

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



**August 2017**

**No regular meeting in August - next meeting September 13th!**

**September** - Annual Show-and-Tell - bring in your photos and specimens you've collect this year, and tell us all about your collecting trips.



**October** - Dr. Harold Connolly, Jr. on asteroid sample return missions

**November** - Mr. William Stephens (TBD)

**Meeting location: Education Bldg. behind Centenary United Methodist Church,  
149 South White Horse Pike, Berlin NJ 08009**

## Field Trips:

Saturday, August 19th - Sayreville Marcasite and Amber near Sayreville, NJ. We'll be meeting at Parking Lot 8A at the Woodcrest Station of the PATCO High Speed Line at 8:30am. An email will be sent out a few days before the trip reminding you that you signed up to go and what equipment you will need to bring as well as tick repellent. If something comes up that you are unable to attend or you can now attend, please send me an email at [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com) or text to 856-524-2103.

Saturday, September 23rd - Community Day at the Janice & Ric Edleman Fossil Pit at Rowan University. Need volunteers to man a table exhibiting New Jersey Fossils & Minerals, details to follow at September meeting.

Saturday, September 30th - Re-scheduled - Passaic Falls and New Street Quarries, sign up and details at the September meeting.

Saturday, October 21st (Tentative) - Sterling Hill Mining Museum for museum and site tours plus night digging from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Especially for those of you that helped out at the Franklin Super Digg that didn't get an opportunity to collect, this is your chance. We are going to try and get a fifteen passenger van as we have done in the past. We will be leaving from the United Methodist Centenary Church in Berlin, NJ. Time to be announced as we get closer to the date. There will be a sign-up sheet at the regular meeting in September.

**Mark Leipert, Field Trip Chair**

## Quote of the Month:

"I am convinced that, at its best, science is simple - that the simplest arrangement of facts that sets forth the truth best deserves the title of science. So the geology I plead for is that which states facts in plain words - in language understood by the many rather than by the few."

*- George Otis Smith*



## Picnic Photos by Susan Moore and Jim Brennan











## News

### **Subway construction project unearths prehistoric fossils in Los Angeles**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/prehistoric-fossils-subway-construction-project-los-angeles/>

### **See inside the 580-million-year-old creature no one understands**

Were the Ediacarans animals or plants?

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2141777-see-inside-the-580-million-year-old-creature-no-one-understands/>



## Shows and Events

**September 16-17: Harrisburg, PA** - Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, Third & Division Sts; Harrisburg, PA. Contact: Betsy Oberheim  
[aoberheim3@comcast.net](mailto:aoberheim3@comcast.net)

**September 23rd - Community Day at the Janice & Ric Edleman Fossil Pit at Rowan University.**  
<http://www.rowan.edu/fossils/>

**October 7: Macungie, PA** - Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association 2017 Autumn Mineralfest, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA. One hundred tables overloaded with minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, crystals and geodes from six continents - and possibly from outer space. Adult admission only \$2.00, free admission and mineral specimens for children under 12. Plenty of free parking. Held rain or shine. <http://www.mineralfest.com/>

**October 21-22:** 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and **EFMLS Annual Convention** hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Location and details to be announced. EFMLS meeting, Friday, October 20.



## 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:*

\$20.00 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

### *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 Mineral Specimen

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

## Delaware Valley Earth Science 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>)

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