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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



December 2021



Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8th

7:00 pm social hour

8:00 pm Program: Holiday party, gift exchange, and elections

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

President's Message

It's been a long and unpredictable year. We've had many great speakers and presentations. We've continued taking field trips throughout the year. With COVID we haven't had an in-person meeting since March 11th, 2020. Happy Holidays! Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa to all! This is our first face-to-face indoor meeting. If you have any recommendations please submit them to any club officer. Because everything is so hectic around the holidays, there will be no field trips in December. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December 8, 2021: Regular Meeting-Holiday Party: Holiday Party and gift exchange. The gift should cost no more than \$15.00; if you give a gift you get a gift. Everyone is to bring a desert to share with others. The club will provide a variety of food as well as drinks (coffee, tea, soda and water). We are looking for people to bring desserts. Please sign up at www.whosbringingwhat.com/dvess to let everyone know how many are coming and what you are bringing as a dessert. Feel free to bring in a few mineral specimens to identify, give away or trade or we can have an open discussion on possible field trip ideas. I hope to see everyone there. Please don't forget to sign up.

Finally, we will be holding the election of officers for 2022. There will be plenty of opportunities to help out at club functions, be chairperson of a committee or lead a field trip. This slate of officers for 2022 is as follows:

President – Mark Leipert

Vice President – Jimmy Burlage

Treasurer – Jim Brennan

Secretary – Cathy Eskew

Dues: Due are due after January 1st. The base fee is \$20.00, while each additional member from a family still remains at \$5.00. Senior citizens are only \$10.00 for the year.

Guest Zoom Speakers: Last month we had **Dr. Karen Wenrich** who shared her experiences in the mining industry at the **“Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado”** and showed us some fantastic minerals collected from the mine. I am going to continue trying to get some fantastic speakers/presenters into next year.



January 29th 2022: Rutgers's Geology Open House: Is always held on the last Saturday in January. There will be mineral sales and lectures and fun activities for kids at the Geology Museum. More details to come.

Saturday, November 27, 2021: Odessa, DE Petrified Wood: We had eight members (Jimmy, Sue, Steve, Fred, Lou, Ray, Billy and myself) from DVESS to collect petrified wood in the farmer's field. There wasn't much petrified wood to collect due to no plowing of the fields. The school property was also off limits. The wind and cold temperatures made short work of our day Odessa. We all headed over to the C&D Canal where our luck was much better. Then some of us went to Cracker Barrel for a warm meal and an opportunity to warm up.

Fossil Fair and Mineral Treasures Show for 2022: The past 2 years the show was cancelled due to COVID-19. This show is rescheduled for the last weekend in March 2022.

We are now working with Sterling Hill Mining Museum to hold the next Super Diggg there in the spring of 2022. We are going to need a bunch of volunteers to pull it off. Stay tuned for more details.

Mark Leipert, President

Shows and Events

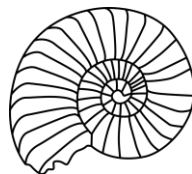
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March

2022 Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair: Saturday March 26, 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday, March 27, 10 am to 4 pm. Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA., (PA Turnpike, exit 333; or I-476, exit 20) Free Parking. Adults: \$7.00. Kids 12 and under: \$2.00; Uniformed scouts and troop leaders free.

Special Features: On both days a line-up of distinguished professional speakers will be presented. In addition, there will be fossil and mineral displays, educational materials, door prizes and a food concession. Thirty dealers will offer fossils, minerals, crystals, and jewelry from all over the world, as well as books, decorative items, and other merchandise. Demonstrations of micro-specimens will be presented throughout the show by the Leidy Microscopical Society. Young visitors can enjoy the annual fossil dig for children, and the kid's corner with free mineral gifts.

Information: www.phillyrocks.org. Contact: Cheryl Leibold, cleibold@verizon.net



Quote of the Month:

Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice. - *Will Durant*

Field Trip Photos

by Lou Iacona and Susan Moore

November 27, 2021

Odessa, DE Petrified Wood





C & D Canal







News

Missouri dig site is home to at least 4 rare dinosaurs, and there could be more

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/24/world/missouri-dinosaur-bones-uncovered-scn/index.html>

New dinosaur species from Chile had a unique slashing tail

<https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/dinosaur-species-chile-unique-slashing-tail-81492039>

DVESS Directory for 2021

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Membership Information

Regular memberships are entitled to participate in all DVESS activities.

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

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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