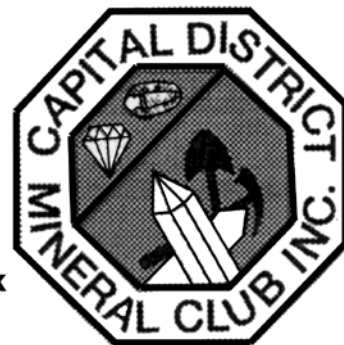


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May Meeting

The May meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006. We will meet in Meeting Room B on the main floor of the New York State Museum, Madison Ave., Albany, NY (unless otherwise noted at the front security desk). Please sign in and out at the security desk. The museum doors will be open from 7:00-7:15pm and the meeting will begin around 7:30pm. Please be on time since after 7:15pm sharp, we will no longer let you in.

May Program

Chuck Inman will give a talk titled "Meandering Through Blunderland or Avoiding Potential Disasters In Cleaning and Storage of Minerals".

Chuck Inman spent most of his boyhood in Buffalo, NY where he developed an early interest in science, and began teaching astronomy in the Junior Education Department of the Buffalo Museum of Science when he was in high school. Mineralogy, however, was not one of his primary interests. Fortunately, there were few questions in that area on the national Westinghouse Science Talent Search exam, and he was one of the 40 winners among about 16,000 high school senior contestants.

He received his BS in chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his MS from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At both locations the nearest he came to mineralogical activities was spelunking. While serving in the US Army Signal Corps in Arizona, however, he met several geophysicists and did some desultory mineral collecting with them when he ran out of caves and Indian dumps to explore.

After leaving Hooker Electrochemical Company in Le-

roy, NY he joined the research department of Imperial Color at Glens Falls, NY and was introduced to Elmer Rowley by Gladys Swigert. He attended Elmer's adult education classes and tagged along on field trips, although he didn't actively pursue his hobby until he was in his 50s. Chuck retired as research manager from the Glens Falls facility in 1989, sold his sailboat, extricated himself from the BOCES board, and added mineralogy to his pastimes. He is past-president of the Rutland Rock and Mineral Club and does volunteer work at the NYS Museum, sparing Mike Hawkins from some of his routine tasks.

Review of April Meeting

We watched a PowerPoint of our club made by Anne Woods, listened to a five minute announcement by John Betterly, and then ended the night with Rich Stein's famous safety talk.

Introduction to Gem Cutting Class

John Betterly

The info on the 'Introduction to Gem Cutting' class is as follows. June 10th, 9:30-1:30 at the Arts Center of the Capitol Region <http://www.artscenteronline.org/>. Students will be cutting and polishing amber and turquoise. [I didn't realize malachite could pose a health hazard (arsenate dust). Supposed to have fun, not die at this class.], and should be able to bring home one of each home at the end of the class.

Cancellation

The Fonda Mineral Show & Sale originally scheduled for May 6-7 has been cancelled due to lack of response from dealers.

May Field Trips

May 13: Schoharie Creek Mine, Schoharie, NY. Meet at the Park and Ride at the Schoharie exit on I-88 on Saturday May 13 at 10:00am. Contact field trip leader Bob Ballard at 518-377-8656 [rballad@nycap.rr.com] to secure a spot. Material to collect is pyrite nodules. Tools: bucket, hammer, bug juice, and chisel. We warn you that there is poison ivy present at this location. Wear protective clothing including pants, long sleeved shirts, and gloves. If you get severe reactions, wear ivy gard (get it in the drugstore) and tell the field trip leader to watch out for you. We must cross the Schoharie Creek in a row boat to get there.

May 21: LaFarge Quarry, Ravena, NY. Meet at the Family Dollar/Dunkin Donuts lot on Route 9W on the north end of Ravena at 9:30 AM Sharp! Contact field trip leader Richard Stein at 518-355-4423 [steinerite@nycap.rr.com] to secure a spot. Rich will be out of town April 28 thru May 13. Plan to call May 15 thru 20. Materials to collect include calcite, quartz, pyrite, and assorted fossils. Children are permitted with adult supervision. Safety glasses or goggles, hiking or work boots, and hard hats are required. Gloves, hammers, chisels, sledgehammers are recommended as appropriate for trimming specimens and breaking boulders. We must be out of quarry by 2:00pm. Bring a snack and drinks in case you get hungry/thirsty.

May 27: Saint Lawrence Cement Quarry, Greenport, NY. Meet at the parking lot of St. Lawrence Cement Quarry on Route 9 in Greenport, NY at 10am on Saturday May 27. Field trip leader Bob Stitham can be contacted at: 518-755-2255 [gumby59@surferz.net] to secure a spot. Only 40 people maximum allowed to attend. Equipment needed for active quarry include: hard hats, work boots, safety glasses, work gloves, and bug spray. Both hard rock mining and specimen pickup available at this location. Bring sledgehammers, chisels, bars, bucket, etc. No facilities available. Bring water and light snack just in case. We can drive close to the site, but some walking involved. Fossils can be easily found. Children allowed under adult supervision. Anyone breaking quarry rules set forth by quarry manager Paul or Field trip leader Bob will be asked to leave.

EFTA Field Trips

May 13. PESA. PA, Montgomery Co. calcite, zeolites 7am-12pm.

working quarry rules. 18 and older. No facilities. Contact Merrill Dickinson (610) 473-9973.

May 13. Capital District Mineral Club. Schoharie, NY for small pyrite nodules. No facilities. Contact phartig@nycap.rr.com for details.

May 20. St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club. Macomb NY. we are going camping at Crystal Grove for Herkimer diamonds. Contact Bill deLorraine at wdellie@northnet.org

May 20. Mid-Hudson Valley. Putnam County, NY. for pyrite, apatite, pyrrhotite, hornblende xls. limit 15 people. old quarry. stiffboots. children allowed. no facilities. Contact sunstone3@hvc.rr.com for details or call 845-485-0139 between 6-9pm.

May 26-28. Rochester Lapidary Society. Memorial Day Weekend at Crystal Grove/Herkimer NY.

May 28. North Shore Rock and Mineral Club. Fonda, NY. Herkimer Diamonds. Contact joergrace@msn.com for details.

June Banquet

The annual June Banquet will be held at the New York State Museum this year again. It will be a sit down meal featuring a choice between three items. A salad and desert will accompany the meal as will a choice of one beverage (beer, wine, or soft drink). Additional beverages will be available at an additional cost. The original cost of the banquet is being shared by the museum again, so the discounted cost for the June 1, 2006 banquet is now \$15 per person with tip included. Deadline to make a reservation is May 22nd. This is also the last date that you may cancel. Any attempts to cancel after this date will not be honored, and it will be expected that those people still pay the fee, despite the fact that they are unable to attend (for whatever reason). Please call George or Barbara at (518) 355-0670 or mail it to the club PO Box by May 25th (it must actually be in the mailbox on this date when George goes in to pick up the mail). Make checks payable to the Capital District Mineral Club.

Banquet Menu

Salad: Mixed wild greens with a raspberry vinaigrette

Entree Choice (please specify):

1) Chicken & Shrimp Piccata (lemon & capers butter sauce)

2) Fillet of Salmon

(mustard encrusted w/ lemon parsley butter sauce)

3) Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus (with horseradish cream sauce)

Desert: Deep Dish Apple Pie

Hot Beverage: Coffee or Tea

Drinks: Cocktail, Beer, Wine, or Soda

It was brought to my attention that I forgot to underline the words in the answers. It is now correct.

Rocky Words

Amy Sternstein

The object of this game is to find the name of a rock or mineral hidden within each sentence. Here is an example: It's almost time for the happy Rite of Spring! Find the answer? It's pyrite! (...happy Rite ...) Ready to try some more? Here they are. Good luck and have fun!

- (1) Even though the track was wet, Greg ran it every day.
- (2) Do you remember Hop Along Cassidy?
- (3) Running through the brush, Alex lost his sneaker.
- (4) Doug likes his sparkling ale naturally brewed.
- (5) The teenage mutant ninja sperm whale was a whopping sixty feet long!
- (6) Building her tower, Jane put a layer oh so slim on it every day.
- (7) The local cited for bravery was my neighbor.
- (8) Where art thou, Dame? Thy starry-eyed Romeo awaits thee!
- (9) Maybe it was a gorilla, Brad, or it even could have been Bigfoot.
- (10) I see that poor chap at it every time I walk by here.
- (11) While yer racin', nab a rutabaga fer me, will ya'?
- (12) When I left the Alagassi Corp., I mentioned how much I enjoyed working there.
- (13) There's a detour, Ma! Linens-N-Things is now out of reach!
- (14) It's just a blob, Sid. I analyzed it and it's just a blob.
- (15) If the water is deep, I do tell the kids to wear life jackets.

That's it for now!

ANSWERS TO ROCKY WORDS

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| (9) ...gorilla, Brad, or it even could... | (1) ...Greg ran it every... |
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| (11) ...yer racin', nab a rutabaga... | (3) ...brush, Alex lost... |
| (12) ...Alagassi Corp., I mentioned... | (4) ...sparkling ale naturally... |
| (13) ...a detour, Ma! Linens-N-Things... | (5) ...ninja sperm whale... |
| (14) ...a blob, Sid. I analyzed it... | (6) ...so slim on it every... |
| (15) ...is deep, I do tell the... | (7) The local cited for... |
| | (8) ...Dame? Thy starry-eyed... |

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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.