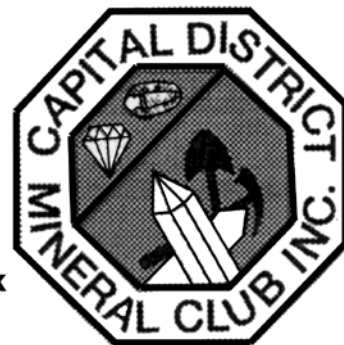


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June Banquet/Meeting

The June meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006 in the New York State Museum rock section. You may only attend the June Banquet if you have previously signed up. Please sign in and out at the security desk at the front entrance before proceeding inside into the museum. Rich Stein will be on hand once again to entertain us with his dulcimer.

Silent Auction for June Banquet

by George and Anne

Every group seems to have its own way to handle the "silent auction", and we do also.

Each member is allowed to bring up to 3 specimens to place for bid in the silent auction at the June Banquet. These items should be rocks, minerals, fossils with labels describing what the item is and where it was located. We also welcome books, equipment, posters, artwork, videos, etc. that are rock, mineral, or fossil related. A bid of one dollar is placed on the items to start, and then the member who owns the specimen up for bid gets to take home 80% of the profit of the final bid, while the club gets to keep 20%.

We ask that you fill out our form when you arrive for each specimen in addition to your label to make things easier for when we are figuring things out at the end of the auction. Please see the person in charge first so they can assign you a unique letter/number to put on your specimens that relates to your name.

The items are displayed along with a bid sheet with the minimum bid of \$1.00 and each bid must be in whole dollars thereafter. Any half-bids will be removed and considered not valid.

In an auction where the ending time is known, "loitering" sometimes occurs. "Loitering" is defined as standing in front of the desired item and not allowing others to sign the bid sheet

by pushing, wrestling, evil eyes, etc. We discourage this in two ways: (1) vocally by asking people to keep moving; and (2) by having an unannounced time to end the bidding. Bidding starts as soon as the item and bid sheet are displayed and continues on through the dinner meal, and then a little bit after that. Then "TIME" is called and all signing must stop. Any bids entered thereafter will be removed by the Auction Committee members (Gerry, George, BobB, or Anne).

At the end of the auction it is very important that you remain patient and leave all specimens alone until all the money disbursements have been made. Wait for a cue from someone in charge before removing any auction items...including the ones in which you have won, because otherwise utter chaos could occur, and we don't need any more stress than we normally get on an average day. Members should bring cash or checkbook; credit cards are not allowed.

Review of May Meeting

Chuck Inman gave a talk on "Meandering Through Blunderland or Avoiding Potential Disasters In Cleaning and Storage of Minerals". He basically explained the many kinds of minerals available, and the different ways in which one must clean them in order to prevent damage to them. He also discussed ways to keep minerals from deteriorating and proper ways to store specific minerals. It was very informative.

Field Trip Reviews

Herkimer Diamonds Fonda, NY Review

by Jim Palmer

1st Trip - The first trip went on as scheduled, but it was a rainy day so most of the members felt that it should have been cancelled. Two people braved the weather and we collected in the rain and mud with limited success.

2nd Trip - This next weekend was the planned raindate, so we had another go of things. Seven people came out to the claim to work. We cleaned up the claim, reestablished our boundaries, brought in a couple of wheelbarrows to supplement the two that

were destroyed by the logging operation, and then finally got down to the business of collecting herkimer diamonds. Almost everyone took home diamonds.

Schoharie Pyrite Mine Trip Review *by Bob Ballard*

The Schoharie Creek Mine trip originally scheduled for May 13 was cancelled. It will be rescheduled for late fall pending the season of bugs, the level of the river which we must cross in the famous white rowboat, and the abundance of poison ivy.

Lafarge Quarry, Ravena, NY Review *by Rich Stein*

It was a cool and dreary day, Charlie Brown. Seventeen anxious rockhounds gathered in Ravena, sending positive thought waves to the skies to fend off the prognosticated showers. We departed from the meeting place at 9:30 sharp on May 21st, and drove the few minutes to the quarry offices. After sign - in and run - thru of safety rules by our host, Adrian Bilger, we were off to the quarry. We stopped briefly at an overlook for a review of the geology of the site, then a look at the crusher where dinner - table sized boulders are reduced to eight inch chunks. Then down to the working level. Large ponds created by the recent rains forced us to park short of the collecting area near the new sump. Our host ferried most of the group across the ponds - a few over anxious collectors traipsed thru the shallow water and endured wet feet the rest of the day.

Collecting was fair to good, depending on the diligence and energy expended. Finds included calcite and quartz crystals, and a few fossils. Large, fossilized imprints from natural forces were there to observe, but required a fork lift to transfer to a willing vehicle. Despite the on again, off again rain during the entire day, the group stayed the course - no one left early. Everyone had something to take home. There were no special side trips to other locations in the quarry.

Those attending, including several first time members: Richard Stein (leader) and Clare Stein, Anne Woods, Bob and Teka Stitham, Max Fischer, Nancy Berns, Bruce and Charlyn Murray, Art Collins, Ryan Sapienza, Scott Countryman, Bob Ballard, Bob Hartig, Bob Kaufman, Marcia and Adam McCoy.

June Field Trips

Please note that you must make reservations with trip leaders ahead of time if you plan on attending a trip. Also please arrive at the location when specified. Most trip leaders will not wait for you, and it is not fair to the other field-trippers to ask them to.

June 10. Greens Garnet Farm, Roxbury, CT. Leader Bruce Murray (518)355-2146 will lead members on a journey of a lifetime from the parking lot of the Gateway Diner at 9:30am on Central Ave. in Albany to Roxbury, Connecticut. Please bring a map of Connecticut and New York with you just in case you loose the caravan!) Good collecting is almost guaranteed if you want garnets and staurolites. It is about 100 miles southeast of Albany. There is a hill to go down and carry your treasures back up. Good trip for children or beginners to collect. This trip is also open to

other clubs in the NEFTA group. Use caution -- it will be "tick" season and lyme disease is a danger to consider. Even if it is 90 degrees, long pants, long sleeve shirts, socks, hats, gloves, insect repellent, and suntan lotion are highly recommended. In order to properly protect yourselves from the ticks, you must tuck your pants into your socks. Yes, you will look very silly, but so will everyone else. Tools include long-handled shovel, garden claw, hand trowel, and screen (to separate the dirt and garnets). The garnets can be found both in matrix and by digging around in the dirt. So if you are very strong, bring your 30 pound sledgehammer or hammer/chisels.

June 17. Knox/Berne/Clarksville, NY Exploratory Trip. Leaders Richard Hartnett and Jim Palmer will take a group by car to search for fossils. Although one of these three sites yields great fossils, the other two are more iffy...so hence the name exploratory. There is no guarantee that fossils will be found on this trip, so keep that in mind beforehand when you plan to attend. We see this as a sort of adventure. The meeting place will be 9:30am sharp at Richard Hartnett's house at: 26 East Bayberry Rd, Glenmont, NY. Latecomers will be left in the dust. Please contact Jim Palmer at 399-9090 or palmite@nycap.rr.com if you plan to attend this trip. Remember if the fieldtrip leader doesn't answer your email, you might want to try the phone instead.

June 24-25. Gilsum Rock Swap & Show, Gilsum, NH. On your own. Some of the members of our club go here to swap rocks, others just buy them from vendors. Swap tables are \$10. For more information, please email Anne at schmanie@albanyrockclub.com. She will send you an Adobe PDF document of the pamphlet for the weekend on your email. This is an outdoors show. Some members will be camping nearby.

General Announcement Concerning the Herkimer Claim

by Jim Palmer

With a little work, and luck, the club claim will produce herkimer diamonds. They can be found in the dirt and shatter rock layer with hand tools. Garden tools, hammer and chisels, and a sieve will work just fine.

Remember Diamond Acres is opened every day from dawn to dusk. Fees are two dollars and one dollar for 13 and under. No reservations required.

Directions to Diamond Acres – (518)853-1897

Go west on Rt 5 through Fonda, NY. Just west of Fonda take a right onto Hickey Hill Rd. Go 1.5 miles and take a right onto Martin. Go 2/10 mile and take a left onto Stone Arabia Rd. Go 3 miles to Barker Rd. Stay straight on Stone Arabia Rd. for 200 yards. Turn left at the first mailbox.

EFTA Field Trips

Contact Bob Hartig if you want to attend trips: 518-842-5948

June 3. Lapidary & Mineral Society of Central CT. Clark Hill Quarries, E. Hampton, CT Simple pegmatite minerals plus schorl, beryl, garnet, apatite, columbite, uranium minerals, zircon, excellent euhedral muscovite crystals. Small abandoned quarries in state forest, no facilities. No limit, see http://www.lmscc.org/clark_hill.htm for rules, club has permit.

June 10. Delaware Mineralogical Society. Purse State Park (Liverpool Point) Charles Co., MD. Collect Eocene and Paleocene aged fossils including crocodile, ray, fish and shark teeth along the banks of the Potomac River. Be prepared to get wet! Limit 10 people. Children allowed. Contact glaucnite5@yahoo.com for details.

June 10. Capital District Mineral Club. Roxbury, CT. For well formed garnet xls and staurolite. No facilities. Contact phartig@nycap.rr.com for details.

June 10. MLSRV, NJ. Warren Co. Calcite, zircon, and micas. 9am-12pm, working quarry rules. 18 and older. No facilities. EFMLS card required. Contact Dave Rieur +1 (908) 938-5525 or crystalcutz@yahoo.com.

June 11. Berks Mineral Society. Dyers Quarry, Berks Co. Zeolites, calcite, common opal. First 20 people. Register (717)933-5124.

June 17. St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club. Pierrepont, NY We are going to Power's Farm for "UVITES" the famous black tourmalines. Contact Bill deLorraine at wdellie@northnet.org.

June 18. Worcester Mineral Club. Manhan Lead/Silver Mine, Loudville MA for Wulfenite, Barite, Malachite, Azurite, Galena, Pyromorphite, + others. No facilities. Contact Larry at Delsjohn@aol.com for details.

June 24-25. Rochester Lapidary Society in and around the W. Pierrepont, NY area - 3-5 sites, Tremolite, Uvite, Actinolite, Smokey Quartz, Diopside, Apatite, Wollastonite, and Dravite. Contact Cindi Newman at kcnewman@frontiernet.net.

June 24. Mid-Hudson Valley, Wurtsboro, NY for galena, sphalerite, quartz xls, anglesite, cerrusite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, and pyrrhotite. Old mine tailings. Limit 20 people, Children allowed. Stiff boots. No facilities. Contact sunstone3@hvc.rr.com for details ...or call 845-485-0139 between 6 and 9pm.

June 25. Orange County Mineral Society. Montique, NJ. Collect Quartz xls and small clusters. Limited number of people can attend. Contact for details call George Gardianos at gggard@otimum.net

July 8. Lapidary & Mineral Society of Central CT. CCC Quarries, Haddam, CT. Simple pegmatite minerals plus schorl, beryl, garnet, columbite. Small abandoned quarries in state forest, no facilities. No limit, see <http://www.lmscc.org/CCCQuarry.htm> for rules, club has permit. Side trips to other local spots possible.

July 9. North Shore Rock and Mineral Club. Wild Ammonoosuc River in NH. Gold Panning, sluicing. Contact joegrace@msn.com for details.

July 22. Syracuse Club. Alden, NY. For pyrite/marcasite fossil nodules, bivalves, cephalopods, ammonites, etc. No facilities. Contact *ddsack@tweny.rr.com for details.

July 29. Berks Mineral Society. Calvert Cliffs/Brownies Beach. Sharks teeth, Ray plates, and vertebra. First 20 people. Register (717)933-5124.

July 30. North Shore Rock and Mineral Club. Raymond, NH. Quartz crystals. Contact joegrace@msn.com for details.

July 28-Aug 3-6. Rochester Lapidary Society. Bancroft, Ontario Canada Show - the Bancroft Gemboree. Contact Cindi Newman at kcnewman@frontiernet.net. We have now firmed up our plans for our Bancroft, Ontario field trip...July 29-30th we are meeting for digs, as well as a general invitation to the Gemboree, Aug 3-6th. We will caravan up the 28th of July. You can give my e-mail for anyone with further questions.

June-July Mineral Shows

June 3. Macungie, PA. Show, "Spring Mineralfest"; Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association; Macungie Memorial Park, eight miles southwest of Allentown; Sat. 8:30-3; adults \$2, children under 12 free. Contact Ed Richards, (610) 641-8010; e-mail: mineralfest@aol.com; www.mineralfest.com.

June 3-4--St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Show, "Geo-Venture 2006"; Niagara Peninsula Geological Society; Niagara Children's Discovery Centre, 360 Niagara St.; Sat. 10-17, Sun. 10-17. Contact Rod Turnbull, 4893 St. Lawrence Ave., Niagara Falls, ON L2E3Y1, (905) 357-5132; e-mail: niagara.geology@gmail.com; www.ccfms.ca/Clubs/NPGS.

June 9-11. Charlotte, NC. 38th annual show; Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club; Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 2500 E. Independence Blvd.; adults \$3.50, seniors \$2.50, children under 12 free. Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; contact Becky Strickland, (704) 537-6010; e-mail: jsrskat@msn.com; or Jolen Falcone 704-467-5622; e-mail: gemtrips@ctc.net; www.charlottegem.com.

June 10. New Milford, CT. 4th annual rock swap and sale; Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science; Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, Rte. 7; Contact John Pawloski, 42 Squash Hollow Rd., New Milford, CT 06776, (860) 354-0296; e-mail: j.a.pawloski@worldnet.att.net.

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June 30-July 2--Waynesboro, VA. 19th annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows; William Perry Elementary School, 840 King Ave., across from DMV; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5. Contact Rose or Van Wimmer, 5273 Bradshaw Rd., Salem, VA 24153, (540)384-6047; e-mail: van@toteshows.com; www.toteshows.com.

July 8-9. Bethel, ME. 45th annual show, "Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival"; Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association; Crescent Park School, Crescent Lane; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, children 50 cents. Guided field trips on Sat. and Sun. Contact Albert Holden, 12 Crystal Dr., Newry, ME 04261, (207)743-8729; e-mail: hgs@megalink.net.

July 8-9. Syracuse, NY. 40th annual show and sale, "Ruby Red Wonders"; Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse; New York State Fairgrounds, Verizon Center of Progress Bldg., I-690 Exit 7; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children under 12 free; 41 dealers, 10 wholesalers. Contact Lou Budell, (315)673-1891; www.gmss.us.

July 29-30. Cutchoque, NY. 25th annual show; Long Island Mineral & Geological Society; Cutchogue East Elementary School, Main Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3.50, children under 12 free with adult. Contact Julie Schwahl, (631) 594-1843; e-mail: adcom2b@msn.com.

July 29-30. South Burlington, VT. 27th annual show; Burlington Gem & Mineral Club; Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, seniors and ages 6-16 \$2, children under 6 free with adult. Contact Kathy Howe, (802)656-4118; www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org.

Board Meeting Update

by Charlyn Murray

The board members of the club held a meeting at George Gearhardt's house on April 13, 2006 at 7pm. Present were Anne Woods, Bob Hartig, Jim Palmer, Bob Ballard, Paul Van Schaick, Fred Dobert, Richard Stein, Gerry Boileau, and Charlyn and Bruce Murray. A "petty cash fund" was established for the treasurer to pay for club related small bills (\$20-\$75 range) following certain guidelines discussed in great detail. It was discussed that a copy of the club absolute charter should be moved to a more permanent location (this has since been done). Richard Stein spoke of the LaFarge community event this summer, to which club members

were invited. It was agreed that the PowerPoint presentation (with captions), used at the show and April 2006 meeting, was effective for educational purposes and to promote the club further. The Scholarship Award Fund was discussed and updated. It was also decided, with our large number of new members, that the club would acquire a guest book to sign in new members.

Why Join a Mineral Club?

by George Gearhardt

One of the benefits of joining a mineral club is the sharing of ideas and common interests. It means a chance to learn about a new hobby, such as collecting rocks and minerals. Then you have the opportunity of learning what to do with these rocks and minerals, such as identifying them, storing and displaying the best and then learning about other things that can be done to make this hobby really satisfying. Collecting can be done alone or with others on field trips, close to home and far away. There are many books and magazines available to further our quest for knowledge and a beautiful stone.

Another advantage of joining a mineral club is that you are automatically a member of much larger groups of clubs such as the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Society; (EFMLS) and this group is a member of a much larger group known as the American Federation of Mineralogical Society (AFMS). The first group is made up of clubs from Maine to Florida and as far west as Mississippi and Ohio; the second it made up of seven regional groups that cover the entire United States.

Some clubs have their own equipment to make lapidary items called "cabochons" but most must depend on the larger, regional organizations to provide the equipment and more important talented people willing to show you how to use this equipment before you buy it and then find out you do not really have the time or talent to use it. Our regional organization is the Eastern Federation (usually abbreviated as EFMLS) and they provide two five day workshops each year for their members (us). The workshops are held in western North Carolina just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, in between the towns of Little Switzerland and Spruce Pine.

The first session this year will be held on May 22-28 and probably just started as you read this article, BUT the second session will be held from September 11th thru the 17th. According to Steve Weinberger in the monthly EFMLS newsletter "there are still a number of spaces available for an excellent week of learning, sharing and fun. Guest speaker is Tom Tucker, a retired geologist and president of the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. Don't let Tom's credentials scare you off—he's not one of those "Head in the ivory tower" types whose talks will be way above all of our heads. He'll

share with us several talks about minerals, but not at a level that even the non-informed can enjoy and understand. He's also a terrific guy and you'll enjoy his company". Steve is chairman of the Wildacres Functioning Committee.

Again quoting Steve, "Here is a listing of the classes we're offering. Descriptions can be found on the website www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm (or you could call the Gearhardt's at (518)355-0670). They plan on attending this session (they have attended at least one of the yearly workshops for the past ten years). Four day classes: "Faceting"; and "Exhibiting & Judging". The two day classes include: "Cabochons"; "Opal Cutting"; Silversmithing (basic and intermediate classes); "Micromounting"; "Introduction to Precious Metal Clay"; "Beaded Bezels"; "Wirecrafting (basic)"; "Wire Sculpture"; and "Soapstone Carving". Visitors take four days of classes (either one four day class or two of the two day classes).

On the third day of the workshop all classes stop. There will be fieldtrips to local collecting spots, sightseeing, relaxation, and a "tailgate" mineral sale in the afternoon.

Followed by two more days of classes. Part of the evening activities each night are talks by the guest speaker, sharing activities, "fun night" (all acts carefully screened!!!) and the final evening event is the auction of "good stuff".

The cost of the entire weeks activities is \$320. per person which includes room and board. Some classes have a small fee to cover materials used in the class. Bedrooms are motel style with private bath. Meals are served family style in the lovely Dining Hall.

So take advantage of what your club and the EFMLS can offer you. A good chance to learn more about you hobby whether you are a beginner or an "old timer".

Minerals of the Earth, Caveat Emptor

by Don Kauffman

There it was, in the tabloid coupon and product section of Sunday's paper, Minerals of the Earth as offered by the del Prado Collection. I have never heard of the collection and I doubt if any serious collector has.

In all it's glory the slick newspaper page of 6 ¾ by 10 ½ struck me that someone believes a "collection of genuine minerals and semi-precious stones" is a worthwhile investment. Real collectors know the value of minerals and the hard work to get them. A study of the ad and any seasoned collector may begin to doubt genuineness of claims for the collection. Can such a deal be too good to be true?

The ad declares, "Minerals of the Earth have been collected from important geological sites on five continents...Each

specimen handpicked for your collection.’ And “Naturally, specimens of some minerals are scarce and quantities are limited.”

Absolutely! The specimens are most likely picked from an import bag; there is no mention of a mine or collecting location such as Mexico, Brazil, Spain or Morocco. I recognized no scarcity or great demand for minerals listed on the ad page. The promoter was only correct in saying that no two are completely alike.

The full-color ad displays a window on the lower left of the page; green calcite, amethyst, iron pyrite and azurite. The “important geological sites” listed are; “found world wide” in undisclosed locations from South America, Australia, Russia, and Madagascar with copper ore deposits producing azurite from North and Central Africa. A real collector is very conscious of location of origin of his/her specimens. Gross generalizations don’t count.

The sales pitch declares rose quartz from ‘important deposits found in Brazil’ and red agate from deposits existing “all over the globe.’ These two specimens are available “exclusively” for a “Special Introductory Price: Just \$1.95 each.” (Reading fine print on the small order form one should note that .95 is added for shipping.)

No where is there an idea of the true size of the specimens. The lower left four could be thumbnail or smaller, one inch or less. The rose quartz and red agate are shown much larger (by about 2 times) than the four on lower left.

But wait! There is the enticement of a “FREE custom-designed display cabinet!’ Again, there is no mention of actual size or capacity. There is no description of the “free” storage case. Could be oak but could be cardboard or pressboard. If you want a display case for your minerals, be certain to get a quality case that will highlight your collection to your specifications.

We are provided with a picture of the display; a window glass top over 3 drawers with brass pulls of a height and depth to display perhaps 3 rows of 6 fabulous minerals for a total of 48. Oops! The ad declares “subscription to Minerals of the Earth, consisting of 50 specimens.’ What do we do with the other two?

The more I read, the more gray areas developed with this “collection so complete” that “you’d expect to find it in a museum.” Then there was calculation of the overall price of buying the wonderful mineral collection.

The first two minerals are priced at \$1.95 each plus .95 for shipping. Does \$4.85 sound reasonable for a pair of mineral

samples that may not be as large together as a postage stamp? Then there is the matter of three fabulous museum quality pieces mailed to you for the inexpensive sum of \$5.95 each for a total of \$17.85. But wait . . . don’t forget the small print postage and handling rate of “\$1.95 each” PLUS applicable state sales tax for PA and NY. All told, you get a grand total of three minerals per month for \$25.12. In twelve months you will have vested almost \$302.00 in 36 minerals with another 14 to be mailed over the next 4 ½ months.

Your grand investment in this venture costs another \$148.00 plus a final two minerals at \$15.80. If you see this through to it’s conclusion, you will have paid out the hefty amount of \$465.80. All for a mail order collection of dubious value with a “30-day Money-Back Guarantee” and from a promoter of dubious reputation.

Not even the promise of “a colorful fact sheet” about formation, origins and uses of the mineral plus a binder provided “free” can possible make this collection worthwhile.

Weigh in all the particulars. Go visit one of many rock and mineral shows that you can attend this year. You will be able to actually see specimen sizes from thumbnail to cabinet to museum. You will get an exact location for a fine local specimen collected by one of your friends or club associates. You will be able to compare prices and quality of prospective pieces. The value of your piece is assured. You can resell it or trade up to a nicer piece.

There is no better deal than what you find at a genuine rock, mineral and fossil show. No doubt there is money to change hands. Most dealers or collectors make a reasonable profit at a fair price for their efforts. You are guaranteed a smile, a “thank you” for just looking and lots of information about collecting locations for free with no “cancel at any time” promise attached. There is not just a faceless commercial entity with a hand extended for your money.

Let the buyer beware. This newspaper deal appears to be just for Minerals of Mirth. Beware that someone has foreseen a chance to laugh all the way to the bank with your money in pocket. There are more than just megalodon shark’s teeth out there. There are real sharks.

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All submissions to the newsletter must be in my hand before the 18th of any given month, or they will be used in the next subsequent newsletter.

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.