

Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club

2009 Events Calendar

** February **

February 13, 2009 [Friday] Program: Peter Evans, Wayne County's Historian, has been researching mining in Wayne County and will talk with us about his findings.

WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30 Reg. Mtg: 7:30 SHARP www.wcgmc.org

2/21/09 Field Trip to Capital District Show - NYS Museum - Albany, NY. [Saturday]

<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/programs/minerals/> Several Members Participated

7AM: Breakfast at Blue Ribbon Restaurant at Rt. 88 & Rt. 96.

8AM: Carpool leaves Thruway Exit 42 parking area. On Rt. 14, there's a parking area to the south of the motel, meet there & we can leave a few cars.

March

March 13, 2009 [Friday] Program: Bring in your favorite specimen for a "Show & Tell", It was Great!

WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30 Regular Meeting & Mini-Miner Program: 7:30 SHARP www.wcgmc.org

March 15th Pre-Registration Deadline: **April 4 -12, 2009** Arkansas Field Trip (See April)

March 22nd Rescheduled for **April 19th**, Due to Ice pack - Larvikite collecting along Lake Ontario.

March 26-28 [Thursday-Saturday] Trip into PA for minerals and fossils. Motel around Carlisle, PA.

Contact: Ken Rowe at gotrox88@yahoo.com 315-331-1438 for further information & sign up.

One Full van & a car ventured down and brought back some great specimens.

FYI: 3/28/09 & 3/29/09 Che Hanna Club Show – Athens, PA (<http://www.che-hanna.org/>)

April

April 4th [Saturday] Field Trip to Fayetteville, Lafayette & Lords Corners Area, NY (EFTA FT)

Specimens: Fayetteville – Selenite, Lafayette – pyritized fossils, Lords Corners - large horn coral

Contact: Ken Rowe at gotrox88@yahoo.com 315-331-1438 for further information & sign up.

Found many large horn corals at Lords Corners, some excellent selenite crystals at Fayetteville, and a hand full of fossils at "Big Rock"

FYI: April, 4-5: Southern Tier Geology Club Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Johnson City Senior Center

April 4 -12, 2009 Arkansas Field Trip, Limit 20 participants, Contact Dave Millis at 305-395-9560 or Cindy Neuman at 585-261-4747. Pre-Registration by March 15 MANDATORY. Trip was canceled but 2 of our members went out on their own and had to rent a trailer to get everything back.

April 10, 2009 WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Id. & Swap 6:30 Mini-Miner Prog. 6 pm, Reg.Mtg 7 pm

April 19th, 2009 Larvikite collecting along Lake Ontario Shoreline 9:30 AM: "Sun UP" Gas station

at Rte.104B & Rte.104. (EFTA Field Trip) Contact: Bill Lesniak at dirtman300@aol.com

(<http://www.cst.cmich.edu/users/dietr1rv/larvikite.htm> or

<http://www.newarkcampus.org/professional/osu/faculty/jstjohn/Larvikite/Larvikite.htm>)

Larvikite found in the Lake Ontario region are believed to have made their way to N.America as ballast aboard ships bringing grain from Europe. Only found a couple of small specimens after looking all morning.

FYI: 4/23/09 to 4/26/09 FYI: Rochester Mineralogical Symposium <http://www.rasny.org/>

FYI: 4/17/09 to 4/23/09 FYI: Wildacres NC <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm> or

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/wildacres-retreat.html> Two members attended & had an enjoyable time.

◆ **May** ◆

May 8, 2009 [Friday] **Dave Millis** showed us how to clean almost everything, Great program.
WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30
Mini-Miner Program: 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting 7:00 pm www.wcgmc.org

May 2 [Saturday] **Bristol –Fossil collecting & Honeoye area - “Turtle” rock collecting**
Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net / **Postponed due to Penfield dig.**

Penfield Quarry Dig May 2 (8-12) **Most everyone found something that made dig worthwhile.**

May 23rd [Saturday] **Fossil collecting in Savona area**
Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net / phone 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up.

May 30th [Saturday] **Boy Scout Geology Belt/Badge Program** Ginegaw Park Walworth Town Park. Contact: Julie Zeller at jzeller2@rochester.rr.com or Pat Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net.
Postponed until sometime this fall. Hopefully with the scouts camporee.

☼ **June** ☼

June 5, 2009 [Friday] **No WCGMC meeting due to Newarkfest.**

June 6 & 7 [Saturday & Sunday] **Middleville, NY ...Herkimer Diamond Mines & KOA Kampgrounds**
“Herkimer Diamonds” (Quartz Crystals). Mine opening new pit. **Big production, with State Assemblyman & baseball players, speakers.** Facilities on site.
Friday(6/5) Hastings Clean-up & check out possibilities of new claim, **Cleaned up our rusted equipment.**
Then trilobite search near Little Falls. **Found some good specimens.** Contact: **Bill Chapman** at batnpill@empacc.net or phone 607-868-4649 for info.
Informal meeting/Pot luck supper with dish to pass Saturday, 6 PM at Chapman’s KOA cottage.

☼ **July** ☼

July 18th [Saturday] **Field Trip – Alden, NY** Specimens: pyritized fossils & nodules **Had a good day. Some after sliding into the stream. Worked a different area which helped. Trip chairperson found a starfish (not pyritized)** Contact: Stan Griffin at wb2auw@yahoo.com or 315-462-3282 for further info.

July 25, 2009 [Saturday] **Field Trip: Alasa Farm Sodus, NY (EFTA)**
Specimens: Alasa Farm- Fossils (Pentamerus & other brachiopods, graptolites, crinoids)
Found buckets of graptolites, bryozoans, & Pentamerus Contact: Bill Lesniak at dirtman300@aol.com
315-483-8061 for info.

Club Picnic to follow, Swapping specimens and stories. **Held at Scott’s Cleaners in Newark, A number of the active members and a few retired rock smashers had a great time, hope next year more can get involved.**

FYI: July 11 & 12, 2009: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse Show NYS fairgrounds <http://www.gmss.us>
Another great show. Herkimer Diamond display was outstanding.

August

FYI: August 5 to 9, 2009: Pageant of Steam Canandaigua, NY [Wed. thru Sat.]
Flea Market & Steam Engines, sluicing & rocks for sale <http://www.pageantofsteam.org/> Kids and all had a great time with the sluice & straw-draw.

August 14, 2009 [Friday] We did meet with few that shown after the short notice of the meeting, set up some dates for the fall. WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30
Mini-Miner Program: 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Field Trip: New Hampshire Mine– Aquamarine August 7-9. 13 member participated & had a very successful dig. Everyone came home with some mica, rose quartz, tourmaline, & beryl, and looking forward to possibly doing it again next year. Check out Pics at (<http://www.wcgmc.org/resources/FTripToveco+MinPics.pdf>) Most everyone also took in the East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show in West Springfield, MA (<http://www.mzexpos.com/eastcoast.htm>)

FYI: August 22-23, 2009 St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show <http://stlawrenceco.com/> A few members were looking forward to going up.

August 29 [Sat]: Collecting in Alden, NY

Specimens: fossils – pyritized fossils & nodules. Bring hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, safety equipment, water shoes, sunscreen & bug spray – walking required to get to the collecting area in the creek.
Meet at John & Mary's Restaurant Rt. 9:00 AM
Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up.

September

Sept. 5 [Sat]: Bristol & Honeoye Fossil Dig. (Great dig for Kids also)

Specimens: brachiopods, turtle stones, etc. Bring hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, safety equipment, water shoes, sunscreen & bug spray – we're up the creek again.
Meet 9:00 AM at Toomey's Corners (the Gas Station North of intersection at Rte 64/20A & Rte 5/20)
Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up

FYI: Wildacres NC Rock Camp for Grownups! 9/7/09 to 9/13/09
<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm> [or] <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/wildacres-retreat.html>

Sept.11: [Friday] WCGMC Meeting

Mini-Miner Program: 6:00 pm, Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30, Regular Meeting 7:30 pm www.wcgmc.org
Nominations for 2 Board of Director Positions. Elections at next month's meeting.

Sept. 19 [Sat]: Cameron Fossil Dig [Kids will love it here!]

Fossils Everywhere!!! Ammonites, brachiopods, all kinds of fossils! Bring hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, safety equipment, water shoes, sunscreen & bug spray – we're working in various creeks – though usually dry.
Meet 10:00 AM [earlier for breakfast] at exit 37 Rte. 17(I-86) & Rte. 53
– a truck stop on West side of Rte 53 Hamlet of Kanona.
Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up

Preparation for the Wayne County Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at St. Michael's School:

Volunteers needed to pass out fliers, set up, tear down, make displays, etc, etc.
Call Andrea Kords at 585-732-0863 or ajkords@rochester.rr.com

Those **interested in display cases** for the Oct. Show need to let Andrea know by September 25, 2009. There are a limited number available.

Remember...it's the efforts of our collectiveness that makes this a success.

 **October** 

Oct. 2: Set up displays after 12 PM for show.

Oct. 3 & 4 Newark Gem & Mineral Show Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 10-4

Location: St. Michael's School Rt. 88 Newark

Volunteers needed to pass out fliers, man our table/sluice, make displays, etc, etc.

Call Andrea Kords at 585-732-0863.

Oct. 9, 2009: [Friday] **WCGMC Meeting Mini-Miner Program: 6:00 pm,**

Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30, Regular Meeting 7:30 pm - Election of 2 Directors

Program: Jim Tolvey presents this evening about Toveco Mining, his NH aquamarine mine. www.wcgmc.org

Oct. 10 & 11: Walworth Open House Dig [Sat & Sun] E.F.T.A. dig [print driving directions](#)

New wall drop for this dig. Restroom available. Light Refreshments provided. Please bring PPE [personal protective equipment] hard hat, hard-toed shoes, safety glasses, sunscreen, etc. Hand held power tools OK.

Specimens available: fluorite, sphalerite, dolomite & calcite crystals, selenite, gypsum

Sat. Sign in 6:30 – 7 AM; Safety meeting at 7 AM; digging 7AM -2 PM

Sun. Sign in 6:30 – 7 AM; Safety meeting at 7 AM; digging 7AM - Noon

Oct. 17: Cubscout Bears program 9 am- 3 pm at Midlakes H. Sch.

Contact: Bill Lesniak at dirtman300@aol.com or 315-573-5564 if you can help.

FYI: Oct. 17-18 EFMLS Convention Bristol, CT (<http://bristolgem.org/>)

November

November 13, 2009:

WCGMC Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30

Mini-Miner Program: 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting 7:00 pm www.wcgmc.org

December

December 11, 2009: WCGMC Christmas Party www.wcgmc.org