



# WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB NEWS

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## PRESIDENT 's MESSAGE

Let's make this the year of field trips and enjoy our hobby to its fullest by meeting more often, and going together on digs and car-pooling a day at a time... I hope to set up with Bill Chapman, some short trips in the area where there are many forgotten glens or creek beds with fossils, along with new friends and landowners to meet. If you know of any areas to explore in New York, lets "getter done"! Remember, the road cuts are a good day's trip-- and some are near by, so lets plan on meetings, coffee brakes and organizing car pools to a new area in Spring, so bring your cameras, friends and families!!!!

*Happy New Year 2007--- from*

## Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club Members *Finalize* Assessment of Individual NYS Dig Sites for Quality

Recently, a group headed by Don Schiltz, Stan Griffith, Ken Rowe, and Bill Chapman formulated an entire club dig site list. Admission, results, and open or closed status of each site were evaluated. In the October 2006 newsletter, the preliminary list was published for member input. The following two pages of this month's newsletter contain more info towards an eventual finished list. This list might eventually be turned into a club publication. Comments about this proposal may be directed to Don Schiltz, Ken Rowe, Jerry Donahue, or Bill Chapman.

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## WCGM CLUB UPDATED By-LAWS VOTE BY MEMBERSHIP *RESCHEDULED* FOR JANUARY 2007!

Due to the timing of the December 2006 issue of "The News" received by individuals of the general membership level, those who attended the December 8<sup>th</sup> club party decided by mutual consensus to reschedule the By-Laws vote to the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular club meeting. The general membership is requested to review the proposed (updated) By-Laws of the club that were included in the December 2006 newsletter. These will be the new By-Laws that we will be voting on. Anyone who has *not* already received the 12/2006 issue either by email or postal mail *must* contact Dave Kords before January 10<sup>th</sup> to get another copy. Questions or comments about the voting may also be directed to Dave Kords. Individual attendance is mandatory to vote on the up-graded By-Laws. It is hoped that everyone possible will attend.

**HELP WANTED—  
CLUB PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR!**

Start the New Year off by helping to grow our club! Become the club's program director! Ask for a job description! Contact Stan Griffin (315) 986-1171 or (315) 926-1401

**FIELD TRIP CHAIR  
CALLS FOR WINTER  
DESTINATION IDEAS**

Bill Chapman, WCGMC Field Trip chair, along with Vice-President Jerry Donahue, and Board member, Ken Rowe, have requested club members to think of places to go during the winter months. Board member, Pat Chapman, has suggested the Paleontology Research Institute (Ithaca) and the Rochester Museum of Science, already. Field trips should consider the admittance fees, driving distance, program content and availability, and child friendly accommodations, etc. Comments or questions should be directed to Bill or Pat Chapman at 607-868-4649, Ken Rowe 315-331-1438 or Jerry Donahue 315-548-8085.

**HELP WANTED—  
Club Representative!**

Represent our club and the geosciences fields at the Wayne County Historian's monthly round-table meetings. Bring your own lunch, casual, and lots of fun! For more information, contact Becky 315-926-1155 or Mr. Peter Evans, the Wayne County Historian, at the county office.

Federal collecting rules for petrified wood, considered a mineral by the US government, can be read at: [amfed.org/sfms/petrified\\_wood](http://amfed.org/sfms/petrified_wood)

"Dig Spot" location	NYS County	WCGMC's Assessment of Quality or other comments
Ace of Diamonds	Herkimer	\$\$
Alden	Erie	Ok
Avon- north of the town	Livingston	NO! -- Nothing
Ballona	Ontario	Fossils
Barn at Canandaigua- Rte 21	Ontario	NO! -- Nothing
Barret Mine	St Lawrence	See Ken; Bill C.
Barton Mine	Warren	Ok
Bush Farm	St Lawrence	???
Canandaigua- at the FLCC Campus at Co. Rd 18	Ontario	Fossils
Canandaigua- park up to Sall's/ Rte 41 Road out/ 1 1/2 mile South of Bordino.	Ontario	Pink coral at (crayon's?) stems
Chittenango Falls	Madison	No; Celestine
Chub Lake	St Lawrence	Closed
Cookeville	Madison	See Business Card- See Ken
Crystal Grove	Herkimer	\$\$ (???)
Dodge Mine- Campbell Road	St Lawrence	???
Fayetteville- county barn	Onondaga	Ok
Fayetteville- Park	Onondaga	Ok
Garnet Mountain	Warren	Ok
Geneseo- Johncox Road	Livingston	Fossils
Green Hill Mine	St Lawrence	???
Hall Farm	Jefferson	???
Hanson's Quarries (multiple sites)	Varied sites	Ok
Hastings	Jefferson	???
Hickory Hill, off Canajoharie exit	Jefferson	\$\$
Ilion- flow stone	Herkimer	Flow stone
Ithaca- Mays Point	Tompkins	NO!
Lake Bonaparte	Lewis	Depends; blue calcite
Litchfield	Herkimer	NO!
Lockport	Niagara	Ok
Lover's Lane C.S.	Ontario	Fossils
Marcellus- Scanlon	Onondaga	Ok
Marcellus- town	Onondaga	Ok
Maxwell Creek	Wayne	Fossils
McComb	St Lawrence	Need farmer's permission; peristieirite
Middleville	Herkimer	Herkimer diamonds
Miller's Nursery- First Ravine North	Ontario	Ok; fossils
Moravia	Cayuga	Ok; fossils
Newcomb	Essex	Florescence
Niagara	Niagara	Poor; fluorite
North Brook Field	Madison	Fossils

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Owasso	Cayuga	Fossils
Penfield	Monroe	Ok; fluorite
Pitcairn	St Lawrence	Try again.
Power's Farm, a private farm	St Lawrence	Uvite (tourmaline)
PRi (Paleoethological Research Institute)	Tompkins	???
Retsof	Livingston	No; fossils
Richfield	Madison	NO!
Rossie	St Lawrence	Ok
Rte 20A	Livingston	Fossils- ok. See Bill Chapman
Sangerfield- (off Westmoreland Exit of Thruway) Swamp Rd to Cole Rd on the County Rd.	Oneida	Trilobites
Seneca (G???)	Seneca	Ok; fossils
Sodus (cant?)	Wayne	NO!
St Johnsville	Montgomery	Yes-- if we can get in
St. Joseph's	St Lawrence	???
Syracuse-Rte 81	Onondaga	Closed; pyrite
Treasure Mountain	Herkimer	Closed; Herkimer diamonds
Tully	Onondaga	Pyrite; fossils
Walworth	Wayne	Fossils
Watervale	Onondaga	NO!
West Pierpont- Selleck Rd	St Lawrence	Trumise; other minerals, too
ZCA (Zinc Corp of America)- Balmat	St Lawrence	Chron trumise

## MORE CLUB NEWS TO "DIG" and KUDOS, too!

1. EFMLS reports that the "opening bell" for the 2007 Wildacres Retreats (one in April and the second in September) is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. For info log onto [www.amfed.org.efmls](http://www.amfed.org.efmls)
2. EFMLS will be hosting a drawing of donated prizes for the October Newark, NY show. For tickets, call Jane Hand at (601) 825-3989 or write to her at 253 Wanda drive, Brandon, MS 39042!
3. Check out the job openings in the geosciences fields! For info log onto [www.amfed.org.efmls](http://www.amfed.org.efmls)
4. Andrea Kords gave a great presentation on fossilized clamshells integrated with a calcite mineral that fluoresced. Ken Rowe has offered to compose more info for next month's issue.

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## Earth-Wide Events To Try!



**February 24 and 25th, 2007**

Albany, New York, the 14th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale will be co-sponsored by the **New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club** which will be held on the 4th floor of the New York State Museum at the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. The hours will be 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on both days. Free parking. The admission is \$6.00 which includes both the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and the New York in Bloom Flower Show. For more information, call Mike Hawkins, Geology Collection Manager of the museum at (518) 486-2011 or (518) 473-7154. His email address is [mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov).

## UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

**January 12th, 2007** at the Newark, NY  
Presbyterian Church  
WCGMC Board meeting 7pm sharp  
Regular meeting at 7:30pm

*Mini-miners at 7pm*

**By-LAW VOTE TO BE TAKEN!**

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

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**February 9th, 2007** at the Newark, NY  
Presbyterian Church  
WCGMC Board meeting 7pm sharp  
Regular meeting at 7:30pm

*Mini-miners at 7pm*

**Roxanna Rowe to bring refreshments ---**  
**Ken Rowe to bring door prizes.**

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- 5. KUDOS to Annette at the American Hobby Shop, for all the help she gave out to the December issue of the newsletter.
- 6. Marion Wheaton counted 40 people at the December party. Many were new members. Thanks to all the cooks, volunteers, new members attending, and organizers for a great time.
- 7. Dave Kords has copies of the developed “job descriptions” for the various club positions. Contact Dave to get more information on the volunteer positions, the duties involved, so think about volunteering!!
- 8. Stan Griffin and Ken Rowe will be doing an inventory of all club-owned equipment and literature in the near future.

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

**MEETINGS:** Held 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.americanhobbyshop.com)

**ORGANIZED:** Feb. 6, 1973    **INCORPORATED:** Jan. 5, 1976  
Affiliation: the American Federation and Eastern Federation of Mineral Societies (March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1973)

**OFFICERS:** Elected at the October meeting, taking office In November for a 2-year term. Fiscal year runs from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP:** \$15.00 (FAMILY OR SINGLE ADULT)  
\$10.00 (STUDENT 18 YRS OR YOUNGER)

SEND DUES AND A SASE TO: WCGMC TREASURER  
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**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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