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**President's Message**



Once again, the American Hobby Shop, of Walworth, NY (And, did you know they are in a new location?) announced the dates for the Annual October Show as Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Starting with set-up on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, vendors plus WCGMC members will gather at St. Michael's school (Route 88 South, Newark) to buy, sell, network, and socialize. WCGMC members were invited to set up displays. This can be a wonderful family friendly event with for us and the community. How many people out there do not know about our club? Why, our club gained a current board member just because that family saw the sign for the show on the way to dinner one afternoon. Invite your family and friends. In the meantime, I call all member of the nominating committee to get together for of their election meetings to review expiring terms. Have a great rock-cutting day (...while the good weather lasts!). See ya at the quarry! ---Your President,  
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**WHEATON COLLECTION SALE**

DATES--Saturday, Oct 11th AND Sunday, Oct 12, 2008. 9 AM – 6 PM.

PLACE--580 State Rt. 88 – 2 miles south of Newark, NY.

WHAT---100's of specimens, tools, stone cutting equip. & more.

For info, contact Ken Rowe gotrox88@yahoo.com or visit [www.wcgmc.org](http://www.wcgmc.org)

Get \$.50 off your purchase of \$1 or more with this ad. Limit one per person but valid for each family member.

**HURRICANE IKE YIELDS FOSSIL IN YARD**

CAPLEN, Texas (AP) -- A paleontologist whose beachfront home in Texas was destroyed during Hurricane Ike has found a football-size tooth in the debris.

Dorothy Sisk and Jim Westgate are scientists at Lamar University. They discovered the fossil tooth in the front yard of Sisk's home in Caplen on the devastated Bolivar Peninsula. Westgate believes the fossil is from a Columbian mammoth common in North America until around 10,000 years ago. The tooth looks like a series of boot soles or slices of bread wedged together. It is expected to be sent to the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin. More than 1 million people fled the Texas coast because of Hurricane Ike. Copyright 2008 AP press. All rights reserved.

## **EFTA Field Trip**

### **Dolomite Quarry --- Walworth, NY**

Sat. Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: 7AM – 2PM. *and* Sun. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: 7AM – Noon.

### ***fluorite, sphalerite, calcite, dolomite, & quartz crystals***

Wayne Co. Gem & Mineral Club has been invited to attend.

#### Working quarry rules:

1. No one under 12 without supervision.
2. Bathroom facilities available.
3. Mandatory RSVP 2 weeks in advance so the quarry may be notified of our numbers although there is generally no overall attendance limit.

If there is last minute changes, come anyway. Things will work out.

4. Mandatory Safety Meeting at 6:45am each morning.
5. Contact Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net for details & rsvp

### **Oldest 'Footprints' on Earth Found**

LiveScience.com Sun Oct 5, 10:25 AM ET The oldest-known tracks of a creature apparently using legs have been discovered in rock dated to 570 million years ago in what was once a shallow sea in Nevada. Scientists think land beasts evolved from ancient creatures that left the sea and evolved lungs and legs. If the new finding is real - the discoverer says will fuel skepticism - it pushes the advent of walking back 30 million years earlier than any previous solid finding. The aquatic creature left its "footprints" as two parallel rows of small dots, each about 2 millimeters in diameter. Scientists said today that the animal must have stepped lightly onto the soft marine sediment, because its legs only pressed shallow pinpoints into that long-ago sea bed. The tracks were made during what is called the Ediacaran period, which preceded the Cambrian period, the time when most major groups of animals first evolved. Scientists had once thought only microbes and simple multicellular animals that existed prior to the Cambrian, but that notion is changing, said Ohio State University Professor Loren Babcock. "We keep talking about the possibility of more complex animals in the Ediacaran - soft corals, some arthropods, and flatworms - but the evidence has not been totally convincing," Babcock said. "But if you find evidence, like we did, of an animal with legs - an animal walking around - then that makes the possibility much more likely." Soo-Yeun Ahn, a doctoral student at Ohio State, presented the discovery today at a meeting of the Geological Society of America. Babcock was surveying rocks in the mountains near Goldfield, Nevada, with Hollingsworth in 2000 when he found the tracks. "This was truly an accidental discovery," he said. "We came on an outcrop that looked like it crossed the Precambrian-Cambrian boundary, so we stopped to take a look at it. We just sat down and started flipping rocks over. We were there less than an hour when I saw it." Little can be gleaned about what sort of creature it was, but Babcock "reasonably certain - not 100 %" that it was an arthropod, such as one resembling a centipede or millipede, or by a leg-bearing worm. It might have been about one as wide as a pencil and may have had multiple, spindly legs. In 2002, other researchers reported a similar fossil trail from Canada that dated back to the middle of the Cambrian period, about 520 million years ago. Another set of tracks found in South China date back to 540 million years ago. At approximately 570 million years old, this new fossil not only provides the earliest suggestion of animals walking on legs, but it also shows that complex animals were alive on earth before the Cambrian. "I expect that there will be a lot of skepticism," Babcock said about the discovery. "There should be. But I think it will cause some excitement. And it will probably cause some people to look harder at the rocks they already have. Sometimes it's just a matter of thinking differently about the same specimen."

## UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

**OCT 10, 2007 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Newark**

Board meeting at 7pm. Regular meeting at 7:30pm Mini-Miners meeting at 7:30pm.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ refreshments --- \_\_\_\_\_ door prize

**NOV 14, 2007 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Newark**

**ANNUAL WCGMC OPEN HOUSE! \_\_\_\_\_ DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED ON WEB AND IN NEWSLETTER**

## WCGMC ELECTIONS COMING UP!

In 2006, members of the WCGMC got together to revise the club's by-laws. According to the revised by-laws, the time has come for club elections. Please review the chart below and contact members of the nominating committee to show your interest in becoming a board member or a club officer. WCGMC is a 501( c ) 3 organization and is required by law to elect a governing body.

NAME OF CURRENT wcgmc BOARD MEMBERS AS OF 11/2006	actual start date	*1999	*2000	*2001	*2002	*2003	*2004	*2005	*2006	*2007	*2008	actual year started	actual year to actual year end date	annual October mtg - term start	annual October mtg- term end
Chapman, Pat	Nov-06								1	2	3	Nov-06	Nov-08	Nov-06	Nov-08
Donahue, Gerald	May-00		1	2	3	%	%	%	%			May-00	May-02	Nov-00	Nov-02
Griffith, Stan	Nov-06								1	2	3	Nov-06	Nov-08	Nov-06	Nov-08
Kords, Dave	Jan-99	1	2	3	%	%	%	%	%			Jan-99	Jan-01	Nov-99	Nov-01
Lesniak, Bill	Jan-99	1	2	3	%	%	%	%	%			Jan-99	Jan-01	Nov-99	Nov-01
Remington, Rebecca	Nov-05							1	2	3		Nov-05	Nov-07	Nov-05	Nov-07
Rowe, Ken	Jan-99	1	2	3	%	%	%	%	%			Jan-99	Jan-01	Nov-99	Nov-01
Rowe, Roxanna	Mar-00		1	2	3	%	%	%	%			Mar-00	Mar-02	Nov-00	Nov-02
Schiltz, Donald	May-00		1	2	3	%	%	%	%			May-00	May-00	Nov-00	Nov-02
Wheaton, Marion	Nov-01			1	2	3	%	%	%			Nov-01	Nov-03	Nov-01	Nov-03
Wilson, Terry	Nov-06		1	2	3	%	%	%	%			Nov-06			

Two years= ONE TERM

**WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.**

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

**WEBSITE:** [www.wcgm.org](http://www.wcgm.org)

**ORGANIZED:** 1973 **INC.** 1976  
Affiliated with the AFML 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. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES**

**AND DUES (due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>):**

\$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!!**

**ROCK-HOUNDING AND FINDING U.S.A.**

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2008: Autumn Mineralfest (Macungie, Pa.)**

51st semi-annual Mineralfest –

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> AND Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 2008: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne County Jewelry, Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale (Newark, New York)**

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th 2008: (Worthington, Pa.)**

Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show **AND Oct 12th 2008:**

**(Elkridge, Maryland)** Paul Desautels Micromount Symposium

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th 2008: (Johnstown, New York)**

Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, Gem, Gift Show and Sale

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 2008: Ultraviolation (Fairless Hills, Pa.)** 19th

fluorescent-only mineral show/swap/ sell **AND Oct**

**25<sup>th</sup> 2008: South Penn Rock Swap (Arendtsville, Pa.)**

24th Annual South Penn Rock Swap

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Henrietta, New York)**

**Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show** Rochester

Academy of Science, Mineral Section and Rochester

Lapidary Society Monroe County Fair & Expo Center



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First class: dated meetings and time valued.