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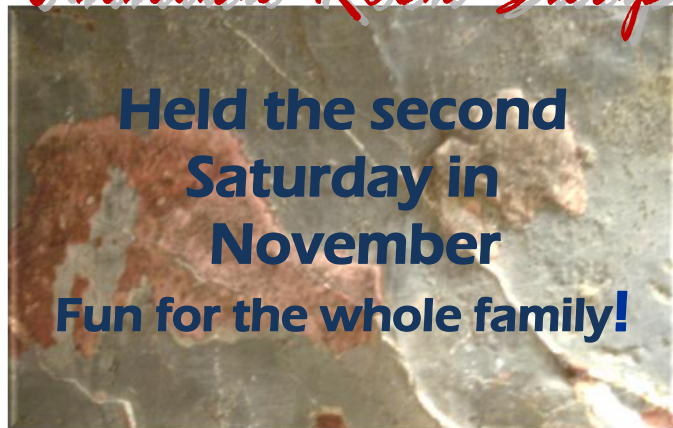
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# Annual Rock Swap

Held the second  
Saturday in  
November

Fun for the whole family!



# Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

An affiliate of the  
Eastern Federation of  
Mineralogical and Lapidary  
Societies and the American  
Federation of Mineralogical  
Societies.

# RGMS Membership



Welcome to anyone interested in rocks,  
minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary arts and  
earth sciences at any experience level.  
Yearly membership dues are:

**Adult** ..... \$12

**Family**  
(includes children under 18) ..... \$18

**Junior (14-17)** ..... \$5

**Mini Miner**  
(under 14 with adult sponsor) ..... \$3



The RGMS Logo depicts some  
specimens for which Virginia is well-  
known:

Virginia vivianite, faceted spessartine garnet, a  
Carcharodon auriculatas tooth, and star quartz.  
These elements represent the sciences of  
rocks/minerals, fossils and the lapidary arts.



# RICHMOND GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

## -- OUR GOAL --

To foster knowledge and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology, gemology and the lapidary arts.



Formed in 1956, RGMS has continued to offer monthly meetings, speakers, field trips, mineral identification and community outreach. Award-winning "The Collecting Bag" is the Society's monthly newsletter.

## -- OUR MEETINGS --

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm at Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Richmond, Virginia 23229.

Meetings feature educational programs, exhibits, fellowship and refreshments.



## -- OUR ACTIVITIES --

RGMS sponsors a host of activities – not just for members, but for the community at large, as well.

### Traveling Exhibit

RGMS has an educational exhibit that is displayed in metro area libraries.

### Lapidary Classes

Classes for members are held weekly.

### Rock Rappers

An informal gathering is held at the home of a member, to examine specimens, and enjoy each other's company.

### Annual Rock Swap

Held the second Saturday of November each year, this Swap is reportedly "The Best Swap on the East Coast".

### EFMLS Region IV Picnic & Swap

Held at Lake Anna State Park, this picnic and swap are sponsored by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Society.



### Field Trips

Specimen collecting field trips are available to members at a variety of locations, both near and far.



### Shows

RGMS participates in several local shows (sponsored by others), such as the Treasures of the Earth Show and the Science Museum Earth Day festivities.

