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GemWorld 2019

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in making our show a success! We ran out of tickets at 1:30 on Sunday so we made tickets by hand until Mark brought us a roll from Staples. What a great problem to have! We sold more than 3500 tickets over the weekend. Whew!

If you have any thoughts or suggestions for how we can improve our show next year, please send them to me (pres@gmss.us) so they can be reviewed at our 'After the Show Meeting', which will be August 27th. Meeting details to follow.

Here are a few pictures from the show. Send in your pictures and we'll publish them.





Annual Picnic and Swap Meet

August 4 - Noon to 4:00

Camillus Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road, Camillus

The club will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, condiments, lemonade and paper products.

Club members whose last name begins with the letters A – L, please provide sweets or desserts.

If your last name begins with M – Z, please bring savory main dishes.

Come join in the various activities that are planned or go for a ride down the canal. See you then.

Field Trips

July 27th Earlville to dig for trilobites

Leave from the Clubhouse at 8am.

RSVP to pres@gmss.us if you are planning to go – we need to know who is going so we don't miss you.

Future Trips

- East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show in West Springfield, MA, August 9 - 11
- St. Lawrence Gem and Mineral show in Canton on August 24th and 25th

If you are interested in going to either of these shows, please let me know. RSVP to pres@gmss.us.

Membership

September is membership renewal month. We will be taking membership renewals at the picnic.

- Single Adult \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Youth \$5.00
- Lifetime Member \$5.00

September Meeting

September 16

Youth Meeting at 6:30

General Meeting at 7:30

Dave Millis will be our speaker.

Also, bring in a display of **'What You Did This Summer'** for Show and Tell.

The following is a portion of an article from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). Our club has been targeted by phishing schemes, as well. If you receive any odd emails from 'club officers', please follow these suggestions. If you have any doubts about the email, please contact the officer directly.

What can we do to prevent this kind of theft?

First - if the email request is unexpected, look at the email of the sender and hover your cursor over the name this may expose the true sender. You may also be able to right-click on the name to expose the actual sender. Many times the attacker will employ a slight-of-hand (like magicians do) so you think you are reading an email address correctly but they've actually switched out, added or replaced characters (commonly known as substitution and transposition). It's common to see legitimate email addresses with an "m" replaced with an "r n", a lower case "L" switched out with the number "1" or a .com email reading as .co instead. Even the slightest change in an email address means the email is going somewhere else. In the case of our president's email of melindastone, the "r n" substitution would make it look real – rnelindastone.

Second - make sure that the members of your society or club's board of directors are aware of these rock-and-mineral-hobby attacks and that it has policies in place to prevent checks from being issued to the criminals. These policies should include:

1. All checks are kept with the Treasurer.
2. No signed or blank checks are given to anyone else in the club "just in case".
3. No checks are created without prior board approval that specifically lists the payee, expense category and the exact approved amount.

Third - forward all fraudulent phishing emails to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Computer Emergency Readiness Team's Anti-Phishing Working Group: phishing-report@us-cert.gov



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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 out of doors, 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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