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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



December 2024



This Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th. **Holiday Party** and gift exchange.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th.

New meeting location: Atco Senior Center, 474 E. Atlantic Ave, Waterford, NJ.

President's Message

Hi Fine Folks,

If you don't like the weather in NJ, wait a day or in some cases an hour.

Guess what we don't have this month? A presenter! That's right. Because it is our annual holiday party.

Last month, the incumbents were unanimously reelected at the meeting, so we do not need to vote this month.

A special thanks to Dr. Stephen J. Godfrey, Curator of Paleontology, Calvert Marine Museum and the presentation on "The Sense of Smell in Whales; Fossil and Modern."

DVESS received a very nice rock and fossil collection from the Halterman's. Both Don and his mother said that it was Don Sr.'s wish to donate a good portion of his collection to DVESS. Don Halterman Sr. was a member of DVESS many years ago and wanted his collection to come full circle and give back to a club that gave him many memories. The specimens will be divided up between the rock raffle table and the August auction. Thanks very much to the Halterman family!

Did you do anything earth science related and have any photos of your adventures you'd like to share? Please send them in to Susan Moore.

If you are aware of other events, shows, or an interesting science article, again send them into Susan and we'll get them in the newsletter.

The website membership prices are still not fixed. We might have a person who's interested in maintaining it, so stay tuned.

Membership dues is coming up in January. Send checks to James Brennan, 139 Ashbrook Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 or you can pay in person at the meetings.

If you need the new brochures because you are going to be at an event, reach out to Jim!

As you know, logo design is still ongoing for the shirts.

It was agreed upon at the last meeting that we can have a Sell/Swap night in lieu of a presentation. Stay tuned for more details on this in 2025.

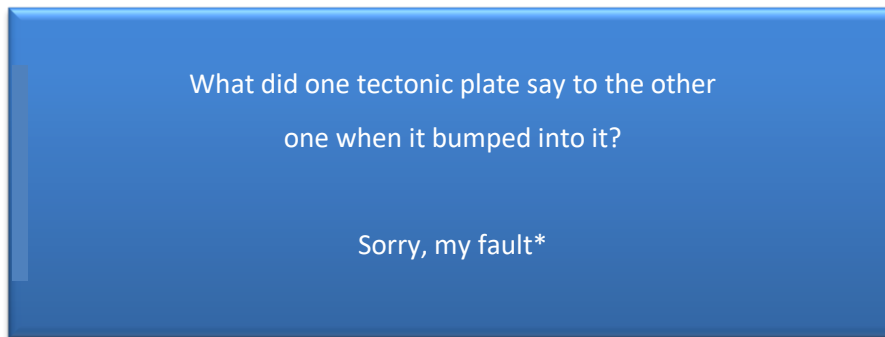
Since it's been a year as president, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to be myself with all the bad jokes, and meetings interlaced with my stories and humor. I appreciate you!

I'd also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday!

Science Article

A fossil first: Scientists find 1.5-million-year-old footprints of two different species of human ancestors at same spot

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2024/11/241128200732.htm>



** Just remember, if you don't send in jokes, my jokes could get worse...*

John Arsenault - President

Field Trips and Events

Sterling Hill Mining Museum annual trip took place on Saturday, November 23rd, it was one of the best attended mine tunnel trips in a long time. We usually wind up getting less than 10 people attending this trip every year. This year we wound up getting 19 members. I was a little concerned with the weather up there since they had around 7 inches of snow locally. It sure looked like it was going snow at any moment. Mil and Jeff lead 13 of us on an above ground mine works conveyor system tour, which lasted about 2 ½ hours. Everyone got a sample off of the conveyor belt from the last day of operation (April 13, 1986). Some of the club went collecting fluorescent minerals while others went on a walk up to Paradise Pit to see the area that used to be where we held the “Super Diggs.” After that some of our members had some lunch and rested, waiting for the museum tours and the Mine Tunnel Tour, which lasted about 2 hours. Everyone who wanted to collect fluorescent material got a chance to find some. Photographs of the whole adventure are at the end of this newsletter.

Christmas/Holiday Party: December 11, 2024: Regular Meeting-Holiday Party begins at 7:00, followed by the 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 or side dish 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 and side dishes.

The club in the past has provided: Chicken nuggets, hoagie platter, and pizzas. Phyllis Greico, Kathy Veston and Fran Kinsey have graciously agreed to help organize the event. Make sure you let the organizers know what you are bringing. mark.leipert@yahoo.com, veston801@comcast.net, fkinsey27@gmail.com, rabbplatt2015@gmail.com

We will also need help cleaning everything up when finished.

I am going to send out a final count sheet to finalize who is coming and who is bringing what. We need to get an accurate head count to get the right amount of food. ***There will be no Zoom link during the Christmas Party this year.***

Rutgers Geology Museum's 57th Open House: The theme of the Geology Museum's 57th Annual Open House Event on Saturday, January 25, 2025 **will be New Jersey Geology! Visit the museum for a fun-filled day of lectures and activities focused on the geological features of our home state!**

Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair: March 29th, 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, March 30th, 10 am to 4 pm. Lulu Temple, 5440 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA. www.phillyrocks.org

Delaware Museum of Nature and Science: Date to be determined. Working on getting a behind the scenes tour. Stay tuned.

Mark Leipert - Vice President

PHOTOS

by John Arsenault, Mark Leipert, and Susan Moore

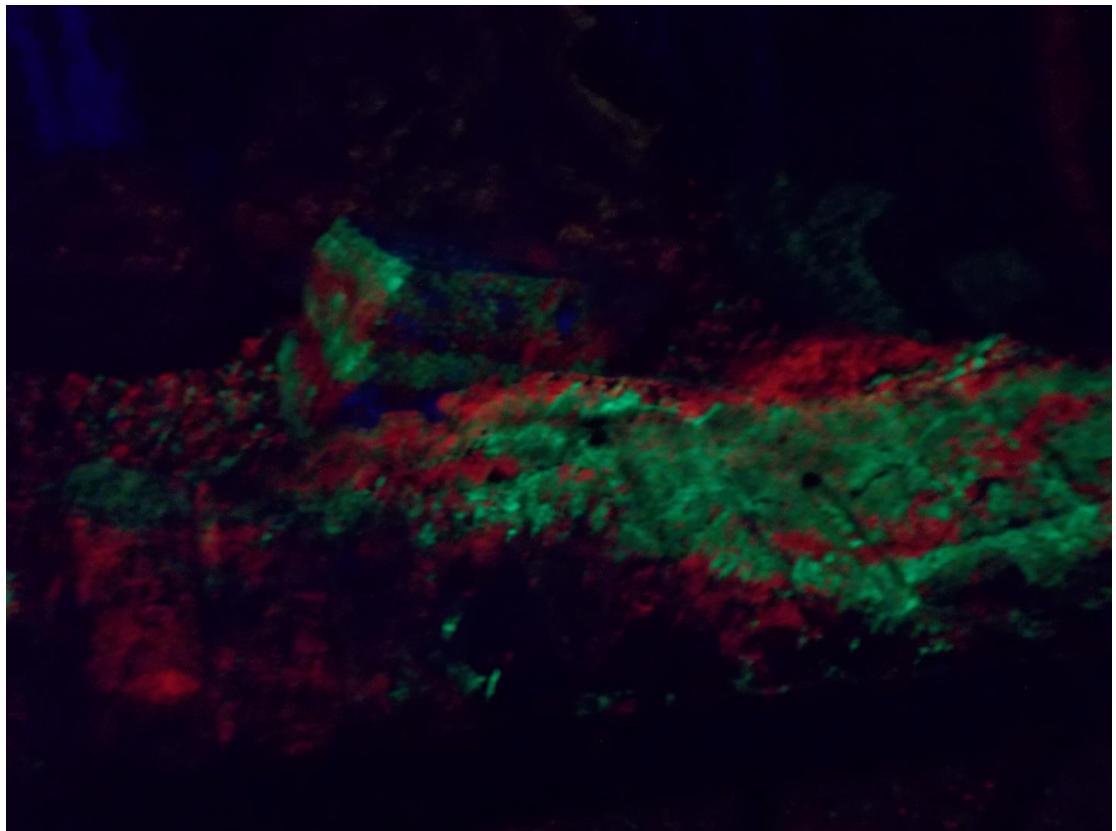
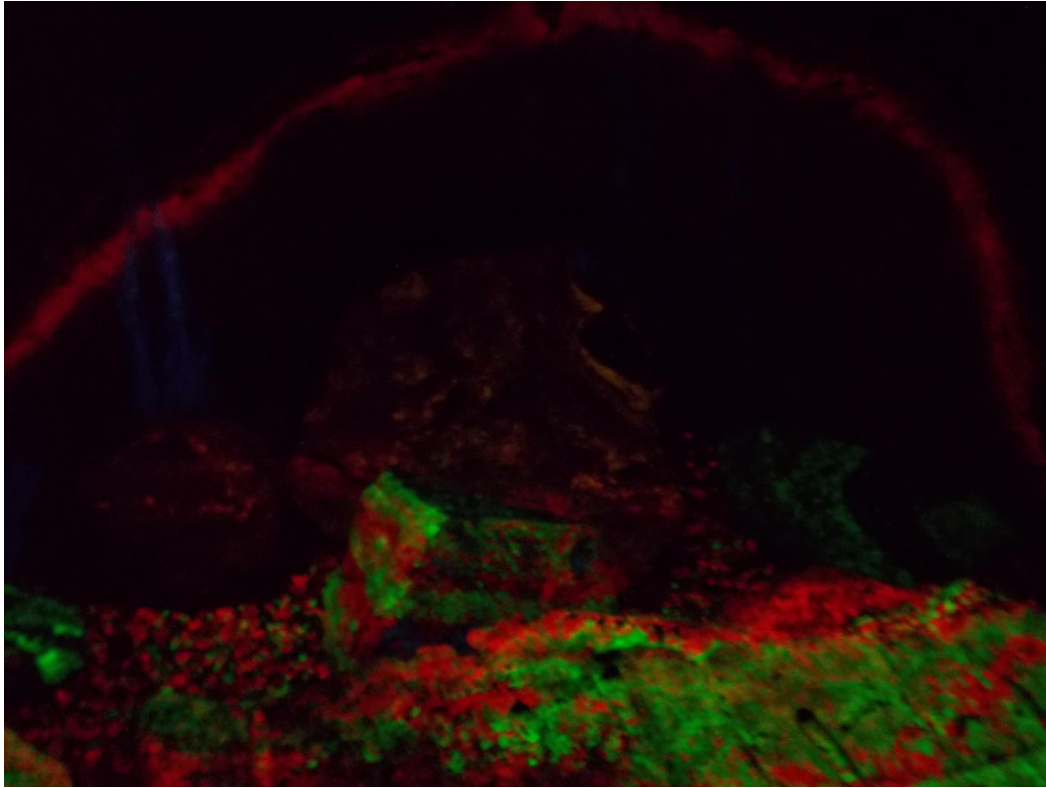
Sterling Hill Mining Museum tour







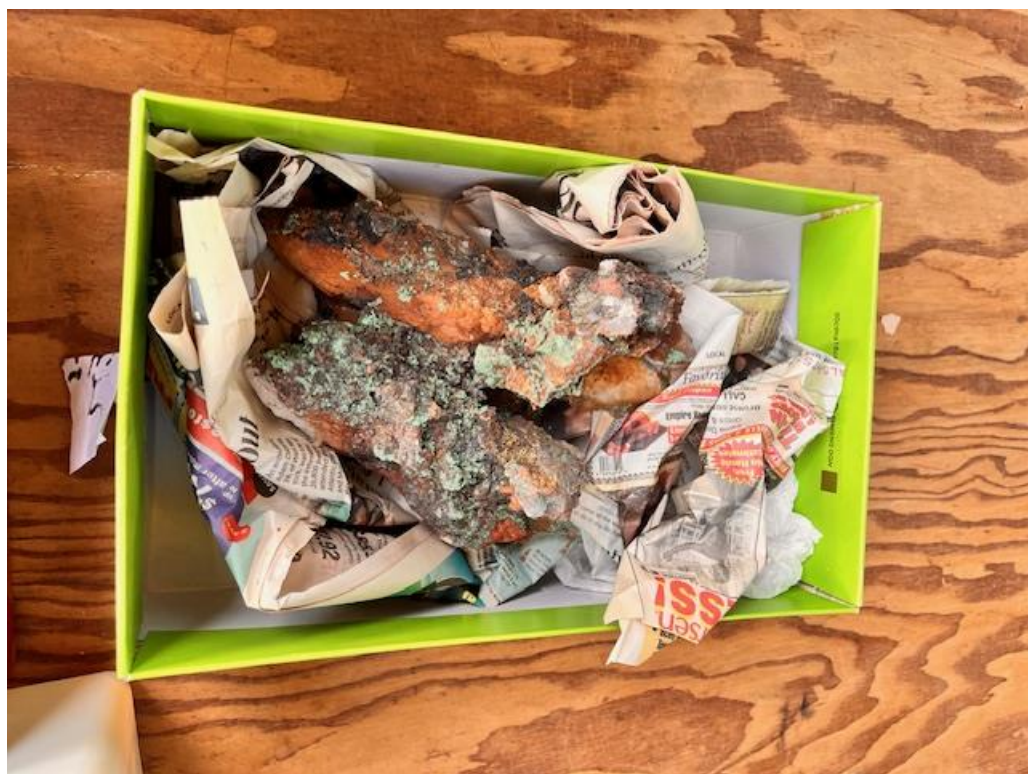
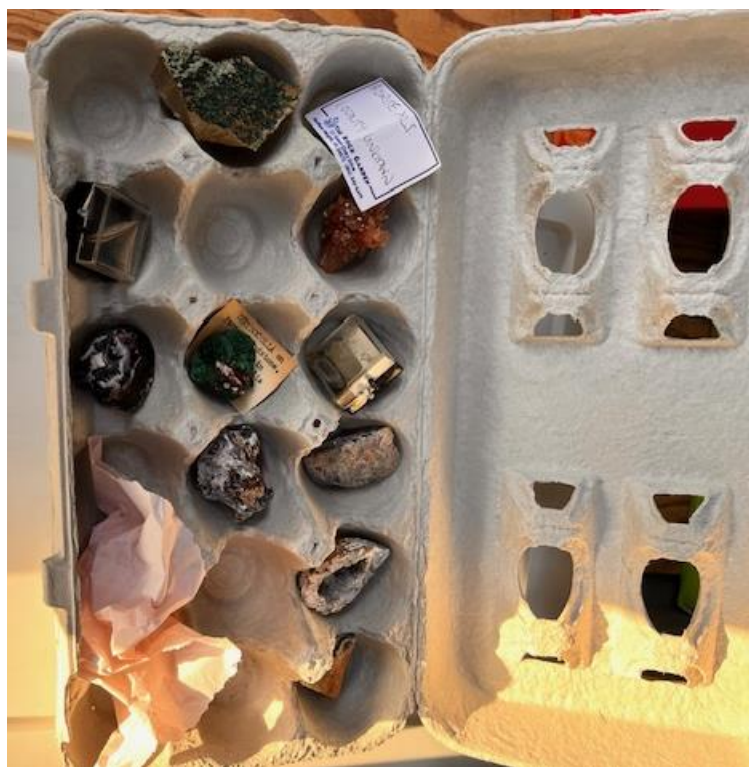






Halterman Collection





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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 + \$15.00 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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