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President's Message

Greetings Everyone ☺

There's been something I've been thinking about a lot lately...your safety. In the recent warm weather, I've seen four different accidents. These flesh & blood individuals, at least, lost their vehicles... some lost more. There for the grace of God go you or I. A moment of inattentiveness or an argument in the car can lead to missing that stop sign or not seeing the pedestrian crossing the road. The results will cause a major change in your day's plan, if not your life. I try to paint a happy face on most things but what we do out there when we collect is dangerous. Working roadsides looking for rocks is dangerous. Just think about the highway worker whose life was changed when a young man watching TV ran off the road and hit him. Think about those thirty non-miners who lost their lives in U.S. mines & quarries last year. Don't be a statistic! Big equipment operators can't see you. Walls that have stood for eons give way. Chisels flatten out & become unusable. Please...watch out for yourself and the ones around you. Safety is everyone's job. Think about it and practice it everyday. I'd rather buy you a new chisel than flowers for the hospital. Love You All & Happy Easter! President & Mother Hen... Pat

Chimney Bluffs State Park AND Beechwood State Park in Wayne County Scheduled for Closure by State amidst Budget Cuts

ALBANY, NY (02/19/2010) -- The Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) put forward a recommended list of closures and service reductions in order to achieve its 2010-11 agency savings target and help address the State's historic fiscal difficulties. Governor Paterson issued the following statement: "New York faces an historic fiscal crisis of unprecedented magnitude. It has demanded many difficult but necessary decisions to help ensure the fiscal integrity of our State. The unfortunate reality of closing an \$8.2 billion deficit is that there is less money available for many worthy services & programs. In an environment when we have to cut funding to schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and social services, no area of State spending, including parks and historic sites, could be exempt from reductions. We cannot mortgage our State's financial future through further gimmicks or avoidance behavior. Spending cuts, however difficult, are needed in order to put NY on the road to fiscal recovery. Going forward through the budget process, I look forward to a productive dialogue with the Legislature on parks and historic sites, as well as other issues." OPRHP Commissioner Carol Ash's statement: "The 2010-11 Executive Budget included reductions to every area of State spending. As such, the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation put forward proposed closures and service reductions to meet its agency savings target. These actions were not recommended lightly, but they are necessary to address our State's extraordinary fiscal difficulties." OPRHP's plan includes the closure of 41 parks & 14 historic sites & service reductions at 23 parks & 1 historic site. www.ny.gov/governor/press . As of 4/2 this has been moved off the chopping block

WCGMC's Road Trip Diary to Pennsylvania!



Good Eats at the Carlisle Diner!!



No Bill. You can't take it home.

April 9, 2010 [Friday] WCGMC Meeting *Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30 Reg. Meeting: 7:00 SHARP , "Mini-Miners" at 6 PM : Wirewrapping marbles. Bring any interesting ones you might wish to wrap! Program: Inga Wells presenting "Glaciers – A Moving Experience".*

FYI: April 10 [Saturday]: MSHA Training [Mine Safety] **Postponed!!**

April 11 [Sunday] WCGMC Field Trip - Lords Corners & Fayetteville NY (EFTA)

Specimens: Lords Corners - large horn coral Fayetteville – selenite

Equipment Needed: hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, PPE [Personal Protective Equipment] –

Safety glasses, hard hat, safety vest, good shoes

Meet 8AM: Breakfast at Magee Restaurant at Rt. 414 & Rt. 318,

Leave 8:45AM: Carpool leaves Restaurant parking area near Thruway Exit 41.

Contact: Ken Rowe at gotrox88@yahoo.com 315-331-1438 for further information & sign up.

FYI: April 17, 2010..[EFTA Field Trip] **Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section...St. Johnsville, NY...Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground** - 10am-8pm. Herkimer "diamonds". For more info: Valerie Polachak at valp@rochester.rr.com

FYI: April 17, 2010..[EFTA Field Trip]**St. Lawrence County Mineral Club... Pierrepont, NY...Power's Farm** - Meet at the Meadow's Restaurant Corner of Cty. Rt. 27 & Rt. 25 at 8:00. Departing at 9:00am. Anyone wishing to attend any of the above field trips please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net

April 24-25 WCGMC Field Trip: Schoharie County and tour Howe Caverns *Rescheduled for Sept.*
Specimens to be collected: Pyrite & fossils. Howe Caverns Tour <http://www.howecaverns.com>

April 23-25 WCGMC Field Trip - Sterling Hill Super Dig 4-24-10 9AM – 11PM
Ogdensburg, New Jersey Bills - Chapman & Lesniak are going. Anyone else?
Call Bill Lesniak at 315-483-8061 or Bill Chapman at 607-868-4649 for sign up & details.
(<http://www.uvwworld.org/>)

FYI: April 24-25 FRANKLIN, NEW JERSEY: 38th annual show and swap; Franklin-Ogdensburg Earth Science Association, New Jersey Earth Science Association, Sterling Hill Mining Museum; Franklin School, 50 Washington Ave.; Sat. 9-5:30, Sun. 9-5; adults \$5, children under 14 free with paying adult; contact Sterling Hill Mining Museum, (973) 209-7212

FYI: April 10-11 -- JOHNSON CITY, NY: 41st annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club; Johnson City Senior Citizen Center, 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, kids under 12 free; dealers, silent auctions; contact Al Conklin, (607) 625-4140; e-mail: allanconklin@aol.com

FYI: 4/15-18, 2010: Rochester Mineralogical Symposium <http://www.rasny.org/>
37th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium; early registration by 3/15 contactrms@hotmail.com

May 8 Saturday – WCGMC Field Trip Dolomite Quarry Dig- Penfield (EFTA)
746 Whalen Road. Safety Meeting Mandatory - sign in 6:45AM PPE [Personal Protective Equipment]
Minerals to be found - dolomite, fluorite, selenite, sphalerite, celestine, gypsum, and clam, coral, crinoid, stromatolite fossils
Rest room facilities available in office area.

May 14, 2010 2010 [Friday] WCGMC Meeting

"Mini-Miners" at 6 PM : "Cleaning & treating fossils"

Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30 Reg. Meeting: 7:00 SHARP ,

Program: Club Contest- "Your best find/acquired specimen for 2009" www.wcgmc.org

FYI: May 14 & 15: Free Night of Kamping at KOAs. Get Sat. night free when you stay on Friday. The Chapmans will be roughing it at the Herkimer KOA in their usual Kottage. If folks are interested, we'll make it a club event. Let's talk at our next meeting. More info at <http://herkimerdiamond.com>

FYI: May 15, 2010...EFTA Dig -St. Lawrence County Mineral Club...St. Lawrence County, NY...Bush Farm Meet at the Silver Cent Diner (The old Silver Leaf or long ago it was Turner's Truck stop) Rt. 11 halfway between Gouverneur and Canton, NY 8:00, departing at 9:00am. Anyone wishing to attend any of the above field trips please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net.

May 22 [Saturday] WCGMC Field Trip: Fossil collecting in Alden

Specimens: pyritized fossils & nodules.

Park in back of John & Mary's Restaurant Rt. 20 Alden 9:30 AM.

Note: No breakfast or facilities available at this location until later when they open for lunch.

Equipment Needed: hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, PPE [Personal Protective Equipment]

Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net / phone 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up.

FYI: May 29-30, 2010...EFTA Field Trip..North Shore Rock and Mineral Club.... Fonda NY..... Hickory Hill Diggings..... for "Herkimer Diamonds"... Facilities & Parking next to collecting area. Tools: From hard rock mining (Dolomitic Limestone) heavy sledge & wedges to small raking and digging tools. Fee was \$5 last year. Contact joergrace@msn.com for directions.

June 11, 2010 [Friday] WCGMC Meeting www.wcgmc.org

June 25 - 27 [Fri. – Sun.] WCGMC Field Trip: Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground, (EFTA) 161 County Highway 114, St. Johnsville, NY 13452

(<http://www.crystalgrove.com/Kampgrounds>) Specimens: "Herkimer Diamonds" (Quartz Crystals).

Also trilobite search near Little Falls.

Contact: Bill Lesniak at dirtman300@aol.com 315-483-8061 for info

July 1 [Thursday] WCGMC Field Trip: Canandaigua, Bristol & Honeoye – Fossil collecting

Equipment Needed: hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, PPE

Meet at FLCC South parking lot Rte. 364 & County Road 18, 8:00 AM

Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net / phone 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up.

July 9 No regular meeting this month *Club Picnic – Date & location TBA*

July 10 & 11, 2010: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse Show NYS fairgrounds

<http://www.gmss.us> **WCGMC Trip:** Our club will man a table here this year displaying our collected field trip materials. Entrance to the show will be free for those who volunteer a couple of hours at our table to sign up new members & answer questions. Good family opportunity. Please sign up early [we need to get name badges prepared] & enjoy a great show! Contact: Pat Chapman batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649.

July 24 [Sat.] Rose Parade, Newark NY: Let's make a Float! More details to follow.

FYI: Wed. Aug.11 – Sat. Aug.14, 2010 : **50th Annual Pageant of Steam Canandaigua, NY**
Flea Market & Steam Engines, sluicing & rocks for sale <http://www.pageantofsteam.org/>

August 13: No WCGMC or Mini-miner meeting! Most folks will be on vacation or at the field trip in New England.

August 13-15 Tripp WCGMC Field Trip: Mine Alstead, New Hampshire - An Aquamarine Mine Dig on 8/14; Sunday digging site/activity to be determined by participants. For more information contact: Dave Kords at dave@amercianhobbyshop.com or call 585-732-1522.

FYI: Aug.14–15, 2010: East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, West Springfield, MA
<http://www.mzexpos.com/eastcoast.htm>

FYI: EFTA Field Trip August 21, 2010...St. Lawrence County Mineral Club...
www.StLawrenceCountyMineralClub.org Pierreport, NY...Power's Farm: during the St. Lawrence County Mineral's Club's 44th Annual Show in Madrid, NY. Leaving our show site at 9:00. Meet at the Community Building at the 2010 Show in Madrid, NY. Anyone wishing to attend any of the above field trips please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net.

September 10, 2010 [Friday] WCGMC Meeting 7:00 SHARP www.wcgmc.org

"Mini-Miners" at 6 PM :

Social Hour/Rock Identification & Swap 6:30 **Program:** Gem Tree Making with Dave Millis

Sept. 18 [Sat]: WCGMC Field Trip Cameron Fossil Dig [Kids will love it here!]

Fossils Everywhere!!! Ammonites, brachiopods, all kinds of fossils! Bring hammer, chisel, collecting bucket, PPE, water shoes for any wet creeks, water, snacks, sunscreen & bug spray – we'll be working in various creeks and a quarry. Meet 9:00 AM [for breakfast] at exit 37 Rte. 17(I-86) & Rte. 53 at PILOT – a truck stop on West side of Rte 53 in the Hamlet of Kanona. Leave for dig at 9:45 AM.

Contact: Bill Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up

FYI: Wildacres **NC Rock Camp for Grownups! 9/6/10 to 9/12/10**

<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm> [or] <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/wildacres-retreat.html>

Oct. 2 & 3 Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at St. Michael's School:

Volunteers needed to pass out fliers, set up, tear down, make displays, etc, etc. etc.

Call Dave Kords at 585-732-1522 or dave@americanhobbyshop.com

Those **interested in display cases** for the Oct. Show need to let Dave know by September 25, 2010.

There are a limited number available.

Oct. 9th & 10th [Sat. & Sun.] WCGMC Field Trip Walworth Quarry Sat. 7AM-2PM Sun. 7-12

1200 Atlantic Ave. Walworth, NY 14568 Safety Meeting Mandatory - sign in 6:45AM

Minerals to be found - dolomite, fluorite, selenite, sphalerite, celestine, gypsum, and clam, coral, crinoid, stromatolite fossils Quarry PPE Needed. Bring Bucket, chisel, rock hammer, sunscreen, water, snack
Rest room facilities available in office area.



Linda Schmidt Gall always with a smile.



Chuck Hiler, Susie Hoch & Wendy Simpson



Jim & Sue Simons – on the road in Pennsylvania



Chuck Hiler – our March presenter

April 15, 2010 12:00 Noon to 5:00pm

WARD'S OPEN HOUSE 5100 W. Henrietta Rd. Rochester, NY

Ward's Natural Science Establishment warmly welcomes you to the 37th Annual Rochester Mineral Symposium with a unique invitation to visit our warehouse and production facility for a behind-the-scenes look at a truly special science education company. Founded in 1862 by renowned geologist and collector, Henry Ward, this Rochester-based company has supplied schools, universities, museums, and collector's the world over with the finest rock, mineral, and fossil specimens for nearly 150 years. We'd like to share that unique history and passion for geological specimens with you at a special pre-Symposium Open House. Please join us on Thursday, April 15th between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5:00pm at our warehouse on West Henrietta Road. You'll get an opportunity to tour our production operation and browse through hundreds of mineral specimens specially priced for Symposium participants. It's an opportunity you won't want to miss, with hidden treasures around every corner. So please join us!

<http://www.rasny.org/MinSymposium/Mineral%20Symposium%20Open%20House%20Invitation.pdf>

U.S. Minerals Sector Declined in 2009

U.S. also Increasingly Dependent on Foreign Sources for Minerals

The value of U.S. mineral production significantly declined in 2009. The value of raw, nonfuel minerals mined in the United States was \$57.1 billion in 2009, a decline of 20 percent over the past year. The value of materials domestically processed and refined from these raw minerals was \$454 billion in 2009, a 25 percent decline from that of 2008. Also over the past year, U.S. dependence on foreign sources for minerals has increased, continuing a trend that has been evident for more than 30 years. The United States relied on foreign sources to supply more than 50 percent of domestic consumption of 38 mineral commodities in 2009, and was 100 percent reliant on imports for 19 of those. Minerals are a fundamental component to the U.S. economy. Final products, such as cars and houses, produced by major U.S. industries using mineral materials made up approximately 13 percent (more than \$1.9 trillion) of the 2009 gross domestic product. The U.S. Geological Survey recently released the Mineral Commodity Summaries 2010, and this annual report addresses events, trends, and issues in the domestic and international mineral industries and includes statistics on about 90 mineral commodities. The report is used by public and private sector analysts regarding planning and decision making for government and business. "Over the last year, there has been reduced production of almost every mineral commodity and lower prices for most metals," said USGS Mineral Resources Program Coordinator Kathleen Johnson. "This report allows for timely research and analysis of our nation's minerals sector." A decline in the U.S. housing market during 2009 caused reductions in the production and consumption of construction materials. Declines in automobile and durable goods manufacturing resulted in reduced production and consumption of metals including copper, iron, steel, lead, and platinum-group metals. Gold was one notable exception to the downward trend in metal prices, reaching an all time high of \$1,215.21 per troy ounce in early December 2009. Iron ore was among the largest to decline and decreased by nearly 50 percent in production quantity and value over the last year. The USGS is the sole federal provider of objective assessments on mineral resources, production, consumption, and environmental effects. The USGS collects, analyzes, and disseminates current data on mineral commodity industries in the United States and about 180 other countries. The USGS report "Mineral Commodity Summaries 2010" is available at <http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/mcs/>. Hardcopies should be available from the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents. For ordering info, call (866) 512-1800 or <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>. USGS provides science for a changing world. Visit www.usgs.gov.

→ **Please Note!** ←

UPCOMING WCGMC MEETING

Friday, April 9, 2010

Meet in Lounge of the Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY 14513

(Use the SOUTH – NOT NORTH Door)

[Church Rummage Sale is set up in basement this month.]

Mini-Miners at 6 pm: Wirewrapping marbles

Regular meeting: 7pm

☞ Program: Inga Wells presents *Glaciers* ☞

WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

MEETINGS:

Held 2nd Friday night of each month
at 7:00pm at Park Presbyterian Church basement,
Maple Court, Newark, NY

WEBSITE: www.wcgmc.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. 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

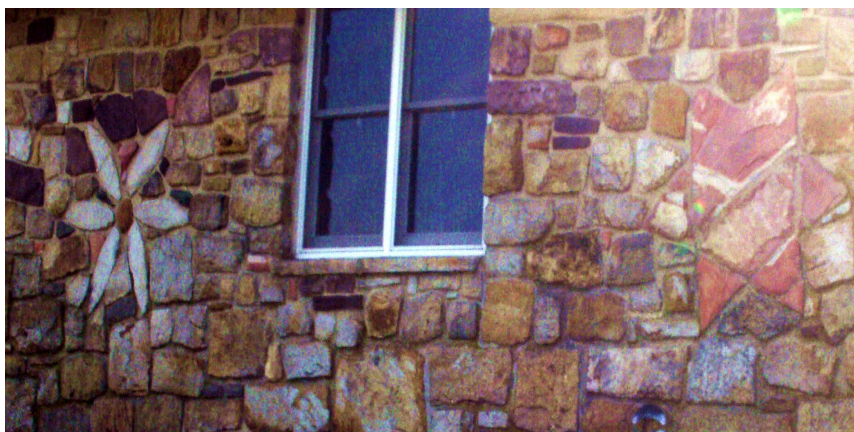
(Includes 2 adult votes and children)

Send due, SASE with your info to:

WCGMC, P.O. Box 4, Newark, NY14513

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

The public is welcome!!



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