

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



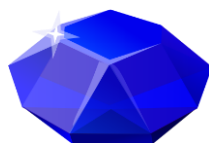
June 2021

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 9th



7:00 pm social hour

8:00 pm Program: **via Zoom - Debbie McQueary from the "Azonias" boutique shop will present "An Introduction to the Metaphysical Properties of Crystals."**



**Upcoming** - In July, 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"

No regular, in-person meetings until further notice

## President's Message

### President's Corner for June 2021

Well, things are gradually opening up. Restrictions that were put in place over the last 14 months are now being eased or eliminated. As collectors of rocks, minerals and fossils 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. I'm trying to get back to taking a trip once a month. I'm open to suggestions.

The Centenary United Methodist Church where we meet is planning to resume regular gatherings by our regular scheduled meeting in **September**.

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 some technical difficulties. This month, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we have something a little different, we have Debbie McQueary from the "Azenia" boutique shop and she will present "An Introduction to the Metaphysical Properties of Crystals." We have Dr. Karen Wenrich for our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting who will be talking about her experiences in the mining industry at the "Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado" and showing us some fantastic minerals collected from the mine. I'm currently working on a speaker for August. I am also trying to continue the line-up of interesting speakers through the summer.

### Field Trips:

**Pickering Golf Course, Brookdale Mine:** On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> members of DVESS and Cape Atlantic Rock Club went to the site of the old Brookdale ruins and spoils. It was a hot and humid day with no rain. The members from DVESS included Karen, Mark, Phyllis, Ed, Alice, Jimmy and Susan, and from the Cape Atlantic club there were Ray, Christine and Billy. There is still good material to be found at the site.



**Water Fest Event at Scotland Run Park, Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 4:00:** Our club participated for the first time in 2019. It was a lot of fun. Last year I participated on behalf of the club during the pandemic. Many people came out to the event while practicing social distancing and wearing masks. I am looking for volunteers to help me out with this event. Email me to sign-up at [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com). It should be a well attended event this year.

**Ramanessin Creek/Big Brook/Homdale Park, Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> leaving 8:30 from the Wood Crest Station Parking Lot 8A.** The DVPS club has also been invited to join us on our adventures. Sharks teeth, belemnites, mosasaur teeth and vertebrae, fish teeth, etc. The tools you might need are small hand rake and small garden shovel; sieve/screen less than 18 inches in size.

**Possible Future Trips:** National Limestone Quarry, C&D Canal, or a trip to Sterling Hill. Watch for details in upcoming email.

**Summer Club Picnic:** With everything opening up there is a very good chance we may get to see each other this summer at our club picnic. Last year's was cancelled due to COVID-19. Details to follow.

**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 cancelled at the Franklin Mineral Museum.**

**Mark Leipert, President**



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## Events

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual South Jersey Summer Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show**

Date: June 12, 2021

Location: 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08054

Show Times: Saturday (6/12/21) 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Outdoor Only)

\*Rain Date: Sunday (6/13/21) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Outdoor Only)

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

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

## News

### **No tsunami threat from 5.9 earthquakes off Pacific Coast**

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/tsunami-threat-59-earthquakes-off-pacific-coast-78082557>

### **Latest earthquakes worldwide past 24 hour**

<https://www.volcanodiscovery.com/earthquakes/today.html>

### **Giant sinkhole continues to grow in Mexico, threatening nearby home**

<https://www.fox29.com/news/giant-sinkhole-continues-to-grow-in-mexico-threatening-nearby-home>

### **Earthquake at underwater Hawaii volcano shakes Big Island**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/earthquake-underwater-hawaii-volcano-shakes-big-island-78069893>













**A fine specimen of Green Ballite**



### Quote of the Month:

Scientists didn't discover the noble gas helium - the second most common element in the universe - on Earth until 1895. And they thought it existed in minute quantities only, until miners found a huge underground cache in Kansas in 1903. [Sam Kean](#)





# *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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