

DVESScapades

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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



July 2015

Next Meeting: July 8th

Program: Edward Gimmi on The Chemical Bonding of Minerals

Upcoming:

July 12th: DVESS Summer Picnic

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

Hot Weather Note - July and August

If the weather is hot, the meeting will be held in the
(air conditioned) basement of the main building.

President's Message by AnnLynne Benson

IT'S PICNIC TIME! Sunday July 12 at 1 pm - Rock on over to the home of Gerald and Jane Feigin, 63 Berkshire Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080 for fun in the sun! Check out www.WhosBringingWhat.com/DVESS to see what Appetizers, Main Dishes, Side Dishes and Desserts are already expected so you can plan for what you'd like to bring. Remember to include an item or two for the auction (and some folding money for bidding!).

SWAPPING - Our club has a long history of swapping minerals and fossils with other clubs. When I was a newly-minted DVESS member, the legendary Alex Klinshaw would select some prime specimens, put them in a box, and send them to a university in China, Russia, or elsewhere in the world with a note simply saying, "Here are some minerals for you; please send us some in exchange." He did this unannounced, and often with exciting and gratifying results! **NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.** Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village, Ar. has expressed an interest in swapping varying sizes of mineral/fossil specimens (no rocks, no leaverites). Each specimen they will send by return mail is "individually wrapped and identified." Your box should be a minimum of 10 lbs. and can be shipped in a medium size, flat rate, USPS box for approximately \$12.00. This is an amazing way to connect with Rockhounds across the country.

FIELD STATION DINOSAURS is going away! If you haven't had a chance to get there, do so while there's still time. EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION: our own Doc Rock will be speaking there in August. We'll let you know the date - maybe that would be a good Field Trip.

WILDACRES - You could probably write this part yourself - Little Switzerland, NC...Aug 24-30...great classes...\$390...See photographs of Wildacres at <http://www.wildacres.org/> ...get info about classes and speakers-in-residence at <http://efmls-wildacres.org/>

IT'S GETTING OLD, OLD, OLD - yet another "New Dinosaur Just Discovered" story. "**Sefapanosaurus** constitutes a member of the growing list of transitional sauropodomorph dinosaurs from Argentina and South Africa that are increasingly telling us about how they diversified." Read the details at <http://time.com/3938934/new-dinosaur/>.

MEMBERSHIP - you still have time to invite a friend or neighbor to a DVESS meeting. Maybe you know a family whose kids are eager Pebble Pups. Talk it up and Keep on Rocking!

Field Trips:

A mineral collecting trip is in the works - find out all about it at the July meeting.

John Sanfacon on Jaspers of the World at our June meeting



Websites of the Month

National Minerals Information Center (USGS)

<http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/>

The Learning Zone: Minerals (Oxford University)

<http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/thezone/minerals/>

Minerals Database | Minerals Education Coalition

<https://www.mineralseducationcoalition.org/minerals>



Quote of the Month

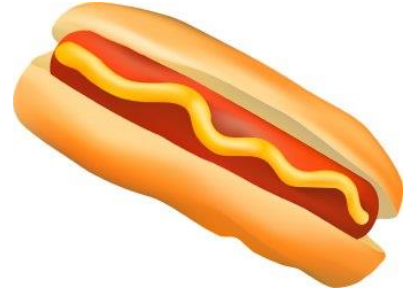
Nothing can be more certain than this: that we are just beginning to learn something of the wonders of the world on which we live and move and have our being. *William Ramsay*



Shows and Events

July

July 12th: DVESS Summer Picnic Our annual picnic will be held at the home of Gerald Feigin. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs as well as soda and water. Please bring other items such as salads, baked beans, snacks and desserts. Visit www.WhosBringingWhat.com/DVESS to tell us what you are bringing. Bring your bathing suit to go swimming and stay cool in the pool. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own items.



There will be a club auction at the picnic. We will be auctioning items including old books, minerals specimens, and many more surprises. Please bring materials to be auctioned off, too.

September

19-20: Mays Landing, NJ - Cape-Atlantic Rock Hounds Annual Fall Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral and Fossil Show. 2641 Cologne Ave. Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Free Parking & Admission. Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 5 pm (rain or shine). For more information: <http://capeatlanticrockhounds.com/> or call Billie Brockhum at (609) 879-1179.

26-27: Franklin, NJ - 59th Annual Franklin-Sterling Gem & Mineral Indoor Show and Outdoor Show, Indoor show: Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Outdoor Swap: Saturday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Franklin School, 50 Washington Ave., Franklin, NJ 07416. Admission: \$7.00 Adult, \$4.00 child (6-16) . <http://spmom3.wix.com/franklin-gem-mineral>

October

24: Fairless Hills, PA - The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA presents Annual "ULTRAVIOLATION" an all Fluorescent Mineral Show, at the First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA., 9 am – 5 pm, \$2.00 Donation, children 12 years old and younger FREE. Information: Chuck O'Loughlin, 130 Maple Terrace, Merchantville, NJ 08109, phone: 856-663-1383, Email: ultraviolation@yahoo.com



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 1st family member – receive a Geode Specimen

“Gold” \$75.00 for 1st family member – receive Mineral Specimen

“Platinum” \$100.00 for 1st 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:

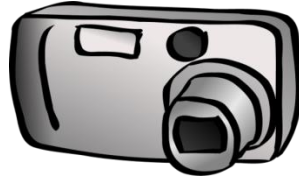
- promotes interest in, knowledge of, and the development of skills in the “earth sciences.” These interests include mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, archeology, and local preservation.
- supports the conservation of natural resources, advocates the availability of collecting sites, and maintains 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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