

# 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](http://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](http://www.wcgmc.org)

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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Rescheduled for **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>** [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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://www.wcgmc.org)

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

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

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

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** [Saturday] **Boy Scout Geology Belt/Badge Program** Ginegaw Park Walworth Town Park. Contact: Julie Zeller at [jzeller2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jzeller2@rochester.rr.com) or Pat Chapman at [batnpill@empacc.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>** [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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.wcgmc.org)

**December**

**December 11, 2009:** WCGMC Christmas Party [www.wcgmc.org](http://www.wcgmc.org)