

Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia



MINERAL MINUTES

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MSDC PRESENTATION- October 1, 2014

YOU!

You are on! Please bring your mineral show and tell items to our upcoming meeting! We will spend the evening sharing information about our collections and about our summer mineral excursions.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

It was great to have AFMS President-Elect, Matt Charsky and his wife, Jean, EFMLS Region IV Vice President, present at our meeting. Matt came to give us a report on the AFMS convention in Oklahoma and to present the Bulletin Editor Awards to: Steve Johnson, Sheryl Sims, Andy Thompson, and Casper Voogt. Michael Pabst's granddaughter, Helen Padgett, also won for her Junior Rockhound submission, but was not present to receive her award. Matt and Jean also donated a gift that they bought at the convention which was included in our club raffle. The refreshments that Jean brought were also greatly appreciated!

Thank you Matt and Jean!

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THE PREZ SAYS...

By Stephen Johnson

Good to see everyone last month! As I mentioned last time, we're looking for people to replace those currently serving in some of our officer positions, so please let me or any of the current officers know if you are interested. We are also looking for someone to serve as the club vice president, secretary, and editor. These terms will end in

December.

For those interested in learning more about the Tech Shop located in Crystal City, please let me know.

Secretary's Report



By Rick Rieber

Special THANKS to Andy Thompson for providing the below minutes:

Meeting Date: 9/3/2014

Meeting Place: Cathy Kerby Rm.-CE 340, The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Attendees: 15

Minutes Approved: Minutes from previous meeting approved

Visitors: President Steve Johnson began the September meeting by acknowledging the past presidents in attendance and then welcomed Benjamin Dodge who was first-time participant in a MSDC meeting. In response to a question about his interests, Ben noted that he is more of a generalist whose interests in geology were peaked in part by his taking an undergraduate honors class in gemology which included a special visit to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum's mineral collection.

Treasurer's report: Not available

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Old Business: Sheryl Sims called to everyone's attention that by January, MSDC will need to have a new Mineral Minutes newsletter editor given she will be stepping down from this position. She emphasized that the length of the newsletter does not need to be 20 pages long, as it has been during her tenure, but that even 2 pages would suffice. And, she added, there was a special value in someone volunteering now, so that these closing months can be used to help the new editor become familiar with the templates and process. If interested, please notify Sheryl or Steve.

New Business: Steve asked if members were familiar with a company which enabled individuals to work with 3-D printers. He explained how the system works and then passed around small models of mineral crystals, having diameters of about 2 inches and explained how he had "printed" them using this new technology. He also reported that he is working on designing and producing a club tee-shirt which he said can be made fairly inexpensively.

Steve also introduced our guest speaker and her spouse, Ed. (See Program Report for further information). Given there was no further business to conduct, Steve called for a motion which he received to close the meeting and so Pat Flavin could introduce the evening's program.

Program Report: Pat Flavin, as V.P. for our monthly programs, noted that our October meeting will be a show-and-tell evening in which MSDC members are asked to bring to the meeting some mineral or geology-related item that has been of particular interest to them, perhaps that they collected over this past summer or earlier field trip. She noted that clubs that have this format for a meeting often find that it is one of the most interesting programs because it comes from the members' passions for collecting or exploring.

Geology in the News: Attendees did not have any "geology in the news" reports to share.

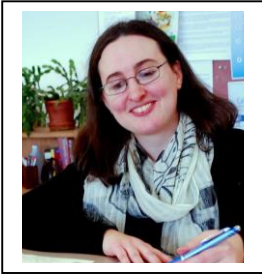
Club Member Concerns & Announcements: Numerous club members continue to support and help Cynthia Payne. She is adjusting well and has a very busy schedule at her new home. Cynthia would love visitors.

Motion to Adjourn to the Program: Given there was no further business to conduct, Steve called for a motion which he received to close the meeting and so Pat Flavin could introduce the evening's program. Accepted

Meeting adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM

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Treasurer's Note: -
Treasurer, Rebecca Siegal



(Photo by Ann Cameron Siegal)

Pease send all treasurer-related emails to: dcminalclub@gmail.com. Also, please make sure that the Treasurer has your most current contact information.

MORE REFRESHMENTS, PLEASE! A big THANK YOU to those who provided refreshments for our meeting -- especially Betty and Andy Thompson and Jean and Matt Charsky! If you are able to bring refreshments to our monthly meetings, please do so. It would be greatly appreciated!

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME! Guests are always welcome to attend MSDC meetings.

THANK YOU to Andy Thompson for the time that he devotes towards proofreading the Mineral Minutes. His assistance is invaluable! Special thanks to **Susan and Ed Fisher** for mailing our newsletter to those without email!

2014 DUES

Please renew your membership today!

\$20 for single member-ships.

\$25 for family memberships.



Mail to: P.O. Box 9957
Alexandria, VA 22304

Happy Halloween



**ATTENTION ALL MINERAL COLLECTORS!!!!
CYNTHIA PAYNE'S GREAT MINERAL GARAGE SALE
OCTOBER 18, 2014**

You have the unique opportunity to be among the first to purchase minerals from a collection that has been assembled over the past fifty-plus years. Think of all the great mineral sites that have been active since the 1950s - Tsumeb, the Tri-State area, Pala, Dal'negorsk, the quarries of Northern Virginia, and hundreds of other sites.

Since **Cynthia Payne** has moved to a smaller home, she is selling many outstanding minerals from her extensive collection of minerals from world-wide locations.

Where: The Fisher's garage - 14981 Gold Post Ct., Centreville, VA 20121

When: October 18, 2014, 10 AM - 4 PM

Contact: Susan and Ed Fisher, 703-830-9733 for additional information if needed

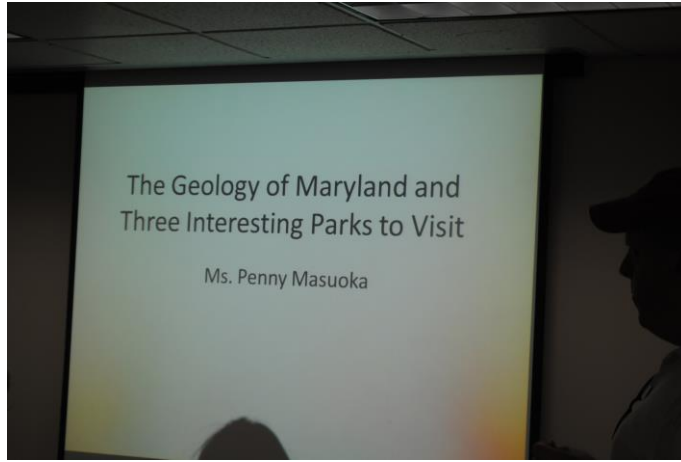
Note: Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. Please park on the circle and walk up the pipe stem drive to the Fisher's and enjoy!

Feel free to share this information with any friends who may be interested in expanding or starting a mineral collection.

Photos for September's Meeting



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(Microsoft Clipart)

Speaker Flash Back

January 2014: Tim Rose, Smithsonian, Museum Specialist-Manager, Analytical Laboratories, Department of Mineral Sciences, will start our New Year off with a presentation on: The Mysterious Stone Masks of Teotihuacan, geologist in the Division of Mineralogy, for The Smithsonian National

February 2014: Sue Marcus, Australia— Minerals and Museums.

March 2014: GWU Field Trip/Dr. Richard Tollo & Student Presentation

April 2014: Joe Marty – Microminerals

May 2014: Wayne Sukow – Agates

June 2014: Dr. Brent Owens – The College of William and Mary.

July-August 2014: No meetings held.

September 2014: Ms. Penny Masuoka - “The Geology of Maryland and Three Interesting Parks to Visit.”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November

22-23: Northern Virginia Mineral Club Annual Show; George Mason University; Braddock

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**Out of 650 Mineral Clubs Across the Country,
Below Is How MSDC Placed!**

Original Adult Articles

7. Labeling and Cataloging Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils

by Stephen Johnson

MSDC; From: Mineral Minutes, 9/13 (EFMLS)

Honorable Mention

Popes' Mineral and Chemical Contribution Down Through the Ages;

by Andrew Thompson

Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia (EFMLS)

From: Mineral Minutes, 4/13

Written Features, Top 10

8. A Brief Note: Who Was "Rogers" of Mount Rogers, Virginia?;

by Andrew D. Thompson

AFMS Judges:

Terry Yoschak, Mini Bulletins

Mike Wall, Small Bulletins

Dan Imel, Large Bulletins

Carolyn Weinberger, New Editors

Celia Tiffany, Adult Articles

Dan Imel, Websites

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Junior Poetry, Top 10 (7 entries)

From: Mineral Minutes, 11/13

6. Sparkly Crystals

by Helen Padgett (age 7)

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From: Mineral Minutes, 10/13

Large Bulletins

5. Mineral Minutes

Sheryl E. Sims, Editor

MSDC (EFMLS)

Websites

Honorable Mention

Casper Voogt

Claude Bolze, Adult Articles, Advanced

Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Articles (all ages)

Phyllis George, Written Features

Gary Raham, Drawn Features

Terrell William Proctor, Poetry

Alan Hukill, Special Publications

2014 MSDC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



(left to right: Steve Johnson, Rick Reiber, Patricia Flavin, Rebecca Siegal, Dave Hennessey, Andy Thompson, Dave Nanney, & Sheryl Sims)

(photos provided by B. Thompson, A. Cameron Siegal, & S. Sims)

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MEET, GREET, & EAT!



Join MSDC club members enjoy dinner together before each meeting.
(We are currently meeting at Elephant & Castle. 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.)

(AFMS Newsletter – September, 2014)

AFMS Past Presidents gathered during the Tulsa Convention



From left to right: Lauren Williams, Dee Holland, Lewis Elrod, Shirley Leeson, Bill Smith, Emerson Tucker, Ron Carman,

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Steve Weinberger, Don Monroe and Bob Carlson. Camera shy - Jim Hurlbut.

FEDERATION NEWS- AFMS Officers for 2013-14

President, Richard Jaeger, rjgrsci@aol.com; **President-Elect**, Marion Roberts, mvroberts@bigvalley.net; **1st Vice President**, Matt Charsky, <matt2430@comcast.net>
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(Photo Courtesy of AFMS Newsletter – November, 2013, p.4.)



NEW EFMLS Officers for 2013 – 2014

President – Hazel Remaley, northridge5@verizon.net; 1st VP - Merrill Dickinson, medsearchnorth@comcast.net; 2nd VP – Michael Kessler, Quartz7228@aol.com
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Pre-Meeting Dinner: Join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner before the club meeting. Location: Elephant & Castle, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Please contact Patricia Flavin, pattiflavin@gmail.com or Steve Johnson, StevikJ@gmail.com, to make a reservation if you wish to attend.

Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings and dinners!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (MSDC)

Family ~ \$25.00 per year. One address.

Individual ~ \$20.00 per year.

New * Renewal Dues are for Year _____ *

For new members who join in the last months of the year, membership will extend through the following year with no additional dues.

ANNUAL DUES – PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY.

Pay at next meeting or mail to:

**Mineralogical Society of DC, P.O. Box 9957
Alexandria, VA 22304**

Name(s) (First and Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): Home/Work/Mobile _____

Email(s) _____

OK TO INCLUDE YOU ON CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST?

Yes – Include name, address, phone, email.

If you want any information omitted from the membership list, please note:

Omit my: Email, Home phone, Work phone, Mobile phone, Address, Name

SPECIAL CLUB-RELATED INTERESTS?

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Editor: Sheryl Sims, sesims4@cox.net

Co-Web Masters: Betty Thompson & Casper Voogt, http://mineralogicalsocietyofdc.org/

Meeting Dates, Time, and Location: The first Wednesday of each month. (No meeting in July and August.) The National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, 10th Street and Constitution Ave, Washington D.C. We will gather at the Constitution Avenue entrance at 7:45 PM to meet our guard who will escort us to the Cathy Kirby Room. Street parking: **THERE ARE NOW PARKING FEES, PAYABLE AT THE KIOSKS, AND ENFORCEMENT UNTIL 10 PM.**

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