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President's Message

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays Everyone!

Today I'm snug as a bug on a rug in my car while Bill & Jerry are braving the elements down in a pit – scraping and clawing through shale to find the elusive remnants of long forgotten ages. Must be finding something because they've been gone for 3 hours. I think back to Kent Smith's lecture last month & daydream about the tropics where this land use to lie. Too bad we arrived 300 million years too late – could use a little heat here today.

On our recent trip to the Museum of the Earth at the Paleontological Research Institute [PRI], we got to see some of our family members we haven't seen for awhile. The staff we met there were fun to visit with also. We were challenged to think about the bones and imprints there and in return we challenged them to identify some fossils we brought along. Guess what folks, they couldn't ID 'em all. Some of the crinoids had 9 or 10 points upon magnification – an unusual formation they told us. And there were more abnormalities in the other specimens we brought to them. The photos of a fossil Bill C. found in Honeoye may be a tree with crinoids attached according to Greg Diethl, a staff paleontologist. The investigation continues & I'll keep you posted on that progress. A Power-Point presentation of Glacier National Park was an enjoyable perk during our visit. I didn't know the park was only open 3 or 4 months a year. When it was time to leave, we expressed our thanks in the form of Girl Scout cookies [which our guide Ursula really enjoyed] and we left there having forged yet another bond with other rockhounds and renewed our mission to continue exploring where the professionals have little time to go. Peace to you always--- Pat



Christmas Party

Meet at 6:00 P.M. ---- Eat at 6:30 P.M.

****Watch the Weather Reports!!!!!!****

WCGMC will provide meat & drink.

Please bring your favorite dish to pass.

LOCATION CHANGE:

*Christmas Party at Baptist Church
on Rt. 21 in Manchester!*

Gift exchange (approx. \$10)

categories – man – woman – youth.

Silent auction – specimens wanted for auction
split proceeds with the club – 25/75 split club/individual.

Reservations with Pat Chapman
at (batnpill@empacc.net.) or 607-868-4649



Peace & Goodwill to All

WCGMC Monthly Meeting Minutes 11-13-09

Kent Smith started the evening by giving the club a wonderful in-depth program of the Silurian Age around Middleport, NY. complete with samples and images he & his partners have acquired there.

The meeting on Nov. 13, 2009 was called to order at 8:30PM. The Secretary's report from our Oct. meeting was read and accepted. The motion to accept the minutes as read made by Bill Lesniak. Seconded by Rocky Rowe.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Darryl Powell made a motion to accept it with George Cataldo seconding.

A motion was made by Bill Lesniak, seconded by Don Shiltz so we could purchase 2 books for the club. One was a book of "The Silurian Experience" for \$70.00 (penned by our speaker Kent Smith) and the other was a field book of pictures for \$20.00. Motion was passed and the books acquired.

A Field Trip Report was made by Bill Chapman. The Lord's Corners trip west of the intersection of Rte. 20 & Interstate 81 produced many fine horn coral specimens found by all. He reminded everyone of the next day's field trip to the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca. We are to meet at 10 AM there on Saturday morning. He also said to bring any fossil we wanted identified as experts from PRI [Paleontology Research Institute] would be there.

The amendment to change the bylaws giving the Board of Directors the power to determine the meeting time was passed. The Board will discuss the change to Mini-Miners will meet at 6PM with the main meeting at 7 PM. This way we can hopefully leave by 9PM. The date of our meetings [the second Friday of the month] remains unchanged.

On Dec. 11th, our Christmas Party is to be held at the Baptist Church on Rt. 21 in Manchester 3 blocks north of Mary Ann's Fashions. Our normal meeting room is not available due to a church function. We will meet at 6 PM and eat at 6:30PM. The Program is a \$10 gift exchange [3 categories - youth - man - woman] & a silent Rock Auction. Members are encouraged to bring donations for this auction. 75% will go to the member & 25% to the club.

Kudos to Bill Lesniak for winning 5th place for the club's website design in Eastern Fed. Contest. Yeah Bill...Keep up the good work!

Pat had a letter sent to her about someone who has 4600 jasper cabs for sale. If interested, see Pat Chapman.

Darryl Powell brought a proposal to our club for us to put our name & support behind his Diamond Dan monthly newsletter that will go out to multiple teachers. He proposes a 1 year e-mail subscription for Wayne County 5th or 6th grade elementary school teachers depending on earth science curriculum in the school. The club would pay for nothing and Darryl will be searching for corporate sponsorship to cover the expense. Dave Kords made the motion, Ken Rowe seconded it. Motion passed. Darryl will get back to us as things progress.

Kent Smith, our program speaker, gave the club an Arctinarius Trilobite tail fossil, presently being baby-sat by Bill Lesniak who arranged for the program. We need to discuss with the club members what we are going to do with the fossil to possibly make some money from it or give it a good home.

Tricia Garner made a motion to adjourn at 9:25PM. Dave Kords seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hoch

WCGMC Secretary

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: 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, NY 14513

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

The public is welcome!!

Tentative 2010

Upcoming programs for WCGMC:

Jan.- Loren Patterson will talk about
EFMLS.

Feb.- we'll make gem trees/jewelry.

March - Chuck Hiler talk & slides about
Lockport.

April - Inga Wells talk about glaciers.



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First class: dated meetings
and time
valued.

