



# The Conglomerate

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The Baltimore Mineral Society was established in order to allow its members the opportunity to promote the study of mineralogy and to act as a source of information and inspiration for the mineral collector. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies and affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except November, December, June & August) at the Natural History Society of Maryland. 6908 Belair Rd; Baltimore, MD 21206. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Visit the club website <[www.baltimoremineralsociety.com](http://www.baltimoremineralsociety.com)> for directions.

Yearly dues are \$10 for individual members and \$15 for family memberships. Send payment along with your name, list of family members, if applicable, address, phone and e-mail to: BMS, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302.

## Holiday Party

The BMS Holiday Party, famous for good food, friends, and lots of talk about minerals and other things will take place on Saturday, December 22 from 4-8 PM at the home of Al and Linda. Directions to their home are on the "Members Only" section of our web page.



As usual, the club will provide the meats and soft drinks. Each participant is asked to bring along a side dish to share with about 10 or 12 others.

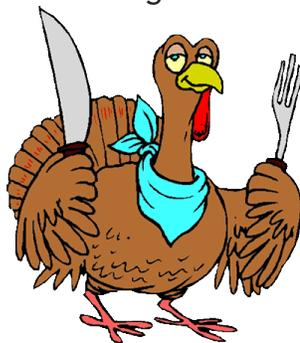
Items such as green bean casserole, noodle kugle, ambrosia, or scalloped potatoes are always popular as are a few desserts and beer or wine.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. An e-vite with further information will be sent out by e-mail early in December; please respond when you receive it so that we can plan accordingly.

Because of our party, there will be no BMS meeting in December.

## No BMS Meeting in November

Our regular date for a meeting would place our November meeting a week after Thanksgiving, and that is wildly unpopular with anyone getting ready for the holidays. So it has been our practice not to have a BMS meeting in November. Our next get-together will be our holiday party on December 22nd.



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### Write for "The Conglomerate"!

Send news, announcements, comments, observations, or articles to <mseeds at fandm.edu>. or hand in your submission at a meeting.

## President's Message

by Al Pribula, President

Well, another successful Desautels Symposium is "in the books." All who attended enjoyed some interesting talks by Pete Richards, Janet Clifford, and Quintin Wight, lots of giveaways, spirited auction bidding, and (as usual) lots of swapping of specimens and stories with fellow mineral collectors. And seeing the look on Anne Cook's face when it was announced that she had



been elected to the Micromounters' Hall of Fame (to be inducted next year) by itself was worth the price of admission. Thanks to Mike Seeds for chairing the Symposium and his work with the auctions and setup, to Carolyn Weinberger for taking care of the food and technical aspects, to Steve Weinberger for his all-around help, to Lynne Emery for her help with the auctions, to Linda Watts for general help, and to Bernie Emery, Steve Dyer, Jake Slagle, and Mark Kucera for help with setup and take-down. (I think that I listed everyone who helped out—my apologies in advance to anyone that I may have forgotten.)



*Hero shot: Mark Kucera, Steve Dyer and Bernie Emery helped move tables and run drop cords before the Symposium began. M Seeds photo*

As I've mentioned in a previous message, Mindat is in need of support to continue operating. Generous folks (including some BMS members) have responded by contributing a significant portion of the \$75,000 needed to operate until the end of the year, but more support is still needed. If you have made a contribution, thank you for supporting this very worthwhile enterprise. If you haven't, please consider making a contribution to help keep this valuable resource available to all of us.

At the October meeting, some "unknowns" became "knowns" (or at least "not-quite-so-unknowns") at our "show and ask" session. Thanks to all who contributed their opinions and knowledge to help answer some of the questions about specimens which were brought in by our members.

We won't be having a meeting this month, so enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration in its stead. In December, our regular meeting will be replaced with our annual Holiday party.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration, and keep collecting those interesting mineral specimens (and bringing them in for display/questions). And as always: buy and use a good mineral book (and support and/or use Mindat).



## October Meeting Minutes

President Al Pribula called the October 24, 2018 meeting of the BMS to order at 7:40 pm. Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as printed in the Conglomerate. Treasurer Carolyn Weinberger reported that the club remains solvent.

### Unfinished Business:

President Al reported that the 62nd Desautels Micromount Symposium was excellent with three really interesting and well presented talks. There were thirty-three participants.

### New Business:

A motion was made by Bernie Emery, seconded by Steve Dyer, to renew the club subscription to Mineralogical Record for another year. Members were reminded that they could borrow issues by contacting Jim Hooper.

The Holiday Party will be at the home of Linda Watts and Al Pribula on Sunday, December 22nd beginning at 4 pm. Details will be in the Conglomerate and an E-vite will be sent to members having e-mail so Linda and Al know how many to prepare for.

Following a brief break, the program for the evening was presented by members who brought in unusual or unknown minerals from their collections. Those bringing in specimens were Herb Close, Phil Greenberg, Jim Hooper, Al Pribula, and Steve Weinberger.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by  
Carolyn Weinberger  
Secretary pro tem

## Field Trip Opportunity

by Richard Hoff

Members of BMS and Chesapeake are invited to attend a field trip to Manassas Quarry on **Saturday, December 1**. You must meet at the quarry at 7:30 am. Collecting will be from 8 am until noon.



**Remember, all safety equipment is a must --- long pants, steel toed shoes, hard hat, reflective vest, gloves, safety goggles and proper rock collecting tools.**

Minerals to be found include zeolites, prehnites, calcites, etc.

You must contact Richard Hoff no later than November 28 to let him know if you are attending. His e-mail is [rhpeace@comcast.net](mailto:rhpeace@comcast.net) and cell is 443-452-9919.

## Photo Report on Our Desautels Symposium

Text and photos by M. Seeds

Our annual Paul Desautels Symposium took place the weekend of October 20, and was a great success if we judge by the smiles as people listened to talks, shopped with dealers, traded specimens, bid in auctions, and explored the groaning giveaway tables.



Janet Clifford (left), Carolyn Weinberger, Anne Cook, and Jammison Brizendine.

Janet was inducted into the Hall of Fame, and spoke on "Round Minerals". Anne was announced to great excitement as a new member of the Hall of Fame to be inducted next October.

Dealer Don Smoley (left) from Pittsburgh and Pete Richards from Cleveland:

Don covered a big table with layers of sale minerals beautiful and rare. Al Pribula also filled a table with interesting minerals for sale. Pete spoke Saturday evening on the mysteries of quartz crystals.



Lynne and Bernie Emery were among the BMS members who helped put on the Symposium. Here they are talking with Hall of Fame member John Ebner visiting from Tucson.



Everyone worked hard looking at their new minerals. Quintin and Willow Wight drove down from Canada. Quintin conducted the Hall of Fame inductions on Saturday afternoon, and spoke on "Micromounting and Science" on Sunday morning. In the background, Anne Cook is sorting an egg carton of specimens.



# Baltimore Mineral Society Membership Renewal

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of family members included in membership:

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Mail or give to: Carolyn Weinberger  
PO Box 302  
Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Renewal deadline is the February meeting Annual dues for Individual memberships are \$10.00.  
Annual dues for family memberships shall be \$15.00 for two adults all children  
residing in the home under the age of 18.



Presented by The Northern Virginia Club, Inc. [www.novamineralclub.org](http://www.novamineralclub.org)  
Sponsored by the Dept. of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Earth Sciences at GMU

Date: November 17 & 18, 2018

Place: The Hub Ballroom  
George Mason University Campus  
Braddock Rd. & Route 123, Fairfax, VA

Hours: Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

Admission: Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$4, Teens (13-17): \$3  
Children 12 & under, Scouts in uniform,  
and GMU Students w/valid ID are FREE.

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with this card  
(applies to all adults  
+ seniors in your  
group)

Demonstrations, Exhibits, and Door Prizes. Mini-mines for  
children to dig in and get free fossils and minerals.  
Over 20 Dealers with Fossils, Minerals, Crystals and Gems for sale.

Use Parking lot A, enter Lot A from Nottaway River Lane.  
Look for our Courtesy Shuttle to Mineral Show

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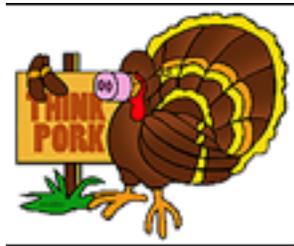
## Upcoming Events

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November:

17 - 18: 27th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Discount coupon and directions on page 5.

22: Thanksgiving!



28: NO BMS meeting this month

December:

3: Happy Hanukah!

22: BMS Holiday Party

25: Christmas Day

## EFMLS News

### EFMLS Survey

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Please take a moment to fill out the EFMLS survey as requested in the December EFMLS News emailed to everyone. Your feedback is important.

