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A Pittsburgh Area Mineral, Fossil, & Lapidary Club

- Our next Meeting will be held this Saturday at 7:30 pm, September 9, 2017, in the Munhall Borough Building.
 - The presentation will be Paul Geffner on “Jackson’s Crossroads Amethyst Mine – Georgia” from the 2016 Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium
 - Mineral of the Month – Topaz
 - Hosts for the April meeting will be Rob and June
- Look forward to seeing you there.

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Report on our Summer Monongahela Rockhounds Picnic. August 6th.

By Frank DeWinter with pictures courtesy of Carol DeWinter

We had a great picnic in August which included more food and deserts (a favorite part of mine), a very successful fundraiser auction that meant many people got a chance to get a great specimen for their collection at an affordable price and finally several rounds of Rocko. There was something for everyone of all ages. Altogether a great time with weather that matched. For those who missed it, you might want to make sure you put it on your calendar early for next year.



General Information

Monongahela Rockhounds

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Mission Statement

To promote, among its members and the general public, an interest in collection of minerals, fossils, and associated items. • To promote their use in lapidary work. • To promote the study and classification of minerals, gem stones and other items of such nature.

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When Next We Meet:

We normally meet the first Saturday of every month from September through June at 7:30 pm, in the Munhall Borough Building for a presentation, business meeting and a chance to socialize. There is a major focus on the younger members of our club with portions of the meeting specifically for school aged children. Next month we meet October 7th.

This month's regular meeting will be held this Saturday at 7:30 pm, September 9, 2017.

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Deadline: The editor welcomes any and all contributions to the newsletter. Please provide articles and any other submissions for publication *at least 2 weeks prior to the upcoming meeting* to be considered for inclusion in that month's issue.

Affiliations

Member: Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies, Inc.
Member: American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Meeting Location

Munhall Borough Building 20th Ave. & West Street
Munhall, PA 15120

Monongahela Rockhounds Meeting Notes:

June 3, 2017

by Jessie Bobrzynski

Presentation

The program this month was a presentation by Amy Henrici, collection manager of the Carnegie museum's vertebrate paleontology section. She discussed several types of vertebrate fossils found in the Halgaito Formation in the Valley of the Gods, Utah, including sharks, fishes, amphibians, and reptiles.

Silent Auction and Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who donated and participated in the silent auction, and to Jessie and Jim for the refreshments.

Show & Tell

Tony shared several new purchases, including an outstanding apophyllite, quartz coated in pyrite, quartz and tetrahedite, calcite, rhodochrosite, and sphalerite.