

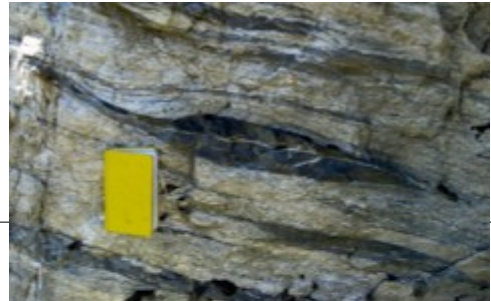
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GMSS Club Meeting
May 20 at 7:30 PM
Speaker Will Nachlas
Title Rare Earth Elements: Rare in
the Earth but Abundant in
Technology



SOME SPECIMENS

Will is a postdoc in the Department of Earth Sciences at Syracuse University. This year he is volunteering as a Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) Centennial Ambassador for the MSA's 100th anniversary. He is giving talks about the MSA and his mineralogy-related research. This talk covers technological applications of Rare Earth Elements (REEs), some of the rocks and minerals in which they occur, and some of the processes in the Earth that can concentrate them.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thank you for your donations and participation in last month's auction. John Sweeney, once again, did a fantastic job as our auctioneer. He has a wonderful knack for keeping the auction running smoothly and filling the evening with laughter and excitement. Thank you all for a successful night!

We had quite a crowd at the Show Committee meeting on April 30th at the Gem Diner. We got a lot done, but it was chaotic. As a result, we decided to move the **May Show Committee meeting to the Clubhouse. It will start at 7:00. We'll have pizza at 6:30.** If you would like a slice (or two) please let me know at the general meeting so we can be sure to have enough.

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.

Did you know Steve Shorey has the Lapidary area open on Wednesday afternoon? If you have taken John Sweeney's lapidary class, you may come in on Wednesday and use the machines. He is there from 1:00 to 4:00.

Board Meeting Minutes

Elections will be coming up. Cathy Patterson has offered to run for secretary, one of the positions she has filled in the past.

Our Vice President Dick Lyons discussed upcoming field trips. Pending good weather, a trip is planned to Rainbow Shores on Saturday June 8th.

Participants will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Cicero at 8am and carpool. The quest is for the elusive larvikite, but there are so many other beautiful and unusual specimens to be found on the shores of Lake Ontario.

TBA - an upcoming trip to Herkimer Diamond Mines

Club picnic is Sunday August 4th at the Camillus Erie Canal Park - so mark your calendars!

June 17th club meeting is a work night for the upcoming July show.

September 16th - "What did You do this Summer?"

October 21st - Auction

Approval was given for the purchase of a TV to hook up to the computer for the Learning Center at the show. The Fair does not rent such equipment.

The TV could also be used for club presentations. Judy Cook will check out prices and product and get back to Cheryl Brown and Dick Lyons.

Treasurer Linda Sweeney reported auction revenue of \$629 for the club, as well as incoming and outgoing funds.

EFML Conventions is taking place May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd. Cheryl Brown is willing to attend and represent the club. She will need a specimen to donate to their show.

Steve Shorey is looking to purchase a coarse wheel for the grinder for lapidary, Linda Sweeney reported there are funds available for that area.

Storage unit is paid thru July 31st, club is exploring options.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Cook



Geo Lexis Quiz By Anne Fitzgerald

Rock Trivia

Can you guess the artists who made these rock songs famous for the years listed?

Answers are on another page of this newsletter.

Stonecutter's Arms (1998)

After the Gold Rush (1970)

Silver Threads and Golden Needles (1974)

Shine On You Crazy Diamond (1988-2001)

Diamond Girl (1974)

Turquoise (1965)

Miner's Prayer (1986)

Coal Miner's Daughter (1971)

Working in the Coal Mine (Two songs, one in 1966 and one in 1981)

I never heard of this one before but I love the title: (assume Country Western?)

I'm Just an Old Chunk of Coal (But I'm gonna be a diamond someday) (1981)

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Sun. July 14 10am – 4pm



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VISIT THE METAPHYSICAL PRACTITIONERS LOCATED IN THE
ANNEX OPPOSITE THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

GMSS 2019 Show Dealer & Demonstrator Directory/Info

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Stuarts Minerals, 201, rockdude37@twcny.rr.com.

T & H Treasures, Joe Kapelewski, 104,

TJ's Rocks & Gemcrafts, 219, tomennis@earthlink.net.

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Stonecutter's Arms (1998) Tom Cochtrane

Geo Lexis Answers

After the Gold Rush (1970) Neil Young

Silver Threads and Golden Needles (1974)
Linda Ronstadt

Shine On You Crazy Diamond (1988-2001)
Pink Floyd

Diamond Girl (1974) Seals & Croft

Turquoise (1965) Donovan

Miner's Prayer (1986) Dwight Yoakam

Coal Miner's Daughter (1971) Loretta Lynn

Working in the Coal Mine (Two songs, one in
1966 and one in 1981)
Lee Dorsey (1966) Devo (1981)

*I'm Just an Old Chunk of Coal (But I'm gonna
be a diamond someday)* (1981)
John Anderson

When not from memory, the source for this
puzzle is: www.whodoesthatsong.com

Opening Day at Ace of Diamonds By Shannon Phillips

We're used to winters in Central New York, and this one seemed exceptionally long. I started counting down the days until the first day of hunting season

(Herkimer diamond hunting, that is) around January 21, just so I'd have something to look forward to. To my delight, spring obliged by arriving in time for the last weekend in March, which allowed us to visit Ace of Diamonds on opening day, March 30.

Michael and I met club members Kim Coons and her sons, Xander (15) and Finn (11), at Ace of Diamonds around 10:00 am. I had a first-timer with me, my friend Lisa, who recently sold her bakery business and was excited to *finally* have a Saturday off to go prospecting. When we arrived, there were a lot of cars, but not many people. When we got up to the tailings pile, we discovered that there was another, newer pile behind the main building, which was where the majority of visitors were searching that morning. Because the area was small and crowded, we mostly stayed on the old digging site, although Michael and the boys did venture over to the new pile and found some nice matrix pieces.

We began by searching for pockets in larger chunks of rocks. We found a few here and there, but that type of prospecting requires too much work. While sorting through the rocks, the chunks of ice that remained in the pile deceived us more than once into believing we'd hit the mother lode. After a couple of hours of searching and breaking, we headed over to the side of the hill, where we were able to sort through the dirt that had been compacted by rain and snow. Here, we had good luck recovering many nice specimens that had been liberated from the rocks and settled in the mud. I always feel responsible for the success of first-timers I bring along, so I was very pleased that Lisa found quite a few rocks for

her garden and many loose crystals. The boys did great, too, with Xander finding the largest crystal of the day using his "digging a hole" method.

GMSS member Mark Grasmeyer was also there, and we chatted off and on throughout the day. If there were any other GMSS members at Ace of Diamonds on opening day, I'm sorry we didn't see you!

Probably the worst part about the first day of rockhounding season is the realization that I've spent way too much time this winter sitting around and I'm in no shape for hauling boulders (or sitting on them). Along with Herkimer diamonds, several of us picked up a few nice bruises and scrapes. All in all, though, it was a fun day of good collecting and great conversation. As the weather warms up, I hope to see more of you out in the field!



Finn in Finland



Lisa and Shannon



nice little pocket



Best Finds of the Day



Kim and Xander

Auction Pictures!





Events At Other Cubs!

June

1-2: Monroe, NY - Orange County Mineral Society ANNUAL MINERAL * JEWELRY GEM * FOSSIL SHOW Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2, 2019 10 am to 4 pm - Rain or Shine Museum Village * 1010 Route 17M * Monroe, NY 10950 Special Admission For Show and Museum Adults - \$5.00 Seniors - \$3.00 Scouts in Uniform & Kids Under 12 Free 40 Plus Vendors On display: The Most Complete Mastodon found in NY State Extensive Local Mineral Collections**New Fluorescent Mineral Display**Public Demonstration of panning for Gold by the Tri-State Gold Prospectors Association of America. Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OCMSofNY> For more information please Contact Ron Nelson, Chairman 914-850-2486 or e-mail rn33@optimum.net Click here for the

Vendor Registration Form This year we are hosting the EFMLS Convention.

September

21-22: Poughkeepsie, NY - Show & Sale. Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.; Gold's Gym & Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students \$2, Children under 12 Free with Adult; 50th Annual Show & Sale, "Pyrite...Don't Be Fooled". Dealers of minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, meteorites, beads and books. Sluice for special stones at "Garnet Gulch". Six free rocks for children at "Glitter Mountain". Annual Earth Science "scavenger hunt" for area HS students. Fluorescent mineral display booth & Lapidary demonstrations. Pyrite exhibits by Vassar College Geology Museum, Poughkeepsie, and by M-HV Club members. Contact Linda Wuest, PO Box 327, Accord, NY 12404; (845) 626-7136; Email: garnet327@hvc.rr.com

October

26-27: East Rochester, NY - Saturday October 26, 2018 from 10a to 6p, Sunday October 27, 2019 from 10a to 5p 2018 Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show & Sale, Total Sports Experience, 435 West Commercial Street, East Rochester, NY 14445. Kids Activities, Educational Displays, Demonstrations, Raffle, Beads, Crystals, Fossils, Minerals, Jewelry, Carvings, Spheres, Straw Draw, Hourly Door Prizes, & Much More! Admission \$6 for Adults, Kids 12 & Under free with an Adult. Students receive a half price daily admission with valid student ID. There is also a 2-day pass available for \$9.00. Tickets sold at the door only. Visit our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/ROCGemShow) for more updates as they become available!!

November

2-3: Oaks, PA - Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6, two-day ticket \$9, children under 12 \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform when accompanied by scoutmaster ; 50th anniversary show: Gemarama 2019 - All That Glitters, featuring 27 vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Linda Green, Tuscarora Lapidary Society, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (610) 490-5252; Email: Information@lapidary.org; Website: www.lapidary.org

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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 stimulate interest in mineralogy, geology, 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 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

Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

See our online Newsletter for meeting topics

<http://gmss.us/resources/newsletter>

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

(NOT Jul-GemWorld, Aug-Picnic, Dec-Holiday Party)

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Annual member dues

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

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