

CRACK 'N CAB



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our June meeting will be an exciting time of stuffing straws for our show's straw draw and filling bags with sand and mineral surprises for the youth area sluice. Please join us – it really is a fun time and there will be brownie ice cream sundaes at the end! YUM!

There is still a need for volunteers to work during our show. This is our major fund raiser for the year. Please sign up on the sheets at the June meeting. If you can't come to the meeting, please contact Dick Lyons at show@gmss.us and let him know where and when you can serve. With 14 hours of show time over the two days, we need everyone to donate as much time as possible to fill all the positions. Four critical areas of need are: the show booth, youth area, ticket takers, and ticket sales. There are other very important areas for helping as well. **Please help in any way and as much as you can!**

Our annual election will be held at the June meeting. The slate of candidates is:

President – Cheryl Brown
Vice President – Dick Lyons
Secretary – Cathy Patterson
Treasurer – Linda Sweeney Clark
Sargent-at-Arms – Ed Suchon
Web Master – Rick Moore

We are still looking for someone to take Dan Andrianos' place as Newsletter Editor as he would like to step down. If you are interested, please email me or see me at the general meeting.

Charlie and I went to the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) convention in Goshen, N.Y. last weekend and attended the Editor's breakfast on Sunday morning. Several of our members won awards for their contributions to our Crack 'N Cab newsletter this past year. Their certificates will be presented at the June meeting, but I would like to thank and congratulate them here for their great work!

EFMLS Club Bulletin Writers's Awards

Shannon Phillips – Trophy Award – Original Educational Article

Benjamin Wilbur – First Place - Junior Article

Anne Fitzgerald - Tenth Place – Written Features

Anne Andrianos – Honorable Mention – Written Features

Linda Boronczyk – Honorable Mention – Written Features

Bob Livingston – Honorable Mention – Original Non-Technical Articles

AFMS Bulletin Writer's Award

Shannon Phillips – Sixth Place – Original Adult Article

Our club will be hosting the EFMLS convention in 2021 during our annual show. We will be starting the preparation for it now. Please let me know if you would like to help with the planning. We will need lots of input and ideas.

Board Meeting Minutes June 4

Treasurer's report given by Linda Clark. We discussed putting money in a CD to earn small amount of interest. Bob Livingston is looking into various alternatives. Money continues to come in for the show and reports were given regarding worker's comp coverage for the show. Linda has arranged a new site with B&C Storage. The new storage location will be closer to the state fair grounds on Milton Ave. in Solvay.

Our club will host the 2021 EFMLS convention. A first meeting to get a look at what will be required of our club to host the convention, and put on our show at the same time, will be announced soon.

Lapidary Committee is meeting on June 19th at 6pm to make plans for classes in the fall. One class, pierced metal, will be taught on Sept 21st. 2 additional classes are being discussed, metal clay and enameling metal.

Rick Moore reports the junior rockhounds will have 2 Show Cases set up at the show which they will be working on Monday evening, June 17th before our meeting, work night and ice cream social. Rick reports on new banner for Facebook and Website.

No field trips being discussed for summer.

SHOW DATES; Set up July 12th 8 am at Center of Progress, Show July 13 and 14. If working the show opening please arrive by 9am on Saturday and Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dow

Tentative Event Schedule

August 4 -GMSS Club Picnic
September 16 – What Did you do last Summer (Show and tell!)
October 21 – Club Auction

Metaphysical Center at Gemworld

The Metaphysical Center of GEMWORLD will be located along with the Learning Center in the rear annex of the Center of Progress building. All though the ages - stones, gems and minerals have been utilized in the metaphysical realm. Many cultures have their own beliefs about specific stones, gems and minerals and their respective healing and energetic properties. Their use goes back thousands of years in the history and legends of Babylon, Rome, Atlantis, Greece, Egypt, China, and in Hindu and Native American cultures. Whether you believe or not in properties associated with stones, it is always interesting to speculate and ponder.

Cindy Griffith, international psychic, teacher and author, will be doing psychic readings with crystals and energy soul maps. This will be her only appearance in CNY for 2019. Also for the 1st time we will have Bella Renata, claircognizant, angelic messenger. Don Brennan will be returning doing reiki with crystals, Kris Faso , stone reader and psychic medium will also be creating a stone balancing sculpture which has become a yearly favorite at the show. Happy to say psychic mediums Morgan and Sarina will both be back.



From – Judy Cook

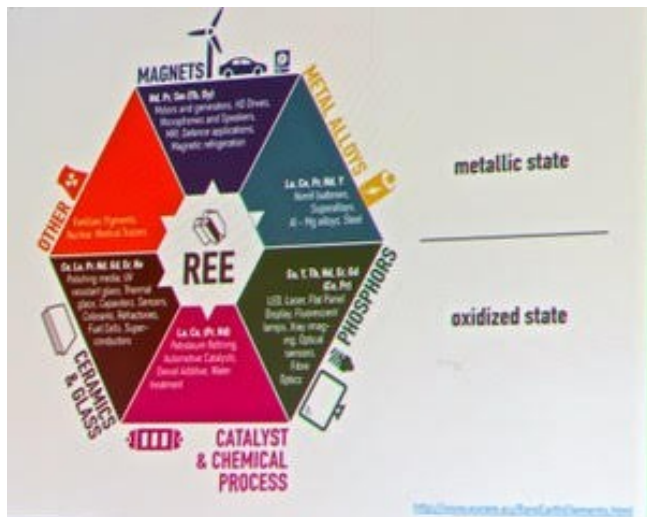
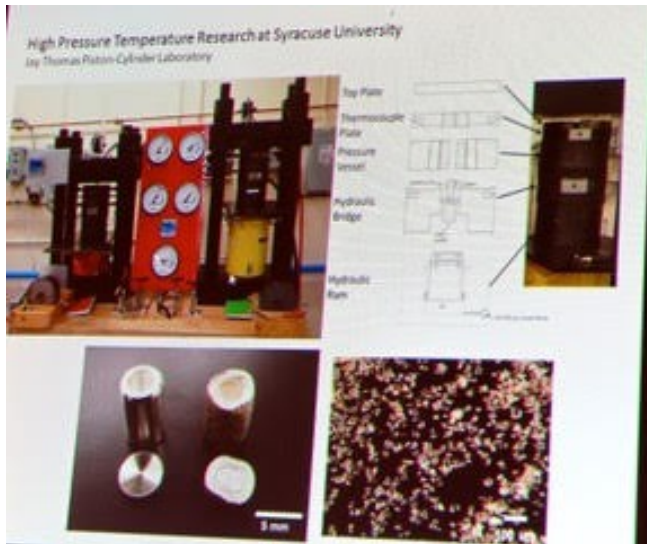
Geo Lexis Puzzle By Anne Fitzgerald

Can you match a clue on the left to a mineral, gem, or rock in the column on the right?

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Beach Rock | Boron |
| 2. Two Pints Plus | Malachite |
| 3. To Be Tedious | Arsenic |
| 4. South American Eve | Quartz |
| 5. Fire Starting Santa | Sandstone |
| 6. To Post A Flying Toy | Amazonite |

Answers are on another page of this newsletter.

Last Month's Meeting Pictures from Judy Cook



GemWorld!

Working before, during or after GemWorld is best described by the famous “F” word - That’s right “FUN”. Things that need to be done include preparation before the event opens (Thursday and Friday). It is a good time. Then on Saturday/Sunday work during the Event. Contact Dick Lyons or Cathy Patterson to find out more. Cathy can suggest a show prep job that is a good fit.



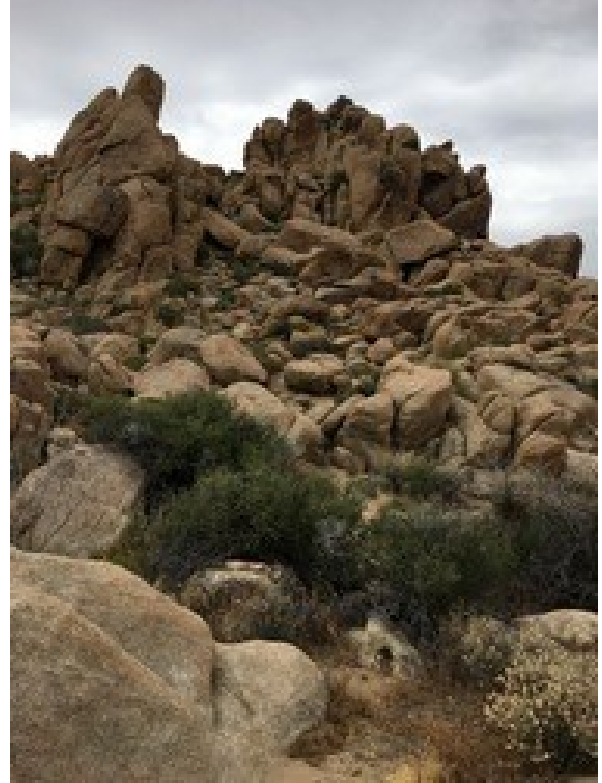
Joshua Tree National Park

Anne and Dan Andrianos

Joshua Tree is located in the Lower Colorado and Mohave Deserts. We stayed there overnight on May 26. The air temperature was 40 degrees with a 30 mile wind chill. We rented a 2 bedroom home with a back yard adjacent to a Bureau of Land Management fenced in area.

The rock formations of Joshua Tree National Park owe their shape partly to groundwater, which filtered through the roughly rectangular joints of the monzonite and eroded the corners and edges of blocks of stone, and flash floods, which washed away covering ground and left piles of rounded boulders. The boulders are amazing!

The park's oldest rocks, Pinto gneiss among them, are 1.7 billion years old. Much later, from 250 to 75 million years ago, tectonic plate movements forced volcanic material toward the surface at this location and formed granite. Erosion eventually exposed the harder rocks, gneiss and granite, in the uplands and reduced the softer rocks to debris that filled the canyons and basins between the ranges. The views are amazing!





Answers to Geo Lexis

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About US

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 and GMSS became a 501(c)(3) Public Non-Profit organization. The objectives of the Society are to generate interest in mineralogy, geology, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Member interests include collecting, identification, and display of minerals, gems, fossils. Members can share and develop their artistic skills in jewelry design and creation. Our monthly meetings provide social and educational experiences and fun! Field trips give collectors chances to learn, find specimens and enjoy the out of doors, and provide exercise and fun with old and new friends.

**Club Meetings - 3rd Monday of the month
(NOT in July-GemWorld, Aug-Picnic, Dec-Holiday Party)
Guests are ALWAYS welcome!**

**See our online Newsletter for meeting topics
<http://gmss.us/resources/newsletter>**

Jr Rockhounds @ 6:30 - General Meeting @ 7:30

**209 Oswego St (Ponderosa Plaza) Unit 14 & 15, Liverpool, NY
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.

GMSS is affiliated with

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