

February 5, 2020 Program:
“Hogg Mine” by Bill Stephens
by Yury Kalish, MSDC Programs VP

William (“Bill”) Stephens, the Regional Vice-President of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) for Region 4, will be our speaker in February. Bill will discuss the history and the minerals of the Hogg Mine.

The Hogg Mine is located in Georgia, about 50 miles southwest of Atlanta. It is one of the disappearing kind of mines that are privately owned and open to mineral collectors during regularly scheduled fee-based digs. It is known for beryl (aquamarine), star rose quartz, and black tourmaline. Bill has visited the Hogg Mine on multiple occasions and therefore has extensive first-hand knowledge of that mine. Bill is a licensed Professional Geologist in several states. He has owned and operated an environmental consulting company for a quarter of a century and helped government agencies and private companies and landowners with their surveying, engineering and land planning. Bill has been a mineral collector since childhood and, like many of our members, has a basement full of minerals from his collecting trips. Bill has always been, and continues to be, active in various mineralogy clubs. Most recently he was the VP for Program at the Delaware Mineralogical Society. He is currently the Eastern Federation’s Region 4 Regional VP.

Please join us in taking Bill to dinner on February 5th at 6:00 pm at the Elephant and Castle at 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you cannot make it to dinner, please go directly to the lobby of the Natural History museum (Constitution Avenue entrance) at 7:30 pm. We will head upstairs to the Cathy Kerby Room at 7:45 pm for Bill’s presentation.

Sharing Time

by Dave Hennessey, MSDC President

Well why don’t we echo the Tucson Show theme and all bring “World Class Minerals” for sharing. If, like me, you don’t happen to have any “World Class Minerals”, bring whatever you would like to share with the group. Whatever pleases or interests you is going to please and interest the rest of us as well.