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Past President Mark Grasmeyer (right) swears in the **GMSS officers for the 2021-2022 club year:** (left to right) Charlie Brown, Secretary; Dick Lyons, President; Mary Davis, Treasurer; Kris Boronczyk, Vice President; John Sweeney, Sergeant-at-Arms.



Oct. 18, 7:30 pm Meeting
at the Clubhouse - Adam
Sawicki talks about opals
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President's Message

Dick Lyons



Our president is out of town, so I asked if I could borrow his space to say thank you to all the club members who helped make our **Replacement Show** a success. Our vendors were happy, and our customers were ecstatic that we were back. We had over 1400 adults come through the door.

Thank you to all the set-up team members, ticket sellers, straw draw hawkers, youth area workers, Carrie Gannett jewelry sales folks, security folks and tear-down team members. Also, thank you to all the behind-the-scenes folks who made signs, updated our Facebook page and website, and organized the hard copy advertising to include the What's Hot magazine and Eagle newspapers. Without you, the show would not have been as successful as it was.

There will be a wrap-up Show Committee meeting on October 26 at 7:00 at the clubhouse where the final numbers and lessons learned will be reviewed. All are invited to attend.

Show Chairperson
Cheryl Brown

Secretary's Reports

Charlie Brown

Member Meeting, 9-20-21

At the beginning of the night, members renewed their membership.

The meeting began with President Lyons **recognizing Cathy Patterson** for her work as Secretary for the last two years.



Photo by Judy Cook

An announcement was made of long-time member **Sharon Viel's passing**, calling hours shared and a sympathy card to be sent was circulated during the meeting for members to sign. Sharon was a long-time member and she and her husband, Bill, were recognized as Rockhounds of the Year in 2018 for their many contributions to our organization.



Past President Mark Grasmeyer swore in the **GMSS officers for the 2021-2022 club year**: President, Dick Lyons; Vice President, Kris Boronczyk; Secretary, Charlie Brown; Treasurer, Mary Davis; Sargent at Arms, John Sweeney. All officers are the same as for the previous year except Charlie Brown who is the newly elected Secretary for the organization. Show chairperson Cheryl Brown gave an overview of the **upcoming Replacement Show** to be held this weekend at the Ramada Inn, answered questions pertaining to the operation of the event, and again provided sign-up sheets for member participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Brown

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The GMSS Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse in Liverpool (Ponderosa Plaza) behind Heid's at 7:00 PM. GMSS members are welcome to attend.

Board Meeting, 10-5-21

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kris Boronczyk. Executive Board members President Dick Lyons, Treasurer Mary Davis, and Webmaster Dana Schwartz were not present. A **preliminary Replacement Show sheet of data** was submitted by our treasurer and distributed by Show Chairperson Cheryl Brown as part of her recounting of how the show had performed. Everything went well and we made a profit. Positive comments were reported from vendors, show attendees, and by Judy Cook in numerically significant feedback on FaceBook. A **final show report** with full details and yearly show comparisons will be presented at a **special meeting to be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 26th**. Some discussion took place regarding updates needing to be made on **our organization's website**. Discussion also took place pertaining to **selection of a Rockhound of the Year for 2020-2021**, our organization's **annual financial audit** and **budget meetings** that were postponed due to the execution of the *Replacement Show*. These two committee meetings will perform their duties before our next Executive Board meeting. **Adam Sawicki** of A&S Opals, LLC will be our **guest speaker at our October 18th member meeting**. Adam was a vendor at our September show and will give a presentation about opals and have some available for sale. **Our bi-annual club auction will be held on November 15th**. Gather-up your rock, mineral, and fossil treasures that you wish to sell!

The Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show and Sale will be held October 23rd from 10-6 and October 24th from 10-5. Also, *Gem Miners Jubilee* in Lebanon, PA will be held on November 20 and 21st. At the end of the meeting, **the Replacement Show prize drawing** took place with three winners. After the meeting Show Chairperson Cheryl Brown presented the Grand Prize, the amethyst necklace donated by the Fowler Family, to Sue Relyea of Syracuse.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Brown

Geo Lexis (Puzzle) By Anne Fitzgerald

"Enhydros"

October always makes me think of trees and their leaves, their trunks, and their rings. Trees tell us so much about our past and our climate. Trees are human-whisperers, and we really should be listening to them more.

One person who listens to the trees is Daneilla Rempe, a scientist who discovered that trees can survive droughts by tapping into a weathered layer of bedrock beneath the soil. Far from being dry, bedrock stores water in their tiny cracks and pores and has enough water enough to feed a tree on a more consistent basis than soil! It seems unbelievable until I empty out the reservoir of my dehumidifier in my looks-all-dry basement.

Turns out, most rocks do contain water. Enhydros describes rocks with water in them. Unscramble the following to find rocks that commonly store or may contain water.

Stumped? You can root out the answers on Page 5 of this newsletter.

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taage

dogee

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signes

Upcoming Events

October 9-10—WYSOX, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club; Wysox Vol. Fire Hall, 111 Lake Rd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3.00 Students \$1.00 under 8 free; geode cutting, dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary. contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628, (570) 928-9238; Email: uvbob1942@gmail.com; Website: chehannarocks1969@gmail.com

October 15-17—DAYTON, OHIO: Annual show; Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 12 and under Free; contact Marti Robers, 7974 Mulberry St, Maineville, OH

45039; Email: mrobers@fuse.net; Website:
<http://www.facebook.com/GemandJewelryExpo>

October 15-17—KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE: Annual show; Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society ; Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$6 a day for adults or \$10 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free.; The Gem and Mineral Show will have many vendors that offer great products including a wide variety of jewelry, rare fossil and mineral specimens, meteorites, gems of all colors shapes & sizes, lapidary & jewelry equipment, and much more. Kid-friendly activities. contact Teresa, 6115 Atkins Rd, Knoxville, TN 37918-6016, (865) 258-0795; Email: teresapolly@bellsouth.net; Website: <http://www.knoxrocks.org>

October 18 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm

A talk about opals will be presented by Adam Sawicki of A & S Opals LLC in Saratoga, NY. Adam has been featured in the Rock & Gem magazine. He also was a vendor at our September show and will give a presentation about opals and have some available for sale.

October 23-24—DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE: Annual show; Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club; Dover ELKS Lodge, 282 Durham Rd.; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, free admission for children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) ; 16th Annual Earl and Melvina Packard Rock, Gem & Mineral Show. contact Brian, (207) 710-6254; Email: cshore108@yahoo.com

October 23-24—ROCHESTER, NEW YORK: Show and sale; Rochester Lapidary Society; Total Sports Experience, 435 W. Commercial St, E. Rochester, NY 14445, just off Interstate 490. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6 adults, kids 12 and under free (with adult), 2-day pass \$9; There will be specimens for beginning and advanced collectors; beads to make your own necklaces, craft supplies, jewelry of all kinds, ethnic, antique or modern; geodes which can be opened on site, lights made of salt. You can buy a slice of a dinosaur tooth, or a fossil dinosaur bone. Our vendors have wonderful things from around the world. Website: rochesterlapidary.org

October 23-24—PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA: Show and sale; Mineralogical Society of Northeastern PA; Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Hwy 315; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3 adults and teens, children under 13 and all scouts in uniform free; *This is the rescheduled date for the Treasures of the Earth Weekend Show & Sale* near Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA ; contact George Walko, 319 Main St., Swoyersville, PA 18704, (570) 200-5987; Email: Anthracitecoin@gmail.com; Website: msnepa.org

October 23-24—CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO: Annual show; Akron Mineral Society and Summit Lapidary Club; Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children 7-14 \$1, free admission for children under 6 and scouts in uniform; Show participants will adhere to safety regulations related to COVID-19, dealers will be selling rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, lapidary art and supplies; displays and demonstrations, and activities for children; contact Evelyn Tryon, 2028 Tallmadge Rd, Kent, OH 44240, (330) 673-9664; Email: gemboree76@gmail.com; Website: SummitLapidaryClub.com

October 26 – 7:00 pm – Show Committee “Replacement Show” Review. See additional information on Page 2.

October 30-31—FREEPORT, NEW YORK: Retail show; Ralph Gose; Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4:30; \$5.50. children 12 and under free with an adult; You will find minerals from around the world, fossils, gemstones, jewelry, beads, and rough and polished stones. There are handcrafted pieces sold by the artists. Our website is kaleidoscopegemshows.com. You can find us on Instagram and Facebook.; contact Evelyn Gose, PO Box 1418, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 271-8411; Email: evelyn_gose@kaleidoscopegemshows.com; Website: kaleidoscopegemshows.com

November 2 – GMSS Board Meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

November 6-7—OAKS, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, Hall D, 100 Station Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6.00; with discount ticket \$5.00; 2-day ticket \$9.00; children under 12 years \$1.00; Gemarama 2021, the 52nd Annual Show of Tuscarora Lapidary Society, will feature more than 25 vendors featuring precious and semi-precious gemstones, beads, jewelry and minerals. There will be demonstrations in lapidary and jewelry arts, exhibits and kids' activities. Food and free parking available. contact Linda Green, (610) 490-5252; Email: information@lapidary.org; Website: www.lapidary.org

November 13-14—NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Retail show; New York Gems Jewelry and Mineral Show ; The High School of Fashion Industries , 225 West 24th St , 24448 89th Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Admission Fee \$ 6 kids admission Free with a Paid Adult; New Location -- Fashion Height School 225 West 24th St, GYM 3rd FL Selected dealers from near and far selling exquisite minerals, gemstones, jewelry, beads, rocks, crystals; hourly door prizes. Contact: Mohamed Bary (347) 247-6568, email barygems@gmail.com, Web, barygems.com ; contact Mohamed Bary, PO Box 260041, Bellerose, NY 11426.

November 15 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm

Our semi-annual Club Auction is being planned! *Gather up your rock, mineral, and fossil treasures that you wish to sell!* John Sweeney will be our treasured auctioneer.

November 20-21—LEBANON,

PENNSYLVANIA: Wholesale and retail show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association; Lebanon PA Fairgrounds and Expo, 80 Rocherty Rd, PO Box 352; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4; \$6, Children under 12 free; The Gem Miner's Holiday Show is a premier Gem, Jewelry, Gift, Bead, Mineral, Fossil & Craft Show featuring demonstrations and Artist's tables. This is a yearly exhibition and sale of some of the finest products & collectibles available to the connoisseur of Earth's treasures. Free parking.; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 807-9745; Email: beadware@rcn.com; Website: www.gem-show.com

Answers to Geo Lexis

ratzqu	quartz
taage	agate
dogee	geode
sypmug	gypsum
nestnadso	sandstone
signes	gneiss

Sources and further reading:

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- <https://www.pnas.org>
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**The “Replacement Show” Review
Sept. 25 – 26, 2021 Ramada Inn**



Welcome to what looks like the food market!



Photos by Judy Cook







Thank you to all our vendors who participated in our show!





Thank you to all our hard-working Club volunteers !



"I was pretty busy selling off Carrie Gannett's necklaces and beads. Her estate left them to the club, and we made over \$300 to be used for the Marie Cole Skill Center. I personally made several mother-of-pearl necklaces and earrings from her substantial supply of MOP. Cathy Patterson and I worked together making these and sorting through them to sell. Sales were robust on Saturday, and we sold out!! That left an empty space there in the hallway and I was given permission to sell my jewelry there on Sunday. Fun day."

- Lorraine Markley

"As a new member, this was my first show. I loved doing the straw draw table !!!! What a money maker !! I think the adults enjoyed it more than the kids. A few teachers asked if they could use the idea."

We sent children over to the Rock Doc which is another great idea. A few came back wearing their wired stones. I enjoyed the day and am glad I could participate."

- Susan Kmiec



And the winner of the grand prize amethyst necklace (center) is...



... Sue Relyea (left). Congratulations!

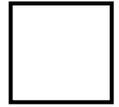


And finally, thank you to Cheryl Brown for all that you did to bring the show to life!



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Eight people organized the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse in 1951. Since that time it has grown in membership to include adults, families, and young folk. The Society was incorporated in 1969 under the same name.

The objectives of the Society are to stimulate interest in mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Member interests include collecting, identification, and display of minerals, gems, fossils. Members share and develop their artistic skills in jewelry design and creation.

Our monthly meetings provide social and educational experiences. Field trips give collectors chances to find specimens and enjoy the outdoors, exercise and time with old and new friends.

Meetings - 3rd Monday of the month
Future Rockhounds @ 6:30 - General Meeting @ 7:30
(NO Meetings Jul, Aug, Dec)

209 Oswego St (Ponderosa Plaza) Unit 14 & 15, Liverpool, NY
Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

See online Newsletter <http://gmss.us/resources/newsletter>

You can also visit our facebook and flickr pages

Annual member dues

Adult \$10 • Family/Couple \$15 • Junior \$5 • Life \$5

If you would like to join or renew membership download the application form (PDF), see <http://gmss.us/about/membershipform.pdf> You can get a form at a meeting or send requests to **GMSS, PO Box 2801, Syracuse, NY 13220** We will mail an application/renewal form to you.

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