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Meeting

There will be no meetings in the museum from July-August.

Field Trips

July 10. Howes Cave Quarry, Schoharie, NY. Anne Woods 518-322-7932 or schmanie@albanyrockclub.com Meeting place will be the: The Cave House Museum of Mining & Geology, 139 Blowing Rock Road, Howes Cave, NY 12092 at 10am. We will go to Howes Cave Quarry and perhaps another one the same day. A friend will then lead us throughout the quarry to collect fossils. Please bring hardhats, gloves, hiking boots, safety goggles, as well as buckets, bug spray, hammers, suntan lotion, chisels, etc. You will be collecting many different kinds of fossils. Sometimes travertine (flowstone calcite) is available in small amounts. Due to the dual leaders on this trip, it is imperative that you listen to both leaders and stay with the group.

July 11. LaFarge Quarry, Ravena, NY - FOSSIL ONLY TRIP. Field trip leader: Rich Stein 355-4423. Please bring hardhats, gloves, fluorescent vest, hiking boots, safety goggles, as well as buckets, bug spray, hammers, suntan lotion, chisels, etc. Working quarry rules apply. Meet at the family dollar in Ravena, NY at 9:30am. Rich scouted out a number of fossil locations throughout the quarry that will be new to us.

July 17. 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, 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.

July 24-25. Gouverneur, NY Art Collins artcoll@nycap.rr.com Group will go to many planned locations in upstate NY around the Gouverneur area. E-mail for more information.

July 31- Green Garnet Farm, Roxbury, CT. Gerald Boileau at 482-0511. Meeting place will be the parking lot of the Gateway Diner located at 899 Central Avenue, Albany

at 9:30am. It is next to the CVS drug store and across the street from Friendly's Restaurant and the Hanaford plaza. The trip is 2 ½ hours. There are no facilities. Bring your own food and water. We will be stopping for a rest stop at a Mobile gas station approximately 40 minutes from the Green Farm where the collection site is. There is a \$1 or a \$2 fee for collecting. Do not wear short pants since we will be walking through poison ivy to get to the site which is located in the woods. We will be digging in the dirt for the garnets. A small spade and claw are useful here. A screen also comes in handy. Bring a bucket to bring out your finds. There is also a quarry there for those who wish to do hard rock mining. And the rock is indeed hard.

Show Dates

July 10-11. Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show at the New York State Fairgrounds, Americraft Center of Progress Bldg., I-690 Exit 7, Syracuse, NY. www.gmss.us

July 17-18. North Conway, NH: Show, "Saco Valley Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival"; Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club; North Conway Community Center, 2628 White Mountain Hwy.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; silent auctions, Spin-a-Gem, children's gem dig, gem, mineral and jewelry displays; contact Bob York, (603) 356-4424; quartzhunter@aol.com

July 24-25. South Burlington, VT: 31st annual show, "Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"; Burlington Gem & Mineral Club; Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, seniors and students (6-16) \$2, children under 6 free with adult; dealers, exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, children's activities, silent auction, door prizes; contact Kathy Howe, (802) 656-4118; Web site: www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org

2010 EFTA Trip Schedule

July 24-25. Capital District Mineral Club. Gouverneur, NY region. Contact trip leader Gerry Pratt 518-392-0453 to register and for more information.

July 31. Capital District Mineral Club. Roxbury, CT. Contact trip leader Gerry Boileau 518-482-0511 to register and for more information. Digging for garnets and staurolite, through hard rock or through dirt.



Radioactive mineral (black mineral) found by Max Fischer at Batchellerville, NY trip. Photograph by fellow club member Gregg Steuben.

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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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