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Thanks Dolomite!



Dolomite's Rock Persuader Photo by Pat Chapman

Things are slow this time of year for rockhounds and collecting in the Northeast in general. We organize our collections, clean fossil and mineral specimens to “display” standards and reminisce about things we did before the weather drove us indoors. I’d like to take this time to thank the Dolomite Products Co. for their continuing support of the general and mineral-collecting public and their Open Houses where everyone is invited into their quarries to collect minerals, ride in their big trucks and meet the folks who work there. Al Nielsen, John Swarthuis and Mike Bagney organize these events in the Penfield and Walworth facilities which are attended by close to 100 people every spring and fall. More than ‘just a few’ museum-grade minerals have come out of Dolomite’s quarries and are on display in the NYS Museum’s Mineral Collection in Albany. The Club gathers at the Albany Mineral Show each February to see who has the biggest & best specimen on display this year. Last weekends’ trip there was a beaut! Several specimens collected last fall won awards at our BEST of the BEST competition last month. So Thank You Dolomite for your generosity and sharing a gem of experience with all of us!

WCGMC President Pat

First Trip of the Year!!! The Capital District’s Mineral show was a collection of various items to catch our interest and open our pocketbooks. A tour of the State’s Mineral Collection was headed by Mike Hawkins to highlight new acquisitions and changes to displays. People in the know suggested we get our flowers first thing from the Museum’s afterschool program that runs the ‘NY in Bloom’ fundraiser. [They held them for us.] Dave Kords was front and center with an expanding assortment of mineralogical materials. In honor of March, I picked up a nice emerald-cut aquamarine from Jim Tovey. Now THAT’S my kind of collecting! Bill picked up some crazy jasper for a necktie setting. It’s interesting but it made me a little dizzy. Travel was fine & cell phones worked all the way across the state which helped the two car loads keep in touch even when we didn’t really know where we were. The next field trip is March 20th to Lords Corner for horn coral, Fayette for selenite and points in between. Join us when the adventure continues...



- Jewelry/Craft Category - Adult Division**
1. Linda Schmidtgal – light with agate
 2. Rocky Rowe – necklace
 3. Sue Hoch handmade beads

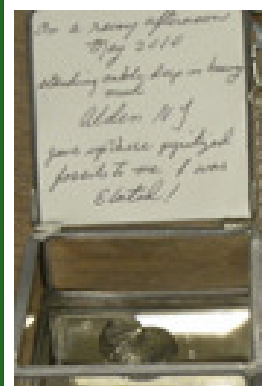
Jewelry/Craft Category – Youth Division
Alexis Rowe – ring



- Mineral Category - Adult Division**
1. Ken Rowe - fluorite from Dolomite's Walworth Quarry
 2. Linda Schmidtgal – Keokuk, Iowa geode
 3. Bill Lesniak –Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA Waverlite
- Honorable Mention: Terry Wilson – Fluorite

Mineral Category - Youth Division

1. Alexis Rowe – Loose Mineral - Fluorite
- Dolomite's Walworth Quarry
2. Elizabeth Frye - Mineral in Matrix – Fluorite
- Dolomite's Walworth Quarry



- Fossil Category – Adult Division**
1. Terry Wilson – Mosasaur Jaw
 2. Linda Schmidtgal – Pyritized Ammonite
 3. Bill Lesniak – Calamite Fossil

Fossil Category – Youth Division
Alexis Rowe – petrified wood



Mineral Sale: March Program

The club has been given a donation of several flats of minerals collected by Jesse Sacketts. At the March meeting members will be given a chance at purchasing some of these beautiful specimens. We will be giving out raffle ticket numbers and then drawing to see who gets first chance at purchasing a specimen or two and then continue pulling numbers until everyone has had a chance. We will have them divided into flats by purchase value such as \$8.00, \$5.00, and \$3.00. The minerals that we have are: [Skeletal Quartz](#) from the Diamond Hill Mine, SC and [turgite](#) specimens, which are a common name for an iridescent mixture of hematite & goethite from Graves Mountain, Lincoln County, Georgia. Check out the links and check the [pictures](#) on the website. This will give the club a chance to add to its' treasury and members acquire some great specimens from the south. We thank Jesse, and hope we can meet up with him after he gets settled down in that area where he collected these and wish him well on his new ventures down there. Submitted by Bill Lesniak

Sackett Donation to Be Offered March 11, 2011 at 7 PM. Preview at 6:30 PM.

Turgite
Graves Mt.
GA

Iridescent
mixture of
Hemitite
&
Goethite



Skeletal
Quartz
Diamond Hill
Mine, SC



Mica
NC



The Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club's monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The annual rock competition, scrapbooking and good old fashion social networking delayed our 7 PM starting time.

Minutes: Pat Chapman read the Secretaries Report from January's meeting. Rocky Rowe motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Linda Schmidtgal. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Bill Lesniak presented the Treasurer's Report which was filed for audit. Motion to accept was made by Terry Wilson. Seconded by Ken Rowe. Passed.

Field Trips:

1. Sue Hoch has organized a field trip to Tichenor Point on the east side of Canandaigua Lake for June 18th [Saturday]. Meet at the FLCC parking lot on County Road 18 at 8AM to look for various fossil specimens.
2. Mt. Pleasant Mills field trip dates have changed to April 1, 2 & 3 [Fri., Sat. & Sun.]. Pat Chapman is checking out other quarries in the area.
3. March 20 [Sunday]: We visit Lord's Corners and surrounding area for horn coral.
4. April 15, 16 & 17 is the Rochester Symposium in Henrietta. Early sign up by March 15th. See our website for a link.

Old Business:

1. There was talk about raffling off a fossil donated to the club by Kent Smith from the Middleport Quarry in NYS.
2. May 14th: Cub scouts & Webalos Outdoor Leader Skills (WOLS). We'll have a full day of teaching and sharing to help the boys earn their belt loops and pins. Bill Lesniak reported he attended a recent organizational meeting for this new event scheduled by the Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America. We'll need club volunteers, fossil, rock and mineral specimens for distribution from our members. Specimens should be small enough to fit in an egg carton and number around 100 or whatever # you may have. Identification labels to go along with the rock are desired. Ask for help with this as needed.
3. Bill Lesniak handed out business cards for the WCGMC.

New Business:

1. Marion Wheaton has fallen and broken her leg. A card was signed and candy purchased to sweeten her hospital stay.
2. Pat Chapman sent a letter to the Rochester D&C thanking the Dolomite Products, Inc. for opening their quarries to the public for collecting.

Motion to adjourn made by Rocky Rowe. Seconded by Linda Schmidtgal. Passed.



And the winner is Not me?



Never a dark moment



Be careful of which one you bite into



State Facts

Capital: Albany(★)

Land Area: 47,214 sq. miles (source: 2003 Census)

Population: 19,190,115 (source: 2003 Census estimate)

Counties: 58 (source: National Association of Counties)

Highest Point: Mt. Marcy at 5,344', located in Essex County
(source: U.S. Geological Survey)

Lowest Point: Atlantic Ocean at Sea Level (source: U.S. Geological Survey)

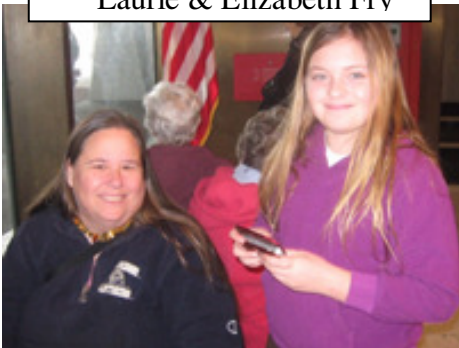
Geographic Center: Located in Madison County approx. 12 miles south of Oneida and 26 miles southwest of Utica

(source: U.S. Geological Survey) <http://www.usgs.gov/state/state.asp?state=NY>

Albany or Bust

What did we learn here? DON'T leave your headlights on & carry a cell phone!

Laurie & Elizabeth Fry



How about those pancakes!?!



Pat Chapman & Susie Hoch

Pat, Now try to get the point...once again...

Linda Schmidtgal, Susie Hoch & Bill



Down & Out in Albany

Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Meetings held 2nd Friday of each month
Mini-Miner Program at 6:30 P.M.
Regular Program & meeting at 7:00 P.M. at
Park Presbyterian Church
Maple Court, Newark, NY 14513

WEBSITE: www.wcgmc.org

Organized: 1973 Incorporated: 1976

Objective: To stimulate interest in earth sciences,
collecting, classification of minerals, & in the art of
gem cutting.

Fiscal Year: Oct. 1st to Sept. 30th

Dues: Due Oct. 1st.

Juniors or students [18 yr.> w/o parent in club]
\$10.00

Single Adult [over 18 years old] \$15.00

Family Membership [includes 2 adult votes & kids] \$20.00

Send dues to WCGMC, PO Box 4, Newark, NY
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[A.F.M.S.] www.amfed.org ,

The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical
& Lapidary Societies

[EFMLS] www.amfed.org/efmls &

The Eastern Field Trip Alliance [E.F.T.A.] www.efta.biz

Upcoming Events

March 2011

11 WCGMC Monthly Meeting

15 cut off date for early registration for Rochester Symposium
<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/registration38.pdf>

20 WCGMC Field Trip: Lords Corners & Fayette for horn coral & selenite
Breakfast at 8 AM Magee Diner near Thruway Exit 41 Rte. 318 Waterloo
Car Pool leaves at 9AM. For info & sign up, contact Bill Chapman at
607-868-4649 or e-mail batnpill@empacc.net .

26-27: Sayre, PA - 42nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club.

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Hall, Sayre, PA.

26-27: Hamburg, NY - 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

"Elephants in Your Backyard" sponsored by
the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie Co. Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

April 2011

1,2 & 3 WCGMC Field Trip to Mt. Pleasant Mills, & several quarries around
Williamsport PA. For info & sign up, contact Ken Rowe at
gotrox88@yahoo.com 315-331-1438 for further information & sign up.

1-3: Elkridge, MD - Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored
by the Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD.

Registration: S. Weinberger cscrystals2@verizon.net

14-17 Rochester Symposium <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/registrationltr.pdf>

29-30, May 1 WCGMC Field Trip Super Dig at Sterling Mine Ogdensburg NJ for
fluorescent minerals. Info at <http://www.uvworld.org> Make plans with Bill
Lesniak at 315-483-8061.

Happy Patty's Day

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The Public is always welcome!

First Class: Dated, Meetings & Time Valued