



# The Treasure Chest

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH JERSEY MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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Societies and affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



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712<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Thursday, February 12, 2015

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Hope everyone is staying warm during this long, cold winter. Don't worry, Spring is just around the corner!

Our club T-Shirts are almost ready to go to production! With the assistance of Steve Dougherty, the design has been finalized, the new club logo included, to celebrate our club's 70th Anniversary. The shirts will be ready for the April meeting, and will again cost \$5 each for members.

Bryan has finalized the plans for our Swap in Sterling Hill for this spring. The dates will be May 16 & 17!

The Eastern Federation has increased the dues we must pay for each member, which includes insurance coverage for all of our events and trips. Because of this increase, we need to adjust the yearly membership dues structure to reflect this cost increase. At our December board meeting, the board members discussed how we want to accomplish this, and agreed upon an increase. We will be bringing this topic up for a vote at this month's meeting. Details will be discussed at the meeting. F.Y.I.- Our last dues increase was in 1982!!

Our Clifton Show is approaching fast! Everything is set, and I again call all members to volunteer their time during the show weekend. We still need volunteers to help set up tables on Friday, Take down tables on Sunday, and help during the weekend at the front tables. Sign up sheets with all the information will be set up at the Feb. meeting.

Our speaker will be Dr. Steve Okulewicz, who will be presenting a lecture on the Geology of Yellowstone National Park. This should be a great lecture. I hope to see everyone at the museum!

Jeff Wilson – President

## PROGRAM

“Geology of Yellowstone National Park”

### Speaker

Dr. Steve Okulewicz

### 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

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

### OFFICERS FOR 2015

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	Bryan Davis
	Bob Allen
	Jess Jacobson

## 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.

**26th Annual North Jersey  
Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show  
March 14 & 15, 2015  
Sat. 10-6  
Sun. 10-4**

Our 2015 show is dedicated to the memory of our longtime friends, club members, and dealers who have passed away this year:

**Greta Troy, Sarna Strom, Don Lampham, and Tom Benson.**

**They were all key parts of our show and our club, and will be greatly missed by everyone.**

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**Our show is one of the finest and most anticipated annual gem & mineral shows on the East Coast!**

**Over 25 dealers featuring Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gemstones, Crystals, Lapidary Rough, Rockhounding Supplies, and much more! Several of our dealers feature local New Jersey and New York specimens, many self-collected. (Dealer list below)**

**Located at the same great location:  
The Pope John II Center  
775 Valley Road (Valley Road Exit off of Rts.  
3/46/19)  
Clifton, NJ**

**DIRECTIONS:  
From Rt. 3/46. Exit for Valley Road North (Clifton/Paterson). The show will be 500 feet on your right.**

**From Rt. 80 east/west, take Exit 57A for Rt. 19 SOUTH, Clifton, drive 1/2 mile, and take Valley Road exit. Turn Right on Valley Road and drive approx. 2 miles. The show will be on your left.**

- \*\*Free Parking**
- \*\*Free mineral specimens for kids**
- \*\*Door prizes awarded throughout the show**
- \*\*All Indoors, out of the weather!**

**ADMISSION:  
Adult(12 and over): \$5  
Senior Citizen: \$4  
Kids under 12 and all Scouts in uniform: FREE!**

**Get a coupon for  
\$1.00 off admission  
<http://nojmscoupon.webs.com>**

**Come and join us at this great show and learn a bit about the earth sciences along the way. Our dealers and members are extremely knowledgeable and are very willing to discuss the hobby and share their geologic and rockhounding knowledge. A great time for all!**

**All show proceeds benefit The North Jersey Mineralogical Society, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Educational Organization**

**CONFIRMED DEALERS FOR 2015:**

**Crystal Passion  
Raj Minerals  
Hunza Fine Minerals  
Gifts from the Earth - Mike Jacobs  
Bryan Davis Minerals  
Ron Schulz Minerals  
Earth Treasures - Al Lombardi  
Carved Opal and Obsidian - Pamela Castle  
Juan Gonzalez Minerals  
Aggie Kieth Wire Wrapping  
American Hobby Shop  
Alan Benson Fine Minerals  
Lost World Fossils - Tom Caggiano  
Now and Then - Derek Yoost  
Warren Gonzales Minerals  
Rocko Minerals  
Bob Batic Minerals  
Eric Stanchich Minerals  
Karenne Snow Minerals & Fossils  
The Mineral Cabinet  
Highland Rock  
Nature's Window  
The Kyanite King**

**New Find From National Limestone Quarry in Middleburg, PA!!!**

by Jeff Wilson

Well, it's winter. No collecting now! So this is the time of year that I often work on my collected specimens from the previous season. It happens that I had 3 5-gallon buckets of specimens that I collected on our last club field trip to National Limestone Quarries in Pennsylvania. While I was carefully cleaning some of the cave calcite flowstone specimens from my bucket, I began noticing something strange on some of the specimens. On the back side of several of the flowstone pieces, was a golden brown colored clay covering the calcite. Upon power washing the clay off, I started noticing gray blobs within the clay. With more cleaning, I began to see shapes forming. When all was done, and the specimens were clean and dry, I was surprised to see what appeared to be numerous little gray "Cheerios" stuck all over the back sides of the specimens. Within the hole in each ring was a star shaped impression. I had never seen anything like it. After much investigation, I discovered that these formations were actually "rings" of Crinoid Stems! Fossils on calcite flowstone specimens! I continued investigating and searching, and could not find any record of this phenomenon being documented at this location, or anywhere else in the area. It is such a unique and unusual combination. These specimens were found on the Cave Flowstone ledge in the Middleburg Quarry, in the area where the crystallized pieces were found that had tumbled down the wall from above, in the dry mud pond area. To any members who collected this spot on the field trips in June and October of last year, check your specimens carefully! You may just have a surprise in your collection!



**A New and Much Needed Show to Add to the Calendar!**

by Jeff Wilson

For any rockhound, adding a Herkimer Diamond to your collection is a must. Visiting the Herkimer, New York area to collect these beautiful gems, is a great way to spend a weekend or vacation. These beauties are found only here in Central New York, in Herkimer and Montgomery Counties and are highly desired by collectors and admirers alike. Nowhere else does quartz grow into crystals so clear and perfect.

So, why is there no Gem & Mineral Show, or event of any kind, held in Herkimer, NY, celebrating these great minerals? That is a question that many mineral collectors, including myself, have been asking for years. Well, several mineral collectors, including a couple of friends of mine, approached the local Chamber of Commerce, and the Herkimer Town Board to present the idea of putting together a show and festival to celebrate the history and magic of the Herkimer Diamonds.

With a resounding "Go For It!", they got the ball rolling, and within a couple months, the wheels were in motion to put together this great event. The Chamber of Commerce and the show committee contacted me, asking for my experience and knowledge in putting something like this together. I obliged. This week, everything was finalized, and the show was officially announced!

If you were planning a summer vacation to Upstate New York, or would like to sell at the show, or just visit while passing through, you can be a part of history by joining in on the first year of this super event. The event will be broken up into 2 parts. The Gem & Mineral Show will be held at a local church facility, and the Festival, which will include food, games, dealers, gem panning, mining, and lots more, will be held at a nearby park.

Here are the dates:

The Gem & Mineral Show will be held July 18 & 19, 2015, at the Herkimer Methodist Church, 127 North Prospect St, Herkimer, NY (Just off Rt. 5 & 28)  
The Herkimer Diamond Festival will be held at Meyers Park, just a block away.

There is now a website set up with all of the information on the event: <http://www.herkimergemshow.com>

A Facebook page has also been set up for the event!

**March 14 & 15, 2015  
Clifton, NJ**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Clifton/North Jersey Gem &  
Mineral Show  
775 Valley Rd. (Just off Rt.3/46) Clifton, NJ  
See website for more details!**

**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](mailto:blimer4evr@yahoo.com).

**FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

TBD...

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

**MINUTES OF THE 711<sup>th</sup> NoJMS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by the new president, Jeff Wilson, on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

The club has a hardy membership as proven by the attendees. They had to brave bitter, cold winds and temperatures. Due to the severe weather the business portion of the meeting's agenda was expedited.

March 14 & 15, 2015 will be the club's mineral show at The Pope John II Center, in Clifton, NJ. A new feature is signup sheets for volunteers. They can commit to designated time slots.

Mineral Madness, now an expected tradition, did take place.

Derek Yost gave a presentation entitled "From the Wilds of New Jersey – Dinosaurs in the Suburbs." The narration was accompanied by visual aids and specimens. Imaginations were stimulated by the realization that dinosaurs actually roamed sites in New Jersey, where we might have walked. Once again the club benefited from Derek's wealth of knowledge and his captivating delivery.

At this first meeting of the new year, it was noted that the club is flourishing. We anticipate a continued trajectory of increased membership and participation in an array of events. We look forward to the new field trips will be announced shortly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Brecka, Secretary

**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**

Feb. 14 & 15, 2015 - Albany, NY - Annual Mineral Show & Sale at the NY State Museum

March 7 & 8, 2015 – Newark, DE – Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at Delaware Technical & Community College, 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd.

**Sat. & Sun. March 14 & 15, 2015 - 26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Clifton/North Jersey Gem & Mineral Show  
The Pope John II Center  
775 Valley Rd. (Just off Rt.3/46)  
Clifton, NJ**

**10am-5pm Both days.**

- **25 DEALERS DISPLAYING INCREDIBLE ARRAYS OF MINERALS, FOSSILS, GEMSTONES, JEWELRY, LAPIDARY ROUGH, AND ROCKHOUNDING SUPPLIES.**
- **ONE OF THE TOP GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOWS IN THE NORTHEAST!!**

March 28 & 29, 2015 - Sayre, Pa. - Annual Che-Hanna Gem & Mineral Show at the Sayre Firehouse

March 28 & 29, 2015 - Plymouth Meeting, Pa. - The Annual Philadelphia Gem & Mineral Show

April 10, 11, 12, 2015 - Edison, NJ - The Annual NY-NJ Metro Show  
<http://www.ny-nj-gemshow.com/index.php>

April 11 & 12, 2015 - Johnson City (Binghamton), NY - Annual Southern Tier Mineral Show, Johnson City Senior Center

April 10, 11, 12, 2015 - Iowa City, Iowa - 37th Annual National Fossil Exposition, sponsored by the Mid-America Paleontological Society at the Sharpless Center, 5049 Herbert Hoover Highway, Iowa City, IA

April 18 & 19, 2015 - Lancaster, Pa. - Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale

April 25 & 26, 2015 - Franklin, NJ - NJESA Annual show & swap, Franklin School

April 25, 2015 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Annual Sterling Hill Super Dig!

April 25 & 26, 2015 - Ogdensburg, NJ - Annual Sterling Hill Garage Sale

May 2 & 3, 2015 - Pittston (Scranton Area), Pa. - Annual Gem & Mineral Show at St. Joseph Obilates, 1880 Rt. 315, Pittston, Pa.

May 16 & 17, 2015 - Leesport, Pa. - Annual Berks County Mineral Society Show

**May 16 & 17, 2015 – Ogdensburg, NJ – NoJMS Spring Swap & Sale at Sterling Hill Mining Museum**

June 6, 2015 - Macungie, Pa. - Annual Spring Mineralfest at Macungie Memorial Park

June 6 & 7, 2015 - Monroe, NY - Annual Orange County Gem & Mineral Show, Museum Village, Monroe, NY. Sponsored by the Orange County, NY Mineral Society

June 6 & 7, 2015 - Canandigua, (near Rochester) NY - GEMFEST sponsored by the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Society, Canandigua Civic Center, 250 Bloomfield Rd. Canandigua, NY

July 18 & 19, 2015 - Herkimer, NY - Herkimer Diamond Festival (Details in Jeff's article above)  
<http://www.herkimergemshow.com>



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

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

#### 2016 SHOWS/EVENTS

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.

**Supplemental (E-Newsletter Only)**

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