



The Treasure Chest

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH JERSEY MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Thursday, February 9, 2017

732nd Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Greetings fellow rock hounds!

PROGRAM

“Ammonites of the Himalayas”

Speaker
Derek Yoost

Mineral Madness

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.

We're in the middle of winter, but spring is right around the corner. It will be here before you know it. Time for mineral shows and field trips for mineral collecting. The spring field trip schedule should be announced shortly, possibly in this newsletter. The next time you see him, thank Groundhog Dave. Because of his hard work NoJMS sponsors some great field trips. This is crucial to keeping the club healthy and thriving. There are usually a few “unofficial” word of mouth trips thrown in each year. Just a few members getting together for some collecting, and exploring. So, come to a meeting, network, have fun, learn and go home with a mineral! And don't forget to pay your dues....

Dues. Dues to this club, dues to that club. Dues to this and that society, etc. Many of us belong to multiple mineral clubs and societies. I understand. Well, what do you get for your NoJMS dues? Many things including but not limited to:

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!

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 2017

President Ron Schulz
1st VP Steve Wien
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Secretary Laura Brecka
Treasurer Arlene Castleman
Assoc. Treas. Steve Wien
Newsletter Steve Wien
Trustees Bob Allen
Jeff Wilson
Jess Jacobson
Dave Miller

1. Membership in a respected and established society where everyone is willing to go out of their way to help and answer your questions. Beginners in the hobby are always welcomed with open arms.
2. Throughout the year, NoJMS offers fantastic field trips for all its members. There's a field trip for everyone.
3. We have a great catered holiday party every December for our members along with gifts that are given away every year.
4. We have a BBQ at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum once a year, again free for all members.
5. Free mineral giveaways at the meetings
6. Insurance for the field trips, all paid through our dues.

You think you get your money's worth? I sure think so!
Please Pay Your Dues. Thank you.

The Sarna Strom Picnic Area

Heads up. Keep your eye out.

This early spring, volunteers from our club will improve the picnic area to the right of the pavilion at Sterling Hill Mining Museum and it will be dedicated to the memory of Sarna Strom. Sterling Hill will provide the materials (pavers) and our members will supply the labor. We will also fire up the BBQ for some great food. Please volunteer.

Right around the corner is our spring show at Midland Park High School. We always need help setting up and, more importantly, break down and cleanup after the show.

We will also have our smaller spring show at Sterling Hill Mining Museum on May 20 and 21, 2017. There will be free admission to the mineral show at Sterling Hill.

Finally, announcing our 1st annual June Auction to be held in..... that's right, JUNE! More details to follow.

Looking forward to a busy and exiting 2017.

Ron Schulz - President

Blast from the Past!!

By Jeff Wilson

New York & New Jersey Rock Clubs in 1967
(from the Eastern Federation Club Listing, 1967)
It is amazing how things have changed in 50 years!

** = Club Now Defunct

NEW JERSEY

North Jersey Mineralogical Society - Upper Montclair, NJ
Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineral Society - Franklin, NJ
New Jersey Mineralogical Society - Cranford, NJ
West Essex Mineral Society - Verona, NJ**
North Jersey Gem & Mineral Club - Dover, NJ**
Clifton Rock & Mineral Society - Clifton, NJ**
Paterson Museum Geology Club - Paterson, NJ**
Bergen County Mineral Society - Oradell, NJ**
Delaware Valley Earth Sciences Society - Cherry Hill, NJ
Cape Atlantic Rockhounds - Cologne, NJ
Matawan Mineral Society - Matawan, NJ**
New Jersey Lapidary Society - Irvington, NJ
Raritan Valley Mineral Society - Bridgewater, NJ**
Newark Gem & Mineral Club - Newark, NJ**
New Jersey Earth Sciences Association - Orange, NJ

NEW YORK

Cayuga Mineral Society - Auburn, NY
New York Mineralogical Society - Manhattan, NY
Capitol District Rock & Mineral Club - Selkirk, NY
Empire Mineral Society - Sidney, NY**
New York Paleo Society - Manhattan, NY
Nassau Mineral & Lapidary Society - Mineola, NY
Rockland County Rock & Mineral Society - New City, NY**
Southern Tier Geology Club - Binghamton, NY
Northland Rock & Mineral Club - Lake Placid, NY**
Saint Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club - Canton, NY
Westchester County Mineral Society - Yonkers, NY**
Orange County Mineralogical Society - Goshen, NY
Finger Lakes Rock & Mineral Club - Ithaca, NY**
Lapidary Society of New York - Staten Island, NY**
Syracuse Gem & Mineral Club - Syracuse, NY
Brooklyn Mineral Society - Brooklyn, NY**
Jefferson County Rockhounds - Watertown, NY**
Wayne County Mineral Society - Newark, NY
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club - Tioga, NY
Fulton County Mineral Society - Gloversville, NY**
Tioga County Rock and Mineral Club - Vestal, NY**

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> and is kid-friendly!

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.

2017 Super Dig

By Jeff Wilson

The history of the "Annual Super Dig" has made this yearly event an eagerly awaited yearly rockhound gathering and field trip for many in the New Jersey Mineral Community. The Super Dig actually was thought up by members of the Delaware Valley Earth Sciences Society over 10 years ago, as a way to get many of their members to take the long trip from Cherry Hill, NJ up to Sussex County, along with other clubs, to enjoy a day of fluorescent mineral collecting.

The first few Super Dig events were held at the old Trotter Dump in Franklin, with increased popularity year after year. After the closure of the Trotter Property, the event was moved to Sterling Hill, where it increased attendance yearly, and included special upper mill, and blackout mine tours.

For 2017, the Super Dig organizers have made a surprising move, and have scheduled this year's dig at the Franklin Mineral Museum! This is an interesting move, and may be an opportunity for some "new" mineral finds as the organizers usually arrange for dump turnovers, new material being made available, and special collecting.

SO, keep an eye and ear open to the SuperDig.com website for continued updates!

Midland Park Show Update

by Jeff Wilson

Planning for our Midland Park Show on April 1 & 2, is on target and running smoothly. Post cards will be mailed out to our customers this month. Our dealers are on board and it is looking like it will be a wonderful show.

Here's what I need from you, our club members. We need manpower for setup and takedown of the show. Friday evening and Sunday evening are the key times where hands are needed to put up and take down tables. We also need club members to assist dealers throughout the show by covering breaks and being a presence for security purposes. We also need members at the front tables to welcome our guests and collect admission. These are all very important to the success of our show.

We also could use small, pretty mineral specimens for Kid's giveaways. The sparklier, or more colorful, the better. We need lots of these for our young rockhounds,

because not only do we need them at Midland Park, but we also need them the following weekend for Edison! That's a LOT of specimens, so please, bring them in to the next meeting, or just bring them in to Midland Park and give them to me at the front table.

Thanks for your help and let's have a GREAT show!!

April 1 & 2, 2017**Midland Park High School
Midland Park, NJ****28th 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!****Our 2nd year at this great location!****FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2017**

Details will be available on our club website, at upcoming club meetings or you can contact Dave Shapiro at dshapiro33@gmail.com

Check our website often for trip updates!

MINUTES OF THE 731st NoJMS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Ron Schulz, the President, on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

There was the transition of the club's presidency from Jeff Wilson to Ron Schulz, since it was the start of the new year. Although the leadership role was relinquished by one and assumed by the next, it was apparent that there will be a continuity of commitment, devotion and enthusiasm.

The board members that were present identified their titles and gave a brief synopsis of their responsibilities.

A sketchy overview of anticipated field trips, shows and events was presented.

There was the plea to avoid delinquency in satisfying the annual membership dues.

Mineral Madness, now an expected ritual at every meeting, was included in the evening's agenda.

The fleeting pace of the meeting precluded an allotment of time for a speaker. We will have the pleasure of hearing Derek Yost's presentation at the next meeting.

The club can look forward to a new year brimming with activities and camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brecka, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 18 & 19, 2017 - Albany, NY - Annual Gem & Mineral Show at the NY State Museum, Empire Plaza, Albany, NY

March 4 & 5, 2017 - Wilmington, DE - 54th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

March 4 & 5, 2017 - Manhattan, NY - Annual NY NY Gem & Mineral Show, Holiday Inn, Manhattan

March 25 & 26, 2017 - Plymouth Meeting, PA - 2017 Mineral Treasures & Fossil Fair
Sat: 10am to 5pm; Sun: 10am to 4pm
Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA., (PA Turnpike, exit 333; or I-476, exit 20) Free Parking.
Adults: \$5.00. Children under 12: \$1.00; Uniformed scouts and troop leaders free.

March 25 & 26, 2017 - Wysox, Pa. - Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. NEW LOCATION - Wysox Fire Dept Social Hall, 111 Lake Street, Wysox, Pa. (20 miles Southwest of Binghamton, 25 miles Northwest of Scranton.)

April 1 & 2, 2017 - Midland Park, NJ - 28th Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

April 7, 8, 9, 2017 - Edison, NJ - The Annual NY-NJ Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show
<http://www.ny-nj-gemshow.com/index.php>

April 29 & 30, 2017 - Annual NJESA Franklin Gem & Mineral Show, Franklin School, 50 Washington Ave.

and Buckwheat Road, Franklin. Sat. 8-5, Sun. 9-5.
Dealer contact: Russell Brarens (908)421-1045

April 29 & 30, 2017 -Ogdensburg, NJ - Sterling Hill Garage Sale, Sterling Hill Mining Museum, 30 Plant Street, Ogdensburg, NJ

April 29, 2017 - Annual Super Dig!!! Sponsored by the Delaware Valley Earth Sciences Society and the Franklin Mineral Museum - NEW LOCATION - Franklin Mineral Museum, 32 Evans St.. Franklin, NJ. Visit www.superdig.com for more information and updates!

May 6 & 7, 2017 - Pittston, Pa. - 14th Annual Treasures of the Earth Gem & Mineral Show, St Joseph's Rt. 315 South, Pittston, PA. (Scranton Area)

May 6 & 7, 2017 - Topsfield, Mass. - Annual North Shore Gem & Mineral Show

May 13 & 14, 2017 - Hamilton, NJ - Annual Cape Atlantic Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show

May 20 & 21, 2017 - Ogdensburg, NJ - 6th Annual North Jersey Spring Swap-n-Sell at Sterling Hill Mining Museum, 30 Plant St. Ogdensburg

June 3, 2017 - Spring Mineralfest - Macungie, Pennsylvania - 68th semi-annual Mineralfest

June 3 & 4, 2017 - Monroe, NY - Annual Orange County Gem & Mineral Show, Museum Village, off Rt. 17, Monroe, NY

June 3 & 4, 2017 - Canandigua, NY - Annual Wayne County Gem Fest - Canandigua Civic Center

June 10, 2017 - Kent, Ct. - Annual Outdoor Gem & Mineral Show at the Conn. Museum of Mining and Mineral Sciences, Rt.7, Kent, Ct. FREE Admission

June 24 & 25, 2017 - Gilsum, NH - Annual Gilsum Rock Swap & Show

July 22 & 23, 2017 - Frankfort, NY - NEW LOCATION!! - 3rd Annual Herkimer Diamond Festival and Gem Show, at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds, 135 Cemetery St., Frankfort, NY (Approx. 7 miles from Herkimer, on Rt. NY 5S, 1 mile West of Ilion.)

August 11-13, 2017 - W. Springfield, Mass. - Annual East Coast Gem & Mineral Show

August 26 & 27, 2017 - Canton, NY - Annual St.
Lawrence County Gem & Mineral Show, Lincoln St.
Park Pavillion

Sept. 16 & 17, 2017 - Poughkeepsie, NY - Annual Mid-
Hudson Gem & Mineral Show, Gold's Gym, 258
Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie

Sept. 24 & 25, 2017 - Franklin, NJ - Annual Fall Show,
Franklin School

Sept. 24 & 25, 2017 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Sterling Hill
Annual Garage Sale

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2017 - Cobleskill, NY - 2nd Annual
Howe Caverns Gem & Mineral Show & Sale. At the
Cave House Museum of Mining and Geology, Doc
Rielly Park, Nippen Road/Dug Road, Howe's Cave, NY.

October 7, 2017 - Macungie, Pa. – 68th Annual Fall
Mineralfest

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

Mel Pollinger, long-time member of NoJMS and quartz enthusiast, has decided to part from his mineral collection starting in January 2017. He will be selling the pieces individually, rather than as a complete collection. For more information, please contact Mel at

(201) 791-9826 or pollingmel@optonline.net (Preferred contact method)

Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)

End-of-Year Raffle Prize Photos

Photos by Ron Schulz



First Prize - Rose Quartz from Brazil polished to a point



Second Prize - Polished agate slab from Brazil

The North Jersey Mineralogical Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone Contact _____

E-Mail _____

Additional Family Members _____

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.