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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I found myself pricing some peristerite the other day when I was looking for tumbled stones. Some wholesaler wanted about \$20 a pound for rough collected samples plus \$16 for shipping & handling. Got me thinking...what is this stuff & why do they think it's so valuable? Well, worry no more, collectors of this unusual sounding mineral, Dave Millis has just organized a trip to Bancroft Canada this summer to collect, among other things, peristerite! Don't go paying retail, or even wholesale prices when you can go to the source & collect it for yourself. Check this newsletter out for details about this international venture into the land to our north. Also, please check our website regularly www.wcgm.org for updates to club field trips and events as well as EFTA offerings –

http://www.efta.biz/FIELD%20TRIPS/2010_field_trips.htm.

Pat



BANCROFT, CANADA DIG PLANNED FOR WCGMC

Contributed by Pat Chapman and Dave Millis

Field Trip organized by Dave Millis with Bill and Pat Chapman to Bancroft, Ontario, Canada on Saturday, July 24th members will be hitting the local show up there. On Sunday, July 25th the members will be Marmora Quarry. Amazonite, peristerite, rose quartz, black tourmaline, smoky quartz, green apatite crystals, and we'll visit a barrel pit at Bear Lake. Battery operated drills with concrete bits are allowed, but nothing such as power equipment like backhoe or gas saws. People will need gloves, hard hat, steel toe shoes, and bright safety vest. There will be a bigger show there the weekend following July 24th. Members will be camping at the "Bancroft Campground" RR #2, Bancroft, Ontario, Canada. This campground boasts over 100 acres overlooking a scenic lake. The camp sites are shaded and large, and range from full service to primitive camping. Facilities an outdoor pool, a lounge, a store, laundry, a rec hall and more. Enjoy boating and fishing on Bird's Lake. The telephone number is 613-332-3673- please call for reservations, and if you mention Dave's name- you'll even get a discount! For information, call fellow WCGMC member Dave Millis at home: 570-553-2302 asap.



1Three rock hounds, three rock hounds- see how they smile, see how they smile!



2Bill Lesniak climbs every mountain

3Sterling's Florescent Minerals



3Linda Schmidtgal and Bill Lesniak at Connecticut Falls

4Connecticut Falls



Eastern Field Trip Alliance 2010 Calendar

May & June

May 8, 2010...Penfield Quarry Open House (Dolomite Products Co.), 746 Whalen Rd., Penfield, NY 14526...6:30am-11:30am. Enter quarry at 7am after signing in & listening to safety talk. Well-supervised children allowed. Must have hard hat (children may wear bicycle helmets), safety glasses, sturdy boots, long pants. Minerals to be found - dolomite, fluorite, selenite, sphalerite, celestine, gypsum, and clam, coral, crinoid, stromatolite fossils. For more info: mineraltrips@rasny.org

May 15, 2010...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 29-30, 2010.....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 26, 2010....WayneCo.GMC.... Crystal Grove Diamond Mine & Campground, 161 County Highway 114, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 (<http://www.crystalgrove.com/Kampgrounds>) Specimens: "Herkimer Diamonds" (Quartz Crystals). Also trilobite search at stop near Little Falls. Contact: Bill Lesniak at dirtman300@aol.com for details.

Lakeview Gusher of 1910, Maricopa, California

By Andrew Alden, About.com Guide

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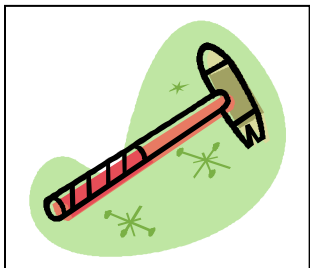
An icon of abundance in American folklore is the oil gusher, when over pressured petroleum bursts through the drill rig. But the Lakeview gusher, greatest of them all, was a calamity. Its ruins sit in the heart of California's oil patch. A bronze plaque reads: "America's most spectacular gusher 'blew in' here March 14, 1910. Initial flow was 18,000 barrels per day and later reached uncontrolled peak of 100,000 barrels per day, completely destroying the derrick."

This Union Oil Company well between Taft and Maricopa produced nine million barrels of oil in 18 months." Most of the oil soaked into the soil or evaporated. Black mist fell for miles around. Only supreme vigilance kept it from catching fire. The price of crude plunged by nine-tenths. And when the flood ended, the well produced less than 30 barrels a day. Today a wide oil-soaked sand pavement is topped with desert scrub. Petroleum fumes waft from nearby wells, and haze hides the scene on many days.

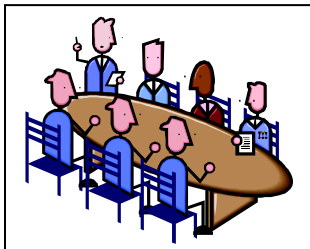
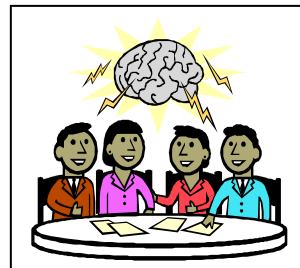


1In the asphalt lake bed, finely grained sand is actually closer to silt (in texture).

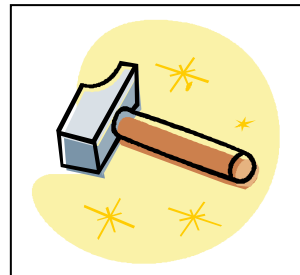
UPCOMING WCGMC MEETINGS



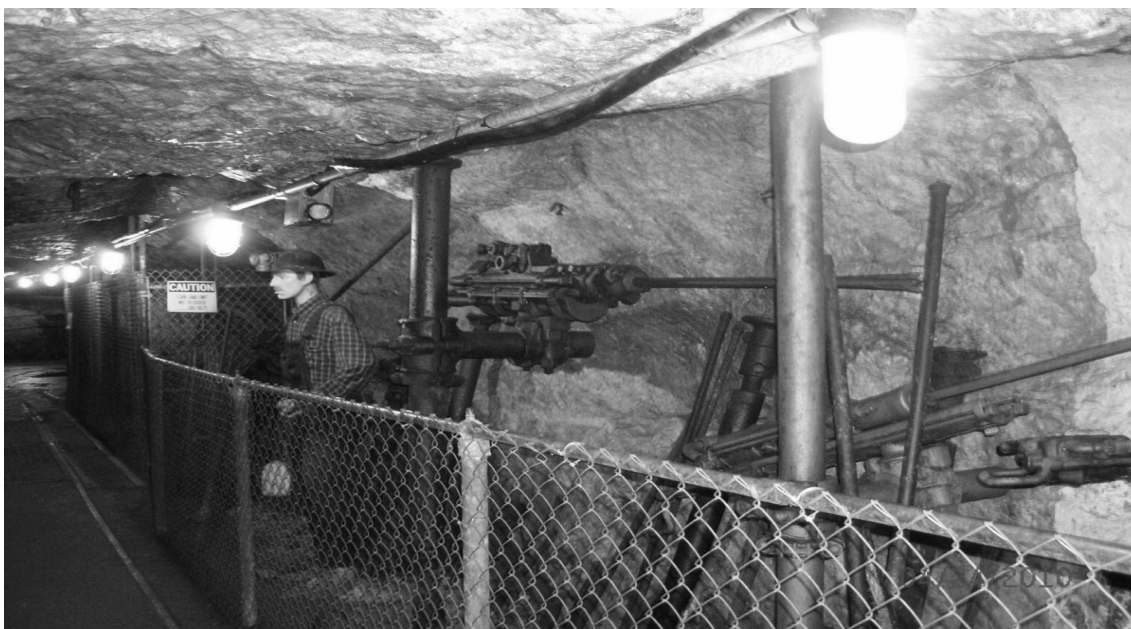
May 14, 2010 Friday
Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY
Please use North Door Entrance
Mini-Miners meeting 6:00pm
Topic: Florescence
Club Meeting 7pm
PROGRAM: Rock video!!!
We'll discuss our Newarkfest Plans.



June 11, 2010 Friday
No Regular Meeting
Newarkfest Weekend
We'll be a part of it on June 12th.
Further details to follow.



Sterling Hill Mine and Connecticut Falls Photos— Contributed by Pat Chapman and Friends



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, 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!!

Sterling Hill Museum



Stamp

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