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Next Meeting

Due to our banquet being postponed to a later date, our next meeting is on Thursday June 2nd 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. There will be no meetings in July-August since that is our summer break.

June Program

We will be watching the second half of the Earthquake video as the program. - Bruce Murray

June Field Trip Schedule

June 11, 2011. Schoharie, NY - Rickard Hill Quarry - Anne Woods Meet at 10 am at the quarry. If you wish to sign up for this trip, the leader can be reached at schmanie@albanyrockclub.com or 518-322-7932 (leave a message). Fossil collecting trip. No facilities. Bring water, bug spray, etc. Might need a cart to haul rock back to car. Hardhat, safety vest, safety glasses, steel toed boots, etc. Active quarry rules.

June 17-19. Field trip to western NY and Canada. Trip leader Ray McKinney can be contacted at 518-692-8748 for more information. Fossil collecting trip.

Stuff For Sale

If you haven't checked it out yet, Barbara Gearhardt still has a whole bunch of rock related stuff for sale at her house. Please call first to see when it is convenient for her for you to arrive. 518-355-0670

Showdates Calendar

July 9-10—Syracuse, NY: 45th annual show, "Gems Along the Erie Canal: A Diamond Celebration"; Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse; New York State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Bldg., I-690; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; AMFS and EFMLS Convention meetings July 6-8; contact Cathy Patterson, (315) 638-8817; e-mail: cathypatterson@verizon.net; Web site: www.gmss.us

August 12-14—West Springfield, MA: Show, "East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Dr.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children 12 and under free with adult; more than 200 dealers, contact Martin Zinn Expositions, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004-0665; e-mail: mzexpos@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

August 27-28—Madrid, NY: 45th annual show; St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club; Madrid Community Park, 1835 St. Hwy. 345; Sat. 9-4:30, Sun. 9-3; free admission; contact William deLorraine, (315) 287-4652; e-mail: wdellie@verizon.net; Web site: www.stlawrencecountyminealclub.com

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May Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:30pm. We started with a tour of the mineral gallery by Mike Hawkins. It was a really great, informative program. Thanks Mike! The business meeting began at 8:45 by Pres. Treasurer's report was read. Rich Stein reminded members to sign up for the Ravena trip on the 14th. Anne Woods has been appointed temporary contact for field trips. Jim Palmer is our new Membership Chairman. Jim is also the field trip leader for the trip to Fonda on May 21st. Bruce Murray has volunteered to pick up the Club's mail at the Albany PO box, and forward it to appropriate persons. Letter of thanks for scholarship was received from the College of St. Rose. Ray McKinney reported about a field trip to collect fossils in Western N.Y. and Canada, June 17 to 19. Those interested could see him after meeting. Our June meeting will be here at the Museum, usual time. Plans are in the works for a summer bar-b-que and auction, to replace the usual June banquet. More on that, next meeting. -Bill Cotrofeld

NYS Museum Goes to the Parks 2011

July 16, 2011 : 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Registration: Registration Required

Location: Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center at John Boyd Thacher State Park

Description: Help commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center by joining scientists from the NY State Museum for a walk exploring the geology surrounding Thacher Nature Center. Participants provide own transportation. Program Schedule Bedrock Geology, 1-3 p.m. Sedimentary geologist Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten leads an easy walk to explore the geology and fossils around Thacher Nature Center. Limited to 20 people, ages 8 and up with adult. Registration required. Directions will be sent with confirmation. To register, call 518-473-7154 or e-mail psteinba@mail.nysed.gov.

Email to Club Members

To: CDMC...My wife and I have been rock hounds most of our lives. We were members of the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Club for many years. Unfortunately, age has caught up with us. We have been retired for several years (I am now 72); and have found it necessary to sell most of our gem and mineral collection on Amazon. You can find my inventory on "www.amazon.com/shops/samuel270". You can then use the search bar at the top to locate items of interest. Some of the categories include: Quartz Crystals and Clusters, Golden Healer, Elestial, Cactus Quartz, Rose Quartz, Cherry Quartz, Black Apache Tears, Thunderegg, Coprolite, Goldstone, Obsidian, Marble, Pet Stones, If there is something a member desires that I have not yet listed on Amazon, just let me know and I will check to see if I still have it in stock. -Samuel E. West

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Mohawk river ...what we thought was a huge rock turned out to be a large chunk of cement. Bob for scale.

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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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