



The Treasure Chest

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Thursday, January 14, 2016

721st Meeting – Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

PROGRAM

“Tucson Show”

Speaker

Hershel Friedman

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.

FOR INFORMATION

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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!

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Married couples: \$20.00
Family: \$30.00

OFFICERS FOR 2016

President	Jeff Wilson
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Assoc. Treas.	Mike Machette
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	Bryan Davis
	Jess Jacobson

Please check out some of our great club

member photos in this month’s copy of the

Supplemental section of the E-Newsletter!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all NoJMS Members! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

With each year comes the promise of things to come in our club. Field trips, meetings, shows, and swaps, as well as picnics, and parties are all in the planning stages. For years, we have just rolled along with the flow, and have had relatively few "Bumps in the Road". But, 2 years ago, we met with a challenge, when our swap in Riverdale was abruptly cancelled by the folks at the Glenburn Estate. Luckily, our friends at Sterling Hill bailed us out of a jam, and our swaps were able to continue forward.

This year, we are faced with a much larger, and more important challenge.

You may or may not have heard about this through the grapevine. Just days before Thanksgiving, Jim Fierro passed away suddenly, and unexpectedly, of natural causes. Many of you know Jim, but you may not have known his name. Jim was the Facility Manager at the Pope John II Center in Clifton, where we held our Annual Clifton Show, our main source of operational income for the club. Jim was there every minute of the show, monitoring everything that was going on, making repairs, and setting up the electrical system for the show. When I was notified of Jim's death a week before Christmas, I was shocked and saddened. Jim was a good friend to the club, and was THE person who was responsible for allowing us to hold our show at Pope John each year. Jim arranged the dates, got us the contracts, and negotiated on our behalf with the Diocese of Paterson. Since the building is not an operating school, it was Jim's say-so as to whether or not we had a show there each year.

After numerous phone calls and e-mails with the Deacon of the Diocese, I was devastated to get the final notification on the day before Christmas Eve, that the Diocese had decided that they would not host our show without Jim being there. They have no plans to hire a new Facility Manager in the near future. They told me to look elsewhere. This leaves us hanging with no facility to have our show.

Since that day, your board has been working feverishly, scrambling to find a new venue. This is not an easy task. But we are pulling out all the stops to find a new home. We ultimately want a permanent solution, but we may have to settle for a temporary one this year. We should keep in mind that we may have to re-schedule the show as well. Only time will tell how this plays out.

We are looking at several promising locations in the area. When we do nail down something, we will notify the club members and aggressively get the word out as best we can to get folks into our show.

At our January meeting, we will further discuss the situation during the business portion of the meeting. I will present to the club all that we have done so far, everywhere we have considered so far, and the options we have.

We will get over this bump in the road, one way or another. I have communicated with our dealers, and we have their full support. No matter the outcome of all of this, we will move forward, and we will continue to have fun activities and trips for our members.

On the brighter side, I want to congratulate Nicole Rios, the winner of our Meteorite Drawing at our holiday party. Nicole will be presented with her prize at the January meeting!

I also want to recognize Herschel Friedman, who arranged our last field trip of the fall season, to Suffern, NY to visit the agate locality. It was a fun trip, and lots of great specimens were collected.

Let's all look forward to spring, and keep positive thoughts through this difficult time.

Jeff Wilson - President

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!

Club member, John Sanfacon has an interesting article this month: [Subway Garnet New York Times Article](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/27/nyregion/subway-garnet-almantine-garnet-was-discovered-underground-in-manhattan-1885.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0)
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Montague Quartz Crystal Site Field Trip Report

by Jeff Wilson

Nov. 7, 2015 - 12 Members attended our annual trip to the Montague, NJ quartz crystal site. It was a fun day of crystal hunting at this classic location. The weather was perfect, and the fall morning hike was exceptionally nice. The crystal finds were plentiful with Frank A. and Jeff finding a few better quality specimens. But everyone went home with some nice specimens and we all had a few laughs along the way!

Carbondale Pennsylvania Field Trip Report

by Jeff Wilson

Nov. 14, 2015 - 7 members attended our annual NE Pennsylvania trip to the Lackawanna Coal Mine, Carbondale Fossil Site, and the Greentown 84 Country Store for a fun day of collecting and history. On this day, one member found an incredibly huge calamites specimen, one of the biggest we've ever seen. Some great fluorescent specimens were found at the country store as well. A fun day was had by all!

Suffern, New York Agate Field Trip Report

by Jeff Wilson

Nov. 22, 2015 - 10 club members ventured out to "Agate Hill" in Wesley Hills, New York, near Suffern in Rockland County, to hunt for Agate and quartz crystals. Club member Herschel Freidman led the expedition and we arrived at the site after a 15 minute hike. The location is in a section of woods, landlocked between several housing developments. In the beginning, things went slow, but after a while, everyone was finding great specimens of blue, white, yellow and green banded agate on basalt matrix, as well as clear, yellow, white, and green quartz crystals, and white and deep green chalcedony, all on the same basalt matrix. Lisa B. found a super big banded agate boulder which was broken down to manageable pieces, Steve D. found beautiful quartz crystals, Jeff W., Frank A., Dave S., Tim and Mark found really beautiful golden quartz and blue/white agates in "the honey hole", and others found specimens that were equally as nice across the face of the hill. Everyone went home with full buckets and an amazing understanding on how unique this special location is. The trip was great, and a special thanks goes out to Herschel Freidman for making the arrangements, and to Sol Rosenberg, who allowed us to access the location through his property.

2015 Holiday Party!!!

by Jeff Wilson

Our 2015 Holiday Party was an overwhelming success, and yet another highlight of an incredible year for NoJMS!!!

93 members attended our party at the Museum, on this unusually warm Sunday. The food was catered by The Brownstone, and was absolutely wonderful again. Members were treated to a drawing for the wonderful Amethyst centerpieces, provided by Warren Gonzales. After the meal, we held our big Meteorite Drawing, where Derek Yoost, the kind donor of the meteorite, drew the name of the winner, Nicole Rios!!!

We then had a big "Thank You" shout out, to everyone who made this year one of the best ever! There were too many names to list, but you know who you are!!!

Then, Ron Schulz presented a special engraved award for, "Rockhound of the Decade" to Derek Yoost, who has always been there for the club, leading field trips, donating that incredible meteorite, answering countless identification questions at our shows, for speaking at numerous club meetings, and so much more. We can't thank Derek enough!!

We then held a special Mineral Madness drawing, where every member who attended got to pick from a vast array of spectacular Indian Zeolites provided to the club by Dick Hauck. Then Ron played auctioneer, and we held our famous voice auction, followed by our silent auction, where literally hundreds of mineral specimens were sold to the highest bidders.

The party was a blast and everyone left with smiles on their faces and rocks in their arms.

Thank You to Ron Schulz, who put the whole affair together, acquired the minerals, and made it a GREAT day!!!

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.

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

MINUTES OF THE 718th NoJMS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jeff Wilson, on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

The listing of the board members was presented and accepted.

Arlene Castleman, the treasurer, reported that the club is solvent.

The arrangements for the Clifton show have been made. If any members attend another mineral related show, they are encouraged to distribute NoJMS flyers.

All plans for the winter swap at Sterling Hill are complete with the exception of finalizing a date.

We are so indulged that Mineral Madness is no longer a unique surprise but it is viewed as regular part of the proceedings. Once again the drawing took place.

The club is always in for a treat when Derek Yost is the presenter. This time his subject was "Washington State – The Land of Fire and Ice." When a catastrophic event erodes the basalt and exposes wood the result is "instant geology." Petrified wood is not only beautiful, but contains an embedded historical record. We were shown picture of trees – ginko, cedar, spruce, sycamore, oak, sequoia, etc. accompanied by sliced samples of the petrification at a magnification of 10X and 40X.

Not only are we grateful that Derek donated his time for an informative lecture but he brought in his personal specimens. Once, again the club appreciates his contribution that enhances our enjoyment and knowledge. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brecka, Secretary

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 - 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 & 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

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.

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.

Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)

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Group shot at the Agate Hill site



Member Lisa B. holding a large agate specimen she broke apart



A 2.5" thick banded agate on basalt matrix, found by Jeff W

Annual Holiday Party Photos – December 6, 2015

Photos by Jeff Wilson







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Photos by Dan Sackerman

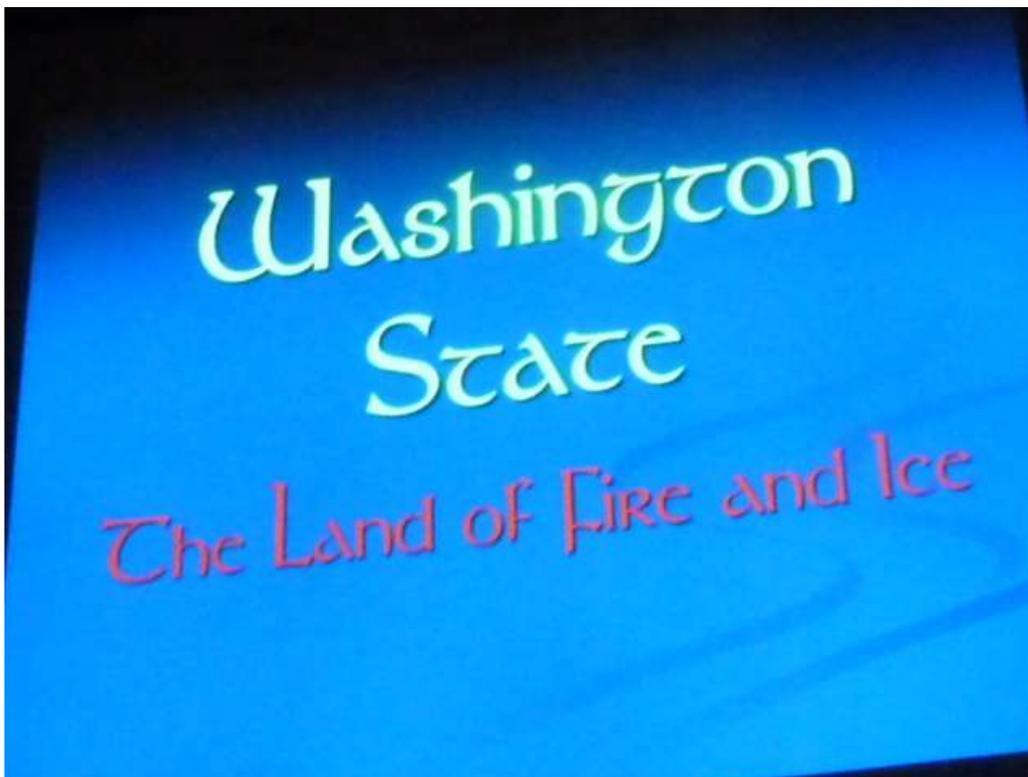






November Meeting Photos of Derek Yoost's Petrified Wood Presentation – November 12, 2015

Photos by Dan Sackerman





Mike Machette Visiting the School of Mines Museum in Golden, Colorado – Dec. 2015

Photo by Mike Machette



Awesome Amazonite with Smoky Quartz!!!

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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.