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716th Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2015

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

PROGRAM

“Brag Night”

Speaker

N/A

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!

SEND DUES TO:

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

OFFICERS FOR 2015

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you all probably know by now, we lost another club member recently. Stan Shapiro, father of our field trip leader Dave Shapiro, passed away after a long battle with cancer on August 28. Stan was a veteran, and a very nice man, and was always happy to be at our meetings and events, and was a great friend. He will be missed. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the Shapiro family during this difficult time.

As summer is now coming to an end, and I hope everyone had an enjoyable "Summer Break". For the first time, NoJMS actually put together a few summer field trips, and they were very successful. This is something I would like to continue doing in the future. Several members attended a field trip to Ace of Diamonds Mine in Herkimer, NY, in early August, and had a wonderful weekend. Then, on August 22, we held our 2nd Summer Big Brook Shark Tooth Dig, in conjunction with the Greater NJ Rock Swap, and we had over 20 members attend! It was a superb day, and I can't thank KC Dalby of the NJ Friends of Mineralogy enough, for opening up his home to our club, as well as his yard, pool, and bar-b-que grill, making the informal rock swap a resounding hit!! And words can not describe KC's outstanding, museum-quality Fluorite display. It was enough to make your jaw drop!!

As the autumn season gets going, we have many items on our plate, that will keep the good times rolling! On Sept. 12, we will hold our annual picnic, collecting trip, and mine tour at Sterling Hill. The festivities start at 10:00. The tour will be at 11:00, the Bar-B-Que will start at 12:00, and there will be more activities during the day, as well as collecting all day. On October 10 & 11, we will be holding our annual fall Swap & Sell at Sterling Hill. On October 17, we will hold our annual trek to National Limestone Quarry, with a Bar-B-Que at Jim Van Fleet's house to follow (and Ard's Pies!!). In Early November, we will have a field trip to the Montague quartz site, and a trek out to Northeast Pennsylvania for our annual coal mine/fern fossil/country store trip. Finally, on Sunday, December 6, we will be holding our Annual Holiday Party at the museum, where our Meteorite Drawing will be held!

That's a lot of stuff crammed into a few short months!!

Our September meeting will be our annual Show-and-Tell meeting/Brag Night. Bring stuff you have collected/acquired during the spring and summer! You can show it off, buy/sell/trade, or just admire everybody's finds. We will have the return of our scheduled speakers in October & November. We will not have a regular meeting in December, as that is the month of our Holiday Party.

Planning has already begun for our Annual Clifton Show!! The date has been set, and the beginning stages of the planning has begun!!

As an FYI to our members, the donation of the Gerhard Franke collection is still pending. The family is ironing out some issues and legal stuff before the donation can be made. I will continue to keep you posted on the progress of this donation.

Finally, over the summer, I have been working closely with Cindy Strom, daughter of Sarna Strom, who passed away earlier this year. I have been assisting Cindy to organize, decipher, evaluate, and just figure out Sarna's mineral collection. To say this is a monumental task is an understatement. But Cindy is wonderful to work with, and it has been both a joy and privilege for me to go through the collection with her, and see the years and years worth of work and passion Sarna put into the hobby. Being the kind soul that Cindy is, she has donated over 20 flats of material to the club for Mineral Madness! If you would like to have the opportunity to acquire a few pieces of Sarna's "Rough-n-Tumbled" collection as a memento of the dear friend Sarna was to all of us, come to the club meeting, and get your Mineral Madness ticket!! There will also be a few give-aways of material from her collection as well.

See you all at the meeting!

Jeff Wilson – President

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

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

Kurtz Quarry Field Trip Report

by Dave Shapiro

May 9, 2015 - 10 members attended a trip to Kurtz Quarry in Denver, Pa. along with members of the Friends of Minerology. The trip was arranged by KC Dalby. The trip was a lot of fun, and the quarry tour was very informative. Collecting was light, and minerals sparse, but everyone got to see a new quarry, and had fun on the trip! On the way back, several members stopped in at Ramenessen Creek in Colt's Neck, NJ and did some shark tooth collecting.

West Nyack Field Trip Report

by Dave Shapiro

May 22, 2015 - 12 members were afforded the rare opportunity to visit a working quarry in Nanuet, NY. Again, a very interesting tour was offered, and some light collecting was done. A jitney bus had to be hired to bring members into the quarry, by request of the quarry management. It actually made it easier as everyone was able to park in a nearby mall and hop the bus to the quarry! Members who attended reported that it was a great trip.

Big Brook Field Trip Report

by Dave Shapiro

June 27, 2015 - 8 club members went shark tooth collecting at Big Brook in Colt's Neck, NJ. We were joined by a few members of the Poughkeepsie, NY club. We got in a couple hours of fun before the skies opened up. Everyone had a great day and many nice specimens of fossil sharks teeth were collected. A few members continued on to Ramenessen Creek and collected that location as well(in the rain!).

Ace of Diamonds Mine Field Trip Report

by Dave Shapiro

August 1 & 2, 2015 - Several club members headed up to Herkimer, NY for a weekend of mining Herkimer Diamonds at the Ace of Diamonds Mine. It was a great trip, and many nice Herks were found. In attendance were: Dave Shapiro, Frank Arrojado, Ron Schulz, Lisa Brown, and others.

Big Brook Field Trip Report

by Dave Shapiro

August 22, 2015 - 22 club members attended our annual trip to Big Brook to dig for fossil shark teeth. Recent storms moved around the gravel bars in the brook a bit, and there seemed to be fewer teeth found than in the past. But the weather could not have been better, and everyone had a great time. Afterwards, many of our members went to KC Dalby's house and attended the Greater NJ Rock Swap, picnic and pool party! We had a blast!!! A special thanks goes to KC Dalby who was a gracious host. Many rocks were bought/sold/traded, great food was had, and the kids (Alan too) had a great time in the pool. It was a great day, and rounded up a super summer!

Passing of Stan Shapiro

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of another friend and NoJMS Club member. Stan Shapiro, club member and friend to everyone passed away yesterday from his long fight with cancer. Our deepest condolences go out to his son Dave, and the rest of his family. Please keep Stan and his family in your prayers.

New Bulk Buying Program:

The NoJMS board agreed to try out a "bulk buying" program for our society, wherein we buy mineral and fossil supplies in large volume in order to get a discount, and then sell them to club members at cost to pass these discounts onto members. Our first foray into this program was an order of 10,000 paperboard fold-up boxes from Mineral & Fossil Supply, Inc. These boxes will be available for sale at the February meeting at a discount price to members who are current on their dues. Boxes that are left after the February meeting will be brought to the Clifton show for sale to members as well as non-members (non-members prices will be higher). Depending on the success of the program, future bulk buys on additional boxes as well as other items will be considered. Questions or suggestions regarding the program can be sent to Bryan Davis at blimer4evr@yahoo.com.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2015

September 12th, 9:00a.m. - Annual Club Picnic, Tour and Collecting Trip at Sterling Hill Mining Museum; Mine tour - 9:30am, Picnic - 12:00pm, Collecting all day, Black Out Tour in the afternoon.

October 17th - National Limestone Quarry, Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.

Autumn, 2015 - Montague, NJ for Quartz Crystals

NE Pennsylvania trip (Carbondale fossils, Scranton Coal Mine, Greentown Country Store)

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

MINUTES OF THE 715th NoJMS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the president, Jeff Wilson, on Thursday, June 11, 2015. This was the final gathering before the summer hiatus. For two months the camaraderie and presentations could be replaced with mineral collecting.

The October newsletter will include a membership segment. Only checks will be accepted for tracking and administrative purposes.

As raffle tickets are sold for the meteorite drawing, the momentum is building. This is an exciting feature to add to the holiday party festivities.

There was the mineral madness drawing, which always brings an element of surprise and luck to the participants.

Bill Butkowsky was the speaker at the meeting. His subject was "New Jersey Trap Rocks." Trappa is the Swedish word for stair step. The layering of lava flows, followed by erosion has caused landscapes to appear like stair steps, hence the naming of these fine grained, dark colored rocks. Bill accompanied his presentation with slides of specimens and delineations of quarries, with a focus on New Jersey. This lecture was perfectly timed to heighten the rockhounds anticipation of a summer of successful prospecting.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brecka, Secretary

North Jersey Outdoor Rock & Mineral Swap-N-Sell

October 10 & 11, 2015

9am-5pm



Ogdensburg, NJ

From Rt. 23 and Rt. 15, Exit for Rt. 517 and Follow signs to the Museum.

FREE ADMISSION!

FREE Parking!

Over 30 dealers featuring every rockhound's desires!!

PLUS... WHILE AT THE MUSEUM FACILITY.....

Take the world-famous Underground Mine Tour

See the Oreck Mineral Collection, one of the finest in the world.

View world class fluorescent minerals.

Mineral Collecting on the Mine Run Dumps with paid Museum Admission!

Snack Bar on Premises!(Show Specials all weekend!!)

9-11 Memorial

Museum Gift Shop

JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!!!

This is a fun and relaxing outdoor show, with over 30 vendors featuring rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, jewelry, stonecrafts, lapidary rough, and much more! Many of our vendors are local collectors who hand-collected most of their offerings. Learn about geology and talk with local collectors about rockhounding in the Tri-State area and beyond! A GREAT show to start your mineral collection, or add to your mineral display. Admission is always FREE!!! A fun day for all!!!

VENDOR INFORMATION:

YOU STILL NEED TO CALL IN AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!

Setup time 7am both days. Tables may be left overnight.

Overnight vendor camping allowed. Rest room facilities will remain available 24/7. We even plan on having a BBQ and campfire!!

VENDORS: TO REQUEST a vendor space, please call our automated messaging service at: (862) 200-7646 and leave your name, number, and what you will be selling. Limited spots under the pavillion will be available. Our show chairman will reply to your request as spaces are filled.

ALL VENDOR TENTS MUST BE ANCHORED DOWN Show staff will inspect all tents.

For show info please contact: Show Chairman:

Bryan Davis at blimer4evr@yahoo.com

Please DO NOT call Sterling Hill Mining Museum for information. Thank You.

Table fees collected benefit the NoJMS, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Educational Organization.

The Club T-Shirts Are In!

The shirts will be available for sale at the April meeting for \$5 each for members! Sizes available are S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12th, 9:00a.m. - Annual Club Picnic, Tour and Collecting Trip at Sterling Hill Mining Museum; Mine tour - 9:30am, Picnic - 12:00pm, Collecting all day, Black Out Tour in the afternoon.

September 19 & 20, 2015 - Poughkeepsie, NY - Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Gold's Gym, 258 Titusville Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY

September 26 & 27, 2015 - Franklin, NJ - Annual Autumn Show & Swap, Franklin School

September 26 & 27, 2015 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Annual Sterling Hill Garage Sale

October 3, 2015 - Macungie, Pa. - Annual Autumn Mineralfest, Memorial Park, Macungie

October 10 & 11, 2015 – Ogdensburg, NJ – NoJMS Spring Swap & Sale at Sterling Hill Mining Museum

December 4,5,&6, 2015 - Edison, NJ - **NEW SHOW!** The WINTER NY/NJ Metro Show, at the NJ Exposition Center, Edison, NJ

November 7 & 8, 2015 - Mountainside, NJ – Annual Trailside Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ. Sponsored by the New Jersey Mineralogical Society. 12-5pm

2016 SHOWS/EVENTS

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

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

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.

THE MISSING LINK

By Mel Pollinger

Finally! The missing link comes to light and now the truth can be finally brought to light: Rockhounds are nuts!

<http://www.theonion.com/article/geologists-unearth-fully-intact-rock-38364>

Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)

Herkimer, New York Field Trip Photos – August 1 & 2, 2015

By Dave Shapiro



Frank and Ron work on a big boulder at Ace



Ron shows off a great Herkimer Diamond he broke from a large rock

Big Brook Field Trip Photos - August 22, 2015

Photos by Jeff Wilson



Big Brook is full of NoJMS members as Johan makes a video of the trip



Field trip leader Dave Shapiro checks in on the members as they sift thru the brook



Derek, Johan and Steve discuss minerals at the Rock Swap



Jeff and Mike raid the food tent at the Rock Swap. Thanks to KC Dalby for a great time!!