

# THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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## January 2011

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday January 6th in the New York State Museum. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Please sign in at the security desk when you enter. The doors to the museum will be held open from 7:00-7:15pm (sometimes earlier, but hardly ever later).

### January Program

The January 6, 2011 program will be in two parts, the first, a short Power Point program by member Alex Horowitz, and the second is the annual Election of Club Officers. We have asked Alex for some background on his geological interests: "I am Alex Horowitz, I am 15 years old and I go to Niskayuna High School. I first became interested in fossilized shark teeth several years after I started collecting rocks. The first time I got interested in them was three years ago in a small shop in Montana. It just so happened that I got there the last day that the shop was open before it went out of business. So, while I was there, a large megalodon shark tooth caught my eye, and because I had some money from my Bar Mitzvah to spend on whatever I wanted to, I spent a part of the money on that tooth. Ever since then, adding fossilized shark teeth to my rock collection has been a personal challenge of mine. In addition to that, last summer my parents and I went to Venice, Florida (known as the shark tooth capitol of the world) to go scuba diving for fossilized shark teeth. We did two exciting 30-foot dives in very low visibility water. And while it didn't provide a giant tooth, we still had a blast. We did find several fossilized mako shark teeth, four megalodon teeth, fossilized manatee bones and horse teeth. And while we weren't scuba diving for teeth, we could find them in other ways. On the local beaches in Englewood, one can find smaller shark teeth by combing the beaches during the right time, so anyone in the area can find shark teeth. I had a great time. - Alex Horowitz"

The second part of the January program, the Election of Club Officers will be longer and hopefully, just as interesting. The Bylaws of the Nominating Committee of the Board Of Directors require that they annually offer a slate of candidates for election in December of the year. As this was not done this December 2010 we must do this in January 6, 2011. At that time we will discuss a slate of officers for the club.

-Bruce Murray

### February Program Reminder

All who are interested in creating a "painting" with polished stones, please bring a drawing, in color, to review with Rich

Stein to the January and February meeting. Rich will bring small quantities of each of the available materials for your examination. Please Note: avoid yellow in your designs – Rich has been unable to find naturally yellow rocks to polish, and thus far has not been able to find a white variety that will accept yellow dyes he has available. The February meeting will be devoted to laying out your designs, ready to glue in place. Size recommendation – about 6" X 8". When finished with a nice frame this is a convenient size for wall or desk.

-- Rich Stein

### Volunteers for February Show

It is that time of year again. Time to donate some of your time for the good of the club. As the chairman of the show committee, I'd like to announce that Bruce Murray will be in charge of poster distribution. If you know a good place to put the mineral show posters, please see Bruce (355-2146). If you have any donations for the sandbox at the club table, please get them to Bob Hartig (842-5948) as soon as you can so labels can be made up. I will have a sign up sheet for people willing to donate some of their time for club table activities and ticket sales during the weekend of February 26-27. Also we will need a few brave soles for set-up and take-down on Friday night starting around 4pm (estimated) and Sunday night starting around 5:15pm. I'm going to continue the tradition of two people on the concourse level for ticket sales, so pair up before you sign up for that duty. Please contact Anne Woods if you wish to sign up for a time slot. (322-7932). Ticket Sales Sat and Sun: (9:15AM – 1:00PM) or (1:00PM – 5:15PM) (4 people available for each shift). Club Table Sat or Sun: (9:45AM – 1:30PM) or (1:30PM – 5:15PM) (6 people available for each shift). - Anne Woods

### Show Dates

February 26 & 27, 2011 - 18th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show - Albany, New York: New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, Madison Ave. Saturday & Sunday 10-5. General Admission \$6 (includes Flower Show). Children under 12: Free. 25 dealers, museum tours, fossil & mineral ID. Information: Michael Hawkins @ 518 486-2011 or mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc. It's our 60 Anniversary! Come help us celebrate! Hosts the combined AFMS and EFMLS convention at our 45th Annual show July 9-10, 2011 New York State Fairgrounds Center of Progress Building. GMSS 2011 Show Gems Along the Erie Canal: July 9 - Saturday 10AM - 6PM; July 10 - Sunday 10AM - 4PM. Convention Meetings July 6-8; Uniform rules Wednesday July 6; AFMS Annual Meeting Thursday; EFMLS Annual Meeting Friday 7:30 PM. Cathy Patterson 315-480-8907

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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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