



WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT 's MESSAGE

First I would like to thank everyone for his or her votes.

I hope to lead many fieldtrips this year, after all we are a digging club; and open awareness to the public who we are and what we are, what we mean, to educating kids who have interest in earth sciences,

I hope to see all at our Xmas party.
I am going to show some dig trip
slide shows and have a short
DVD on rock collecting.

President Stan



New Constitutional Bylaws Created by Club Committee

Dear Members,

After several meetings and a lot of hard work, a committee has come up with a new Constitutional Bylaws. Our old Bylaws were very outdated and not very useful. The board has approved the new ones, now the members will vote on these at the Christmas party on December 8th. Please review the new Bylaws and come prepared to vote yea or nea at the Christmas Party.

Thanks, David Kords

NAGT College Scholarship: Field Study

Each year NAGT makes several \$500 awards to undergraduate students to facilitate their study of field geosciences. These awards, previously given to students who attend a traditional summer field camp, are now available for students attending field-based courses at any time of year. The intent of the awards is to support students' participation in intensive field courses in any aspects of geosciences (including geophysics, soil science, hydrology, etc.) that focus on students practicing skills of field observation, data collection, analysis and synthesis. Awardees are selected based on the importance of the field experience in meeting their educational and career goals, the quality of the field aspects of the course, and the importance of the financial award in allowing them to participate in the program. In addition, the committee endeavors to select awardees that expand the diversity of people studying geosciences in the field. Before submitting the application, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply. Along with the application, a 250-word essay (typed) explaining how the field-camp experience fits into your long-term academic and career goals, a transcript of all your college work has to accompany it, and two recommendations from instructors acquainted with your work (note ethnic origin, if applicable). The application's receipt deadline is 2/16. Contact [Yildirim Dilek](mailto:Yildirim.Dilek@MiamiU.edu), Geology Dept, Miami University of Ohio, 114 Shideler Hall, Oxford, OH 45056 (www.nagt.org)

HELP WANTED—

CLUB PROGRAM DIRECTOR!

End the old year and
Start the New Year off by
helping to grow our club!

Become the club's
program director!

Contact Dave Kords asap!
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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!!!**

ABOUT THE PHOTOS:

TOP and MIDDLE PHOTOS:

Brookfield site on 10/19/06—about 70 or so children of the Serburne-Earlville CSD meet up with our club members. BOTTOM PHOTO—The sunny morning scene of the Walworth Quarry taken from the day of the EFTA's Flourite Fantasy dig held on 10/7 and 10/8/2006.

BROOKFIELD and WALWORTH QUARRY WCGM Club "digs" PHOTOS



Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Constitutional Bylaws

As of 11/ 28/06A

Article I, Name:

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be:

Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

(A Not-for-Profit Corporation, Section 102)

Article II, Objectives:

Section 1. The object of this club shall be: "To stimulate interest in the collection of minerals and fossils, and in cutting of stones. To disseminate knowledge of lapidary work, mineralogy, collecting and classification of minerals and fossils for greater pleasure. To foster the cultural aspects of, and the comradeship engendered by the study of these subjects. To hold meetings, exhibits, field trips, auctions, etc. for the encouragement of interest of members and the public in this recreation and educational hobby. To invite guests and prospective members to monthly meetings."

Section 2. The organization shall be non-political, non-commercial.

Section 3. To conduct its affairs without profit and to refrain from using its assets for financial benefit of any individual, organization, or group.

Section 4. To devote all the assets, property, and funds of the corporation to furtherance of the primary objectives and purposes of the corporation. Its works, purposes, and objects are primarily educational, recreational, and social, and solely in the interests of the advancement of the members and of the public along scientific and educational lines.

Section 5. To encourage and assist in the development of junior members by initiating and promoting projects whose goals are to promote participation by younger people in the activities of the club.

Section 6. To affiliate with similar organizations.

A. Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc. (EFMLS).

B. Eastern Field Trip Alliance (EFTA)

Article III, Membership:

Section 1. Membership in this club shall be divided into three classes.

1. Regular membership: All men and women over 18, interested in the hobby of gems, minerals, fossils, as recreation or education. Family membership will include all household children under 18.

2. Juniors: Persons younger than 18 who wish to join on their own. Juniors shall be adult sponsored. Junior members cannot be an officer or director.

3. Honorary Membership: shall be given to a person who has offered distinguished service to the hobby, by vote of membership. He shall not vote, hold office, or pay dues.

Section 2. Any member with particular hobby abilities shall be willing to act as teacher in club projects or programs.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall vote on all New memberships.

Section 4. All new members shall be given a copy of these Constitutional Bylaws, Club digging rules, Club quarry rules, and the American Federation "Code of Ethics".

Article IV, Dues:

Section 1. The fiscal year shall run from October 1 to September 30. Current dues shall be \$15.00 per year for single membership, \$20.00 for family membership and Juniors (whose parents are not in the club) shall be \$10.00 per year.

Article V, Officers and Directors:

Section 1. The executive officers of the club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the executive officers, the immediate past-President, and four Directors from the members-at large.

Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be:

President: shall preside over all regular, board, and special meetings, select committee chairpersons, and perform all the usual duties of the presidential office. Shall be a member of all committees except the nominating committee. Shall coordinate the duties of other officers and committee chairpersons. Shall not vote, except in case of a tie. Shall be a member of the Eastern Federation executive committee.

Vice-President: shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary: shall keep records of all club and director meetings, and summer activities. Shall read the minutes of each preceding meeting, and shall be custodian of club records, keeping an accurate list of paid members. Shall send all notices to members.

Treasurer: shall collect dues, receive all money due the club and pay all bills when the majority of the board members approve expenditures. Shall present monthly and annual report to membership. When public meeting is held, the report shall not be read, but held until next meeting to be read.

Section 4. All Officers and Directors shall be active members whose interest is primarily hobby-oriented.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet in making or suggesting plans, ideas, or projects of the club and voting on all actions brought before the Board.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall vote on the following actions:

A. Filling Board Vacancies.

B. New Memberships.

C. Removing members for detrimental conduct.

D. Payment of routine expenditures up to \$200. Any expenditure over \$200.00, routine or otherwise, shall be voted on by the general membership.

E. Any matter that cannot be delayed until the next board or general membership meeting.

F. Yearly, approval of descriptions of the duties and tasks of all chairpersons and committees.

G. Modifications of duties and task of all chairpersons and committees.

H. Yearly, approval of President's choices of committees and chairpersons, except the nomination committee.

I. Any matter that is in accord with the Bylaws.

Article VI, Committees and Chairpersons:

Section 1. The following committees and Chairpersons will be selected by the President and voted on by the Board of directors by the December meeting: Fieldtrip Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Program Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Hospitality Chairperson, Safety Chairperson, Librarian, Property Chairperson, Auditor, Club Liaison, and any others that are needed.

Section 2. The President at the September meeting shall appoint a nominating committee of three members.



Article VII, Elections:

Section 1. The President at the September meeting shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. A list of nominees, with their approval, shall be presented to the membership at the October meeting. Additional names may be nominated from the floor subject to prior approval of nominees. Election of officers shall take place at this time.

Section 2. Voting shall be by secret ballot. At the close of nominations for each office, if there is only one nominee, the president shall declare that person elected. Only those with paid up dues may vote or hold office. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election of any new offices.

Section 3. New officers shall take office on the first day of November following their election and end on the last day of October of the appropriate year.

Section 4. All offices will be a term of two consecutive years with bylaw changes in 11/2006. Two of the four Directors at Large will be voted upon every year, for a two-year term. Immediate Past President shall serve on the board for two consecutive years only.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fill any vacancy that might occur in any office until the vacancy for the unexpired term can be filled by election at the next election.

Article VIII, Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be the second Friday of the month (or the first Friday in case of activity conflict), at 7:30 PM.

Section 2. The President or the Board of Directors may call special meetings and/or meeting places.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as deemed necessary at the call of the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Quorum:

A. A quorum for the Board of Directors shall be 5 Board members.

B. A quorum for meetings of the general membership shall be all who are present at the meeting plus the mail ballots returned by the required postmark date, as published in the club newsletter. For election it will be those that are present for that (publicized in the club newsletter) meeting.

Section 5. General membership voting:

A. One (1) vote per paid single or junior membership and two (2) votes per family membership.

B. Voting, other than elections, maybe done by attending a meeting or by mail ballots to the official club mailing address.

C. Email for all voting, except elections, if allowed by the board of directors, in instructions in the Club newsletter.

D. Voting shall be on:

1. Election of officers and Directors by attending meeting only.

2. Routine expenditures over \$200 and non-routine expenditures.

3. Amendments of the Constitutional Bylaws.

4. Anything not covered in the Bylaws or comes before the membership that has been published in the club newsletter that is not time sensitive.

5. Dissolution of the Club.

Article IX, Amendments:

Section 1. Any By-laws may be amended by 2/3 vote at any regular meeting, after publicizing changes in the club newsletter and the required postmark date at the club's official mailing address for mail ballots.

Article X, Advisory Council

Section 1. Past Presidents of this club shall constitute an advisory council, with no regular meetings, and shall act in the role of elder statesmen

Article XI, Parliamentary Authority:

Section 1. Unless stated in these Constitutional Bylaws, "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern the club.

Article XII, Personal Conduct of Members:

Section 1. Members shall conduct themselves befitting an educational organization, upholding hobby standards at all club affairs and at any other event pertaining to the hobby in general. The American Federation "Code of Ethics" shall be in effect at all times, with members knowing and abiding by it. Anyone guilty of detrimental conduct shall be removed from the club by a majority vote of the Board of Directors

Article XIII, Field Trips:

Section 1. Members shall not use any explosives of any kind, or use power tools, at all collecting areas, except where allowed when permission is granted. Members should use extra precaution when using power tools.

Section 2. Property rights on collecting areas shall be respected. (*See Art.XII, Sec.1*) Always ask for permission and thank the landowner for use. "And, always leave it cleaner than you found it."

Section 3. Trip Chairperson and Safety Chairperson shall be in charge of enforcing club and quarry safety rules and the collecting "Code of Ethics", and shall report to the Board of Directors, all infringements.

Section 4. Official field trips:

- A. To be an official club field trip, any one or more of the following has to take place:
 - 1. Club field trip has to be published in the club newsletter.
 - 2. Announced in advance at a regular club meeting by field trip Chairmen or President of the club.
 - 3. Announced to all club members by field trip phone tree 48 hours in advance.
 - 4. Any Eastern Field Trip Alliance (EFTA) field trip as long as Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club is a member in good standing with EFTA.
- B. Guests may be allowed as long as they are voted on and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article XIV, Official Events

- A. To be an Official Event, any one or more of the following has to take place:
 - 1. The Event has to be published in the club newsletter.
 - 2. The Event has to be announced in advance at a regular club meeting.
 - 3. Announced to all club members by phone tree 48 hours in advance.
 - 4. Any Eastern Field Trip Alliance (EFTA) event as long as Wayne County
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Gem and Mineral Club is a member in good standing with EFTA.

5. Any Event that the club is invited to that is voted and approved by the Board of Directors or General Membership.

B. Guests may be allowed as long as they are voted on and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article XV, History of Club:

Section 1. The Wayne County Historian's office shall do all archival storage of historical records and information.

Article XVI, Dissolution of Club:

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of this Club by the membership, all remaining funds and club property shall be turned over to the Eastern or American Federation Fund, or to other hobby groups or clubs with similar aims and purposes.

Section 2. All records/ documents/ archives would be given over to the Wayne Co. Historian's office for archival storage and care. Future provenance shall be considered under the exclusive domain of the Wayne Co. Historian. The last Secretary of the Board is responsible for handing the material over to the Wayne Co. Historian at the completion of dissolution.

Approved by the WCGM Club Board of Directors: November 10th, 2006

Vote pending by general membership: December 8th, 2006



UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

December 8th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church

Annual Club Christmas party starts at 6:30pm!

All members need contact Marion Wheaton: sign up to bring a dish to pass with attendance!!

The club will be hosting a \$10.00 "man" / "woman" adult gift exchange event. However, bring your own gift(s) for your own child(ren) so they don't feel left out.

January 12th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church

WCGMC Board meeting 7pm sharp / Regular meeting at 7:30pm / *Mini-miners* at 7pm

Andrea Kords to bring refreshments --- Bill Chapman door prizes.

MORE CLUB NEWS TO "DIG"

1. Roxanne Rowe and Carol Harris made lovely jewelry. Check it out.

**2. IT'S RENEW YOUR CLUB DUES TIME!!!
CONTACT BILL LESNIAK ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!!**

3. Bill Lesniak has geology books about the area around Clyde, Wayne County, NY.

4 The family membership dues of \$15.00 will be increased to \$20.00 per year starting with the October 2007 renewal date.

5. Bill Chapman can help you to buy your own florescent safety vest.

6. Bill Lesniak would like to have his book returned! It is a Mineralogical Text by Dana. PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOK!!!!

7. Don Schiltz has brand new loupes for sale.

8. Did you know Mastodon bones were found in Wyoming County, NY?

9. Thanks to Pat Chapman for the clear photos that were used in this newsletter edition.

10. Andrea Kords reported that the November WCGM Club Open House had an attendance of at least 34 new children!

11. Past AFMS newsletters can be downloaded from their website. The website is: < www.amfed.org >

12. To learn more about the history of mining in NYS, Google a visit on "NYS Archives" website!

13. The American Hobby shop sells field trip books and beautiful gem trees.

14. Andrea Kords learned a lot and had a great time at the Eastern Federation Convention! See her at the party and get the scoop.

15. Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you folks. May your new year be filled with love, joy, great times, good friends, health, wealth, and lots of rocks, fossils and minerals!

Earth-Wide Events To Try!



(Give a Gift to Yourself This Season)

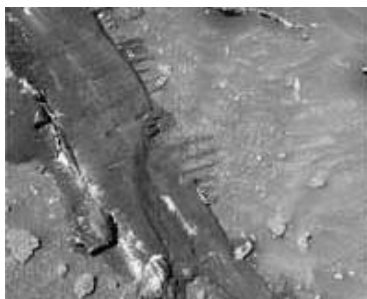
Shows provide an opportunity for buying and selling materials, supplies, specimens, and finished objects that we use in our hobbies and businesses. In respect to the regional and national shows, it also provides a meeting time and place to conduct business for the organization. Shows are definitely a unique opportunity to be enjoyed. Find shows that are in your area and enjoy the experience. Meet new people just like you....

The WCGM Club will be co-hosting the annual 2007 show in Rochester, NY. In the winter months, one can try a family-oriented trip to the local museum, such as the one in Lyons; Wayne County, NY (Butternut Street) can enhance your knowledge of local archeology. How about some research in the Wayne County Historian's office to see what kind of minerals influenced or county in the past.

Bring a friend learn something new.

Look up interesting information on the AFMS and the EFMS websites to find out what other clubs in other warmer regions are doing for the cold winter months!

OUTTA THIS WORLD!



Spirit's wheels have churned up light-colored Martian soil that scientists are analyzing for clues to the environment in which it formed. Other light-colored soils have had a salty chemistry indicating the former presence of water on Mars. Spirit took this false-color image with the panoramic camera on the rover's 836th day of exploration. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Cornell

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)

WEBSITE: www.americanhobbyshop.com

ORGANIZED: Feb. 6, 1973 **INCORPORATED:** Jan. 5, 1976
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)

SEND DUES AND A SASE TO: WCGMC TREASURER
WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, Inc
P.O. BOX 4, NEWARK, NEW YORK 14513

**** Dues will increase starting in October 2007!!!!*******

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 to attend our meetings.



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and time valued.**