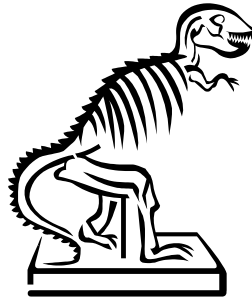


# DVESScapades

*escapades: interesting, stimulating, exciting activities and adventures*



## Fossil Edition



(bare bones)



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

◇◇◇◇ our 56<sup>th</sup> year ◇◇◇◇

**Meeting: Dec. 12, 2012**

**12/12/12**

**Program: Holiday Party, exciting video, Elections!!**

Bring a wrapped gift (@\$10.00) & receive a wrapped gift.

Education Bldg. behind Centenary United Methodist Church

149 South White Horse Pike, Berlin NJ 08009

**Minutes of November General Meeting** by Grant Elliott, Reluctant Recording Secretary for Life DVESS General Meeting on November 14, 2012

Meeting was held at Centenary UM Church in Berlin, NJ. President AnnLynne Benson gaveled commencement of the meeting at 8:05pm. In attendance were AnnLynne Benson- President/Special Events Coordinator (tardy), Gary Weinstein- Treasurer/Program Chair, Grant Elliott- Recording Secretary, Mark Leipert- 1st VP, Lou Detofsky- 2nd VP, Carol DeCuzzi- Membership Chair, Lance Schnatterly- Cyber Consultant, and Mil LeCompte - Jr Rockhound Coordinator/Facilitator; also Evelyn Vickovich, Stu Cleveland, and Susan Moore amongst others.

**Program:** Richard Bostwick gave us a presentation on the history of the Sterling Hill Mine and the subsequent Hauck brothers' acquisition of same, turning this historic landmark into a world class museum.

### **Future Programs:**

December 2012- Holiday party and 2013 Officer elections. Grant to provide a DVD introductory program.

January 2013- Gene Hartstein on the "The old days at the C&D Canal"

**Special Events/Field Trips:** Field trip in the spring at Bob Todd's house to peruse boxes of specimens.

There was low attendance at the banquet held on Saturday October 20th, where speaker Ken Leap spoke on

“Minerals Used in Red Glass”, perhaps the best presentation ever. The membership was queried as to Saturday or Sunday as the best day to hold the banquet.

Carol would like to relinquish Newsletter Editor & Membership positions.

Susan Moore ([aquamarinepaisleyorchid@yahoo.com](mailto:aquamarinepaisleyorchid@yahoo.com)) has volunteered to do the newsletter. Thank You Susan!

**Proposed Elections:**

President: Mark Leipert

1st VP: Ann Benson

2nd VP: Lou Detofsky

Recording Secretary: Grant Elliott

Treasurer: Gary Weinstein

**Future Executive Board meetings:**

November 21st- Lou's house

December 19th- Gary's shop

Ann won door prize (Apparently some kind of collusion/manipulation going on here) :-)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### FUTURE PROGRAMS:

**December 2012-** Holiday party and 2013 Officer elections. Grant to provide a DVD introductory program. Gerald Feigin to provide cold cuts and rolls. Need covered dish offerings, condiments, etc.

**January 2013-** Gene Hartstein on “The old days at the C&D Canal”

**February 2013-** Slide Program from Eastern Federation.

**October 2013** (Approximately)- Lou will present a monumental treatise on the archeology and geology of the Mediterranean (Italy, Turkey, and Greece)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by AnnLynne Benson

I hope you were spared the effects of Super Storm Sandy. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you.

Another year and another term as DVESS President both come to a close. It has been my pleasure to serve the club and strive for improvement in all areas, none of which would be possible without the support of the Executive Board which this year included **Mark Leipert** (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Resident Geologist and eager co-Field Trip chair), **Gary Weinstein** (Treasurer, Program Chair, Resident Expert, etc., etc.), **Lou Detofsky** (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, co-Field Trip chair and Expert on all things geological, mineral, fossil, musical, collectible, etc., etc.), and **Grant Elliott** (Reluctant Recording Secretary for Life, purveyor of fascinating, intriguing and provocative email trivia, and superb Exec meeting host). Their unstinting gifts of time, talent and sense of humor made every moment of my presidency a pleasure.

Honorable Mention to Terry Wilson, still serving as website administrator from her new home in California and Carol DeCuzzi for her role as Newsletter Editor and Membership Chair; if I forgot anyone I apologize and we'll start a “Letters to the Editor” next month if you wish to express pleasure or disdain.

Mel's sister Cathy and boyfriend Harold visited for several days at Thanksgiving. They were scheduled to leave around 3 am Friday morning 11/23 so we didn't anticipate getting a lot of sleep despite the expected tryptophan-induced post-Thanksgiving food coma, however we ended up getting much less thanks to a 2.1 magnitude earthquake in our backyard at 12:13 am (3.1 miles below 39.789°N, 75.016°W – we live at 39.804°N, 74.998°W). Mel and I woke up with a start; my daughter Louise in Erial (39.775°N, 75.002°W), flashlight in hand, scrambled down her basement stairs to see if her oil tank fell over or blew up; all three of us think we heard an explosion. Cathy and Harold, hardy souls from the mountains of Virginia, slept thru it all.

Next year will bring a new Executive Board; proposed major changes to the Junior Rockhounds program may bring new life into the club - we hope you'll stay with us and bring some friends, some snacks and some new ideas to the next meeting!! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, an altogether wonderful holiday season, and a healthy, happy, safe 2013.

*Ann*

**WEBSITES OF THE MONTH:** <http://www.yuprocks.com/> - provides enjoyable and educational rock, mineral, fossil and earthquake pictures

<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efdec.12web.pdf> - Dec. EFMLS Newsletter

[http://www.amfed.org/news/n2012\\_12.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2012_12.pdf) - Dec. Newsletter American Federation of Mineralogical Societies – read about the new, wildly-successful “Special Effects” badge offered by the Junior Rockhounds program.

## **EASTERN FEDERATION CONVENTION -**

**June 1-2, Plainview**, NY hosted by Rockhounds and Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club – more info to follow!

## **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS –**

**January 26, 2013** – Annual **Rutgers University Geology Department OPEN HOUSE** New Brunswick, NJ – includes mineral sales and lectures. Let Gary know if you want to carpool.

**Saturday, Mar. 16** (snow date Sat., April 16, 2013) - tour of the **Geology Museum at Rutgers New Brunswick** on from 10 am until as late as 2 pm (usual time is 3 hrs). KID-FRIENDLY!!!!

For a small donation to cover the cost of materials (which will be covered by DVESS) we will have activities from their Science Bus similar to those the museum had for the kids the past 2 years (we didn't go this year because Garrett was sick, but last year it was a mob scene with kids - the way they taught the topographic map was awesome!). These activities may be as appropriate for adults as for kids - I know Mel and I enjoyed them greatly!

## **VISIT A SHOW –**

**February 16, 2013** - **Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club's** 23rd Annual Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show at the Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, MD, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

**March 2-3** – **Delaware Mineralogical Society** at Delaware Technical & Community College, Newark, DE Exit 4B of I-95 (Southbound, it's the first right turn after you get off the ramp)

**March 9-10** - **North Jersey Mineralogical Society's** 24th Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at: Pope John II Center, 775 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ, March 9 & 10, 2013, 10am-5pm. Door prizes, Refreshments, Free Specimens for all kids, All indoors, Free parking. [www.nojms.webs.com](http://www.nojms.webs.com)

**March 23-24** – **Connecticut Valley Mineral Club's** Western Massachusetts Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show (about 4 hours away) <http://www.westernmassmineralshow.com/>

**April 6-7** - **Delaware Valley Paleontological Society & Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's** 33 annual Fossil Fair; FREE Fossil Dig for children and a Kids Corner with FREE Mineral Specimens and Scouting Merit Badge Information; Food, Beverages, and Door Prizes! <http://dvps.essentrix.net/>

## **WILDACRES WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIPS –**

Find out more about the workshops at <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

Find out more about the location at <http://www.wildacres.org>.

Wildacres is situated on 1600 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain near the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The 5-day program costs about \$370 per person including room, board and classroom instruction (plus a nominal fee to cover materials and supplies); completed projects can be taken home with you. The week at Wildacres is divided into two parts or "semesters": students take one class lasting either the full week (4-days) or two different classes lasting 2-days each. The day between "semesters" is set aside to allow participants to explore the region and just relax. It doesn't get any better than that!!

**CLUB BROCHURES** – Please pick up one or two yellow club brochures and have them on hand in your vehicle or handbag to give out to folks. If you see a parent and child, strike up a conversation by asking, “Does your child like rocks or dinosaurs?” Offer them a club brochure; if they're not from our area, addresses and websites for the American Federation are on the back of the brochure. Your small gesture may make a world of difference to that child, his/her family, and to our club.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH -

“Be humble for you are made of Earth. Be noble for you are made of stars.” -Serbian proverb

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION -

*Regular memberships* are entitled to participate in all DVESS activities.

*Sponsoring memberships* are entitled to the same plus a specially chosen mineral specimen. Dues are renewable each year in January.

### *Regular Membership:*

\$15.00 for the 1st family member + \$5.00 for each family member

\$10.00 for the 1st Senior (65+ ) member + \$5.00 for each family member

\$10.00 for Rowan University Students with College ID

### *Sponsoring Membership (each additional family member - \$5.00):*

“Silver” \$50.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive a Geode Specimen

“Gold” \$75.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive Native Gold Specimen

“Platinum” \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive Premium Specimen

## SOCIETY INFORMATION -

The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society, Inc. (DVESS), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1956 and incorporated in the state of New Jersey in 1957. The Society:

- promotes interest in, knowledge of, and the development of skills in the “earth sciences.” These interests include mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, archeology, and local preservation.
- supports the conservation of natural resources, advocates the availability of collecting sites, and maintains close contact with those in the academic field.
- is a member club of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (<http://www.AmFed.org/EFMLS>)

### **Delaware Valley Earth Science Society Inc. (DVESS)**

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## DVESS 2012 Officers & Positions

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