

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



July 2021

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 14th

7:00 pm social hour

8:00 pm Program: **via Zoom - A Surprise!**



**Upcoming** - In August, we will have Dr. Karen Wenrich who will be talking about her experiences in the mining industry at the "Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado."

**September** will be our annual "Show & Tell"

No regular, in-person meetings until further notice

## President's Message

Well, things are gradually opening up. Restrictions are dropping like flies. As rock, mineral and fossil collectors, we normally socially distance anyway. Being an outdoors activity, we don't have to worry about wearing masks, except for the possibility of commuting to the sites or stopping somewhere to eat. I'm trying to get back to taking a trip once a month. Send reasonable suggestions for field trips to me at [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com). I'm also looking for a few activity leaders for things like field trips and the club picnic.

I would also like to thank the club for the beautiful live flower arrangement and many kind thoughts on the loss of my mother, Norma Leipert.

We are planning to continue using Zoom as our vehicle to hold meeting. We are trying to coordinate how to hold in-person meeting and zoom them live at the same time. Until then, we will continue Zooming. We can talk about meeting options at our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Continue taking field trips to your basement, cleanup your dust covered rocks and fossils, discover something you've probably had for years hiding away in your closet, garage or secret stash area. At our summer club picnic or our September meeting you might be able to give away or trade some of the materials you've been waiting to give away to other club members.

**Guest Zoom Speakers:** Last month we had Debbie McQueary from the "Azonia" boutique shop present an interesting talk on the topic of the "Metaphysical Properties of Crystals." We have a surprise topic for our July meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Karen Wenrich is scheduled for our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be sharing her experiences in the mining industry at the "Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado" and showing us some fantastic minerals collected from the mine. As always our September meeting will be our annual "Show & Tell" event. I am also trying to continue the line-up of interesting speakers for the fall.

### Field Trips:

**Ramanessin Creek/Big Brook/Homdale Park, Saturday June 12th.** We had about 15 participants from the DVESS, the DVPS and the Cape Atlantic Mineral Club join in the collecting adventures. Various sharks teeth, belemnites, crocodile teeth, vertebrae and bone material can be found. A few members also visited Hop Creek and Big Brook and found a few small sharks' teeth.

**Possible Future Trips:** National Limestone Quarry and our annual trip to Sterling Hill. Watch for details in an upcoming email. We have made contact with the owner of the National Limestone Quarries and are hoping for a weekend date for late August or September. He will



take us to the second quarry to find wavelite and cerussite. The first quarry yields beautiful purple fluorite, large calcite crystals (some fluorescent) and spellothems.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> Collecting Trip** to C&D Canal or to a mineral locality. We will be meeting at Parking Lot 8A at the Wood Crest Station of the PATCO High Speed Line at 8:30. Please make sure to sign up during the Zoom meeting and by sending an email to [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com).

**Summer Club Picnic:** Our club annual picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1:00. The picnic will once again be held at the home of **Gerald & Jane Feigin (63 Berkshire Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080)**. The hamburgers and hotdogs are provided by the club. We ask that people bring side dishes and salads, snacks and refreshments to share. We encourage everyone to sign up and tell everyone what you are bringing to eat, so we don't wind up with ten plates of brownies. Please email me at



[mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com) to let me know how many from your family are coming and what you plan on bringing to share with others. If there are special dietary restrictions or needs please let us know about them. We will also be holding our traditional club auction so please bring some of those precious treasures you dug out of your basement or your hiding place to be auctioned off for the club.

**The “Cape Atlantic Club Mineral Show & Sale”:** Cape Atlantic Rock Club held its mineral sale/show on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful and the event was well attended. Their fall sale/show will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Super Diggg event has been cancelled at the Franklin Mineral Museum. We are working with Sterling Hill Mining Museum to have a Super Diggg there in the spring of 2022.**

**Mark Leipert, President**

## Events

Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club Presents:  
**Christmas in July Extravaganza**



**Farm and Home Center**

**1383 Arcadia Road Lancaster, PA 17601**

**July 24-25, 2021**

***Saturday – 10am -5pm • Sunday – 10am –4pm***

**Unique Fossils, Trilobites, & Paleozoic Wonders,  
Fabulous Gems & Minerals & Eclectic  
Curiosities, Exquisite Cabochons, Crystals, &  
Jewelry, Free EXPERT specimen analysis &  
Family-Friendly Fun.**

**Adults: \$4.00 • Seniors (63+): \$3.00 • Students K-12:  
\$1.00 • Under 5: Free**

## October

4th Annual South Jersey Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show

Date: October 9-10, 2021

Location: 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08054

Show Times: Saturday (10/9/21) 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & Sunday (10/10/21) 10:00am - 5:00pm

Website: [www.sjmineralshow.com](http://www.sjmineralshow.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sjmineralshow](https://www.facebook.com/sjmineralshow)



## News

**Huge 1,174-carat diamond unearthed in Botswana**

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/botswana-diamond-unearthed-scli-intl/index.html>

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**Photos - Ramanessin Creek/Big Brook/Homdale Park, Saturday June 12th**

by Karen Sweeten, Mark Leipert, and Jim Brennan

















### Quote of the Month:

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology. **Carl Sagan**

# *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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