

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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September Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday September 2nd in the New York State Museum. Our September Program is a Show and Tell. Please bring your favorite two-three specimens that you collected or bought, and be prepared to tell the club a bit about it (where it was collected, what it is, what it means to you, etc.). 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 (sometimes earlier, but hardly ever later). We look forward to meeting you. As part of our September meeting, it has been a tradition in the past to have an Ugly Rock Contest. Please bring in what you would consider the ugliest rock you've ever seen. One entry per person. Prize to be awarded.

Membership Renewal

DUES ARE DUE!! Membership expires August 31, 2010 for those with that date on their membership cards. Your mailing address will also have 2010 or 10 on it. Please pay your dues as soon as possible, it makes our record keeping more manageable and assures your continued benefits. We are now requiring that everyone fill out a membership form every year to be turned in with your dues. So please print the attached form and bring or send in. This is for your protection as proof of payment and to assure that we have your correct membership information. And please PRINT CLEARLY so that we can record your info correctly.

Kid's Dig

Please remember the kids dig at the February show when out collecting. They don't have to be great quality. Things that you would not necessarily keep, kids may love. Colorful and shiny go best. 1-2 inch pieces are best, but we can break up if needed. 10-20 or more of the same thing are better than 1-2 of different things. Also fossils went well last year as did Rich's tumbled material and colorful chips in small vials. The club makes some money from this, but the real reason is to get kids interested in our hobby and our club. It also helps generate membership. Bring them to a meeting, or to the show (but please tell us ahead of time so that we can make labels) or call me. Thanks, Bob Hartig 842-5948

Field Trips

September 4-5 Chester, Vermont. Trip will be lead by Bill Cotrofeld and Debra Hewson. Please call 802-375-6782 for more information. (bulk motel rooms, Saturday night joint dinner, and tour of Dorset Mountain Quarry)

September 11. Petrified Sea Gardens, Saratoga Springs, New York. Scenic photographic trip (no collecting allowed -this will be strictly enforced) to observe stromatolites in mass quantities. Trip leader Anne Woods can be contacted at 518-322-7932. Meeting place will be 10am outside the gate to Petrified Sea Gardens.

September 18. Barrus Farm - Goshen, Massachusetts. Trip leader Richard Hartnett can be contacted at 518-439-7243 for more information. indicolite + Rhodonite nearby maybe. Meeting place will be at the Old Creamery Grocery in Cummington, MA at 11:30 am.

(Field trips will be updated via the website as more information gets to me.)

Show Dates

Sept. 18-19--Rhinebeck, NY 41st annual show and sale, "The Hidden Beauty of Stone"; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Dutchess County Fairgrounds; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, seniors \$4, students \$2, children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with adult; 30-plus dealers, minerals, gemstones, fossils, meteorites, jewelry, 6 free rocks for kids, exhibits, fluorescent booth, lapidary demonstrations, wholesaler; contact Carolyn Reynard, (845) 471-1224; Web site: www.mhvgms.org
25-26--Franklin, NJ 54th annual show; Franklin Mineral Museum; Franklin School, Washington Ave.; contact Lee Lowell, (973) 827-6671

2010 EFTA Trip Schedule

October 2. Raindate Oct 3. Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. St. Clair, PA to collect fern fossils. Family friendly. No facilities. Contact: sunstone33@verizon.net for details.

October 9 & 10, 2010. Walworth Quarry (Dolomite Products Co.) Open House, 1200 Atlantic Ave, Walworth, NY 14568 Safety Meeting Mandatory. sign in 6:45AM. 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. Contact: Pat Chapman at batnpill@empacc.net



Committee members washing and sorting rocks to be auctioned off at the August 29 Rock Swap, BBQ, and Auction.



Some of the rocks, minerals, and fossils in storage which will be auctioned off on August 29.

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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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