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This is what a club picnic looks like, from 2019. (Photo by Steve Albro)

August 8 – Club Picnic & Swap Meet at Erie Canal Park, Camillus

Fun...Friends...FOOD!
See important information & instructions on Page 3

**July 19 Meeting Review:
Work Night (& Ice Cream!)
See Pages 5 to 7**

Opportunities to travel to 2 Gem Shows – see Page 2

**Coming in the September Issue of Crack 'N Cab:
“The Mini Show”
The Vendor List**



President's Message

Dick Lyons



We have 27 retail dealers that will participate in our **September show at the Ramada Inn** (formerly the Holiday Inn). There are two large rooms for the participating dealers. **We are looking for two more dealers to make the total 29.**

As stated last month, there is competition from other shows, during the same weekend, located at Cleveland, Ohio; Howard County, Maryland; and Franklin, New Jersey. There will be considerably less competition from other shows during our July show next year.

Cheryl Brown conducted the latest **Show Committee meeting** on July 27th. A list of the dealers will be on our website and Facebook for the general public and club members. Once again, **our club needs your support to make this event a success. Volunteer sheets will be available again at our August 8th picnic.**

Cheryl Brown is looking for club members to join her with an overnight trip to the West Springfield Show on August 13 and staying overnight. Please reconsider this as a great opportunity to visit a show with over 200 retail dealers. The wholesale dealers are now in a separate building. **Let Cheryl know if you are interested as soon as possible by e-mail (gmsrocks@gmail.com).**

We are also considering a carpool to the **St. Lawrence Show on August 22nd**. Please let me know, as soon as possible, by e-mail (rchlyns@aol.com) if you are interested.

Dick Lyons

Secretary's Report

Cathy Patterson

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The GMSS Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse in Liverpool (Ponderosa Plaza) behind Heid's at 7:00 PM. GMSS members are welcome to attend.

There is no Board meeting in August.

The next Board meeting will be September 7 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Patterson
GMSS Secretary

Thank you, Cathy for your great work as GMSS Secretary!

The GMSS Mini Show

**The Ramada Inn (formerly Holiday Inn)
Electronics Parkway, Liverpool**

Saturday, September 25, 10am to 6pm

Sunday, September 26, 10am to 4pm

**29 retail rock, gem, mineral, fossil, and
jewelry vendors**

**Set-up will be on Friday, September 24 starting at
8am. Vendors will begin setting-up at 12 noon.**

Needs:

Help **setting up tables** in two separate rooms at the Ramada Inn on Friday morning.

Carts to help vendors move in on Friday and out on Sunday. *If you have a cart, please label it and bring it on Friday.*

Muscle to help vendors move in on Friday afternoon and out on Sunday after closing.

Ticket sales folks – we will have two separate sales areas.

Club booth personnel.

Personnel to work the youth interest area located at one end of our show club booth.

Security in two rooms during the show.

**The next Show Committee meeting will be
August 24th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.**

Geo Lexis (Puzzle) By Anne Fitzgerald

"From Seawater to Rock Fodder"

Growing rocks is a slow process. Just ask Mother Nature who takes billions of years to raise them, only to have them crash into each other in some sort of strange sibling rivalry that in the end, results in wonderful things like mountains and foundations for our feet, keeping us grounded. And it takes her many years to make soil, but humans can make soil faster, thanks to composting.

We may also be able to speed up the rock-building process on a large scale with the help of seawater.

It has recently been discovered that the Romans used seawater to shore up their building materials. And a scientist from UCLA named Gaurav Sant and his team are working on building rocks from seawater, a skill well-known by shell-bearing creatures and now passed on to humans. Add a little electricity to the natural chemical reactions of shellfish, and carbonaceous material can be formed. Seawater contains lots of minerals that are useful to humans. Unscramble the following to find some common minerals found in seawater.

The solution is on Page 4 of this newsletter.

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stopamius

mineorb

musttroni

noorb

nocsili

mulamuni

eniflour

pocrepe

Upcoming Events

August 3 – NO GMSS Board Meeting

The August Picnic is Back!

Sunday, August 8th

Erie Canal Park,

5750 Devoe Road, Camillus

11:00 – 4:00

Food served at 12:00

Dave Millis will be our activities coordinator
beginning at 11:00.

Wire-wrap tumbled stones

Rock Bingo

Rock Swap

Good food

Great friends

The club will provide the meat for grilling.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Folks with last name starting with

A – L bring a savory (not dessert)

Folks with last name starting with

M – Z bring a sweet.

If you have not signed up yet, please call **Kris Boronczyk** at **315-487-5202** to let him know you are coming so we have enough meat.

August 13-15 – WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA: East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. **See additional information on Page 2.**

August 16 – NO GMSS meeting

August 20-22—LEBANON, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Mid-Atlantic Gem and Mineral Association; Lebanon Valley Fairgrounds and Expo, 80 Rocherty Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, free admission for children under 12; Mid-Atlantic's 23rd annual premium gem, jewelry, bead, mineral and arts show; Gem Miner's Jubilee; contact Teresa Schwab, PO Box 352, Monrovia, MD 21770, (301) 807-9745; Email: beadware@rcn.com; Website: www.gem-show.com

August 21-22 – CANTON, NY: 54th Annual St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Show. Canton Pavilion, 90 Lincoln St, Canton, NY. Adults \$3.00; 12 & under free. Free mineral kits for kids; "Mineral ID" table Collecting
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field trip Sat. 9:00 AM; Gem tree classes on Sunday; Large "Amethyst Cathedral" raffle Sun. 2PM; Free Fluorescent Mineral Presentation followed by Free Kids' Fluorescent Mineral Hunt Friday 8:30 pm Show Hours: Sat. 9:00 – 4:30; Sun. 9:00 - 3:00. Visit us @ www.stlawrencecountymineralclub.org.

See additional information on Page 2.

August 24 – "The Mini Show" Committee meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse, led by Cheryl Brown. See additional information on Page 2.

September 7 – GMSS Board Meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

September 11-12—NEW MILFORD, CONN: Annual show; Danbury Mineralogical Society; New Milford High School cafeteria, 388 Danbury Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Students/Seniors \$4, free admission for children under 11 and scouts in uniform; Wholesale room available with Tax ID.; contact Elizabeth Triano, NY, (845) 319-6089; Email: lizziewriter@comcast.net; Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/192286412696317>

September 20 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm Installation of Officers, annual dues payment due.

September 24 – "Mini Show" setup 8 am – Noon. See additional information on Page 3.

September 25-26—LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK: Retail show; Syracuse Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Holiday Inn (Changing to Ramada Inn effective July 1st.), 441 Electronics Parkway (Exit 37 of New York State Thruway); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$5.00 Adults. Children under 12 free with an adult. Scouts in uniform free.; This is a mini show replacing our annual show in July which is at the New York State Fairgrounds.; contact Cheryl Brown, c/o GMSS P. O. Box 2801 , Syracuse, NY 13220; Email: show@syracusegemsociety.com; Website: www.syracusegemsociety.com

October 5 – GMSS Board Meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

October 9-10—WYSOX, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club; Wysox Vol. Fire Hall , 111 Lake Rd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3.00 Students \$1.00 under 8 free; Fluorescent program presented by UVBob , geode cutting, dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary . ; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628, (570) 928-9238; Email: uvbob1942@gmail.com; Website: chehannarocks1969@gmail.com

October 18 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm More information will be coming.

EAST COAST



GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

August 13, 14, 15, 2021

Better Living Center · Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, Massachusetts

Show Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10AM to 6PM · Sun. 10AM to 5PM
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musttroni	strontium
noorb	boron
nocsili	silicon
mulamuni	aluminum
eniflour	fluorine
pocrep	copper

Sources and further reading:

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GMSS Celebrating 70 Years – A Highlight



HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GMSS!

March 1951 the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse began. This delicious golden anniversary cake was enjoyed by all who attended our golden anniversary meeting in March. This historic event was also attended by lifetime member Elizabeth (Betty) Henes, one of the original six members of this club.



From the April 2001 Crack 'N Cab



See our website at:
<https://syracusegemsociety.com>
And our Facebook page at:
[Facebook.com/gemandmineralsyr](https://www.facebook.com/gemandmineralsyr)
and Pages 2 and 4 in this issue for up-to-date information about our September "Mini Show"!

July 19, 2021 Work Meeting

The regular club meeting night became a work night in preparation for our September Mini Show. Many hands made light work as everyone got involved in packing sluice bags, grab bags and straw stuffing. And, as a reward, the Skippy's Ice Cream truck came with delicious treats!

A big "Thank You" to all of you who helped get ready for our show.



There was some competition between tables on who could get and fill more straws. (Photo by Kris Boronczyk)



All ages were involved! (Photo by Kris Boronczyk)



(Photo by Judy Cook)



(Photo by Judy Cook)



(Photo by Judy Cook)



(Photo by Kris Boronczyk)



(Photo by Judy Cook)



And, as the red sun (caused by CA fires) set slowly in the west... (Photo by Kris Boronczyk)



(Photo by Judy Cook)



...The Sippy's Ice Cream man showed up! (Photo by Judy Cook)



Everybody patiently waited their turn. (Photo by Judy Cook)



Ah, finally a sweet reward! (Photo by Judy Cook)



Enjoying their delicious treats! (Photo by Judy Cook)

And, In The News...

Fisherman Thrilled to Find Rare Melo Pearl in His Seafood Lunch - Worth up to \$350,000

by Good News Network - July 22, 2021

A crab fisherman was delighted after being surprised by a rare orange Melo pearl in his seafood lunch. 40-year-old Prasarnphon Phunwan took home a large sea snail he caught while trawling for crabs in Prachuap Khiri Khan in Thailand. The fisherman boiled the seafood for a meal, but while he was slicing off the cooked meat, he hit on something hard and found a pearl. He then took the bright yellow-orange pearl to his younger brother, who checked the internet, and told him it might be a type of expensive Melo.

The precious gem is being kept by the family in a plastic container wrapped in a cotton ball, but has not yet been weighed. Officers from the Dept. of Marine and Coastal Resources and local fisheries department have been informed but they are yet to visit the family to check the authenticity of the pearl. Curious neighbors, however, have already flocked to their house to have a look at the pearl.



Melo pearls range from orange to tan to brown in color, with orange being the most expensive shade. They are usually found in South China Sea and Andaman

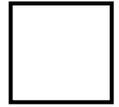
Sea off the coast of Myanmar and are produced by predatory sea snails called Volutidae.

There really is value in a seafood diet!



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Eight people organized the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse in 1951. Since that time it has grown in membership to include adults, families, and young folk. The Society was incorporated in 1969 under the same name.

The objectives of the Society are to stimulate interest in mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Member interests include collecting, identification, and display of minerals, gems, fossils. Members share and develop their artistic skills in jewelry design and creation.

Our monthly meetings provide social and educational experiences. Field trips give collectors chances to find specimens and enjoy the outdoors, exercise and time with old and new friends.

Meetings - 3rd Monday of the month
Future Rockhounds @ 6:30 - General Meeting @ 7:30
(NO Meetings Jul, Aug, Dec)

209 Oswego St (Ponderosa Plaza) Unit 14 & 15, Liverpool, NY
Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

See online Newsletter <http://gmss.us/resources/newsletter>

You can also visit our facebook and flickr pages

Annual member dues

Adult \$10 • Family/Couple \$15 • Junior \$5 • Life \$5

If you would like to join or renew membership download the application form (PDF), see <http://gmss.us/about/membershipform.pdf> You can get a form at a meeting or send requests to **GMSS, PO Box 2801, Syracuse, NY 13220** We will mail an application/renewal form to you.

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