Students \$1.

March 26-27, 2022 - Western Mass. Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club, Castle of Knights Meeting and Banquet House, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA. (2 miles off of Mass Turnpike) Admission \$5, Children 12 and under free with paid adult. Scouts in uniform free. Door Prize Drawings and Exhibits. March 26 - 9:30 am to 5 pm and March 27 - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

May 16-22, 2022 – EFMLS Wildacres Workshop Spring Session.

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In 2019, she was presented the Faculty Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding teaching methods and dedication to student success in the classroom and beyond. Her current research focuses on ancient mining techniques as well as the history and geology of classic mineral localities. Her Wildacres presentations will focus on the last major gold rush in the United States (Goldfield, Nevada), silver mines in Norway, Mining in the Ancient World, the History of Mineralogy, and the Geology of Birthstones.

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Each session begins at 4:00 P.M. on the first day followed by an orientation meeting after dinner and ends after breakfast on the last day. The programs consist of general sessions for the whole group and small-group class sessions covering a variety of topics such as minerals, beading, exhibiting, cabochon making, faceting, wire-wrapping, silversmithing, pewter fabrication, PMC, fused glass, soapstone carving, etc. The workshop staff is comprised of experts in the various areas of the hobby. Most are EFMLS members and serve to share their knowledge with others.

For a complete class description visit: <https://efmls.org/wildacres/wildacres-classes/>

2022 Wildacres Spring Classes with Instructor Names

Geology 1st semester: Rob Robinson
Geology 2nd semester: Rob Robinson
Wire Wrapping 1st semester: Jacolyn Campbell
Wire Wrapping 2nd semester: Jacolyn Campbell
Cabochons 1st semester: Bernie Emery
Cabochons 2nd semester: Bernie Emery
Silversmithing 1st semester: Richard Mesler
Silversmithing 2nd semester: Richard Meszler
Intro to Inlay 1st semester: Chuck Bruce
Intro to Inlay 2nd semester: Chuck Bruce
Fold Forming/Cold Connections 1st semester: Micah
Fold Forming/Cold Connections 2nd semester:
Faceting: Revian Zeleznik
Soapstone Carving: Sandy Cline



2022 Wildacres Fall Class with Instructor Names

Low Tech Casting: Linda Searcy; 4 Day class- For all skill levels (1st & 2nd Semester)
Viking Knit: Val Johnson; 1st Semester
Wireworks: Val Johnson; 2nd Semester
Intarsia: John Milligan; 1st Semester (repeats 2nd Semester)
Basic Silversmithing: Richard Meszler; 1st Semester
Intermediate Silversmithing: Richard Meszler; 2nd Semester
A Journey Through Ultra-Violet and Fluorescent Minerals: Bob (UV Bob) McGuire: (repeats 2nd Semester)



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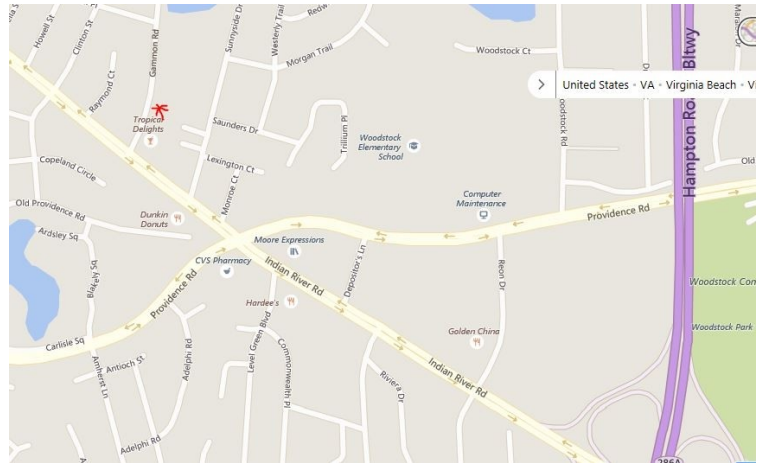
Meetings are the third Friday of each month at 7:30 PM at Memorial United Methodist Church located at 804 Gammon Road, Virginia Beach, VA Our monthly meetings are open to everyone, no admission is charged.

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Our meeting in January will be on
 January 21st 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)

