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Bottom two photos by Judy Cook

## President's Message

Dick Lyons



Our **August picnic** at the Camillus Canal Park was well attended even though the weather was not great. The reservations for the building are now handled by the Parks & Rec. Dept. of the Town of Camillus. I will try now to make a reservation for the first Sunday in August next year.

We are planning on having a monthly **meeting on September 19th**. Our editor gave a speech about minerals on United States postage stamps last Friday at the monthly meeting of the Syracuse Stamp Club. At my invitation, he will give the same talk at this meeting. Kris Boronczyk will be giving a talk about his recent visit to Wild Acres.

Our **first 2023 show committee meeting** will be on September 27th and will be led again by our fearless leader, Cheryl Brown. There is a lot to plan for since we are hosting the Eastern Federation Convention next year during our show.

I hope there will be an Albany show again at the NYS Museum next February.

Dick Lyons

## Secretary's Reports

Charlie Brown

### Annual Picnic 8-21-22

The picnic was held as scheduled at *Erie Canal Park* adjacent to *Sims Store Museum*, under the covered Pavilion. Thank goodness for the rented pavilion in light of the potential for rain.

For those able to attend, all went well. It's hoped that next year we will be able to secure our usual picnic date so that some who had calendar conflicts this year will be able to join us.

### Executive Board Meeting 9-6-22

The Executive Board held its last meeting of the GMSS 2021-2022 calendar year. Board member John Sweeney & Junior Rockhound advisor Rick Moore were absent. Dick Lyons called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

- 1) **Treasurer's Report** - Mary Davis reported that the books for our July show have been reconciled & closed. The show was a success thanks to the 47 members who were able to contribute all that they did over the three days of set-up, operation, & end-of-show tear down.
- 2) **V.P.'s Report** – Kris Boronczyk indicated that we will have a September presenter. Our election of officers for calendar year 2022-2023 will be held as scheduled this month and Bob Livingston will swear in our newly elected leadership team after the election.
- 3) **Chuck Hafner's Show** – Our club will have an informational booth at the event to be held in October. Our participation date has been changed to October 22nd & 23rd. If you are interested in helping, contact Cheryl Brown.
- 4) **Show Committee Meeting** – Our club will be hosting the *Eastern Federation Annual Meeting* during our club's Annual Gem Show next July. Because of the additional planning and preparation work related to our hosting the EFMLS Convention event, our monthly planning for all of this will commence on **September 27th at 7 PM** instead of waiting to commence in January. Consider joining us for the 1st meeting. We'll need everyone's help to make these concurrent events a success!
- 5) **EFMLS Annual Convention** - John Sweeney will be attending as our delegate & Cheryl Brown as our alternate to the convention on September 23rd &

24th. Charlie Brown & Linda Clark will also be attending. Attendance at this convention will aid us in planning our EFMLS program for 2023 when we are the hosts.

6) **Mineral Shows** -

*Herkimer Show*, 7/16 & 7/17 – Cheryl Brown attended.

*West Springfield Show*, 8/12 to 8/14 – Cheryl Brown & Dick Lyons attended, looking for wholesale vendors accompanied by Charlie Brown & Donna Coleman.

*St. Lawrence Show*, 8/27 & 8/28 -Cheryl & Charlie Brown attended to connect with a vendor for our gem show next year & to obtain some NY rock for making table favors for the EFMLS Convention we'll host in 2023.

7) **Lapidary Workshop Committee** – Bill Verge provided an extensive inventory listing of the tools he has donated to our club for use in the Marie Cole workshop area. Bill's tools were purchased & used over his years as owner & operator of a jewelry store in Massachusetts. Thanks, Bill, for your generous contribution to our workshop.

8) **Website Update** - Amanda Lytle, our newly appointed web master, anticipates releasing a revised website format before the end of September. The Executive Board greatly appreciates Amanda having assumed this important position for our club.

9) **Facebook** – Judy Cook reports that *FB* participation continues to grow!

10) **Nominating Committee** - per the July 5th Exec. Bd. meeting, *the revised slate of individuals running for GMSS elected office for 2022-2023 at the September meeting election reads:*

- **President – John Sweeney**
- **Vice President – Cathy Patterson**
- **Secretary - Skylar Haas**
- **Treasurer - Linda Clark Sweeney**
- **Sergeant at Arms - Matt Klinger**

As determined by Exec. Bd. vote at the June meeting, our annual election will be held during the September meeting with the newly elected officers sworn in & assuming their positions at that meeting.

***Additional officer nominations may be made at the September meeting before the election balloting takes place.***

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Brown

Well, I tried to stay inside the borders!

## **SHOW COMMITTEE**

Our first show committee meeting is going to be **September 27th at 7:00** at the clubhouse.

We are beginning the planning for next year's show and EFMLS Convention which we will be hosting.

Come and find out how you can help!

## **MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

It's membership time again!  
**See Cheryl at the door at the September 19th meeting.**

*If you are unable to come to the meeting, please mail your dues in to the PO box.*

Adults: \$10

Family: \$15

Youth: \$5

Life Membership: \$5

## Geo Lexis (Puzzle) By Anne Fitzgerald

### "Days of Future Fossils"

Every once in a while, I find a website I get really excited about. The one I am about to tell you about is now several years old. I am accustomed to hearing "Where have YOU been?" so I will hold no grudge against anyone who thinks I am behind the times. (I already know!)

In case you missed it, there is a website called: "Ancient Earth Globe" and here is the link: <https://dinosaurpictures.org/ancient-earth#0>.

The site was created by Ian Webster in collaboration with some paleogeographic maps done by Christopher Scotese.

On the site you will find a turning globe. You can type in your city and find what the earth looked like millions of years ago. I typed in my hometown of Seneca Falls, NY, chose 400 million years ago and found, as predicted, the town was all under water. It's drier now, and the falls are gone, but growing up I found the fossils of plants and animals that were living and under those waters 400 million years ago. With a click of an arrow, you can go back millions of years. You can also see when the first dinosaurs, flowers, or insects appeared.

Next time you see a fish or plant in a river or sea, click an arrow in time in your mind. Try to visualize what that fish or plant may look like as a fossil of the future. (Do not try this with your relatives.)

Unscramble the following to find rocks where fossils might be found in New York State. (*Note: See "Local Fossil Find" on Page 7 - Editor*) Take your time! If you get stuck, the solution can be found on Page 5 of this newsletter.

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## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 9-11—BOWLING GREEN, OH:** Annual show; Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club; Pratt Pavilion, Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W Poe Rd; Fri. 12-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$6 one day, \$12 three-day pass, kids under 12 & Scouts in uniform free; contact Jerri Heer, (419) 344-9999; Email: Jheerx6@gmail.com; Website: Rockyreader.com

**Sept. 10-11—NEW MILFORD, CT:** Annual show; Danbury Mineralogical Society, Inc; New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Road (Route 7); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission CASH only: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors & full-time students w/ID. Free admission for kids 11 & under & Scouts in uniform; 70th Annual Show! Retail & wholesale. Plenty of free parking, & Handicapped accessible. Door prizes, Grand prize, cheap grab bags, club info, display cases, specimen identification; contact Elizabeth Triano, (845) 319-6089; Email: lizziewriter@comcast.net; Website: [www.facebook.com/events/1370912340085449](http://www.facebook.com/events/1370912340085449)

**Sept. 17-18—POUGHKEEPSIE, NY:** Annual show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc; Golds Gym & Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors/Students \$3, Children under 12 Free with Adult; Show Theme 2022: The Hidden Beauty In Rock. 30 Dealers of minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, meteorites, beads & books. Sluice for minerals. Six free rocks for children. Earth science scavenger hunt for area HS students. Fluorescent mineral booth & Lapidary demo. Exhibit by Vassar College; contact Linda Wuest, (845) 626-7136; Email: garnet327@hvc.rr.com; Website: [www.mhvgms.org](http://www.mhvgms.org)

**SEPT. 19 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm Election of 2022 – 2023 Officers, Installation** by Bob Livingston. Kris Boronczyk will have a small presentation on **Wild Acres**. Also, **"Minerals & Crystals on U.S. Stamps"** program by Larry Petry.

**Sept. 24-25—HARRISBURG, PA:** Annual show; Central PA Rock & Mineral Club; Harrisburg Consistory, 2701 North Third St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6 (\$5 with coupon or ad) Children 12 & under, free; Rocks, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry! Lots of activities for children; mini mines with free rocks, quarter increment silent auction, & quarter rock wheel, a winner every time, lectures for adults & children by the famous Jeri Jones, (PA authority on earthquakes & volcanoes); contact Betsy Oberheim, (717) 469-2243; Email: aoberheim3@comcast.net; Website: rockandmineral.org

**Sept. 24-25—BENNINGTON, VT:** Annual show; Southwestern Vermont Mineral & Gem Club, Inc; Grace Christian School, Kocher Dr; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3; Adults \$5. Kids Free; Annual Fall Show. Quality vendors selling minerals, gems, fossils, hand-crafted jewelry using natural stones, polished stones, crystals, books & collecting equipment; contact Bill Cotrofeld, (802) 375-6782; Email: [cotrofeldauto@comcast.net](mailto:cotrofeldauto@comcast.net)

**SEPT. 27 – First 2023 Show Committee meeting – yes, you read that right! 7 pm** at the Clubhouse. All are invited. **See Page 3.**

**OCT. 4 – GMSS Board meeting – 7 pm** at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

**Oct. 8—MONT CLARE, PA:** Annual show; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society; St Michaels Grove, 400 Jacobs St; Sat. 10-6; \$5 Adults, under 13 free, scouts in uniform free; Mineral Treasures Outdoor Show Minerals, Fossils, Gem sales, Kids Activities & Free Specimens, Snack Bar, Picnic Grounds, Free Parking, Indoor Restrooms; contact Don McAlarnen; Email: donmcAlarnen@outlook.com; Website: [www.phillyrocks.org](http://www.phillyrocks.org)

**Oct. 15-16—SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV:** Annual show; Kanawha Rock & Gem Club; South Charleston Community Center, 601 Jefferson Rd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$3.50 Adults, Kids Free, Coupons available; Best Rock, Mineral, Gem, Fossil & Jewelry Show & Sale in WV - Quality Vendors, Gift items, display items, gemstones, pearls, beads, landscaping & home decor. Top notch, one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry. Rare & interesting fossils. Gold panning, geode cracking, demos, & crafts for the kids; contact Cheryl Lamb, (304) 989-7558; Email: lambcheryl@hotmail.com; Website: [kanawharockandgemclub.org](http://kanawharockandgemclub.org)

**OCT. 17 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm,** program to be announced.

**Oct. 22-23—MOUNT BETHEL, PA:** Annual show; Mt. Bethel Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; Mt. Bethel Firehouse, 2341 Rt. 611; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$5, Kids Free, \$1 with flyer; See amazing treasures from the Earth! Our show features Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Meteorites, Crystals, Stones, & More; contact Diana Tasco, (201) 776-6856; Email: [dianatasco@yahoo.com](mailto:dianatasco@yahoo.com)

**OCT. 25 – 2023 Show Committee meeting – 7 pm** at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

**NOV. 1 – GMSS Board meeting – 7 pm** at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

**Nov. 5—WALDORF, MD:** Show & sale; Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club; Old Waldorf School, 3074 Crain Highway; Sat. 9-4; Adults \$5, Seniors (65+) \$4, Juniors (7 to 17) \$3, Under 7 Free; Rocks, Crystals, Fossils, Lapidary, Handcrafted Jewelry, Minerals, Holiday Gifts. Fluorescent Tent. Door Prizes. Free parking; contact Dave Lines, (240) 427-7062; Website: [www.SMRMC.org](http://www.SMRMC.org)

**Nov. 5-6—OAKS, PA:** Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 (\$5 with discount coupon); 2-day adult ticket \$9; children under 12 years \$1; Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts in uniform accompanied by adult scoutmaster admitted free; Gemarama: "A Rainbow of Possibilities" will feature vendors of fine gems, minerals, & jewelry. In addition, there will be numerous exhibit cases, a large demonstration area of lapidary & jewelry arts, kids' activities, silent auctions & more. Free parking & food available; contact Linda Green, (610) 490-5252; Email: [tuscaroralapidary@gmail.com](mailto:tuscaroralapidary@gmail.com); Website: [www.lapidary.org](http://www.lapidary.org)

**Nov. 12-13—NEW YORK, NY:** Annual show; Bary Gems Inc. & New York Mineralogical Club; The School of Fashion Industries, 225 West 24th St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$6 adults;

children under 12 free; Mineral, jewelry, gem & fossil dealers. hourly door prizes. Free lectures organized by New York Mineralogical Club; contact Mohamed Bary; Email: [barygems@gmail.com](mailto:barygems@gmail.com); Website: [www.barygems.com](http://www.barygems.com)

**NOV. 21 – GMSS meeting – 7:30 pm,** program to be announced.

**NOV. 29 – 2023 Show Committee meeting – 7 pm** at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

**Answers to Geo Lexis**

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Sources and further reading:

<https://dinosaurpictures.org/ancient-earth#540>, Ian Webster [ianww.com](http://ianww.com)

Roadside Geology of New York, Bradford B. Van Diver, page 3.

**August 21, 2022 - Club Picnic at Erie Canal Park**  
Photos by Judy Cook



**Fun**  
**Food**  
**Friends!**



Watch out for the man on the right.



The competition for prizes was intense on Geoclue!



Taking a cruise down the canal!

# Gemworld 2022 - Exhibit Cases (Part 2)

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## Local (Velasko Road) Fossil Find



found by Larry Petry

Photo by Cheryl Brown



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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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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