

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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June 2008

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting for June. We will have a banquet instead. Please see the Banquet section. Also, please note there is no meeting for July or August. Have a great summer!

Field Trips

May 31. Fox Creek. Meeting Place, Schoharie exit park and ride. I-88 south to Exit 23 park and ride. Time 10 AM. We will car pool to the collecting site from there. Tools: hammer, chisel, bucket. Site: Collect tentaculites fossils on a road cut and various fossils and rocks near Fox Creek. Bob Ballard (518) 377-8656 rballad@nycap.rr.com

June 14. Colarusso Fossils. Meeting Place: Colarusso Quarry, Newman Rd, Greenport, NY Time: 10 am. Tools: hammers, chisels, bucket, gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, steel toed boots, safety vest. This is a working quarry. kids welcome under direct adult supervision Collect: Fossils of various kinds. Robert Stitham (518) 755-2255 gumby59@mhicable.com

June 28-29. Gilsum Rock Swap and Show. Gilsum, NH. <http://gilsum.org/rockswap.aspx> No trip leader. On your own.

Field Trip Reviews

Lafarge Quarry - Ravena, NY - April 20, 2008

Richard Stein - Trip Leader

This was a joint outing with members of the Boston Mineral Club. It proved to be a memorable event for several reasons. From a sign-up sheet circulated at the regular club meeting on April 3, a record 38 adults and children were expected. For a number, this was to be their first visit to this quarry; for some new members, their first field trip with our club. As a consequence, our annual safety review was a very important source of information for these members.

Weatherwise, our predictions proved to be totally inaccurate - we had a perfect day for collecting. Collecting

was greatly improved by the new quarry manager, who arranged to have a section of the quarry floor torn up for us. From the concentration of activity, collecting went well and all were pleased with what they found.

For some of the Boston Club members, it was a two-day event. Thirteen of their members arrived Saturday morning for a special visit to the State Museum. Mike Hawkins generously provided a discussion of the background to museum mineral collections, and a special tour of the current mineral exhibits. The group then split up to enjoy the rest of the museum. On Sunday, fifteen additional BMC members showed up for collecting at the quarry.

Overall, 59 people showed up Sunday morning. This included 26 adults and 5 children from our club, and 26 adults plus 2 children from the BMC. Obviously, a record number in the history of our club. With the brightly colored safety vests, this made an extraordinary picture of people having a very enjoyable outing. Thanks to Tiffany McLeod, our host from Lafarge, Bob Ballard Anne Woods from the CDMC, and Peter Cristofono from the BMC, for assistance in crowd oversight, things went very smoothly.

Members who attended: Gerry Boileau, Katie Slaver, Flo Derry, Max Fischer, Tom Jenkins, John Jenkins, Robert Stitham, Anne Woods, Bonnie Unser, Julie and Matt Stuart, Tom Bushnell & Family, Kevin & Kyle Baskin, Kevin Finn, Dan Washburn, Annie Reitz, Curtis & Paul Breuer, Bob Hartig, Richard Hartnett, Bob Ballard, Carole & Joseph Van Camp, Art Collins, Noelle Guimond and Lillian White.

Future Trips 2008

July 19 - Bob Ballard - Panther Pond (labradorite)
July 26-27 - Gerry Pratt - Gouverneur, NY (Anthrophyllite, apatite, talc, tremolite, etc....weekend trip)
August 16-17 - Bob Ballard - Gold Panning, Wild Ammonusac River, VT/NH (weekend camping trip...pan for gold in river)
August 30 - Bob Ballard - Minerva, NY (blue and yellow calcite, apatite...contact metamorphic zone)

September 6 - Bob Ballad - West Chester, MA (uvite)
September 27 - Gerry Boileau - Hooper Mine (garnets)
October 18 - Jim Palmer - Fonda (more herkimer diamonds)

2008 EFTA Trips

New Rule: Contact Trip Leaders if you want to attend trips

June 7 or 8. Wayne County Gem & Min. Club. Gore Mt.-Barton Mine, NY. for Gore Mt. garnet. Group taken in - pay by the lb of what you take. Contact Bill at batn-pill@empacc.net or 607-868-4649.
June 7-8. Orange County Mineral Society Annual Swap and Sell 10am-4pm 1010 Rt. 17M, Monroe, NY 10950. Contact: 845-782-8247 www.museumvillage.org Rain or Shine Adults \$3/Children and Seniors \$2
June 14. Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. 7:30 - Burkholder Quarry (Martin Limestone) - meet at quarry entrance/parking lot, contact - Mike Rose @ 570-595-3787 or e-mail to poconorose@peoplepc.com
June 21. Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. 7:30am - Kurtz Quarry (Martin Limestone) - meet at quarry entrance/parking lot, contact - Mike Rose @ 570-595-3787 or e-mail to poconorose@peoplepc.com
June 28. Mid-Hudson Gem and Mineral. Fonda, NY. for Herkimer Diamonds at the Hastings Mine. No restriction on age. No facilities. Contact Carolyn Reynard at sunstone3@hvc.rr.com for directions and further instructions.
June 28. Rochester Lapidary Society. Syracuse, NY area... for Selenite/Pyrite fossils. No facilities. Limited to 10 EFTA. Contact Cindi at kcneman@frontiernet.net

Mineral Shows

June 7. Kent, CT. 6th annual rock swap and sale; Connecticut Museum of Mining & Mineral Sciences; Connecticut Antique Machinery Association museum site, Rte. 7; Sat. 9-4; Contact John Pawloski, 42 Squash Hollow Rd., New Milford, CT 06776, (860) 354-0296; e-mail: j.a.pawloski@worldnet.att.net
June 7-8. Monroe, NY. Show, swap and sell; Orange County Mineral Society; Museum Village, 1010 Rte. 17M; Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, seniors and children under 12 \$2; Contact George Gardianos, (845) 683-1167, or Museum Village, (845) 782-8248; Web site: www.museumvillage.org
June 28-29. Gilsum, NH. Swap and show; Town of Gilsum; Gilsum Elementary School, Rte. 10; Sat. 8-6, Sun. 8-4; free admission; Contact Rob Mitchell, Gilsum Recreation Committee, P.O. Box 76, Gilsum, NH 03448, (603) 357-9636; e-mail: rmitchell60@gmail.com
July 11-13. Marlborough, MA. Show; International Gem & Jewelry Show Inc.; Royal Plaza Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Rd. W; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$7; Contact Laurie Reluzco, 120 Derwood Cir., Rockville, MD 20850, (301) 294-1640; e-mail: laurie@intergem.net; Web site: www.InterGem.com
July 12-13. Syracuse, NY. Show; ; Gem & Mineral Soci-

ety of Syracuse; Verizon Center of Progress Bldg., New York State Fairgrounds, Rte. 690; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Contact Cathy Patterson, (315) 638-8817; Web site: www.gmss.us

July 26-27. Mattituck, NY. 27th annual show; Long Island Mineral & Geology Society; Mattituck High School, Main Rd. (Rte. 25E); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, children under 12 free with adult; Contact Julie Schwahl, 10 Whiting Rd., East Quogue, NY 11942, (631) 594-1843; e-mail: adcom1a@msn.com; Web site: www.limineralandgeology.com

July 26-27. South Burlington, VT. 29th annual 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; Contact Kathy Howe, (802) 656-4118; Web site: www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org

August 8-10. West Springfield, MA East Coast show; Martin Zinn Expositions; Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Dr.; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, 12 and under free with adult; parking \$5, more than 200 U.S. and foreign dealers, Contact Regina Aumente, Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com

August 23-24. Canton, NY. Show; St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club; Canton Sportsman's Club, Nickerson Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; field trips, fluorescent mineral hunt; Contact William deLorraine, 1 Indian Head Trail, Gouverneur, NY 13642, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@northnet.org; Web site: www.stlawrenceco.com

September 20-21. Rhinebeck, NY 39th annual show and sale, "The Earth's Bounty"; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rte. 9; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students \$2, children 12 and under free with adult, discount flier on Web site; Contact Carolyn Reynard, (845) 471-1224; Web site: www.geocities.com/nyrockhounds

September 26-27- Franklin, NJ. 52nd annual show; Franklin Mineral Museum; Franklin School, Washington Ave.; contact Lee Lowell, (973) 827-6671

October 18-19. Bristol, CT 36th annual show; Bristol Gem & Mineral Club; Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave.; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, seniors \$3, children under 12 free; Contact Dave Korzendorfer, (860) 651-9980; e-mail: bristolgem@hotmail.com; Web site: www.bristolgem.org

October 18-19. Johnstown, NY Show and sale; Fulton County Mineral Club; Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rte. 30A and Rte. 67; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$2, students \$1, children under 12 free; Contact Chamber of Commerce, (800) 676-3858; e-mail: pllenroc@frontiernet.net

Capital District Mineral Club Minutes-
May 1, 2008

WE MET AT THE NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM AT 7 PM. OUR SPEAKER WAS JOHN DELANO WHO SPOKE ON BEYOND THE EARTH. SHOWED VIDEO OF STARS, PLANETS ETC. VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM. ALL ENJOYED THIS AND HE ANSWERED A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THEN REGULAR MEETING BEGAN WITH 50-50 FOR ROCK SAMPLES. PROFIT WAS \$54. WE HAD 49 PEOPLE PRESENT AND WE HAD 3 NEW MEMBERS. SECRETARY READ HER REPORT OF APRIL MEETING WHICH WAS APPROVED BY MEMBERS. TREASURERS REPORT GIVEN BY BOB STITHAM OUR TREASURER. BALANCE ON 4/1/08 WAS \$7006.71. INCOME

INTEREST, RAFFLE & DUES TOTAL \$7517.92. DISBURSEMENTS \$57.03 BALANCE 5/1/08 WAS \$7460.89. AGAIN THIS WAS APPROVED ON MOTION. VICE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR THOSE WHO HAD SOME TO GIVE REPORT. JIM PALMER HAS ONE. RICH STEIN HAS ONE. BOB BALLAD HAS ONE. GAVE LOCATIONS, ETC. THEN GEORGE GEARHARDT EXPLAINED OUR DINNER MEETING ON JUNE 5TH. DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE MUSEUM. EACH MEMBER IS \$10. HE ALSO TOLD ABOUT A BOOK HE WAS SELLING FOR \$5. MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED ON MOTION AT 9:45PM. THOSE WHO WISH ARE INVITED TO DESSERT RUN TO DENNYS ON WOLFE RD.

-Respectfully submitted...Helen Mary Eckler

CAPITAL DISTRICT MINERAL CLUB

SEMI-ANNUAL BANQUET

June 5, 2008

Social Hour at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 6:30 PM; New York State Museum; Mineral Hall, Albany, NY; Cost: \$10.00

The annual June Banquet will be held at the New York State Museum this year again. It will be a buffett meal with lots of choices. The original cost of the banquet is being shared by the museum who is paying half. There will be no bar. Make checks payable to the Capital District Mineral Club. Reservations must be received in hand by May 25, 2008. You may pay by cash or check at the May 1 meeting, or to CDMC - Banquet, P.O. Box 12814, Albany, NY 12212. There will be a silent auction. Please each bring 3 club related objects for inclusion. Members take home 80% profit of their items in sale.

Banquet Buffett Choices:

Garden Salad : Fresh iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, multi-colored peppers, clery and carrots served with you choice of dressings .

Side Dishes

- 1. Red Roasted Potatoes: Roasted with caramelized onions and fresh rosemary*
- 2. Potatoes Au Graten*
- 3. Roasted Vegetables*
- 4. Saffron Rice Pilaf*

Entrees

- 1. Pasta Primavera: Sun dried tomatoes, fresh spinach, mushrooms and onions sautéed with a hint of white wine and tossed with fresh grated pecorino cheese*
- 2. Chicken Marsala: Sauteed with mushrooms in a Marsale wine sauce*
- 3. Veal Picatta: Sauteed with hallots and capers in a white wine and lemon demi glace sauce*
- 4. Sliced Sirloin: Pan Seared and Oven roasted then thinly sliced, served with a red wine demi glace*
- 5. Lasagna: Traditional style with homemade meatball mix, sauce, mozzarella cheese, and pecorino Romano cheese*

Desserts

- 1. Specialty Dessert Platter: An assortment of our own desserts arranged beautifully on platter*

Capital District Mineral Club June 2008 Banquet

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____ Total price _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



Sterling Hill. Franklin, NJ Trip. View out of high up in the mining operations through a dirty window during a tour of the upper mine works. Photo by Anne Woods.

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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.

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