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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



March 2020



Next Meeting: March 11th

7:00 pm Junior Rockhounds class and adult social hour

8:00 pm Program: Bob Todd will be discussing poisonous minerals

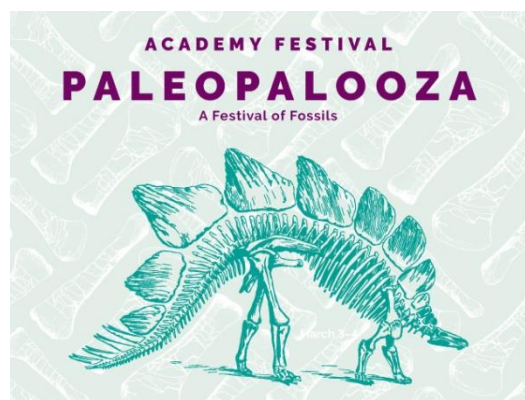
Meeting location: Education Bldg. behind Centenary United Methodist Church,
South White Horse Pike, Berlin NJ 08009

President's Corner:

Spring is almost here. This winter has been pretty mild and everyone is getting excited for collecting season to begin. We will be going on some oldie but goodie locations as well as new and interesting field trips, as long as the weather cooperates. If you have any recommendations, please submit them to any club officer. If you would be interested in organizing an outing, please let us know. We gladly take volunteers to lead trips.

Dues: If you haven't done so dues are due now. The base fee is \$20.00, while each additional member from a family still remains at \$5.00. Senior citizens are only \$10.00 for the year.

March 7th and 8th 2020: Paleopalooza at Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel: Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00. Fred Hochkile, Sue VanCola and I are volunteering at this year's event. There will be plenty of activities for the whole family. There will be talks from Dr. Ted Daeschler, PhD, on First Steps: The Origin of Limbs, and Dr. Jason Downs, PhD, on Roadcut Paleontology: Secrets on the Side of the Road, as well as displays and hands-on activities and fossil sales. See more at the link below. <https://ansp.org/programs-and-events/festivals/paleopalooza/>



March 7th and 8th: 57th Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show by the Delaware Mineralogical Society, at Doubletree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike (Rt. 202) Wilmington, DE. Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday 11:00 to 5:00. Demonstrations, sales, exhibits and door prizes.

March 21st: Odessa, DE: Petrified Wood collecting. John Wolf memorial collecting trip. Sign up at the meeting on March 11th.

Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair on March 28th and 29th at the LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting, PA, 5140 Butler Pike: There will be fossils, minerals, gems, vendors, speakers and exhibits! Kid's activities include a fossil dig and a kid's mineral corner, Boy Scout merit badge information, door prizes and food.



April 4th, Beltzville State Park, Devonian Fossils, Trilobites, Brachiopods, Bryozoans, Horn Coral, etc. Sign up at the March 11th regular meeting.

Franklin Mineral Museum Super Diggg: Saturday, April 25th. We need help running our only fundraiser for the year. Once again we have the option of staying in the side room at the Sterling Mine Museum. There are several hotel/motels up in the Franklin area but you are on your own. We need volunteers on Friday the 24th to set up and make sure everything is ready for first thing Saturday morning. People start arriving around 7:00 am even though the collecting doesn't start until 9:00 and goes to 11:00 pm. We need people for parking, registration, safety detail, weigh out, gate patrol and collecting payments. If you help out for four or more hours, you can collect for free in the Buckwheat Mine Dump; you only have to pay for poundage.



Mark Leipert, President

Website

SuperDiggg - April 25th

DVESS, in cooperation with the Franklin Mineral Museum, invites you to share an internationally famous collecting experience. This field trip has attracted dedicated collectors from across the globe. It WILL be an historic and memorable event.

REGISTRATION for 2020 will open at midnight [12:01 a.m.] on Saturday, March 14th.

<http://www.sterlinghillssuperdig.org/>

News

Epic volcano lightning storm photo wins 'Perfect Moment' contest

<https://www.wthr.com/article/epic-volcano-lightning-storm-photo-wins-perfect-moment-contest>

RUSSIA'S HIGHEST VOLCANO ERUPTS, SENDING ASH AND STEAM ALMOST 20,000 FEET INTO THE AIR

<https://www.newsweek.com/russia-highest-volcano-erupts-klyuchevskoy-1490008>

Three miners killed after seismic event at world's deepest gold mine

<https://www.kitco.com/news/2020-03-06/Three-miners-killed-after-seismic-event-at-world-s-deepest-gold-mine.html>

Quote of the Month:

The first concept of continental drift first came to me as far back as 1910, when considering the map of the world, under the direct impression produced by the congruence of the coast lines on either side of the Atlantic. At first I did not pay attention to the ideas because I regarded it as improbable. In the fall of 1911, I came quite accidentally upon a synoptic report in which I learned for the first time of palaeontological evidence for a former land bridge between Brazil and Africa. As a result I undertook a cursory examination of relevant research in the fields of geology and palaeontology, and this provided immediately such weighty corroboration that a conviction of the fundamental soundness of the idea took root in my mind. [Alfred L. Wegener](#) *In The Origins of Continents and Oceans* (4th ed. 1929), trans. John Biram (1966)

Shows and Events

March

March 7-8: Delaware Mineralogical Society 57th Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Doubletree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike (Rt 202), Wilmington, DE 19803. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-5. Mineral and fossil dealers; gem, jewelry & lapidary supplies; demonstrations, exhibits and door prizes. Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Juniors (age 12-16) \$4, free to children and scouts in uniform. www.delminsociety.net

March 28-29: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair. Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA., (PA Turnpike, exit 333; or I-476, exit 20). Free Parking. Adults: \$6.00. Children under 12: \$1.00; Uniformed scouts and troop leaders free. Special Features: On both days a line-up of distinguished professional speakers will be presented. The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia will present a display of minerals from its collection. In addition, there will be fossil and mineral displays, educational materials, door prizes and a food concession. Thirty dealers. Young visitors can enjoy the annual fossil dig for children, and the kid's corner with free mineral gifts. Information: www.phillyrocks.org. Contact: Cheryl Leibold, cleibold@verizon.net.

April

Super Diggg 2020, Franklin Mineral Museum, on April 25, 2020: Mark your calendars; we will need everyone's help to make this event work. More details to come in future months.

May

The Earth Science Show & Sale, May 23, 9 am to 3 pm. Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Buck County, PA. Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Rd, Fairless Hills, PA 19030. Rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, jewelry & all things related to the earth sciences. Admission, \$2.00 donation; children 12 and under, free. <https://sites.google.com/view/lowerbucksparocks/home>

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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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