



The Treasure Chest

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704th Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

As many of you are probably aware, due to a scheduling mishap we were booted from our usual location for the spring swap & sale with just one week's notice. Luckily the great folks at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum saved the day by allowing us to move our show to the museum parking lot. The weather was great, the location was great, and the museum was incredibly accommodating. Traffic seemed slower than usual, but the consensus from the dealers was that if advertised correctly the location could be better than Riverdale for future shows. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the show location, feel free to email me at blimer4evr@yahoo.com. The board plans to discuss the location and future shows at the upcoming board meeting and we welcome any feedback to contribute to the discussion. Thanks to all who helped make this show happen, and everyone who helped spread the word of the last minute change. I was copied on many emails going out to other mineral club distribution lists and it was a reminder of what a great community of mineral collectors we have! Just a reminder, the June meeting is our last meeting before the summer break, and the next meeting will be September's brag night where members can bring in minerals to show off.

PROGRAM

“Gems of Kashmir”

Speaker

C.R. “Cap” Beesley

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

Bryan Davis 862-200-7625 or blimer4evr@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!

Bryan Davis – President

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

We need you to please pay your dues as we have a lot of fun activities planned for the year. Thank you.

NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR

I know this month's newsletter is a little shorter than normal, so I am 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.

SEND DUES TO:

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

Individual members: \$12.00
Married couples: \$18.00
Add. Family: \$6.00 ea
Junior members: \$5.00

OFFICERS FOR 2014

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	Mike Machette
	Bob Allen
	Jess Jacobson
	Rolf Schudel

STERLING HILL SAVES THE SHOW!!!

By Jeff Wilson

It was a nice Friday afternoon, 8 days before the Riverdale Spring Show for 2014. Excitement was in the air as I was sorting, labeling and pricing the last of the minerals that I wanted to place on my table. Then I went into my "inbox" to check for any updates, when I opened an e-mail that would knock the wind out of me, leaving me speechless and very confused. It was a forwarded e-mail from Bryan Davis. Contained within was notification from the person who is in charge of renting out The Glenburn Estate, telling us, in no uncertain terms, that the facility was not available to us to hold our show. They had "accidentally" double-booked the facility, and the other parties would not relinquish or change the booking.

This was an absolutely devastating blow to all of us, and after many phone calls and communications between Bryan, Ron and I, we decided the only option was to cancel the show. After the dealers were contacted about the cancellation, we had written off the show completely.

Then, the next day, after I got home from work, I decided to put away everything that I had pulled out of my closets and garage in preparation for the show. As I placed the last sign in the closet, my phone rings....

On the other end was our fluorescent mineral dealer, Freddy Lubbers, along with Derek Yoost and Bill Kroth from Sterling Hill Mining Museum, offering the grounds of Sterling Hill to our club, at no cost at all, to hold our spring show!!!! I was absolutely floored, speechless, and when I contacted Bryan and Ron, we did not hold back in saying YES!!!!

The excitement was back, and now the serious scrambling was about to begin! We had 6 days to throw together a show. This is probably unprecedented in this hobby, but we were up to the task! Dealers were contacted, lists were made, plans were laid out, signage was gathered, and site measurements were figured out, and the show quickly took shape.

Amazingly, our "core group" of dealers, who has stuck with us through thick and thin, came through, supporting us and setting up with expectations of NOTHING. We also had very low expectations due to the total lack of advertising, the sudden change, and the unknown of holding a show at Sterling Hill, something that had not been done in over a decade.

The weekend of the show was picture perfect, weather wise, except for a stiff breeze on Saturday. The crowds were slow to arrive at first, but as the day went on, the show experienced a steady stream of mineral collectors, members of the public, and numerous Boy Scout troops. On Sunday, crowds were smaller, but again, a steady stream of customers passed through, and overall, a majority of our dealers were pleased with the turnout, and were very excited about the possibility of future shows at Sterling Hill.

At the end of the show, as a token of our appreciation and thanks, the NoJMS made a donation to the Sterling Hill Museum as well as presenting NoJMS T-shirts to all involved in making this great facility available to us at a moment's notice. "This is a great example of how different parts of our community of mineralogists and rockhounds can band together and extend a helping hand in a time of need" Bill Kroth said, and we all agreed.

We need to give special thanks to everyone who not only helped us get the facility for our show, but made us feel completely at home. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes out to Bill Kroth, Denise Kroth, Freddy Lubbers, Tom Hauck, and all of the other wonderful folks at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum for making this weekend a very special one!!!

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2014

We are planning several field trips for our 2014 season!

On June 28, we will be doing our annual trip to Big Brook to hunt for fossil Shark Teeth. This is a popular trip, and a ton of fun! Details will be available at the June meeting.

On August 30, we will run a second trip to Big Brook!!!

In mid September, we will again hold our annual club picnic and collecting trip to Sterling Hill. The exact date will be announced soon.

On October 11, we will take a trip to Carbondale, Pa to collect some fern and calamite fossils, then take a tour of the nearby Lackawanna Coal Mine. This is another fun and enjoyable trip!

Details will be available at club meetings, or you can contact Jeff via e-mail at buckwood4@yahoo.com

NEW MICROMOUNT GROUP

I will need a head count as to who would be interested before I move on with the Micro Mount group. Please let me know either by emailing me at timeman123@optonline.net or let me know at the next monthly meeting. This will be open to everyone that is interested in joining. If anyone has any ideas as to what you would like to do in the group and trade lots of micros with people in the group, please let's get this started.

Bob Santee

NEW FIELD TRIP

PROPOSED FIELD TRIP TO HOWARD GREEN'S HOME IN JERICHO, LONG ISLAND TO SEE HIS FAMOUS FLUORESCENT MINERALS, ESPECIALLY HIS WORLD FAMOUS APATITES. HOWIE IS ONE OF THE MAIN MEMBERS OF THE STERLING HILL CLUB. HE IS OFFERING PIZZA AND DRINKS FOR THOSE WHO COME. THE VISIT WOULD BE ON A SATURDAY. HIS HOME IS RIGHT OFF THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY. WE NEED A HEAD COUNT OF THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT BOB ALLEN VIA EMAIL AT allens45@netzero.net OR OUR CLUB'S FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE.

THANKS
BOB ALLEN

Special thanks to Jess Jacobson and Mike Machette for finding this very interesting article from Paterson, NJ.

New Plan Could Save Scenic Paterson Reservoir

<http://www.northjersey.com/news/new-plan-could-save-scenic-paterson-reservoir-1.998763>

MINUTES OF THE 703rd NoJMS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bryan Davis, on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Both Jeff Wilson and Arlene Castleman touted the success of the Clifton show. The event ran smoothly and replenished the club's bank balance. Next year's show has been booked for March 14-15, 2015.

Al Lombardi, Mel Pollinger and Rolf Schudel mentioned extraneous events that are relevant to the club's focus. They are the Edison, NJ Show, the Microscopic Society and the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, respectively.

The Sterling Hill picnic has been scheduled for September 20, 2014. Bring your short wave ultra violet lights to illuminate all the fluorescents, in the mine.

The Mineral Madness drawing occurred with the five second limit for making a selection.

Hershel Friedman, the speaker for the evening presented "The Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows." This annual event that began 61 years ago, comprises 100 big and small shows. Tucson is an ideal location because it can offer warm, dry weather in February, all the amenities of a big city and a small town ambiance.

The colossal convention center, long tents, hotels and motels provide dealers with venues that range from extravagant to simple. It is possible to view and purchase gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, etc. from all over the world. One can marvel at the array of the diversity of specimens. Some are so enormous that it elicits wonderment at the logistics of their transport. There is a unique opportunity to see rarities that are highly valued.

Hershel had his camera ready to document portions of Tucson and he even captured our own show at Clifton. His enthusiasm and passion were contagious. We are so appreciative of a presentation that was informative, interesting and well crafted.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brecka, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2, 2014 - Morristown, NJ - Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ. Sponsored by the Morris Museum Mineralogical Society

September 27 & 28, 2014 - Franklin, NJ - Annual Fall Show, sponsored by the Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin School, Buckwheat Road, Franklin, NJ

September 27 & 28, 2014 - Ogdensburg, NJ, Annual Fall Sterling Hill Garage Sale, Sterling Hill Mining Museum

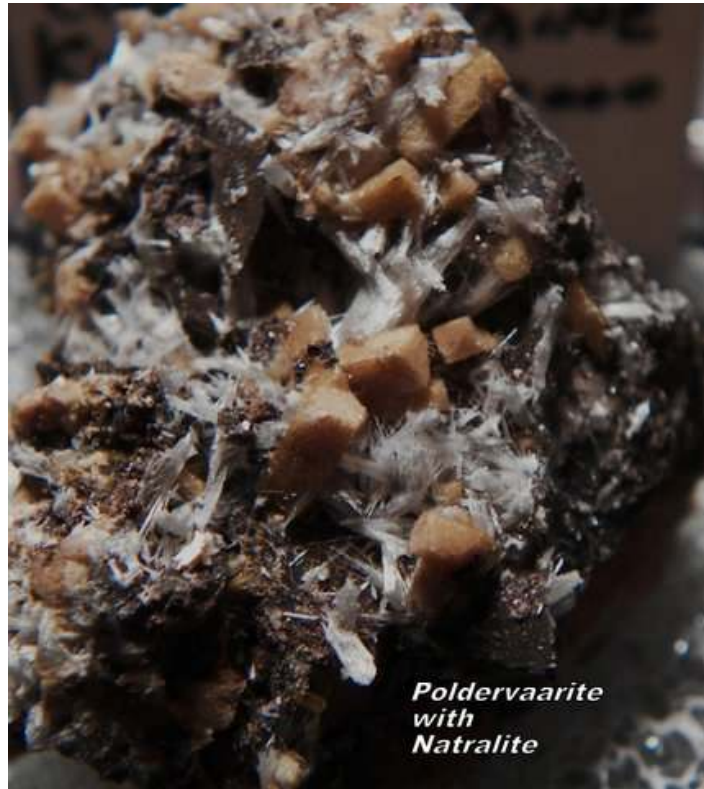
October 4, 2014 - Macungie, Pa. - Annual Fall Mineralfest

October 18 & 19, 2014 - Riverdale, NJ - Annual Fall Outdoor Gem & Mineral Show & Swap, 211 Hamburg Tpk. Riverdale, NJ

November 1 & 2, 2014 - Mountainside, NJ - Annual Rock & Mineral Weekend at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ. Sponsored by the New Jersey Mineralogical Society. 12-5pm

Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)

MICRO CORNER



*Poldervaarite
with
Natrolite*

POLDERVAARITE with NATROLITE



**Schorl XI inclusion
On Muscovite
NH.**

SCHORL XL inclusion on MUSCOVITE from NH



Rhodochrosite XLS
Chile

RHODOCHROSITE XLS from Chile

SPRING, 2014 "RIVERDALE" SHOW @ STERLING HILL



More dealers set up in the parking lot



Steady flow of customers under the Pavilion



Dealers set up around the Pavilion