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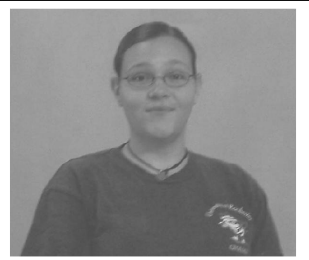
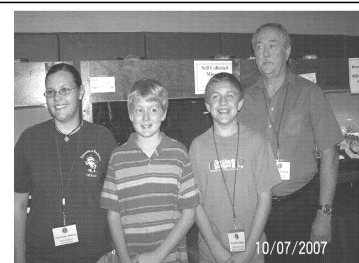
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President's Message

What can only be described as a blue-moon phenomenon? EFTA's annual meeting- here in Newark? On the same weekend as the Gem and Mineral Show!?! This phenomenon couldn't have been done without the drive and determination for quality & perfection by club member, Andrea Kords, the coordinator. Thanks to Andrea and other club members who assisted her bringing EFTA to our part of the world! As well as the President of the AFMLS, too! Congratulations, display winners. We also went to the Walworth Quarry in the same month! Its going to be hard letting go of excitement and return to "same-old, same old" routine, but let's use some of that momentum in our club's future activities! Welcome new & old members.

Your President, Stan

Wayne county gem and mineral show! ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL- NEWARK, NY ON OCTOBER 5 and 6TH, 2007!



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY PAT CHAPMAN: (top left to bottom right)

-1-Willie Nelson & Son -Stan Griffin & Sky Averson lark it up at the show. -2-2007 WCGMC Show Display Winners: Stephanie Mason, Kyle Zeller, Alex Borneman, & Bill Lesniak. (Heather Borneman and Bill Lesniak also submitted this very same photo) -3-Stephanie Mason on 10-7-07 -4- Dave Millus teaches screening box assembly to mini-miners. (Thanks Pat, Heather, and Bill!!) See next page.

EFTA ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE HELD IN NEWARK, WAYNE COUNTY, NY OCTOBER 5, 6, 7th, 2007

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These EFTA photos also contributed by WCGMC board member and breakfast attendee Pat Chapman visually document (left photo) Inga Wells receiving the editor's award for her Che-Henna newsletter early on that Sunday morning, and a table of well-fed editor's breakfast attendees. Note the president of the American Federation wearing the hat. The couple sitting to the far right is from Vermont.

WCGMC REPORTS FIGURES ON REVENUES FROM THE GEM, ROCK, AND MINERAL SHOW

The October Gem Show hosted at St. Michael's School, Newark; and sponsored by Dave and Andrea Kords of the American Hobby Shop, of Walworth, gave the WCGMC an opportunity to promote itself to the community and raise money for the club. Bill Lesniak reported that WCGMC patches were offered for sale. The prices were \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 for non-members. The club (Roxanne and Ken Rowe and Marion, and Jim Wheaton faithfully manned the station) sold a few but not as much as was counted on. Roxanne Rowe reported that the WCGMC also sold inexpensive grab-bags, and vintage magazines that the Wheaton's had donated from their personal collections. Bill Chapman and Terry Wilson helped the club to raise money by managing the sluice. The loyal gang at the WCGMC booth, in addition, reported that the club got some new members who joined on the spot, while some renewed their membership dues.

Value of Gemstones, Past and Present

The diamond is a gemstone which has its value determined in a different way than most or even all other gemstones. Traditionally the diamond was valued mostly for its physical properties such as hardness and brilliance, not unlike any other (colored) gemstone, and since a diamond was not particularly rare, other (colored) gemstones such as a sapphire or a ruby were valued higher than a diamond for a long time. Although the large diamond finds in South Africa created an even larger supply of diamonds, its trade in the 20th century also became strongly regulated by a single organization: [De Beers](#). Both their monopoly of the market and their continuous marketing campaign in the last 50-75 years have greatly influenced the perceived value of a diamond, unlike that of any other (colored) gemstone.

A valuable (colored) gemstone is prized especially for its great beauty, rarity or aesthetics. Although color plays a very important role in determining the value of a gemstone, many other factors influence its price as well: market supply (think of the fluctuations of [Tanzanite](#) prices), rarity ([Red Beryl](#)), popularity of a stone, market mechanisms etc. (wikipedia.com)

UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

Oct 12, 2007 at the Newark Park Presbyterian Church
WCGMC board meeting at 7pm---- Regular meeting at 7:30pm

**Nov 9, 2007 at the Newark Park Presbyterian Church
ANNUAL WCGMC OPEN HOUSE! 7pm**

Set-up is at 6:30pm for all attendees. All bring a donated door prize or specimens with name tags and a refreshment to pass.

Contact President Stan for info on donating door prizes.

CLUB NEWS TO dig - Kudos, too!

1. **WCGMC annual dues are due! Join-up or renew your club membership. Contact Bill Lesniak during October.**

2. KUDOS' to those 13 WCGMC members who braved the hot weather on July 25th and marched in the Newark, NY Rose Parade. *Did you wear those safety, steel toed boots?*

3. "Diamond Dan" publications for young people interested in minerals! 585-289-4936.

4. **Plz: submit newsletter articles in writing BEFORE the 22nd of the month.**

5. KUDOS' to WCGMC Program Director, Andrea Kords, a Sweet Potato Gem of a gal, and coordinator of the Gem and Mineral Show held at St. Michael's School, Newark. FANTASTIC JOB!!

Singing Sounds of Sand?

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Sand also makes music. I don't mean the squeaking that beach sand sometimes does when you walk on it, but the humming, booming or roaring sounds that large desert dunes produce when sand tumbles down their sides. Sounding sand, as the geologist calls it, accounts for some eerie legends of the deep desert. The loudest singing dunes are in western China at Mingshashan, although there are American sites like Sand Mountain, Nevada. Hear a WAV file of "the groan of the big mountain" at this marvelous Japanese site devoted to musical sand. It may remind you, as it does me, of the song of whales. More sound files can be found at Caltech's Booming Sand Dunes research group site. Scientists from this group claim to have solved the mystery in an August 2007 paper in *Geophysical Review Letters*. But surely they have not explained away its wonder.

Mica Schist Hand Specimen, Manhattan

Flat faces of mica schist may show nothing but around the edges, the magnifier shows quartz, feldspar and garnet as significant constituents.

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Earth-Wide Events to Try!

October 2007

5-7: Newark, NY: Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club will be hosting the **2007 EFMLS Convention** on and will be hosting a show on the October 6th from 10 - 5pm and October 7th from 10 - 4pm at St. Michael's School in Newark New York. Any questions please contact Dave or Andrea Kords at 1-315-986-1171

6: Allentown, PA - Annual Autumn Mineral fest

13-14: BRISTOL, CONN: 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show; **Bristol Gem and Mineral Club;**

20-21: Rhinebeck, NY: Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Show & Sale.

27: Fairless Hill, PA - "Ultraviolation" Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County

27: Arendtsville, PA - South Penn Rock Swap

27-28: Warwick, RI - 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

27-28: Rochester, NY: 35th annual show. Jewelry, beads, fossils minerals. Children's activities. **Rochester Lapidary Society and Mineral Section, Rochester Academy of Sciences.** Henrietta, NY. Calkins Road, Monroe County Fairgrounds. 10-6 Saturday, 10-5 Sunday. Contact Hollis Heinzerling, (585) 343-5304, hheinzer@rochester.rr.com, website: www.rochesterlapidary.org

WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MEETINGS: Held 2nd Friday night of each month at 7:30pm at Park Presbyterian Church basement, Maple Court, Newark, NY

WEBSITE: americanhobbyshop.com

ORGANIZED: 1973 **INC.** 1976
Affiliated with the AFMLS and EFMLS of Mineral Societies since 1973.

OFFICERS: Elected at the October meeting, taking office in November for a 2-year term.

FISCAL YEAR: Oct. 1st to Sept. 31st.

****NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

AND DUES (due Oct 1st):
\$10.00 JUNIOR or STUDENT
(18 yrs> with no parents in the club)
\$15.00 REGULAR or ONE SINGLE ADULT
(Over age of 18 years old)
\$20.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
(Includes 2 adult votes and children)
Send due, SASE with your info to:
WCGMC, P.O. Box 4, Newark, NY 14513

OBJECTIVE: TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE EARTH SCIENCES, IN COLLECTING AND CLASSIFICATION OF MINERALS, AND IN THE ART OF GEM CUTTING.

The public is welcome!!

Step, Step, One-Two-Three for WCGMC's 13!

Thirteen members of the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club braved the weather to marching the Rose Parade, enjoyed the annual picnic and had a most enjoyable afternoon on Saturday, July 21st. We missed a lot of you. The day was topped off with a fantastic display of fireworks. The float looked fantastic in the parade. (Thank you Ken Rowe contributor of this article.)

Platinum Nuggets

Copyright 2007 by Andrew Alden, "geology.about.com", reproduced under educational fair use. Platinum, like gold, is mined today from unromantic ore in which it's invisible. But platinum also forms nuggets that prospectors can harvest using gold pans and similar tools. Platinum is even denser than gold, although the metal usually is mixed with other metals including iron, copper, gold, silver and palladium. Platinum has a metallic gray streak. These platinum nuggets (enlarged about 4 times) are rarer than rare, displaying cubic crystal forms. They are from a Russian locality. Image courtesy Placer Gold Design, Vancouver, B.C. (fair use policy)



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