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PRESIDENT 'S MESSAGE

WOW! It's that time of the year, again!

Jim Brace-Thompson, AMFS junior activities chair, has made an announcement that October 8th-14th is the annual Earth Science week! The goal is to "Be a Citizen Scientist". Everyone is encouraged to take an active part in earth science by logging onto: www.earthsciweek.com to access loads of fun and educational activities geared to make your day! The AGI has lead the way to sponsor this event every year since 1988 along with the US Geological Survey, the National Park Service, NASA, NOAA, Earth Scope, the Weather Channel, IRIS, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

Members! Time to renew your annual WCGMC club membership. Our fiscal year runs from October to September. If you need a quick gift for someone who already has everything, give him or her a gift of good times with a yearly membership. See the back page for the rates and information or contact Bill Lesniak, membership chair.

The EFTA dig held at the Walworth Quarry on October 7th and 8th. Was a great time for all! Andrea Kords made an excellent dinner for the folks who came from far and near at her house. The networking was great between old hounds and the newcomers alike. Come next year!

This is a special issue with 6 pages. Two pages were added to include important information that local rockhounds will want to know. Read them to find out what's goin' on!

President Dave

WOMAN FINDS MORE THAN JUST A "PRETTY ROCK" IN NEW MINE!!

Updated: 7:26 a.m. ET Sept 22, 2006

MURFREESBORO, Ark. — A Tennessee woman whose husband predicted she wouldn't have any luck gem hunting at Arkansas' Crater of Diamonds State Park made a sparkling discovery:

a 1.30 carat diamond!!

"I wasn't expecting to find of anything and was just picking up pretty rocks," said Melissa Lacey of Knoxville.

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*HELP---

Someone to be the club's PROGRAM DIRECTOR-- WANTED AND NEEDED! ASAP. Contact Dave

**ROCK CLUB
KUDOS!!!**

The WCGM club has a unique blend of personalities in our membership. They do a lot for our group! KUDOS' to Bill Lesniak for all the hard work with his involvement in setting up another fossil dig...this time at the Seneca Quarry! KUDOS' to Pat and Bill Chapman for arranging the Sept 16th Herkimer Diamond Mines club camp-dig. KUDOS' to Andrea Kords for getting great looking club patches! KUDOS' to Stephanie Mason for the wonderful fossil presentation at the September meeting! KUDO's to the Wayne County Historian, Peter Evans, who invited our club to send a representative to his group's monthly meetings in reference to Wayne County geology, archeology, paleontology etc! **And don't think we didn't notice YOU! Oh, yes- we did! Watch next month's edition of WCGMC NEWS!!!**

We need people to sign up for the future refreshments and door prizes at the club meetings!

(From page one) At first, she thought the light yellow diamond was "a piece of dirty quartz." After being identified by park staff, Lacey said she couldn't wait to show it to her husband.

The diamond was the size of a piece of candy corn. The largest diamond ever discovered in the U.S. was unearthed here in 1924. Named the Uncle Sam, the white diamond weighed 40.23 carats.

A freshly dug trench was opened to the public on Saturday. Soil from the trench was spread out over parts of the diamond field. Lacey found her diamond there Thursday.

The Crater of Diamonds State Park is the world's only publicly operated diamond site where the public is allowed to search and keep any gems found, regardless of their value.

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**MAMMOTH BONES
FOUND IN 1983
PENNSYLVANIA LAKE
EXCAVATION TALK**

In Pennsylvania, the Bradford Co. Historical Society offered a program on the famous Bradford County Mammoth on Thursday Sept. 7th.

Ted Keir, retired Athens teacher, coach, & Commissioner of the Fish and Game Commission, and active member of the Andastes Chapter of the Pennsylvania Archaeology Assoc. shared memories of the excavation that uncovered the 12,000-pound creature in 1983.

The remains became known as the Newton Mammoth because they were found on Walter and Jane Newton's Spring Lake, Pa. land when accidentally discovered during a lake excavating by Mr. Newton.

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Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club Members Assess Individual Dig Sites around NYS for Quality

Recently, some of the old rock hounds of the club got together and decided to put together a list of the entire individual dig sites that everyone had on their minds and assess the quality of the specific sites. Admission, results, and open or closed status of each site were evaluated. The following two pages of this special edition newsletter contain the preliminary list that was formulated by that group.

Can individual readers of this newsletter fill-in the blanks to this list? Have you another dig site in mind where you have found interesting fossils, rocks, or mineral formations? Do you have any positive or negative comments about any of these cited locations? If you do: please, take a little time to write them down and submit these comments via email or through postal mail. The address is as follows **Don Schiltz, c/o Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, P.O. Box 4, Newark, NY 14513**. For those that wish not to cut up their newsletter, comments submitted on separate sheet of paper will do just fine. If you have many comments, too many for the space allotted, please submit them on a separate piece of paper so nothing gets lost or confused.

Any additional dig sites that any reader has found to be of good quality and would like to share with everyone by including that cite on the list, please feel free to share this information in the same contact manner as above.

The club is interested in getting everyone's input into completing this "dig" list. Thank you!!

"Dig Spot" location	County	WCGMC's Assessment of Quality or other comments
Ace of Diamonds		\$\$
Alden		ok
Avon- north of the town		NO!-- nothing
Ballona	Ontario	???
Barn at Canandaigua- Rte 21	Ontario	NO!-- nothing
Barret Mine		See Ken; Bill C.
Bush Farm		???
Canandaigua- at the FLCC Campus at Co. Rd 18	Ontario	fossils
Canandaigua- park up to Sall's/ Rte 41 Road out/ 1 1/2 mile South of Bordino.	Ontario	pink coral at (crayon's?) stems
Chitnango Falls		???
Chub Lake		Closed
Clockville		See Business Card- See Ken
Crystal Grove		\$\$ (???)
Dodge Mine- Campbell Road- Edwards		???

(see next page)

Additional Comments?



Fayetteville- county barn		ok
Fayetteville- Park		ok
Garnet Mountain		ok
Geneseo- Johncox Road	Livingston	???
Green Hill Mine		???
Ilion- flow stone		NO!
Ilona- Barton Mine		fossils
Ithaca- Mays Point	Tompkins	NO!
Lake Bonapart		depends
Litchfield		NO!
Lockport		ok
Lover's Lane C.S.		NO!
Marcellus- Scanlon		ok
Marcellus- town		ok
Maxwell Creek		???
McComb		praristarite
Middleville		???
Miller's Nursery- First Ravine North		ok
Moravia		ok
Newcomb		ok
Niagra		poor
North Brook Field		???
Owasco		???
Penfield	Monroe	ok
Pitcairn		Try again.
Power's Farm		ok
PRI		???
Retsof		???
Richfield		NO!
Rossie		ok
Rte 20A		fossils- ok. See Bill Chapman
Sangerfield- (off Westmoreland Exit of Thruway) Swamp Rd to Cole Rd on the County Rd.		trilobytes
Seneca (G???)		ok
Sodus (cnt?)	Wayne	NO!
St Johnsville		Yes-- if we can get in
St. Joseph's		???
Syracuse-Rte 81	Onondaga	Closed
Treasure Mountain		Closed
Tully		ok
Walworth	Wayne	ok
Watervale		NO!
West Pierpont- Selleck Rd		ok
ZCA- Balmart		ok

Special thanks to Don Schiltz, Stan Griffin, and Bill Chapman for helping to create this list!

IT'S THAT TIME FOR BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS AGAIN!

Nominating Committee members have drawn up a potential slate of officers and board members to be presented to club membership at the next club meeting on Friday, October 13th 2006.

The proposed current slate of officers is as follows:
 President: Stan Griffin
 VP: Jerald Donahue
 Secretary: R. Remington
 Treasurer: Bill Lesniak

Bill Chapman will become the sole Chair of the Field Trips.

Dave Kords will hold a board of director's seat.

Board terms will also be under review. This is a routine board business.

Additional nominations will be accepted for board seats and/or officer positions "from the floor" at the next club meeting, also routine board business.

Do you know someone who might consider becoming an active part of our club's board of directors? Nominating them or nominate yourself! For more info, contact Don Schiltz, Bill Lesniak, or Dave Kords before the meeting on October 13th, 2006.

UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

October 13th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church
WCGMC Board mtg 7pm sharp / Regular meeting at 7:30pm / *Mini-miners* at 7pm
Marion Wheaton to bring refreshments --- Jim Wheaton door prizes.

November 10th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church
WCGMC Board mtg 7pm sharp / Regular meeting at 7:30pm / *Mini-miners* at 7pm
??? to bring refreshments --- ??? door prizes.

MORE CLUB NEWS TO "DIG"

- Roxanne Rowe and Carol Harris make lovely hand-made jewelry.
- Charles Inman, from Fort Edward, NY, visited our September meeting! Thanks! We hope you made it home safely and hope to see you again someday soon if you're ever this way again.
- Wayne County Historian, Peter Evans, invited our club to send a representative to his group's monthly meetings in reference to Wayne County geology, archeology, paleontology etc!
- Contact Bill Chapman or Stan Griffin if you are interested in panning for gold or fossils hunting.
- Bill Chapman requests new members contact him about safety issues on the dig sites.
- Bill Lesniak was elected as club delegate to West Palm Beach, FL.
- Did you know that Mastodon bones were found in Wyoming County, New York?
- CLUB PATCHES ARE IN! THEY LOOK GREAT! MORE INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.
- EFTA and the Dolomite Group presented Fluorite Fantasy #5 at the Walworth Quarry in Wayne County on October 7th and 8th. It was a great time! Andrea Kords hosted the dinner at her house after the dig on Saturday.
- Either the Discovery Channel or the Travel Channel on cable TV has some great shows on gem and mineral collection tourist sites.
- Past AFMS newsletters can be downloaded from their website. The website is: < www.amfed.org >
- Learn more about the history of mining in NYS, Google a visit on "NYS Archives" website!
- Fossils and artifacts can be seen at the Wayne County Museum on Butternut St., Lyons.

Earth-Wide Events To Try!



Oct 21st and Oct 22nd, 2006
37th GEM AND MINERAL SHOW & SALE
Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Route 9/ Dutchess County Fairgrounds
<http://www.geocities.com/nyrockhounds>
(845) 227-1188

Oct 21st – Oct 22nd
37th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society
Rhinebeck, NY

Oct 28, 2006 10-6pm (and)
Oct 29th, 2006 10-5pm
Rochester Gem and Mineral Show
Minette Hall at the Rochester "Dome"
Monroe Co. Fairgrounds, Rochester, NY
(Hyland Drive off 390 to Caulkins Rd)
Larry Schulmann (585) 271-6967
namluchcs@aol.com

Nov. 17th-19th, 2006
Eastern Federation Convention,
West Palm Beach, FL

Nov 4th-Nov 5th
"World of Opals" Annual Gemorama,
Tuscarora Lapidary Society, Exton, Pa.

Volunteers needed for refreshments and door prizes for the November meeting!

Experts determined that the huge bones were from a Jeffersonian Mammoth from the Ice Age. The discussion at the Bradford County Historical Society explained why they're known as Jeffersonian Mammoths. They noted differences between mammoths/mastodons, the likelihood of finding other mammoths and where the bones are now. Contact him at the Andastes Chapter of the Pa. Archaeological Society or the Bradford Co. Pa Historical Society.

WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MEETINGS: Held 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm in the basement of the Park Presbyterian Church, Maple Court, Newark, NY (north door)

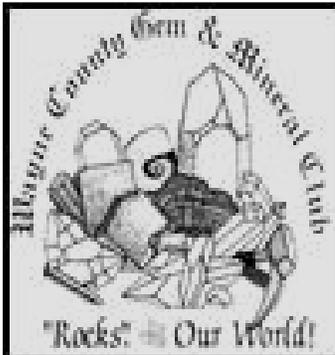
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Affiliation: the American Federation and Eastern Federation of Mineral Societies (March 24th, 1973)

OFFICERS: Elected at the October meeting, taking office In November for a 2-year term. Fiscal year runs from Oct. 1st to Sept. 31st.

MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 (FAMILY OR SINGLE ADULT)
\$10.00 (STUDENT 18 YRS OR YOUNGER)
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