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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get ready for a good time at the Children's Program on 11/10/06. These folks attended the Show and hopefully will join our group after they meet us. Members: bring refreshments, bring specimens and bring labels. Let's make a good impression. Members, you'll need to set-up at 6:30pm for the kids' program at 7pm. There will be no board meeting.

Dues are due for all club members. Did you re-new your club dues? We would like to see you as a member next year, too! For the paper-version readers, if your name is highlighted- well, that means that your membership dues are currently due. Emailed newsletters readers will receive another email telling you if your dues are due. Bill Lesniak will be glad to help sign you up for another year of membership or to answer any questions that you may have.

We had a field trip to Brookfield fossil sight. We were joined by three busloads of kids-- around 70 or so! At the next meeting we are going to show a slide show and specimens from the trip, so I hope that everyone will join us at our November meeting!

Lastly, the club needs a program director. *President Stan the*

Someone *else* finds *another* big diamond in Arkansas!

MURFREESBORO, Ark. – Updated: 8:31 p.m. ET Oct 21, 2006

A Wisconsin man visiting a state park took home the ultimate souvenir: a 5.47-carat canary diamond. Bob Wehle of Ripon, Wis. found the diamond at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro Oct. 14. Wehle's 5.47-carat diamond is bright yellow and has no visible flaws, said Tom Stolarz, park superintendent. It is the second-largest gem unearthed this year at the park. "At first glance, it makes you think of lemon drop candy," Stolarz said. The largest diamond this year was found by a Texas couple. Donald and Brenda Roden of Point, Texas, found a 6.35-carat brown diamond in September. Bill Henderson, assistant park superintendent, said park officials don't estimate values of the stones found by visitors. He said Wehle's gem was identical in quality to, but larger than — a 4.21-carat flawless canary diamond found in the park in March that was valued by a N Y diamond expert at \$15,000 to \$60,000. The largest US diamond ever discovered was unearthed in Arkansas in 1924, a white diamond. the "Uncle Sam". weighed 40.23 carats.



***HELP---**
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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 Stephanie Mason, the our very own college "rock-star" who, along with Bill Chapman, gave a great mini-miner show about fluorescent rocks in October! KUDOS' to Dave Kords who was one heck of a president for our club for over ten years! KUDOS' to Stan Griffin for stepping up to be president, and a welcome to new board members Pat Chapman and Terry Wilson! KUDOS' to Andrea Kords and all who helped at the Gem Show in Newark, NY!!! And don't think we didn't notice YOU! Oh, yes- we did! Watch next month's edition of WCGM NEWS!!!



WCG&M CLUB Present New Patches!

Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club invited to send Representative to WHO-(Wayne Historian's Organization)

In August 2006, Wayne County Historian, Peter Evans, issued an informal invitation for an interested rock-hound to attend the W.H.O. roundtable:

"There exists in Wayne County an organization called WHO (Wayne Historian's Organization). This is an informal (not incorporated, no officers, no nothing formal) organization of organizations with a focus on history and related topics. Currently it is made up of all the municipal historians (each town, village, & county), all the historical societies, the DAR and the SAR. We meet every other month at noon (bring a brown bag lunch) at some location around the county (usually a historical society house or museum). The host organization provides dessert and beverages for the meeting."

"I consider the disciplines of geology, anthropology, archeology, and geography to be core disciplines that deeply intertwined with the understanding of history. Though WHO may not be directly interested in gems and minerals, the locations of deposits in a historical context would be of interest. Remember our focus is Wayne County. All history begins with the "Big Bang" 10 to 12 million years ago."

"If your society had any interest in joining us, a representative would be welcome at our meetings."

Sincerely, Peter Evans, Wayne County Historian

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President Dave Thanks Members

To all the members, I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be your President. The club has grown nicely over the last few years. I was happy to see our club receive an award from EFMLS for the fastest growing small club in the federation. I am really glad to see young people in the club. Darryl Powell's patch program was a big success Bill Chapman has also done an excellent job with the kids too. I hope that all of the adult members will continue working with the kids as they are the future of our hobby. Stan will do an excellent job as President. I will remain active in the club and look forward to helping in any way that I am needed. Thank You

PRESIDENT DAVE

UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS:

November 10th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church (North Door)
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM TO START AT 7PM (SET-UP AT 6:30PM)
EVERYONE BRING REFRESHMENTS AND LABELED SPECIMINS!!!

December 13th, 2006 at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church
WCGMC Board mtg 7pm sharp / Regular meeting at 7:30pm / Mini-miners at 7pm
??? . to bring refreshments --- ??? 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. Did you know that on October 15th, 2006 diggers in Greensburg, Kansas found a 154 pound meteorite??!! Check out what the AP press wrote in the science section of Yahoo news.
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. The Board of the WCGMC has established a committee that will be reviewing the club's By-Laws. The status will be reported at the next board meeting. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please direct them in writing to the By-Laws Committee Members c/o the Club's mailbox (see the back page) Stay tuned for updates on this subject!
10. Either the Discovery Channel or the Travel Channel on cable TV has some great shows on gem and mineral collection tourist sites.
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. Have you ever seen the fine fossil and artifact collections at the Wayne County Museum run by the Wayne County Historical Society on Butternut Street, Lyons?



Earth-Wide Events To Try!

OCT 28, 2006:

the 17th annual "Ultravioletation Fluorescent Mineral Show" presented by the **Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County**. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA 9AM to 4PM. For information or vendor registration contact Chuck O'Loughlin 856-663-1383 or houseofbirds@verizon.net

OCT 28-29, 2006:

Rochester, NY: Mineral, Fossil, Gem, Jewelry, Beads, Tools, Rough Stone and lots more! Free Kids Activities! Free Demonstrations! Minett Hall, Dome Center (Monroe County Fairgrounds) Hylan Drive exit off 390 to Calkins Road. October 28th 10am-6pm, 29th, 10am-5pm. Sponsored by the **Rochester Lapidary Society and the RAS Mineral Section**. Contact Larry Schulmann, 585-271-6967, namluchcs@aol.com. Website: www.rochesterlapidary.org.

OCT 28-29, 2006: Warwick, Rhode Island: 35th Annual **Rhode Island Mineral Hunters** Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show at Community College of Rhode Island (Knight Campus) (400 East Avenue (Rt. 113), Warwick, RI). Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5; adults \$5.00, children under 12 free; contact Nancy Millard, 401-683-4764, nmmillard@ccri.edu

(see next page for more EFMLS show information)

November 2006

4-5: 37th Annual Gemarama 2006, "The World of Opals" sponsored by the **Tuscarora Lapidary Society**. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Rte 30 at Rte 202, Exton, PA

4-5: 18th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the **Stamford Mineral Society** Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

18-19: Annual Gem & Mineral Show and **56th EFMLS Convention** sponsored by the **Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches**. West Palm Beach Florida. EFMLS Annual Meeting - November 17

24-26: 27th Annual Show and Sale - **Roanoke Valley Gem & Mineral Society**. Salem, VA.

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
(Try the north door first.)

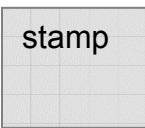
WEBSITE: www.americanhobbyshop.com

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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 : 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
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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.



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