

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



June 2017

**Next Meeting:** June 14th

**7:00 pm Junior Rockhounds class and adult social hour**

**8:00 pm Program:** Johan Maertens, president of the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association

**Annual DVESS picnic** - July 23rd at Gerald Feigin's home at 1:00 pm. The hamburgers and hotdogs are provided by the club. We ask that people bring side dishes and salads, snacks and refreshments to share. Bring plenty of money so you can bid on many items at our famous auction.



**July and August** - no regular meetings

**September** - show-and-tell.

**October** - Dr. Harold Connolly, Jr. on asteroid sample return missions

**November** - Mr. William Stephens (TBD)

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

## Field Trips:

June 17th: St. Clair - Pennsylvanian Plant Fossils, sign up at the June 14th meeting.

July 22nd - Lower New Street Quarry and the Passaic Falls, sign up at the June 14th meeting.

August 19th - Sayreville Marcasite and Amber - Sign up at the June 14th meeting.

The above trip locations are subject to change due to weather conditions and availability.

Other possible locations: Beltzville Dam fossils, Macadoo fossils, Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Site at Rowan University. Others may be added, suggestions are welcome.

### Some of what you might find at Big Brook



**Mark Leipert, Field Trip Chair**

## More from our June speaker - Johan Maerten

My father inspired the appreciation for nature's wonders; while mom provided my collecting genes. Some items catch our eye. We want to hold them and look at them and learn about them.

After visiting a mineral exhibition by the late G. Van Acker, I joined the Royal Mineralogische Kring Antwerpen (Belgium). There, mentors like Albert Vercammen and Ludo Van Goethem instilled the appreciation for calcite: esthetics, field collecting and science. They introduced me to the International Calcite Collectors Association where I gained global contacts and more knowledge.

Many nearby quarries mined limestone and provided for abundant quantities and shapes of calcite. After emigrating to the USA, I joined and held leadership positions in several mineral associations, culminating in my current position as President of the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. The mineral societies provided collecting access to many quarries, and my friends nick-named me Mr. Calcite. My collection, of any size and shape of calcite specimens, expands through field collecting and acquisitions.

Our good friend and former member Evelyn Viskovich lost her battle with cancer and passed away on May 24, 2017. She will be remembered as a mineral collector with a love for nature and engaging smile who often helped Mel LeCompte teach the Junior Rockhounds class. She was 75 years old and had 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

[http://www.landolfifuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o\\_id=4243987&fh\\_id=10389](http://www.landolfifuneralhome.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=4243987&fh_id=10389)

## Herkimer Field Trip

If anyone is interested in a trip to the Herkimer area, please contact **Jon Feigin**. There is a mine that is only open 2 weeks a year to collect and we as a club will be allowed to go if we have many people interested in going aside from that time.

**Photos: Big Brook**

**by Jim Brennan**







**Manny Robbins**, at our May meeting, speaking about raising butterflies and moths as a youth.



## News

### **2 Alaska volcanoes erupt just hours apart**

<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/science/2017/05/17/2-alaska-volcanoes-erupt-just-hours-apart/>

Bogoslof and Cleveland volcanoes in the Aleutian Islands both erupted on May 16th.

### **Magnitude 6.9 quake hits in Bering Sea, off Alaska: USGS - June 2nd**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-alaska-quake-idUSKBN18T329>

## Quote of the Month:

The Universe is under no obligation to make sense to you. *Neil deGrasse Tyson*



## Shows and Events

**Exhibit of prehistoric artifacts from the Madeira I and II digs** near Oldershaw Av. in Moorestown, four years ago, by Jack Cresson are on display at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion, 12 High St., Moorestown. The display runs through June 2017 and is free. See [www.moorestownhistory.org](http://www.moorestownhistory.org)

**August 5: Morristown, NJ** - 22nd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Sale sponsored by the Morris Museum Mineralogical Society. Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd; Morristown, NJ. Info: [kfrancis@morrismuseum.org](mailto:kfrancis@morrismuseum.org)

**September 16-17: Harrisburg, PA** - Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, Third & Division Sts; Harrisburg, PA. Contact: Betsy Oberheim [aoberheim3@comcast.net](mailto:aoberheim3@comcast.net)

**October 21-22:** 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and **EFMLS Annual Convention** hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Location and details to be announced shortly. EFMLS meeting, Friday, October 20.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive a Geode Specimen

“Gold” \$75.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive Mineral Specimen

“Platinum” \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> 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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