

## ❖❖❖ How To Join the SVGMS ❖❖❖

If you are interested in joining the club or knowing more about our club and our activities, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/SVGMS-How-To-Join>

A link there will send you some information about the club's meetings, activities, and mission along with a membership application form.

### Benefits of club membership:

- ✓ Access to the club's meetings and activities
- ✓ Access to official club field trips
- ✓ Access to the club's lapidary shop
- ✓ Access to the club's periodic lapidary materials auctions

### Dues:

- ✓ Club membership dues are \$10.00 per family annually.
- ✓ They are for the current year, 1/1 through 12/31.
- ✓ They can be paid by cash or check at a club meeting, or they can be paid by check via mail.

### Membership Form:

You are also welcome to download the Membership Application from our web site, complete it, enclose your check for dues and send this to the address on the form via USPS mail. Download it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SVGMS-Membership-Form>



## ❖❖❖ Reasons to Join the SVGMS ❖❖❖

### ✓ Access to experience & information

Our members have been acquainting themselves with all aspects of Virginia rocks and minerals for years (or in some cases decades!). Prospective and new members are encouraged to bring their questions and curiosity to our meetings and in turn share their experiences and enthusiasms.

### ✓ Access to Rock Shop/mentoring from expert lapidaries

As described on the club web site, the club maintains a well-equipped lapidary shop for members to use to transform their favorite rocks into polished specimens, slabs, or cabochons ready to become jewelry or works of art. This is the perfect way to discover if you want to become engaged in this fascinating pastime under the guidance of our experienced lapidarists.

### ✓ Access to field trips

Several times a year, the club goes where the rocks are; sites that may be off-limits to collectors otherwise. Going forth to find the rocks in their native setting brings an additional level of understanding to the enthusiast, and contributions from other members on the trip will increase your enlightenment overall. Pictures of some of our previous field trips are on the club web site.

### ✓ Access to like-minded folks

Part of the fun of a hobby is in the sharing of it with others. In the SVGMS, you can be assured that you will be in the company of kindred people who have the same curiosity and enthusiasm about rocks as you do.

### ✓ Access to an audience

Members are entitled to display their rock or mineral collections at our annual club show for the hundreds of attendees to enjoy. In this way, you can make your contribution to our mission of education and appreciation of gems and minerals.

Web Site



Facebook Page



# Shenandoah Valley



## Gem & Mineral Society

Come learn about the rocks in your back yard, the Shenandoah Valley, the rest of Virginia, and all around the world!

In the SVGMS, we have local experts and educators who know rocks, have rocks, and make art out of rocks and are delighted to share this with you.

Each month, we gather for an evening of discussion of all things rock-related, with a program presented by our own or other notable experts for our mutual education and interest in the mineralogy of Virginia & the places we travel.

We would enjoy an opportunity to inspire your curiosity and enhance your knowledge about all things relating to the rocks and minerals around us. We look forward to welcoming you to our club and enjoying your company while we all seek the next interesting thing to be learned as we explore the stories inside rocks.

 [www.shenandoahvalleyrockclub.org](http://www.shenandoahvalleyrockclub.org)

 Find us on Facebook

<http://facebook.com/ShenandoahValleyGemMineralSociety>

## ❖❖❖ Activities & Meetings ❖❖❖

The club has monthly meetings and lapidary workshops, in addition to other recurring events. One of the highlights of our yearly calendar is our Gem and Mineral Show.

Throughout the year, our members have many and varied opportunities to expand their enjoyment of the rocks and minerals around us.

Information about upcoming activities can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/Activities-Meetings>

### Monthly Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Informal socializing and "show and tell" begins approximately 7 PM.

The meeting location is:

Waynesboro Church of the Brethren  
364 Bridge Street  
Waynesboro, Virginia 22980

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/oRMAS>



## Leo's Lapidary Lounge - The Club Rock Shop

This is the club's lapidary facility for members, so called because it is presided over by our Vice President and Lapidarist Extraordinaire, Leo Cloutier.

It is open on the Saturday immediately following the club's monthly meeting from 9 AM until 12 PM. Club members may bring their rough rocks or slabs to work with the club's lapidary tools.



The facility's entrance is on the far left corner (relative to an aerial view of the church oriented to the north) of the lower level of the church. Please refer to the picture on this page.

The shop is equipped with professional-grade lapidary tools, including:

- ✓ 24" auto-feed slab saw
- ✓ 14" auto-feed slab saw
- ✓ 8" trim saw
- ✓ 6" trim saw - thin blade for minimal stock removal
- ✓ Diamond Pacific Titan six-wheel cabbing machine
- ✓ Diamond Pacific Genie six-wheel cabbing machine
- ✓ 8" Expando Drum unit set up for polishing
- ✓ Silicon carbide cabbing wheels
- ✓ Flat lap machine for polishing

Leo provides guidance and mentoring and makes everyone feel comfortable using the equipment and getting great results with their projects.

## Club Field Trips



The club arranges several official field trips per year for members to go collect rocks from interesting and varied locales around the region.

Other types of field trips are also scheduled, including educational destinations such as the JMU Mineral Museum.

Some of our destinations take into consideration ease of access and the feasibility of bringing your vehicle close to the collecting areas.

There is no better way to become more engaged with the appeal of rocks and minerals than to go experience them in their native environment!

