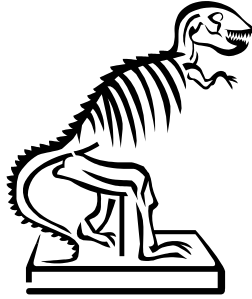


# DVESScapades

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



## Fossil Edition



(bare bones)



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

◇◇◇◇◇ our 57<sup>th</sup> year ◇◇◇◇◇

**Meeting: Jan. 9, 2013**

**Program:** Gene Hartstein on "The old days at the C&D Canal"  
Gene is a mineral dealer and active in the Delaware Mineralogical Society

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

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Mark Leipert

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I'd like to thank all those who held offices last year for their service and commitment to the club. I'd also like to welcome all the newly elected officers for 2013.

I've been a member of the DVESS since 1974. I fondly remember the many field trips we took collecting minerals and fossils, the guest speakers we had, the interesting seminars we attended, and taking chances for specimens on the prize table that was at each meeting. I took close to a twenty year hiatus to be a soccer coach, Boy Scout leader and an active member of my church council. I've worked as a geologist for the Navy, Army Corps and currently for the Superfund Division of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Two years ago I rejoined the DVESS and I am trying to become an active fossil & mineral collector once again. I look forward to a year with DVESS of exciting field trips and collecting opportunities, as well as museum visits. I hope to recruit both junior and adult members and share with them our knowledge of earth science related topics. Many of our members are currently members of other mineral and fossil clubs. Perhaps we can network with these other clubs for some new collecting experiences. There are also some unique opportunities that may become available in working with the Paleontology Department at Drexel University and the Inversand Marl Pits in Sewell, NJ. If you have any suggestions for presenters, field trips, or collecting opportunities, feel free to contact me or any of our executive board officers.

## **Minutes of December General Meeting** by Grant Elliott, Reluctant Recording Secretary for Life

Holiday party meeting was held at Centenary UM Church in Berlin, NJ.

A sumptuous spread was laid out and consumed by all. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The gift exchange took place after Gary Weinstein arrived from his late store closing.

Attendance: AnnLynne Benson- President/Special Events Coordinator, Gary Weinstein- Treasurer/Program Chair, Grant Elliott- Recording Secretary, Mark Leipert- 1st VP, Susan Moore- Newsletter Editor, Lance Schnatterly- Cyber Consultant, and Mil LeCompte- Jr Rockhound Coordinator/Facilitator.

Evelyn Vickovich, Stu Cleveland, Val Korszniak, Jim Brennan, Meredith Taylor, Gerald and Jane Feigin, and Sue Vancola, were present.

President AnnLynne Benson gavelled commencement of the meeting at approximately 8:00pm, waiting for Gary to arrive from his extended hours holiday shop closing.

**Program:** Grant, with the help of the Lance/Val "Tech Team", presented a DVD episode on the geological beginnings of New York City from the series "How The Earth Was Made" (History Channel).

### **Future Programs:**

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

February 2013- Slide Program from Eastern Federation.

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

Magician/geologist/professor Dr. Steve Okulowitz will lead an expedition to Staten Island in 2013.

Rutgers Geology Museum Open House on the last Saturday in January 2013.

Have to gear up for our April Sterling Hill Digg.

Mark coordinating Secaucus, NJ "Field Station Dinosaurs" field trip.

### **2013 Officers Elected:**

President:	Mark Leipert	1st VP:	Ann Benson
2nd VP:	Lou Detofsky	Recording Secretary:	Grant Elliott
Treasurer:	Gary Weinstein	Membership:	Gary Weinstein

[NOTE from EDITOR: At some point Susan Moore ([aquamarinepaisleyorchid@yahoo.com](mailto:aquamarinepaisleyorchid@yahoo.com)) will take over as Newsletter Editor, however for the time being, Ann will continue fulfilling that role; and Terry Wilson continues as Web Designer.]

**DUES:** 2013 Annual dues are now being accepted.

**Future Executive Board meetings:** December 19th- Gary's shop

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Mel addressed the meeting regarding his two day visit at Sterling with Jeff Winkler and their discussion of events at Sterling and plans for the April Super Dig.

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT by AnnLynne Benson**

I'm sure you've made New Year's resolutions as a way to improve yourself. Why not include one about getting more involved in DVESS? This is the perfect time to apprentice under one of the club's officers. The future of the club lies with the volunteers. Think about it!!!!

**YOUR DUES ARE A QUALITY INVESTMENT.** Please remit your Membership Dues to Gary; both you and the club will benefit from a prompt payment. Your dues allows the club to pay its bills and continue bringing exceptional programs to the meetings, and allows you to continue enjoying scheduled field trips and being covered by the club's liability insurance.

**WEBSITES OF THE MONTH:** <http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/>  
American Federation <http://www.amfed.org/>  
Eastern Federation <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/>  
Wildacres Spring 2013 workshops <http://efmls-wildacres.org/page2/index.html>

## **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.

## **VISIT A SHOW –**

**January 26, 2013 – Annual Rutgers University Geology Department Open House**, 135 Scott Hall, New Brunswick, includes mineral sales and lectures. Mineral identification will also be available in the Geological Hall where there are displays. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM For more information see the web site at: <http://geologymuseum.rutgers.edu/news.shtml>

**February 16 - 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 - The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA** Micromount Show “**Minerals under the Microscope**” and mineral sales, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 140 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**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 WORKSHOPS –**

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 -**

“Every day is the best day of your life because it's the only day you've got.”

## 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 Website: <http://www.DVESS.org>



## DVESS 2013 Officers & Positions

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<p><b>Secretary</b>  <i>Grant Elliott</i>                  (856) 728-1731 <a href="mailto:gle@bellatlantic.net">gle@bellatlantic.net</a></p>	<p><b>Membership Chair</b>  <i>Carol DeCuzzi</i>                  428-0621(h) 609-634-2570 (c)  <a href="mailto:decuzzic@comcast.net">decuzzic@comcast.net</a></p>
<p><b>Website Coordinator</b>  <i>Terry Wilson</i>  <a href="mailto:terry@dveess.org">terry@dveess.org</a></p>	<p><b>There's Still a Lot to be Done</b>  <i>Your Name Here</i></p>

