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President's Message

Howdy, everyone! The weather is getting warmer. Are you as happy as I am? Warm weather this time of the year signals to me that we WCGMC members must get ready for Newark fest celebration. We've made the decision to get another float ready for the upcoming Rose parade. We need to plan ahead and then start working on the float at my house. So- we'll need some help from members: old-timers, newcomers, young, and old. Of course, we'll also need some "supervision" with all the fun, the clowning, and joking around, so plan on stopping by to hang out for coffee keep the rest of us in-line. Call me with your calendar/ date book handy and let's talk. In the meantime, my friend and fellow, Mr. Jerry Donahue, has gathered some important information pertinent to all rock hounds everywhere. So while you are waiting for the next meeting, read what he has found out. I think you will find it educational. Take care! Think Spring!



Your President,
Stan

**NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND
REPATRIATION ACT (NAGRA)**

BY Jerry Donahue

Where do we stand as amateur collectors, geologists, archeologists, diggers of rubble looking for that special mineral, rock, or fossil?

First, let's recognize the law. The act became a law on November 16, 1990 (public law 101-601; U.S.C. 3001 ET>SEQ.). It has been amended twice.

Jerry investigated and highlighted aspects of the entire law concerning NAGRA with the following terms that fall under this act.

- 1) Burial Site- Natural or prepared locations (below, on, or above the surface of the earth where human remains are deposited)
- 2) Cultural Affiliations- (Jerry adds any remains that are located in NYS, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, province of Quebec, Ontario, Canada, and marine regions are all affiliated with cultures for, at least, 10,00-13,000 years.*)

3) Associated Funeral Objects-

- A) Placed with the remains at the time of death rite or ceremony,
 - b) Unassociated funerary objects either as a part of the death rite or ceremony,
 - c) Sacred objects used in the performance of religious ceremony
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Visit A Show in 2008 **APRIL 5-6: Buffalo, NY** - 40th Annual Gem Mineral Fossil Show, "JADE-STONES OF HEAVEN". Located at the Erie County Fairgrounds in the Market and Grange Buildings, please use the South Park Ave. entrance. Hours: Sat. April 5th - 10:00am - 6:00pm, Sun, April 6th - 10:00am - 5:00pm. Demonstrations, beads, jewelry, minerals, fossils, private collections, activities for kids, door prizes, fun for the whole family. Admission \$5.00, Kids 12 years and under FREE. Steve Birtz is the Show Chairman at SBirtz@aol.com

APRIL 5-6: Johnson City, NY - 39th Museum of Gems sponsored by the NY Southern Tier Geology Club. Johnson City Sr. Center, Johnson City, NY

APRIL 19-20: West Mifflin, PA - Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Monongahela Rockhounds. Sky View Fire Hall; West Mifflin, PA.

APRIL 26: Dover, NH - 4th Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club. Dover Veterans Community Center, Dover, NH.

APRIL 26-27: Franklin, NJ - 36th Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, NJ Earth Science Assoc. & Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School/Washington Av; Franklin, NJ.

MAY 24: Towson, MD - Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. NEW LOCATION: Ruhl Armory, 1035 York Rd (MD 45 just off I-695); Towson, Maryland. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE ROAD! CARPOOL and / or CONVOY!**

APRIL 2008 WCGMC GUEST LECTURE ON "WILD ACRES" AND NORTH CAROLINA DIGGING CANCELLED

Inga Wells, our friend and fellow WCGMC member from Sayre, Pa. was scheduled to be the April 2008 guest lecturer at our meeting. However, Inga has sent word that she will not be able to give the lecture at this time. "I'm sorry to let you know that I will not have recuperated from my operation by the time of the Wayne County April meeting. Mike has made a copy of the geology tape we were going to show and I think the club has the Wildacres tape. I will not be able to attend Wildacres in April either...Sorry, but there is nothing I can do about it. I will see you" ---Our thoughts are with you, Inga, on your speedy recovery.

Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium

Thursday - Sunday, April 10-13, 2008 will be the 35th Annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. The Thursday evening program is open to members of the Rochester Academy of Science. Show your RASNY membership card and you can receive a free pass for the evening. You must register for the remainder of the Symposium, but members may also volunteer to help at the Symposium and receive a free registration. Help is especially needed to setup on Thursday and to teardown on Sunday. *Everyone is encouraged to get* additional information on the Symposium's complete *public* schedule as well as the registration form by going to their website directly at <http://www.rasny.org/MineralSymp.htm> (E-mail contacts are as suggested: contactrms@hotmail.com, Chuck Hiler: mineralpresident@rasny.org or John Handley: fossil@rasny.org Mark Your Calendars: 36th RMS will be April 23 to April 26, 2009.



Eurypterus remipes The New York State Fossil

UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

April 11, 2007 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Maple Court, Newark, NY.

Use the North door entrance on Church Street. Please drive carefully!

Board of Director's Meeting 7-7:30pm General Membership meeting starts 7:30pm.

Mini-miner's meet at 7pm. _____ refreshments _____ door prizes.

Dave Millis presenting "Rocks, Minerals & Fossil Identification By Hand Only"- a contest with prizes and educational to newer members.



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CLUB NEWS TO dig - Kudos, too!

1. With gas prices steadily increasing, it is not only eco-friendly, but it's just plain economical for our members to consider car-pooling when possible. Call Pat and Bill Chapman for up-to-date information on the WCGMC road trips happenings.
2. The photo and the caption on page 2 are credited to the rasny.org website. Wouldn't that look nice as a bookmark for a favorite rock-collecting travel guide?
3. Jerry Donahue writes that shell collections should not be stored in cardboard or wooden boxes. Acid deteriorates shells. Use jars or plastic containers.
4. Get well soon to our Mama Rockhound, Marion Wheaton! We love you, too, Jim. Both take care.
5. **Plz: submit newsletter articles in writing BEFORE the 22nd of the month.**
6. KUDOS' to Beth Bordwell and Pat Chapman for donations of early WCGMC stuff for the club's archives.
7. Get well soon, Don Schiltz! Being sick is bad for health.

NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGRA) (continued from page 1)

- 4) Federal lands- means any lands other than tribal lands which are controlled or owned by the United States
- 9) Lands owned by Native American nations- means of or relating to a tribe, people, or culture that is indigenous to the United States.
- 13) Rights of Possession- (28USC1491) must be approved by cultural people closest to ownership of the objects or U.S. Court of Claims.

Jerry continues: "So, how do we stand as collectors? I think we all have looked for arrowheads as we walk over freshly plowed fields, on creek banks, flint outcroppings, looking over unusual rocks...the rock beveled out for grinding corn... the oblong rock grooved for a war club... That's what we do out there. Now, on the other hand, if we should happen upon a village site, what then? Should we collect samples of pottery shards, beads, shells? No. No, leave it alone and report it to NYS officials, the Haudenosaunee nation (Iroquois, the "people of the longhouse)) or to the US Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC. All village sites in NYS are protected by state and federal law, as are most surrounding states*. The collecting, excavating, disturbing these sites could bring severe civil penalties. I have been involved with protecting the sites as I have located them. A hint [for public knowledge]: pottery shards usually indicate a burial site or a village. Why? It is because most village sites contain burial sites in close proximity to that village. Disturbing these sites is likening to someone digging up your gr-gr-grandmother and removing rings, jewelry, and other items buried with her! Native Americans feel the same way about disturbing our ancestors' resting places. Now- what about those arrowheads and other misc items? Have at it! Good luck to your finding a part of history! No report is required for single finds. A report is due only if numerous items are found at a location. These small finds are gifts from the people (my ancestors) that lived in this beautiful land that we live in." For more information on the aforementioned law or any topic related to Native American culture in general, our very own WCGMC vice-president, Jerry Donahue can be contacted by calling 315-548-8085.

MINI-MINERS to Have Contest at April Meeting Kids: there is a contest this month with a hand specimen of pyrite pyritohedron crystals. Sincerely, Darryl Powell (aka Diamond Dan) For more details or info: contact Heather Bournemann.

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 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. 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!!

(Lithuanian) Baltic Amber (Part 2) --“the early beginning of the history of mankind. Most of the prehistoric amber artifacts from the late Stone Age (3000 years BC) were found at the end of the 19th century, excavating the bottom of the Curonian Lagoon at Juodkrante. Richard Klebs described this famous collection called the "treasure of Juodkrante" in 1882. From the 434 pieces of this treasure only a small number survived the Second World War. Organisms embedded in amber are called "inclusions" (lat. Includere). This kind of preservation of fossil plants and animals is one of nature's unique phenomena. Fossils are delicately preserved in these "golden tombs". Thanks to the transparency of amber, scientists can study the tiniest structures. Most often small and winged animals were trapped in the sticky resin. Approximately 86% of the inclusions are ...” Stay tuned for part 3 or read the whole thing!

<http://www.ambergallery.lt/english/muziejus.htm>

(Continued) **Been there, dung that: NAU scientist gets the scoop on poop and climate change** FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (2/14/08)—

“used by scientists to get accurate data on an array of topics, including the environmental changes that took place on the Colorado Plateau during the last 100,000 years. "Dung is accurate for carbon dating," Mead explains. "It's a data set that typically disappears in the fossil record. All we typically get are bones, but with dung we get biochemistry. We can tell a lot about the climate by analyzing what plants the animal ate” Stay tuned for the next issue! (Northern Arizona University) suggested by Bill Lesniak.



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First class: dated meetings and time valued.

