



# WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB NEWS

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## **President's Message**

Hello Folks,

The Board of Directors and the Field Trip Committee have been working on programs, places to visit and places to explore & dig. In line with this train of thought, consider where you want to travel this season. If a NYS citizen crosses the border into Canada, Mexico and certain countries or territories in the Caribbean, you might need either a passport or an EDL [Enhanced Driver License] or an ENDID [a Non-Driver Photo ID]. Extensive information is available through the NYS DMV website at [www.nysdmv.com/edl-main.htm](http://www.nysdmv.com/edl-main.htm) or call 518-474-9981 M-F 8 AM to 4 PM. High points are this program are that an enhanced license will help expedite travel at the border, costs less than a passport and fits in your wallet. Things to consider are whether you expect to travel abroad in the next few years where you'll need a passport. Are you going by plane? How often will you cross these borders? When you get an EDL, it's valid until your license is due for renewal and then it expires. If you renew your license early [when you apply for the EDL], the EDL will then expire when your next renewal date is. The EDL cost is \$30 above & beyond your normal license renewal costs. Passports cost more than \$100 at this time. Which is right for you? Only you know but consider your options now and have your documents in order before you hit the road this coming season.

## **Happy Trails!**



## January 2010 Rock Club Meeting

The Meeting opened at 7 P.M. January 8<sup>th</sup>. A motion was passed to pay bills for the Holiday Dinner in December and items for the Mini-Miners [soapstone, instructor book & magnifying glasses].

Pat Chapman said a charter member, Mr. Gene Davis, has been located in Ohio. He is in his nineties. All agreed to send him our newsletters.

The Treasurer's Report was read and passed.

Field Trip Committee volunteers are Susan Hoch, Linda Schmidtgal, Ken Rowe, Jerry Donahue, Bill Lesniak and Bill Chapman. They will meet Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to plan the year's digs.

Ken Rowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jerry Donahue seconded. Meeting was adjourned and we moved onto a PowerPoint presentation of Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies [EFMLS] given by Loren Patterson – friend, WCGMC member & President of EFMLS. The benefits we get from this larger society of rockhounds include, but are not limited to, some of the following: Club insurance at affordable rates, legislation information, a network to meet others from many other states [who might guide you to good digging locations], youth group program ideas, monthly newsletter, website information and the list goes on.

Cathy Patterson requests we save the following date: July 7-10, 2011, because there will be a joint AFMS/EFMLS Regional Convention in Syracuse, NY.

Respectfully Submitted, *Susan Hoch*



Loren and Cathy Patterson dig the snacks.



Stephanie Mason, Ryan Cowley, and Bill Chapman, digging deep into an intellectual conversation.



### CLUB NEWS TO dig - Kudos, too!

— **KUDOS** to the ad hoc members of the board's Inventory committee who are busy inventorying the club's books, magazines, literature, and equipment in storage. Please remind Ken Rowe, Roxanna Rowe, Pat or Bill Chapman of any above mentioned items still in your possession or if you find any club owned "stuff". This way, the inventory count will be accurate. If ya find something that has unbeknownst-to-you origins, ask a committee member if it belongs to our WCGMC club. If you'd like to assist in their work or have questions, please feel free to contact a Board Member. There's always ways everyone can help the club to thrive!

## Upcoming Feb. Events

### Feb. 13, 2010: NYS Gold Prospectors Organizational Meeting

10 AM Eaton Fire Hall, Mechanic St., Eaton, NY

Wanted: new york state gpaa members to form a chapter

### 2/20/10 WCGMC Field Trip to Capital District Show - NYS Museum

Albany, NY. [Saturday]

<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/programs/minerals/>

Entry fee: \$6.00 [includes entry into New York in Bloom Flower Show] 7AM: Breakfast at Magee Restaurant at Rt. 414 & Rt. 318

7:45AM: Carpool leaves Restaurant parking area near Thruway Exit 41.

Contact: Pat Chapman at [batnpill2@empacc.net](mailto:batnpill2@empacc.net) / phone 607-868-4649 for further info. & sign up.

## Upcoming March Events

**March 19-21** [Friday-Sunday] **Trip into PA for minerals and fossils.** Visit National Limestone Quarry, Mt. Pleasant Mills and a number of other sites. PPE[personal protective equipment] in addition to buckets, chisels and tools of the trade. Motel around Carlisle, PA. Contact: Ken Rowe at [gotrox88@localnet.com](mailto:gotrox88@localnet.com) 315-331-1438 for further information & sign up.

### Amazing striped icebergs

(Contributed by Pat Chapman)Icebergs in Lake Michigan sometimes have stripes, formed by layers of snow that react to different conditions. Blue stripes are often created when a crevice in the ice sheet fills up with melt water and freezes so quickly that no bubbles form. When an iceberg falls into the lake, a layer of water can freeze to the underside. If this is rich in algae, it can form a green stripe. Brown, black and yellow lines are caused by sediment, picked up when the ice sheet grinds downhill towards the lake.



### Earth-wide places to dig!

#### **February 2010**

**20: Upper Marlboro, MD** -- 20th Annual Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club., 10am-4 pm. Show site – The Show Place Arena, 14900 Penn Ave, Upper Marlboro, MD 0772. <http://www.freewebs.com/smrmc/> Vendors and exhibitors will be selling minerals, fossils, gems and original jewelry designs. Demo's : faceting, bead stringing, wire wrapping, and gold panning. Ongoing Crafts for children & door prizes. Adults and children 7+ \$3. Children <6 free. Contact: Michael Patterson, 301-297-4575.

**20-21: Albany, NY** - 7th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale co-sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and the NYS Academy of Mineralogy. Museum of the Empire Plaza, 4th Floor, Albany, NY.

Club Field Trip to Albany Show 2/20  
- See above -

**WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL  
CLUB, INC.**

**MEETINGS:** Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of each month at 7:30pm at Park Presbyterian Church basement, Maple Court, Newark, NY

**WEBSITE:** [www.wcgmc.org](http://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. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES  
AND DUES (due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>):**

\$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!!**

## Dinosaur gets lift at Rochester Museum & Science Center

FROM: DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

JANUARY 28, 2010

It's impossible to use the front door when you're delivering a robotic dinosaur that's 26 feet long and 7 feet tall. Instead, workers used a crane to lift the apatosaurus model to exhibit space on Rochester Museum & Science Center's third floor. Dimetrodon and stegosaurus models from the Catawba Science Center in Hickory, N.C., will be part of RMSC's enhancements to the "Be the Dinosaur: Life in the Cretaceous" exhibit that opens on Feb. 5. Even at 26 feet long, the apatosaurus is only one-third the size it would have been in prehistoric times. RMSC is also adding children's activities fossils from its own collections to the main exhibit, which has visitors learning about dinosaurs' environments. The highlight is the Be the Dinosaur Simulator Pod that simulates sights, smells, sounds and action of a tyrannosaurus rex, triceratops and other creatures one might encounter. The exhibit is on display until May 4. Admission is \$12 (\$10 for seniors, students and youth). Call (585) 271-4320 or go to [www.rmssc.org](http://www.rmssc.org). Thank you, Pat- for the contribution of this article! -editor

**March 5, 2010 EFMLS 60th Annual Meeting** [ [www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls) ] at the 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show [March 6-7]: sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, Churchman's Rd (Rt 58), Newark, DE. [www.delminsociety.net](http://www.delminsociety.net)

**3/27/10 & 3/28/10** Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Show – Athens Township Volunteer Fire Hall 211 Herrick Avenue, Athens, PA [www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com)

**March 27-28 March** [Buffalo Geological Society](http://www.amfed.org/buffalo) 42nd Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show Erie County Fairgrounds (Marketplace and Grange Buildings) Hamburg NY

# Don't forget to check out Wild Acres!

## Register now!

<http://www.amfed.org/>

## **UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS**

### **FEB 12, 2010 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Newark**

Mini-Miners meeting at **6pm**. Bill C. will teach soapstone carving.

Regular meeting at 7:00pm- Andrea Kords: "Rocks-n-Minerals We Use Everyday"

### **MARCH 12, 2010 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Newark**

Mini-Miners meeting at **6pm**. Bill L. will teach about Calcite.

Regular meeting at 7:00pm Chuck Hiler presents his studies of "The Lockport Formation".

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**First class: dated  
meetings and time  
valued.**