



# The Treasure Chest

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH JERSEY MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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722<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 2016

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Social/Mineral Sales.....6:30 PM  
Meeting.....7:30 PM  
Program..... 8:00PM - 9:00PM

Well, so far, this winter has been relatively mild, and now Punxatawney Phil has predicted an early Spring! That is good news, especially for some of us collectors, who have been able to get out and do some digging, thanks to the lack of snow!

## PROGRAM

“Amazing Calcites”

### Speaker

TBD

### Mineral Madness

Well, for those of you who have not heard the good news, Our Annual Show is back ON again!! Thanks to Arlene Castleman, and the Midland Park Board of Ed, we will be holding our show at the Midland Park High School, on April 2 & 3. This was a miracle, because we were literally about to toss in the towel, when we finally got the word about this school. Now, with a lot of advertising, and a little bit of luck, we hope to have a great show again this year. Yes, it is the same weekend as 4 other shows, but we have no other choice, so we are running with it! (Philly, Buffalo, Binghamton/Johnson City, and New Haven are all on the same weekend)

## PURPOSE

The North Jersey Mineralogical Society is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1945 whose goal is to bring together people with an interest in Earth Sciences in general and mineral studies in particular. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Young people under 17 years of age are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent or adult friend.

The school has a lot of possibilities, and some very welcome flexibility that will allow us to do some different things that we could not do in Clifton, including putting up displays, and having talks about local geology. I am personally very excited about the opportunities at this school, and am looking forward to this show!!

## FOR INFORMATION

Jeff Wilson 973-293-7911 or buckwood4@yahoo.com  
Steve Wien nojms.newsletter@gmail.com

**If inclement weather might cause meeting cancellation**, call the museum, one of the officers, or check the club website. If the meeting is not canceled, please use good judgment regarding the driving conditions in your area and if driving, be careful!

As this show comes together, we all must come together as well, and lend a hand to the common cause, and give some time during the show weekend to make our show everything we are hoping it will be. I will be speaking at our upcoming meetings about volunteering during the show.

### SEND DUES TO:

Arlene Castleman  
126 St. Rte. 46 – 40A  
Lodi, NJ 07664  
973-591-1942

Individual members: \$15.00  
Married couples: \$20.00  
Family: \$30.00

### OFFICERS FOR 2016

President Jeff Wilson  
1st VP Ron Schulz  
2nd VP Dave Shapiro  
Secretary Laura Brecka  
Treasurer Arlene Castleman  
Assoc. Treas. Mike Machette  
Newsletter Steve Wien  
Trustees Bob Allen  
Bryan Davis  
Jess Jacobson

Due to the re-scheduling of our show, we will be re-scheduling our monthly meetings in March & April as well. We WILL have a meeting in March! I have arranged a speaker, Mr. Stuart Lefkowitz, who will be giving an amazing and informative lecture about the history of iron mining in Morris County, and the lives of the people who worked the mines. It is a great presentation, and afterwards, Mr. Lefkowitz will hold a book signing for his book he published about the same topic.

We will have **NO** meeting in April. We have great speakers lined up for May and June as well!!

Dave is working on our Field Trip schedule for the spring. Stay tuned, and as each trip is finalized, we will announce them and add them to the calendar.

We have had great interest in a summer show at the Wayne PAL, from dealers, members, and others. We will consider this after our April show, and we may just go head and run with that one too. If we do pursue a July show, we will drop the spring Sterling Hill swap. So stay tuned, and we'll see where we go from here.

Thanks for all of your support and understanding through this tough winter, but now there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and it is looking BRIGHT!!!

Jeff Wilson - President

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### **KIDS CORNER!**

by Jeff Wilson

I came across a wonderful website the other day that is geared for kids, just starting their own mineral collections. It gives great information about minerals, how to collect them, label them, clean them, and display them. It has helpful hints about our hobby and activities for kids.

The website even has a template for making your own mineral labels! (great for kids and adults!)

With your parents OK, visit this really cool website and learn all about mineral and rock collecting!

The website address is: <[www.kidsloverocks.com](http://www.kidsloverocks.com)> and is kid-friendly!

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### **"PROSPECTORS"**

by Steve "Pickles" Wien

I just wanted to make a quick mention that Season 4 of The Weather Channel's "Prospectors" has been airing a little over a month now, but has been interrupted by live coverage of the devastating storms happening around the country. Now is your chance to catch up.

New minerals have been found that have not been identified yet and I'm sure that some more good episodes await!

The show airs on The Weather Channel on Sunday nights at 9:00pm ET.

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### **NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR**

I hope you all enjoy this month's newsletter! I am still reaching out to everyone to request that you please send something in to me relating to rocks, fossils, minerals, gems and collecting in the field. If you see an article, stumble upon news somewhere (it doesn't have to be about New Jersey), or have photos of that "prize" possession, please send it in and I will be sure it gets in the newsletter. Thank you all for your time.

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### **FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

2016 Field Trips are currently being planned.

Details will be available on our club website, at upcoming club meetings or you can contact Dave Shapiro at [dshapiro33@gmail.com](mailto:dshapiro33@gmail.com)

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### **MINUTES OF THE 721<sup>st</sup> NoJMS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jeff Wilson, on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

The priority addressed at the meeting was an unforeseen change of plans. The annual Clifton show at the Pope John II Center has to be cancelled. The Diocese of Paterson determined that the untimely passing of Jim Fiero, the facility manager and liaison to the club, would necessitate the rescinding of permission to use the premises.

This unfortunate circumstance initiated an intense search for a replacement site. The explored options included consideration of armories, schools, PAL's and churches that afforded adequate space, a convenient location, parking, restrooms and scheduling availability. It seems that the efforts might meet with fruition.

The drawing for the raffle of a meteorite, donated by Derek Yoost, took place at the holiday party. Nicole Rios, the lucky winner received it at the meeting. It was a very generous donation and an exceptional prize.

All junior members in attendance received a geode, just before the drawing for the Mineral Madness.

A presentation on the "Tucson Show" was given by Hershel Friedman, the author of Minerals.net, an education reference guide to rocks, minerals and gemstones. Hershal photographed a variety of premises both outdoors and inside hotels, tents an convention

centers. He captured interesting shapes, colors and sizes in the endless displays and narrated with identification of specimens.

K.C. Dalby donated the items in the silent auction held at the end of the meeting. That kindness merits a special expression of gratitude. Thank you for this offering.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Brecka, Secretary

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **February, 2016 - Ogdensburg, NJ – NoJMS Winter "Ice Box Rock Swap" at Sterling Hill**

February 13 & 14, 2016 - Albany, New York - 23rd Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale

March 5 & 6, 2016 – Newark, DE – Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at Delaware Technical & Community College, 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd.

#### **April 2 & 3, 2016 – Midland Park, NJ – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**

April 2 & 3, 2016 - Plymouth Meeting, Pa. - The Annual Philadelphia Gem & Mineral Show

April 2 & 3, 2016 - Orange, Connecticut - 43rd Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show

April 8, 9, 10, 2016 - Edison, NJ - The Annual NY-NJ Metro Show

<http://www.ny-nj-gemshow.com/index.php>

April 23, 2016 – Sterling Hill Super Dig

April 23 & 24, 2016 - Annual Spring Franklin Gem & Mineral Show & Swap, Franklin Elementary School, Washington Ave. Franklin, NJ

April 23 & 24, 2016 - Ogdensburg, NJ – Annual Sterling Hill Garage Sale

April 23 & 24, 2016 - Franklin, NJ - Annual NJ Earth Science Association Show at the Washington School

#### **May, 2016 – Ogdensburg, NJ – NoJMS Spring Swap & Sale at Sterling Hill Mining Museum**

May 14 & 15, 2016 – Leesport, Pa. Gem & Mineral Show

May 21, 2016 – Fairless Hills, Pa. – Bucks County Gem & Mineral Show

June 4, 2016 - Spring Mineralfest - Macungie, Pennsylvania - 66th semi-annual Mineralfest

June 4 & 5, 2016 - Monroe, New York - Annual Mineral, Jewelry, Gem & Fossil Show

July 7-10, 2016 - Cedarburg, Wisconsin - 1st Annual National AGATE Exposition & Symposium. 77+ Dealers. July 7 - Agate Symposium, July 8-10 - National Agate Exposition. Cedarburg High School, Evergreen Blvd. Cedarburg, Wis.

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### NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Please fill out the enclosed membership application from the back of the newsletter and mail it with a check or bring to the next club meeting. We need you to please pay your dues via check as we have a lot of fun activities planned for this year. Please note the change in dues. Thank you.

### **April 2 & 3, 2016 Midland Park High School Midland Park, NJ**

**Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**

**250 Prospect St. (Just off Rt.208 & five miles from I-287) Midland Park, NJ**

**Sat.: 10am-6pm, Sun.: 10am-4pm**

**See website for more details!**

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**Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)**

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**January Meeting Photos of Derek Yoost's Petrified Wood Presentation – January 12, 2015**

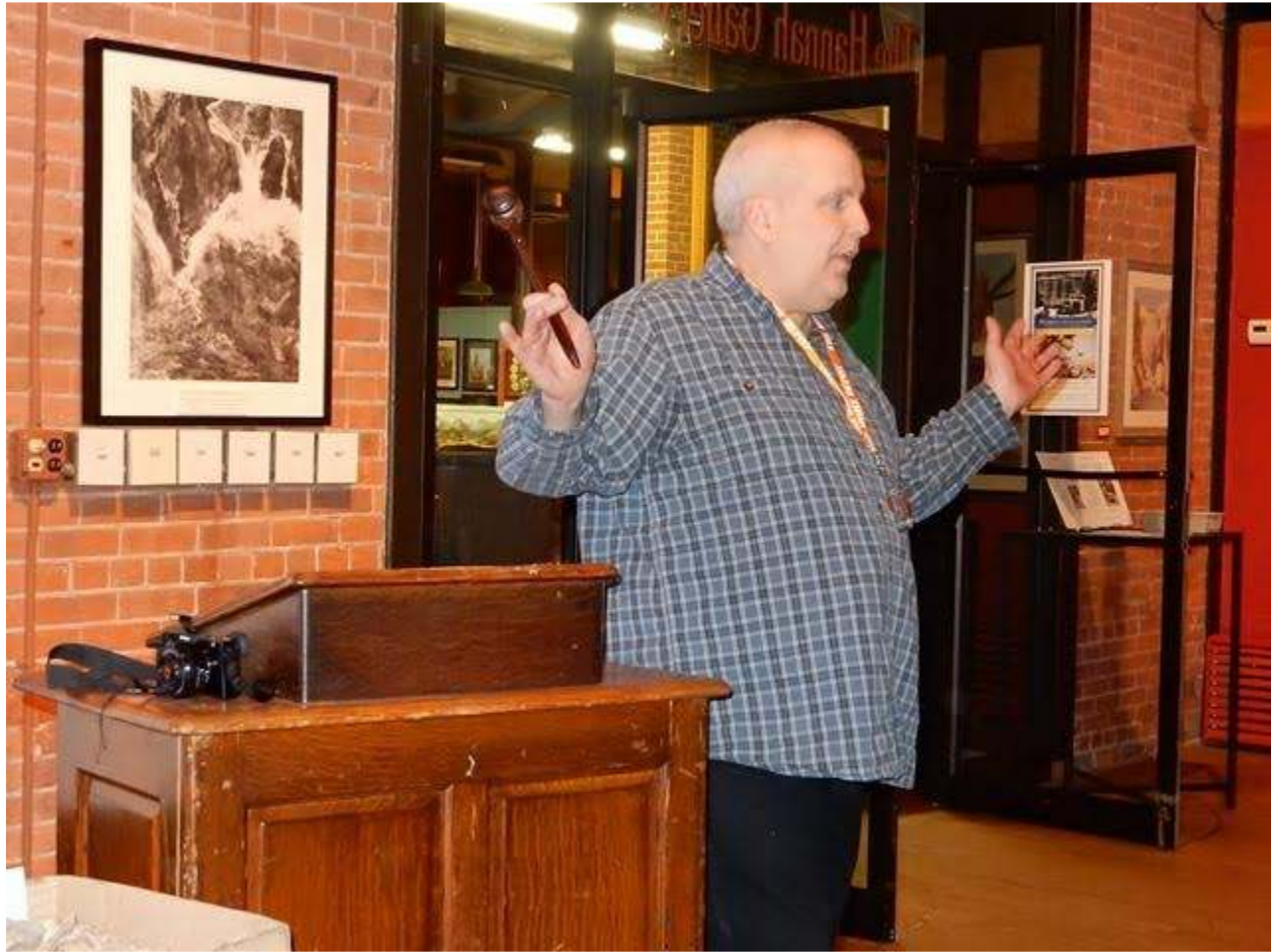
Photos by Dan Sackerman



Meteorite Winner – Nicole Rios



A presentation on the “Tucson Show” was given by Hershel Friedman



Our humble president – Mr. Jeff Wilson

**The North Jersey Mineralogical Society**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Contact \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members \_\_\_\_\_

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Today's Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$30 (2 Adults, up to 3 kids) \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to join The North Jersey Mineralogical Society, Please fill out this form, enclose form and check for dues, and mail to:

Arlene Castleman, Treasurer 126 US Route 46 East - 40A Lodi, NJ 07644-3630

NoJMS is a 501(c)3 Non Profit Educational Organization. Your dues pay for membership in the Eastern Federation, and pays for your insurance which allows us to attend field trips, shows, and events. Membership entitles you to our club newsletter, club patch, membership card, and participation in club field trips, shows, events, and parties.