The official newsletter of the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society

The following items have been submitted by Gary Weinstein:

New meeting place

After the next meeting and the summer break we will return to meeting at the old location, in the art building, where we met previously.

Thanks to Lou for getting us this room, again. And of course, many thanks to Chuck for getting us the Training room for the last year.

Attention DVESS members

Your club is in need of a new bulletin editor/ publisher

Please volunteer to take over this important job so the club will continue to operate in the irregular fashion you have come to expect.

No experience necessary. On the job training. Highly rewarding, sometimes.

We also are seeking someone to lead some field trips. Lou will take over after next years wedding plans are completed.

Do you still receive your bulletin in the mail? Have you now gotten a computer and are getting e-mails from others? Did you know that you can save your club time, energy and money by getting your bulletin sent to your home electronically?

Please make your publishers life easier and sign up to receive the newsletter on line. Thank you.

Program

For June 13th, Professor Chris Hummer of King of Prussia, PA will tell us about the Archeology of the Williamson Site (Early Woodland Period) north of present day Trenton. These Native Americans who lived along the Delaware 3,000 years ago were the first to use ceramics. This slide presentation has been highly recommended and will show much that we have learned about the early inhabitants of this region. You are welcomed to bring in supposed artifacts for verification.

This fine program is brought to you by your club; this presenter will be traveling a distance and deserves our support. Please plan to attend.

CLUB PICNIC July 1st

Once again our annual picnic/ auction will be held at President Gerald Feigin's home, out by the cement pond. We will have the usual auction which should last no more than eight hours, unless you all bid quickly. The club will supply the usual compliment of contaminated food and beverage. The sun will supply the usual amount of heat and sunburn. Plan accordingly. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish or desert item (lobster, shrimp, baked Alaska, etc. have been suggested).

Special event

We will hold a special garage cleaning on Sunday June 10th at noon, at the home of Gary Weinstein. This will help to prepare items for the club auction at the annual picnic as well as make more room and organize the space better. All members are welcome to attend and help out. There will be refreshments and viewing of many interesting minerals.

The main reasons for this are that over the years I have accumulated many collections in the clubs name and have been using the same for years for picnic, door prizes and other give-a-ways, but since my move into my new home and the subsequent consolidation of the warehouse into my garage and shed, club minerals, store inventory and my personal specimens have become mixed up. We will better organize them as a group by first removing them then sorting them and finally repositioning them so that I have space to move in and can get to the various boxes. If anyone has some extra storage space for the clubs holdings then they can haul them away with them.

Please plan to spare a couple/ few hours to help out your club and let me know that you plan to attend. There may be many surprises in store.

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Calendar of Shows and Events

June 2007

9: 5TH ANNUAL ROCK SWAP AND SALE 9am to 4 pm. To benefit CAMA's Mining Museum. On the Museum grounds in Kent, CT. Tailgate swapping \$5, selling \$20. Information: (860) 354-0296 Editor's note: CAMA's Mining Museum has been a friend of DVESS for several years sponsoring and supporting our annual fund raiser which is now known as the "Superdig"

30- July 1: 2nd Annual Nittany Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the **Nittany Mineralogical Society**. Mt. Nittany Middle School, State College, PA.

Additional shows and events are listed on the Eastern Federations Web site www.afms.org/efmls/

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BACKGROUND

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, knowledge, and the development of skills in the "earth sciences." These interests include mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, archeology, and local preservation. The Society supports the conservation of natural resources, advocates the availability of collecting sites, and maintains close contact with those in the academic field.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September through June, at Rowan University, Linden Hall, Glassboro, New Jersey. At 7:30 PM members meet to socialize, view displays, sign the registry and receive a door-prize ticket, toward a specially chosen specimen. Meetings start promptly at 8:00 PM and include the evening's program followed by the monthly business meeting, concluding around 10:00 PM. Meetings are open to the general public.

MEMBERSHIP

See the Membership Chairperson for an application for membership in the Society. Regular memberships are entitled to participate in all DVESS activities and to receive a newsletter when published. Sponsoring memberships are entitled to all of the above plus a specially chosen mineral specimen. Membership rates for the Society are:

Regular Membership

\$15.00 for the 1^{st} family member + \$5.00 for each family member \$10.00 for the 1^{st} Senior (65+) member + \$5.00 for each family member \$10.00 for Students with College ID

Sponsoring Membership

<u>Level</u>	1 st Member	+	Additional Members	=	<u>Receive</u>
"Silver"	\$50.00	+	\$5.00	=	Geode Specimen
"Gold"	\$75.00	+	\$5.00	=	Native Gold Specimen
"Platinum	\$100.00	+	\$5.00	=	Premium Specimen

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Permission from the University staff is required to enter the school at any other time.

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