



# WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

WOW! Have we got an active month of fun activities in store for YOU!

First—come to our monthly meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September! There will be a board meeting with a mini-miner meeting. Bring small specimens so that grab-bags can be made at the meeting (See page 3) Stephanie Mason will be presenting a report about her recent trip and showing the group about a new type of fossil that she may have discovered!

SECOND—There is a whole weekend of camping, fishing, digging, and smores planned for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Seneca Quarry and the Herkimer Diamond Mines. (See information submitted from Bill and Pat Chapman on the bottom of this page)

THIRD—We have the Annual Gem and Mineral Show on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Michael's School in Newark. If you have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible! Yes- we need volunteers to help with the show!

*President*

p.s. Volunteers needed for the SHOW's DISPLAYS !

*Dave*

## **SENECA QUARRY DIG EXPANDS ALLLL THE WAY TO HERKIMER DIAMOND MINES!**

**GREAT WEEKEND OF DIGGIN' AND CAMPIN' PLANNED  
FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for WCGMC.**

**The Wayne County Rock and Mineral Club will be meeting at the Seneca Falls Walmart (in the Plaza, on Rtes 5 & 20) at 8:30am sharp to start off a great weekend on Saturday, September 16th. A convoy will proceed to the Seneca Quarry, south of Seneca Falls. The club dig will start 9:00 am and last until noon. Dwadellers beware! You have to be out BY 12:00 NOON sharp because the quarry's personnel lockup AT noon.**

**Members old and new are asked to bring their safety and comfort gear. New members may wish to contact Bill Chapman ahead of time to inquire as to**

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**\*HELP---**

***PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR  
WANTED AND  
NEEDED!***

### 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 helping to make the arrangements for the rest of the weekend of Sept 16<sup>th</sup> in Herkimer Diamond Mines. KUDOS' 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!!!

*We need people to sign up for the future refreshments and door prizes at the club meetings! Please volunteer to bring these!*

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specific items that they will need to bring. Safety gear and equipment are a part of the club's rules, as well as the site's rules.

At noon, we'll drive to the KOA across from the Herkimer Diamond Mines & set up camp. Saturday evening is for family activities wcs, campfires, smores & rock exchanges. Sunday morning is a pancake breakfast followed by a day of digging. If our numbers are adequate, we can get discounts as follows:

If we have at least 12 people for digging on Sunday, the Herkimer Diamond Mines will charge us a group rate of \$6.50 per person. [Normal cost is \$8.00 per person.]

They will prepare a Pancake breakfast for a group of 15 or more on Sun. morning if we desire. Cost is \$3.75 you get 3 pancakes, sausage or bacon, & drink. Let Pat or Bill Chapman know by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> if you want breakfast so they can schedule the appropriate staff. If our numbers are smaller, Pat's cooking. She's got a kitchen.

Camp sites, Kabin & Kottage costs vary from \$25 to \$99.00. They recommend families contact them SOON to secure their sites. Members should contact the campground directly to get the appropriate site for their family needs. Check their website <http://www.herkimerdiamond.com/> or call 800-0562-0897.

Contact Bill or Pat Chapman by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> if interested in this camping excursion... Turn to page 4 to find out how to do this!

## **UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS**

**Sept 8th, 2006** at the Newark, NY Presbyterian Church

WCGMC Board mtg 7pm sharp / Regular meeting at 7:30pm / *Mini-miners at 7pm*  
Becky R. to bring refreshments --- No door prizes (Use North Door!)

**October 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.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

**WCGMC ROCK AND GEM SHOW at St. Michael's Church, Newark, NY**

## **MORE CLUB NEWS TO "DIG"**

1. Roxanne Rowe and Carol Harris made lovely jewelry. If you need to get a last minute gift for someone, contact them and get something special for that special someone you know!!!

2. Contact Becky to check out a donated video camera that needs a battery.

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

4. Contact Bill Chapman or Stan Griffin if you are interested in panning for gold or fossils hunting.

5. Bill Chapman requests new members contact him about safety issues on the dig sites.

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. EFTA and the Dolomite Group present Flourite Fantasy #5 at the Walworth Quarry in Wayne County on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Forms available after 8/21/2006 if you call 315-986-1171.

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](http://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? It's a good day trip and it doesn't take a lot of gasoline to get there!

14. Mini-miners WILL meet in September!

## **Earth-Wide Events To Try!**



September 9- 10, 2006  
 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show  
 Danbury Mineralogical Society  
 New Milford, Connecticut

**September 16-17th, 2006**  
**Seneca Quarry- Herkimer Diamond Mines Digs**  
**Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club**

September 23-24, 2006  
 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show  
 Gem Cutters Guild Club  
 West Friendship, MD

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>- Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006**  
**WAYNE COUNTY GMC GEM SHOW**  
**\$3 admission- children under 12 free**  
**St. Michael's School, Newark, NY**

Oct 7<sup>th</sup>- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
 Dolomite Group Flourite Fantasy Dig!  
 Walworth Quarry, Walworth NY  
 Contact: [dave@americanhobbyshop.com](mailto:dave@americanhobbyshop.com)  
 (Info can be seen at the EFTA website)  
 or call: (315) 986-1171

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2006- Eastern Federation  
 Convention at West Palm Beach, Florida



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Contact Bill or Pat Chapman by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> if interested in this camping excursion. E-mail us at <http://us.f516.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=batnpill@empacc.net>,

OR call 607-868-4649 or write to Bill & Pat Chapman, 11421 County Route 78, Prattsburgh, NY 14873

Smores are on us!

Hope to see you there!

(Thank you, Pat and Bill!)

## 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 (Try the north door first.)

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

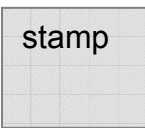
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### First class

Dated meetings--  
Time valued

