

# VIRGINIA MINERAL PROJECT

-April Report-

## *State of the Project*

I hope everyone is staying safe and doing well during these times of continued social distancing. I know many of our yearly events and community programs we look forward to continue to be cancelled. Despite these issues, the VMP community has come together in weekly virtual community sessions to share our love of minerals and to hear some incredible speakers talk about Virginia mineralogy and their ongoing research.

In April, we had four events that had amazing turnout and engagement from our local community and members from clubs in Maryland, North Carolina and even Arizona! These events have been shared to various organizations and for that we say thank you!

For those who attended the meeting last week, the chapter format on the vivianite locality in Richmond has been completed and will be a draft for future discussions and the ongoing work towards a Virginia book. We are trying to make the best of these tough times and hope to be back out interacting with the incredible community in the coming months!

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MINERALS**

A Facebook Community Group by The Virginia Mineral Project

## *All Community Events on YouTube!!!*

For those who are unable to attend our meetings, we will be posting all videos on YouTube two weeks after the original meeting! We are doing this to keep people coming to our sessions and also making sure the videos are out there for the community to view any time! Make sure to join our YouTube channel as this will become the future page for the Friends of Mineralogy- Virginia Chapter! We hope to have other types of videos and informational clips posted here in the future!

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*Vivianite*  
*August Dietz Collection*  
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*VMP Photo*

## *Looking to May....*

The VMP will continue to host weekly virtual events for the month of May. We may reduce that to every three weeks or so once things get back to normal and people begin to get out for the summer. A flyer will be posted by the end of the week including the registration links, dates, and descriptions. Here is a sneak peak of some of the events and discussions we will be having:

- Rutherford Mine, Amelia County & Microlite Reclassification (Scott Duresky)
- It's Not All About the Rocks?! (share your other hobbies and passions that you have outside mineral collecting)
- Virginia Mineral Outreach Event (Come learn about clubs, museums, shops, and other organizations in Virginia! Everyone will have time to share about their local businesses and organizations)
- Collecting Saltville Quartz Crystals (VMP Presentation)