

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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Meeting

There will be no meeting in the museum for August.

Field Trips

August 7. Colarusso Quarry, Greenport, NY (near Hudson). Anne Woods 322-7932. Meeting location: Meet in the Colarusso parking lot on the east side of Newman Road at 10 am. Driving time from Clifton Park is about 1 hour. Do not enter the quarry or office without the field trip leader present. If you are late, go home. Many different kinds of fossils can be collected here. You will need hardhat, gloves, safety glasses, fluorescent vest, hiking boots or steel toed (preferred). Tools needed include rock hammer, prybar, chisels, sledge hammer, buckets, newspaper or paper towels to wrap up specimens, water, food, bug spray, suntan lotion, etc. No facilities. This is a working quarry.

August 8. Minerva, NY. Curtis Breuer 494-7538. Meeting location: Nice n' Easy directly off exit 26 on I-87 when coming from the south. Meet at 10:30, early arrival is fine, if you are late, and we have left, we will not be coming back. Tools: do not bring too much as there is a mile walk into the site. Suggested: Small hammer, small chisel, collecting bag with wrapping supplies, garden trowel or hand garden rake. Optional: Gold pan to collect zircons in the river. Bring bug spray, sunscreen and any other necessities. (EFTA TRIP)

August 21. Saranac Lake Quarries, Saranac Lake, NY. Robert Stitham gumbyr13@nycap.rr.com (do not call) Meeting location: the quarry is on the west side of Route 3 north of the Village of Saranac Lake. To get there, take I-87 N to Rte 73 W. Just before you get into Lake Placid (by the ski jump, fairgrounds, John Brown farm and airport) go straight on Old Military Road (Co Rte 35) to avoid going through the Village of Lake Placid. This joins up with Rte 86 (turn left) and takes you into Saranac Lake. Turn left onto River Street and then turn right onto Rte 3 N. Go about 3 miles N and the quarry (Graymont) will be on the left (west) side of the road. Meet at the buildings just to the left and inside the gates at

11 am. [Saranac Lake Quarries, 909 State Route 3, Saranac Lake, NY 12983]. Driving time from Clifton Park is 2 hours and 30 minutes. You will need hardhat, gloves, safety glasses, fluorescent vest, hiking boots or steel toed (preferred). Tools needed include rock hammer, prybar, chisels, sledge hammer, buckets, newspaper or paper towels to wrap up specimens, bug spray, suntan lotion, water, food, etc. No facilities. The Saranac Lake Quarry has pyrite, chalcopyrite, graphite, epidote, marble, sphene, hornblende, plus more metamorphic minerals. Our contact is also trying to get the OK to go the Oak Hill Quarry in the afternoon. The Oak Hill Quarry has most of the above as well as wollastonite, hornblende and other amphiboles in the contact with the wollastonite. This is a working quarry.

August 28. Batchellerville, NY. Richard Hartnett 439-7243. Meeting place will be at the Scotia/Glenville High School at 10am. There is a limit of 18 participants allowed on site. Do not enter the site or property without the field trip leader. Bring mine dump digging tools, bug spray, geiger counter (if you wish) and small rock hammer. Minerals found: Aquamarine beryl, Muscovite/Biotite Mica, zircon, smokey/rose quartz, schorl tourmaline, and white/pink feldspar. We will be departing the site as a group at 4pm sharp. Parking is limited, so carpooling is necessary. No facilities. Bring 5 gallon buckets or backpacks to carry specimens to cars. Releases must be signed before participation can be granted.

Rock Swap, BBQ, and Auction of Rocks Sunday August 29 (11am)

The annual Rock Swap and BBQ will be combined with the **Auction of Lou and Mary Dushek's collection**. A committee was formed to move the collection to a safe secret location (this location will not be disclosed until the day of the auction). Since the collection was donated to the club, the committee decided that the best course of action was to auction off the specimens and then all proceeds will go back to the club since there was too much stuff to put in the museum library.

Since we don't tend to get a lot of people at the BBQ, we figured it would be a great way to let people enjoy both. We have decided to have a tailgate swap area (that is, you open up the trunk or tailgate of your car, and you are all set up), followed by a BBQ lunch, and then an auction to follow. We ask that you all bring your own chair, something to share, and something to put on the BBQ. The tailgate section will be on the left side of the house. We ask that if you do not plan to participate, that you park out of the way so that all tailgaters can be near each other. For the BBQ, we ask that each person bring something to share. To avoid the worst possible scenerio of everyone bringing the same thing, please call Anne Woods to say what you plan on bringing (322-7932). She will let you know if you are the 3rd person bringing a bottle of orange soda, and might ask you to bring something else. For the auction, it would be great if...Mark...are you out there? can you come be our auctioneer?...but if not, we can figure something out. Auction will start when people are no longer swapping or eating. We will play it by ear. If you plan on coming but not partaking in the BBQ, please email and let us know you are coming anyways, just so we can have an idea of how many people to expect (schmanie@albanyrockclub.com).

Location: the backyard of Flo Derry, 774 Bridge Street, South Bethlehem, NY 12143. My Garmin couldn't fathom this address, for whatever reason, and dropped me back to 615 Bridge Street. My advise is go with it, and then start counting houses or reading numbers. Coming from 9W, her house ends up being on the left at the corner of Route 396 and Albany County 102. For those of you that went to Lou and Mary's house back in the day, she lives next door to them with one intersection in between. Since this will be an outdoor event, we will provide a new date if it is raining. Please make sure it is actually raining in South Bethlehem before you assume it is cancelled.

Please note that we have invited both the Fonda-Fultonville Club and the Mid-Hudson Rock and Mineral Club to join us for this event.

Field Trip Reviews

On July 10 at 10am, Anne Woods, Bill Perry, Robert Stitham, and Robert Ballard met outside the gate of Howes Cave Quarry only to discover that our contact had thought that the meeting time was 11am. When our contact finally arrived, field trip leader Anne decided that our time would be better spent at the second quarry which we hadn't had enough time at last year, so we got back in our cars and drove down the road to the second quarry. There were lots and lots of fos-

sils to find there. Some we still don't know what they are. Most of what we found was from the New Scotland Formation. Ironically, that formation is also found in the Howes Cave Quarry, but so many more interesting specimens could be found in this quarry. - *Anne Woods*

On July 24-25, we went to Gouverneur, NY. The start of our rock trip was at the Nice and Easy on West Main St. in Gouverneur. I (Art Collins) met up with Anne Woods, Bob Stitham, Bill Cotrofeld and Deb Hewson. We decided to first go to Talcville and look for hexagonite, chrome tremolite, talc etc. We found plenty of stuff and also poison ivy and snakes. Anne can attest to that! Next, we next went to an Edward's road cut. Nice pinkish-orange calcite was found on the cliffs. The next place we visited was a tremolite locality in West Pierreport. The road in is a little hard to find. There was a lot of nice stuff and it was difficult to leave with just one bucket. The last place we visited on Saturday was a tailings pile. Nice red hematite was found along with calcite, sphalerite, and pyrite. Bill and Deb left us to go home because the weather reported rain on Sunday. It looked like rain in the morning, but cleared up during the day. On Sunday I met Bill DeLorraine and his wife Joanne at Jumbo's Diner in Gouverneur. Bill is the President of the St. Lawrence Rock & Mineral Club and is also the geologist at the Balmat Mines. He invited Bob, Anne and me to his home to see his extensive rock collection. We were interested in visiting the Lake Bonaparte Mine, so, Bill and Joanne accompanied us down there. At the gate we found Blue, pink, and yellow calcite, wollastonite, and Bill found a nice Unakite boulder that we chipped pieces off of. Bob, Anne and my last stop before the long trip back home was at the LaPlatney Farm in Pitcarin. It was a \$5. fee per person, but we thought it was worth it. Nice microcline crystals, albite crystals, blue green apatite, light blue flouroapatite, wollastonite and other minerals were found. We headed back home with our cars full of rocks and arrived back around 9:30pm. A word of caution, when driving in St. Lawrence County, watch out for deer and State Troopers and keep your seat belts buckled. - *Art Collins*

Show Dates

August 7-8--WATERVILLE, MAINE: 40th annual show, "Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show"; Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society; Mount Merici School, 152 Western Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; demonstrations, educational displays; contact Ellery Borow, P.O. Box 47, Waterville, ME 04903-0047, (207) 547-3154
August 13-15. West Springfield, MA: Show, "East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memo-

rial Dr.; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, ages 12 and under free with adult; more than 200 dealers, door prizes, guest speakers, museum-quality exhibits, gem panning, large wholesale section, collection of Bill Larson, Pala Int'l; contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665, fax (303) 223-3478; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

August 20-22. Lebanon, PA: 13th annual show and sale, "Gem Miner's Jubilee"; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Mineral Association; Lebanon Expo Center, Rte. 72 and Rocherty Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$6, children under 12 free; contact MAGMA, (301) 565-0487; Web site: www.gem-show.com

August 21-22. Madrid (Canton), NY: 44th annual show; St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club; free admission; outdoor/indoor show, kids' fluorescent mineral hunt Fri., mineral-collecting field trips, free wire wrapping lessons, swapping; contact William deLorraine, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@verizon.net; Web site: www.Stlawrence-countymineralclub.org

August 28-29. Concord, NH: 47th annual show, "Gem & Mineral Festival"; Capital Mineral Club; Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd., I-94 exit 14; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, kids 12 and under free with parent; retail and wholesale dealers, raffles, door prizes, free mineral for kids under 12; contact Scott P. Higgins, (207) 439-1107; Web site: www.capitalmineralclub.org

August 28-29. Freeport, NY: Show; [Freeport Recreation Center]; Freeport Recreation Center, 130 E. Merrick Rd., Meadowbrook Pkwy. exit M9 west; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5.50, children under 12 free with adult; contact Ralph Gose, P.O. Box 1418, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 271-8411; e-mail: kaleidoscopegemshows@yahoo.com

2010 EFTA Trip Schedule

August 7. Boston Mineral Club. Manhan River Lead Mine, Loudville, MA for galena, quartz, wulfenite, pyromorphite, cerrusite, and other lead accessory minerals. Contact rocknate@gmail.com by Thursday August 4th for details and to sign up.

August 21, 2010...St. Lawrence County Mineral Club... Pierrepoint, NY...Power's Farm: during the St. Lawrence County Mineral's Club's 44th Annual Show in Madrid, NY. Leaving our show site at 9:00. Meet at the Community Building at the 2010 Show in Madrid, NY. Anyone wishing to attend any of the above field trips please contact William deLorraine, 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net.

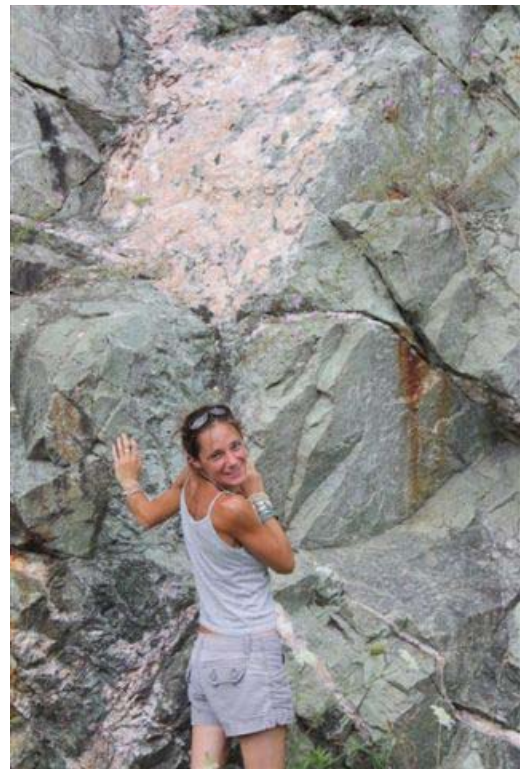
August 21. Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society Ilion, NY to collect aragonite (flowstone). Family friendly. Usually muddy. No facilities. Contact sunstone33@verizon.net for details.



Carol collecting fossils at the LaFarge fossil-only trip.



Bill in the mine dump where we collected in West Pierrepoint..



Deb admiring the pink calcite vein at the outcrop in Edwards.

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The purpose of our club is:

- To promote and encourage the study of mineralogy and other applied sciences.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions in order to bring about a better and more general understanding of earth sciences.
- To provide a program with suitable speakers for scheduled meetings.
- To sponsor, direct, and assist in the planning of excursions to mineral localities and other places of geological interest.
- To cooperate with organizations whose purposes are similar to those stated in the foregoing items.

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