

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday May 5th 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.

May Program

Once again, Mike Hawkins will be giving us a tour of the mineral gallery section of the New York State Museum. He will show us all the new features since the last time we were there,

- Bruce Murray

May Field Trip Schedule

May 14, 2011. NEFTA Trip...Penfield Quarry Open House (Dolomite Products Co.), 746 Whalen Rd., Penfield, NY 14526...7am-12 noon. Enter quarry at 7am after signing in & listening to safety talk. Well-supervised children allowed. Must have hard hat (children may wear bicycle helmets), safety glasses, sturdy boots, long pants. Minerals to be found - dolomite, fluorite, selenite, sphalerite, celestine, gypsum, and clam, coral, crinoid, stromatolite fossils. For more info: mineraltrips@rasny.org. On your own.

May 14: LaFarge Quarry, Ravena, NY. (Sunday). Meet at 9:30 am SHARP at the parking lot, Dunkin Donuts /Family Dollar Store on Route 9W at the North end of Ravena. Tools: Heavy hammers, chisels, pry bars, hardhat (required), safety glasses/ goggles (required), steel-toed boots or hiking boots (required - sneakers not allowed), orange or lemon safety vest (required - get at local hardware store). The material to collect is calcite, quartz, and fossils. Children are welcome (permitted) but only WITH adult supervision. Bring snacks/drinks. No facilities. Please contact field trip leader Richard Stein (518)355-4423 steinerite@nycap.rr.com if you wish to attend. If you do not contact Rich and register with him, you can not attend the trip. Notes: We will exit the quarry by 2:00 PM. I recommend you bring rain gear with you. Use bright paint on chisels and hammer handles to avoid loss. If paint gets on specimens, it can easily be removed. A safety/quarry rules discussion is required before club members may enter into the quarry. Releases are to be signed at end of discussion Failure to comply with the rules required means NO collecting.

May 21 (Saturday) - Meeting Place: 10 am - Fonda, NY at ice cream stand across from the race track. What to bring: Clothes to

get dirty in. We'll be working at the club claim at Diamond Acres where the brown dirt permanently leaves a brown stain on clothing. A pail to carry your tools in. Garden tools, rock hammer, fl and bull point chisels, a screen to screen the dirt for herks. What to collect: Herkimer diamonds Contact: Contact Jim Palmer, field trip leader, at 518-577-6119 or 518-399-9090 for further details.

Tentative Field Trip Schedule 2011

June 11 - Schoharie, NY - Rickard Hill Quarry - Anne Woods
June 18 - Batchellerville, NY - CANCELLED - Richard Hartnett
June 25 - Batchellerville, NY - Richard Hartnett
July 9 - TBA - Anne Woods
July 16 - Batchellerville, NY - Richard Hartnett
July 23 - Stowe, VT - Gold Panning - Bob Ballad
August 6 - TBA - Anne Woods
September 3 - TBA - Anne Woods
Sept. 10 - Batchellerville, NY - Richard Hartnett
October 1 - Barrus, MA - Barrus Ledge - Richard Hartnett
October 8-9 Walworth, NY - Walworth Quarry - on your own
October 28-30 - various places in VT TBA - Bill Cotrofeld

NYSM Lecture Series

Reducing our Carbon Footprint: Carbon Sequestration in New York.
May 04, 2011 : 12:10 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. Huxley Theater Speaker: Museum Geologists Alexa Stolorow and Brian Slater
-submitted by member Greg Taylor via NYSM website

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.stlawrencecountymineral-club.org



Pothole or sinkhole?...location: Scotia, NY. Yes, Bob Ballard is sitting inside the pothole...note that the ruler which disappears into the hole in the picture is a meter stick.

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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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