

# THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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## DECEMBER 2005

### DECEMBER BANQUET MEETING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005 IN REXFORD, NY. WE WILL NOT BE MEETING AT THE MUSEUM. YOU WILL HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 28 TO PAY YOUR \$14.00 PER PERSON FEE FOR THE DINNER BUFFET WHICH INCLUDES TAX AND TIP. PLEASE CHECK OTHER SECTIONS OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE EVENTS DURING THE DINNER. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE AT THE DINNER MEETING, PLEASE HELP. BRING A FRIEND! PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR WE HAVE INCLUDED A VEGETABLE DISH FOR THOSE NOT WANTING TO EAT MEAT.

### NOVEMBER MEETING.

A SLIDE PRESENTATION WHICH WON THE 1ST PLACE AWARD FROM THE EASTERN FEDERATION MINERAL AND LAPIDIARY SOCIETY IN THE 2003 COMPETITION. IT DEALT WITH THE HISTORY OF FLUORITE MINING IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND TWO MUSEUMS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, ONE IN ROSICLARE, ILLINOIS AND THE OTHER IN MARIAN, KENTUCKY. THERE WERE 110 SLIDES IN THE PROGRAM AND ASSISTING GEORGE GEARHARDT WITH THE READING OF THE SCRIPT WERE BOB BALLAD AND BENJAMIN THOMAS.

### DUES ARE DUE.

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB, INC. HAS A FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS WITH SEPTEMBER 1 AND ENDS WITH AUGUST 31. THAT MEANS THE NEW YEAR STARTED ALREADY. LOOK AT THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR NEWSLETTER AND IF, AFTER YOUR NAME, THE NUMBERS "8/05" APPEAR, YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED AUGUST 31, 2005. PLEASE RENEW BY COMPLETING A MEMBERSHIP FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR PRINT A FUZZY ONE FROM OUR WEBSITE (ADDRESS ON LAST PAGE). SEND CHECKS, PAYABLE TO THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB, TO OUR POST OFFICE BOX (ADDRESS ON LAST PAGE), OR YOU CAN RENEW AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING. YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS (OURS AND EFMLS) EITHER BY MAIL OR AT THE MEETING. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP CARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECEMBER AUCTION. YOU MAY UPDATE ON SITE AT THE DINNER. IF YOU FEEL THAT YOUR LABEL IS IN ERROR, PLEASE WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER BEFORE COMPLAINING SINCE THE LABELS TEND TO GET PRINTED OUT AHEAD OF TIME. THANKS.

### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER RATHER THAN A PAPER COPY, PLEASE CONTACT GEORGE GEARHARDT. TELL HIM TO TAKE YOUR NAME OFF OF THE LABELS FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AND TO PUT YOUR E-MAIL ON A LIST TO RECEIVE AN ADOBE PDF COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER. COMPLETELY GOING ELECTRONIC WILL SAVE THE CLUB ABOUT \$800 A YEAR (CALCULATION BASED ON 4 PAGE NEWSLETTER). SO FAR ANNE HAS HEARD FROM ABOUT 3 PEOPLE THAT THIS IS THE PATH THEY WISH TO GO, HOWEVER, DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT WOULD CAUSE ANNE, SHE IS AVOIDING THE ISSUE UNTL SHE HEARS FROM MORE PEOPLE.

### VOLUNTEERS ALERT

MIKE HAWKINS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM IN ALBANY, NY HAS ANNOUNCED THE FEBRUARY GEM, MINERAL, AND FOSSIL SHOW & SALE DATES AS FEBRUARY 25-26, 2006. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE "OFFICIAL" MINERAL SHOW POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL DISTRICT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. A MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2006 TO HAND OUT THE POSTERS AND SET A SCHEDULE BY TOWN TO PUT UP POSTERS. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT US BY E-MAIL AT SCHMANIE@ALBANYROCKCLUB.COM AND WE WILL FIGURE OUT A MEETING PLACE TO GET YOU THE POSTERS TO DISTRIBUTE. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SCHEDULE TO PREPARE TO COVER THE SIXTY ODD DUTIES OUR CLUB WILL BE ASSIGNED DURING THE WEEKEND OF THE SHOW. AT SOME POINT THIS SCHEDULE WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETINGS TO SIGN UP ON. ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE SCHEDULE AND CAN'T MAKE THE MONTHLY MEETING, PLEASE E-MAIL US.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS REACTIVATED TO SELECT FOUR MEMBERS TO SERVE AS OUR OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR (IF ELECTED, THAT IS). THE NAMES WILL BE GIVEN AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AND A VOTE OF ATTENDING MEMBERS AT THE JANUARY MEETING WILL MAKE IT OFFICIAL. AS USUAL, WE MUST STATE THAT ANY MEMBER CAN NOMINATE SOME ONE ELSE AT THE JANUARY MEETING AS LONG AS THEY HAVE SECURED THAT PERSONS APPROVAL.

### TRUSTEE MEETING

THE REQUIRED JANUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY. CHAIRMAN, BOB BALLAD WILL ANNOUNCE THE DATE AT THE JANUARY MEETING. ANY MEMBER CAN ATTEND,

BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO VOTE ON ANY AGENDA ITEM. IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO CONTACT ONE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PRESENT YOUR IDEAS AND OPINIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB IN THE COMING SEASONS. CLASS OF 2005: HELEN ECKLER; MAX FISCHER; BARBARA AND GEORGE GEARHARDT; ROBERT HARTIG; AND PAUL VAN SCHAICK. CLASS OF 2006: BOB BALLAD; FRED DOBERT; JAMES PALMER, BOB AND ELAINE ROYER; JOYCE VEDDER; AND ANNE WOODS. THE CLASS OF 2007: JOSEPH ALMASI; GERALD BOILEAU; BRUCE AND CHARYLN MURRAY; RUTH SCHMIDT; RICHARD STEIN; AND CHUCK VEDDER.

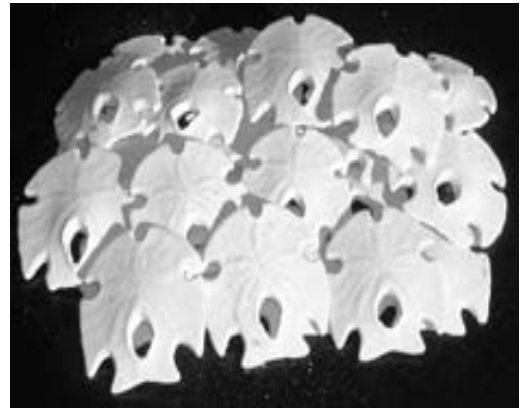
BOX” AT THE FEBRUARY 2006 SHOW). THE VEDDER’S DROPPED OFF SOME ARKANSAS QUARTZ CRYSTALS AND SOME FLUORITE, CALCITE, MICA SPECIMENS FROM AN AREA SOUTH OF BANCROFT, ONTARIO (CHUCK SAID THEY WERE NOT RADIOACTIVE, BUT THEY DO FLUORESCENCE). BOB KAUFMAN DROPPED OFF A BOX OF SPECIMENS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, INCLUDED WERE FERN FOSSILS (ST. CLARE, PA); DOG TOOTH CALCITES ON FOSSIL CLAM SHELLS (FORT DRUM, FLORIDA); DOLOMITE XLS ON DOLOSTONE (WALWORTH, NY); FLUORITE (WESTMORELAND, NH); GARNET (ROXBURY, Ct); AND A POLISHED CALCITE WITH SMALL APATITE CRYSTALS (BEAR LAKE DIGGING AREA NEAR BANCROFT, CANADA).

**UPCOMING MINERAL SHOWS.**

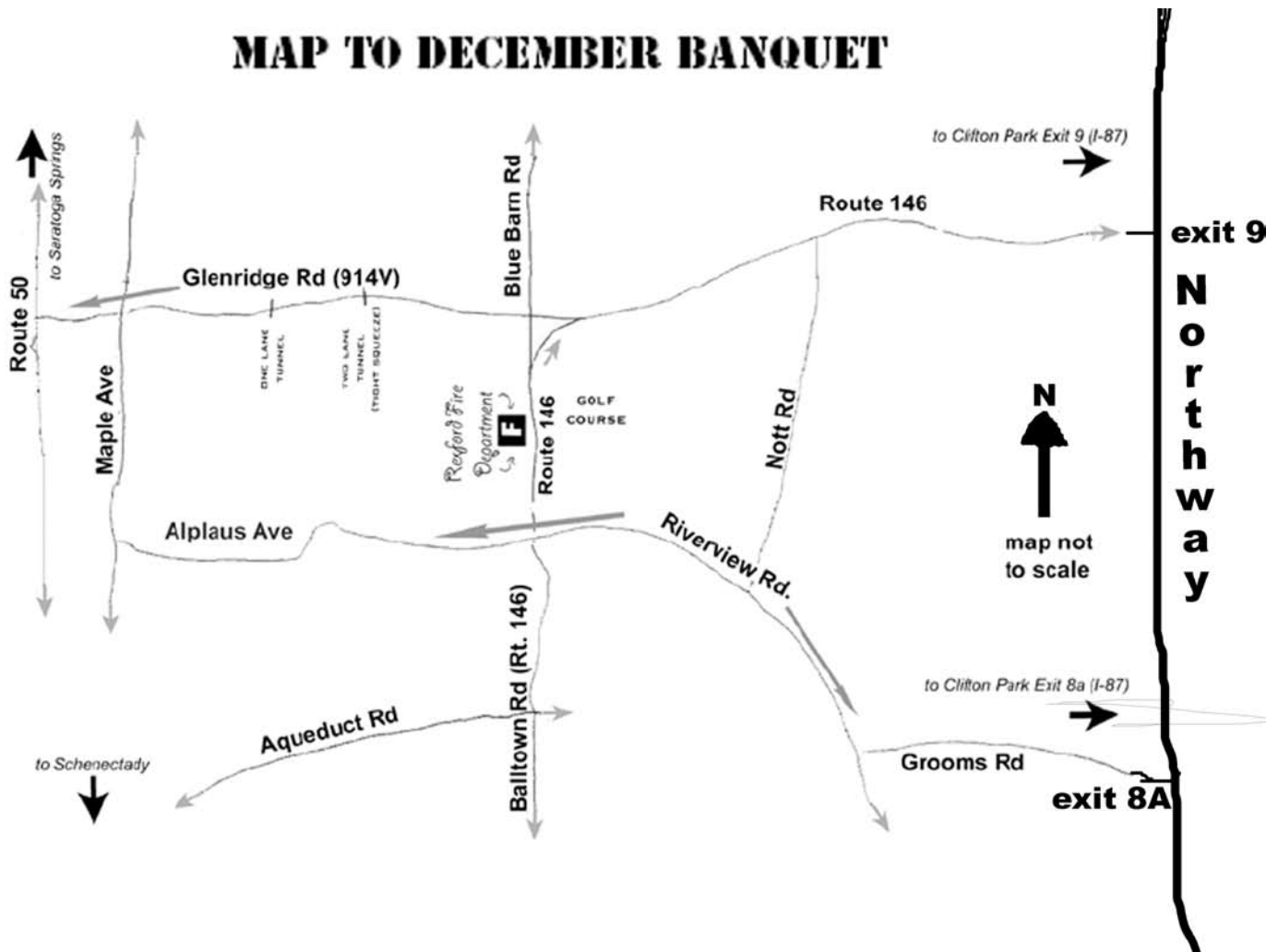
DECEMBER 17, 2005. MACUNGIE, PA. SHOW; DISCOUNT CARD CLUB OF AMERICA; MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK; SAT. 9-3; CONTACT RALPH RENNINGER, P.O. BOX 251, EMMAUS, PA 18049, 888-285-2781; E-MAIL: R.RENNINGER@DISCOUNTCARDCLUB.NET.

**CHECK YOUR MINERAL INVENTORY**

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN ALL ROCKHOUNDS ARE PACKING AWAY THEIR NEW TREASURES AND THINNING OUT THE OLD (DONATING TO THE CLUB FOR USE AT OUR AUCTIONS, RAFFLES, AND THE “SAND-



**MAP TO DECEMBER BANQUET**



# CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB HOLIDAY BANQUET ON DECEMBER 1, 2005

**BANQUET:** IT WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE REXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT (1601 ROUTE 146, REXFORD, NY 12148). THE PRICE OF THE BANQUET WILL BE \$14 PER PERSON. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE. PLEASE SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 28, 2005. FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND, KIDS, DATE, OR SPOUSE.

**MENU:** THE MEAL WILL BE A BUFFET STYLE DINNER AS FOLLOWS: 1. TOSSED SALAD WITH CHOICE OF ITALIAN VINAIGRETTE OR RANCH DRESSING; 2. BEEF STROGANOFF; 3. CHICKEN AND BISCUITS; 4. VEGETARIAN LASAGNA; 5. ROASTED RED POTATOES; 6. MIXED VEGETABLES; 7. FRUIT SHORTCAKES/A VARIETY OF MIXED COOKIES/BARS; AND 8. COFFEE, TEA, FRUIT PUNCH, AND WATER.

**TIME:** SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM; DINNER AT 7:00 PM; AUCTION TO FOLLOW.

**AUCTION:** MARK KILMER WILL BE THE AUCTIONEER THIS YEAR. EACH MEMBER IS ALLOWED TO BRING UP TO THREE (3) ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE AUCTION. PLEASE KNOW THE NAME OF THE SPECIMEN AND THE SPECIFIC LOCATION WHERE IT WAS FOUND. WE ARE ACCEPTING ITEMS HAVING TO DO WITH EARTH SCIENCE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ROCKS, MINERALS, FOSSILS, LAPIDARY, BOOKS, EQUIPMENT, ETC. THE SPLIT IS 80/20 WITH 80% OF THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE SELLER. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK OR CASH. WE DO NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

**GOODIES:** THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND A GOODIE AT EACH PLACE SETTING.

**DIRECTIONS:** TAKE I-87 NORTH TO EXIT 8A OR 9, AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN ON THE MAP. DISTANCE IS ABOUT 6 MINUTES FROM EITHER EXIT.

**GIFT EXCHANGE:** AND AS ALWAYS (ALTHOUGH NOT WELL PUBLICIZED), WE ARE DOING A GIFT EXCHANGE. BRING A GIFT WITH A VALUE OF ABOUT \$5 WRAPPED, AND EXCHANGE IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE WHO HAS DONE THE SAME. MAKE SURE TO GIVE THEM ALL TO ANNE WOODS UPON ARRIVAL WHO WILL THEN MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS THEIR OWN GIFT BACK. SHE WILL THEN MAKE SURE EVERYONE GETS A NEW ONE. ALL GIFTS MUST BE COLLECTED BEFORE ANY CAN BE RETURNED.

RESERVATIONS AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 28, 2005 (DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED). YOU MAY CALL THE GEARHARDTS AT 518-355-0670 OR MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS AND CHECK TO THE ADDRESS BELOW WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. PLEASE EMAIL US AT SCHMANIE@ALBANYROCKCLUB.COM IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL FOR IMPORTANT CLUB UPDATES: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB AND MAIL TO THE CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB,  
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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Family \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$20.00 Family membership; \$14.00 Individual membership; \$5.00 Student membership

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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.