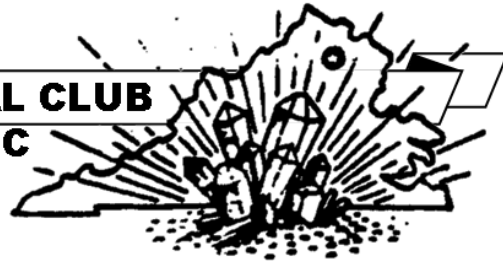




THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA MINERAL CLUB INC



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Holiday Party

Also find information on our Club Website: <http://www.novamineralclub.org>



Holiday Party Mon. Dec. 19 at 6:30pm
Our Annual Holiday Party will be fun for all with the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area Club.

Members with last names starting with A through M, please bring an appetizer / side dish to share. If your last name starts with N through Z, please bring a dessert to share.



NVMC Schedule:

December 19*
Holiday Meeting
STARTS AT
6:30 PM

* This is a joint meeting with MNCA

23 January Gen. mtg.
27 February Gen. mtg.

28 March Gen. mtg. and
AUCTION at Long Branch
Nature Center

Turkey, nonalcoholic drinks, and tableware will be provided. To add to the fun, please bring a wrapped, hobby related gift (value ~\$5-\$10), per person, for our gift exchange.

There will be door prizes and games. Everyone bring your sense of humor



Long Branch Nature Center Arlington VA

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Farewell; New Editor Needed

By Robert Winsor

It has been nearly four years now that I have served as the Editor of The Mineral Newsletter. I started in February of 2008 and it has been an adventurous time getting to know all those involved with the club. As Editor, I have had the unique opportunity to hear all the stories that relate to our club and what the members are doing. It has been fascinating to learn about our members and the many ways in which the hobbies related to our club are pursued.

But the time has come now for me to step down and let someone else take over the responsibilities of getting the newsletter to the membership. It is a rewarding position within the club and one of high importance. I hope that another club member will soon come forward and accept the task of newsletter Editor.

This month's newsletter will be the last newsletter that I will handle for the club. It has been enjoyable, but other family responsibilities need to take priority now. I would like to say Thank-You to so many of the members and even a few non-members (who receive the newsletter via email) for the many positive comments. This has certainly been a very rewarding experience.

So, I bid a very fond farewell! I will still be with the club and help out here and there. And I will help whoever takes over with the transition to new Editor.

As of publishing of this newsletter, there is still nobody that has volunteered for this position, so please consider this and contact me or one of the Board members if you can take over as Editor.

November Minutes

NVMC Meeting Minutes November 28, 2011

By Kathy Hrechka, Secretary

President Barry Remer opened the meeting at 8 p.m. He proceeded with the "Show & Tell" for the evening program.

- * Steve Johnson showed fluorescent minerals from Orange County, New York.
- * Dave MacLean displayed Pikes Peak granite, and rare earth micro pegmatite from Colorado.
- * Kathy Hrechka distributed granite samples from the new Martin Luther King Memorial, & showed the new book, Roadside Geology of Maryland, Delaware, & Washington D.C. by John Means.
- * George Reimherr showed minerals which he purchased from the Montgomery County Show.
- * Ruth Goen was proud of her cupro-gypsum from Australia, purchased in Paris.
- * Bill Oakley displayed multiple self-cut and polished cabochons.
- * Gina Wolbarsht spoke about her turquoise & picture jasper stone carvings. She provided a contact who sells slabs & nuggets: Darrell Wright of Aguila, Arizona bluerockminer@hotmail.com.
- * Pat Rehill spoke about her adventures of shark teeth hunting in Calvert County, MD. She held up a megalodon shark tooth, vertebrae, and an arrow head. Club members were so interested, that she had a sign-up sheet for future guided field trips with her.

Helpful Club Officers

Do you have a question about the club? Contacting one of the following can help:

Club President: Barry Remer

bsbremer@comcast.net

Vice President - Sue Marcus

rlhaskins@verizon.net

* Jim Kostka displayed prehnites with apopholite from Vulcan Quarry in Manassass, VA

* Kenny Loveless brought minerals to identify, which turned out to be granite with quartz, and kyanite with lepidolite.

Barry announced a ten minute break for refreshments provided by Karen Lewis.

Return to the business meeting 9 p.m. Door prizes were won by Ruth Goen and John Kress

NVMC Show Co-Chair, Jim Kostka personally thanked club members who were present at the meeting for their tireless volunteer efforts at our recent club show. He appreciated using Survey Monkey to organize the volunteer staffing. Treasurer, Rick Reiber did not have the final financial report on the show due to outstanding bill, etc.

Barry Remer discussed nominations for 2012. President - Sue Marcus. Vice-President - Barry Remer. Secretary - Kathy Hrechka. Treasurer - Rick Reiber. Nominations will be welcomed from the floor on Dec. 19, which will be our Holiday party.

Ti Godfrey volunteered to be the new door prize chairperson. Sue Marcus shared her stories of Joe Murter's 90th Birthday party at his home in Dale City over Thanksgiving break. Meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Secretary: Kathy Hrechka

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Treasurer: Rick Reiber

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Show chairman - Tom Taaffe

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Prez Says

This is the last meeting of 2011. As such it is our Holiday Party. Whatever you celebrate during this time of year of shortest daylight, Edes, Chanukah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa please join us. Sue gave us the guidelines of things to bring. Appetizers for those whose last names start with A-L and desserts from M-Z. Some of our members cannot have lots of sugar. Maybe some desserts can be made w/sugar substitutes.

In order to get us closer to dinnertime we'll have LBNC open at 6:00 p.m. and start eating and socializing at 6:30.

We'll also have a short meeting from the Micro club who is joining us and a brief election of our slate of officers. Anyone who is interested in serving for next year can contact me or Sue. Remember if you are nominating someone, to have their permission first.

We are looking for a new Bulletin Editor and a Membership Chairperson. Let me add a personal 'Thank You' to Robert Winsor who was our Bulletin Editor and did a fantastic job these last four years.

Also we'll have our usual gift swap. Bring a wrapped gift labelled for Mineral, Micro, Fossil or Lapidary and as the evening progresses we'll have time for some songs and games. Please bring any of these you have to share. Let's have a great evening bringing in the Holidays and Good Wishes for another new year for the Northern Virginia Mineral Club and the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area.

Best wishes to you and your families for a great Holiday Season,

Barry Remer, President, NVMC

Photos from the November Meeting

Courtesy Sheryl Sims



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Visitors are Always Welcome at our Club Meetings.

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

SEND YOUR DUES TO:

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Alexandria, VA 22304**

OR

**Bring your dues to the
meeting**

Purpose: To promote, educate and encourage interest in geology, mineralogy, lapidary arts and related sciences. The society is a member of Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) <http://www.amfed.org/efmls> and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) <http://www.amfed.org>.

Dues: Due by 1 January of each year; \$15.00 Individual, \$20.00 Family, and \$6.00 Junior (under 16, sponsored by an adult member).

Meetings are held at 7:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month (except

May and December*) at [Long Branch Nature Center](#), 625 Carlin Springs Road, Arlington, VA 22204. Phone (703) 228-6535. (No meeting in July & August.)

(*Changes announced in the newsletter.) Snow schedule - Arlington county schools.