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## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



March 2022



**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 9th, via Zoom

**7:00 pm** social hour

**7:30 pm** **Program:** Natalie Haabak from Rowan University's Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park and Museum will share some attractions and features coming to the museum which is now under construction.

Upcoming: **April 13** we will be having Karenne Snow talk to us about "Minerals and Their Type Localities."

## President's Message

We will continue having Zoom meeting at least until June. COVID-19 numbers decreasing dramatically daily. I don't care what variant they are on now but we must remain safe. We will start to line up field trips once the weather gets warmer. I'd like everyone to keep Robert and Sally Todd in our hearts and prayers. Robert has been in and out of the hospital over the past few months. Please reach out, give them a call and let them know you are thinking about them.

**Dues:** We still continue collecting dues for 2022. 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.

**February 9, 2022 Zoom Meeting:** Our speaker was Dr. Gerry Rustic from Rowan University, who presented the very interesting topic of "Paleo-Climate Reconstruction El Nino, La Nina, and the Effect on Human Civilization." Paleo-climate change and some insight current climate change issues. Thanks Gerry for a great presentation.

**March 9, 2022 Zoom Meeting:** This month our speaker will be Natalie Haabak from Rowan University's Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park and Museum. Natalie is the Events Coordinator/Operations at the Edelman Fossil Park and Museum. She will share some attractions and features coming to the museum which is now under construction. Our club has had a lot of history of helping out at the Edelman Fossil Park during "Community Dig Day" and other events.

Next month, **April 13, 2022 Zoom Meeting** we will be having Karenne Snow talk to us about "Minerals and Their Type Localities." Karenne is one of the authors of "Gem Trails of Pennsylvania and New Jersey."

**DVESS Club Project:** Almost a year ago now a Gem & Mineral Club from Ventura, California sent us a package of prized mineral specimens for us to send in return a box of gems, minerals or fossils from areas near our tri-state area (NJ/PA/DE). If you are interested in participating please notify Fred Hochkile or myself to make donations. Thanks.

The "Mineral Treasures Show" will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>st</sup> at the Lu-Lu Temple in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The Fossil Fair part of the show has been rescheduled for spring 2023.

**Sterling Hill Super Dig Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm:** We are now working with Sterling Hill Mineral Museum to hold the next Super Dig there in spring of 2022. We need at least 15 volunteers to pull this event off. We need people for sign-in, weigh out, safety officers, security, treasurer, parking lot attendants, etc. You can either come up on the day before (Friday) or first thing early Saturday morning. If you stay overnight, you can sleep in the museum/store



on cots or mattresses. We also need to have a planning meeting to be announced at this month's zoom meeting. This is a fund raiser for the Sterling Hill Mining Museum as well as for our club. If you are interested please contact me at 856-524-2103 or email me at [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com) to sign up for a volunteer spot. We really want to make this event work.

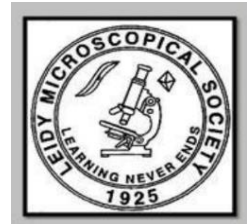
**Possible Geology Car Trek** coming up soon; go to the website for details: <https://njhighlandscoalition.org/highlands-geology-car-trek/>

**Mark Leipert, President**

## Shows and Events

### March

**45th Annual Micromount Symposium;** Friday, March 11 - noon to 6pm & Saturday, March 12 – 9am to 6pm. (Lunch provided on Saturday). Advent Lutheran Church, 45 Worthington Mill Rd , Richboro, Pa 18954. sponsored by: Leidy Microscopical Society. Visitor's Fee (no table): \$5.00 Friday & \$10.00 Saturday (includes lunch). Silent Auctions, Give-Away Tables, Speakers. Reservations/ Admission: Make checks payable to; Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Rd, East Norriton, PA 19403 (610) 584-1364. Questions: Email: [donmcalarnen@outlook.com](mailto:donmcalarnen@outlook.com)



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### Looking ahead

**September 23-25, 2022** – EFMLS Annual Convention sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA.

## Wildacres

If you have had Wildacres on your bucket list, the Spring Session of Wildacres (May 16-22) is open for you to register. Wildacres, sponsored twice a year by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS), provides room and board, classroom instruction with a small number of students, lectures by the Speaker-In-Residence, a tailgate with a chance to buy or sell hobby related items, an auction, a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, the comradery of being with others in the hobby, to name a few perks of attending Wildacres sessions -- all this for a very reasonable fee.

Why not join the thousands who have attended Wildacres, made lasting friendships, took home new skills and knowledge, and much more. This is saying nothing about the bond of friendship and fun while being on top of the mountain.

SPRING SESSION, MAY 16-22, 2022

The Speaker-In-Residence will be Dr. Nathalie Brandes.

Classes – Whether looking to learn a new aspect of the hobby or just wanting to improve your knowledge and skills in an area you already know, with eight (8) classes to chose from, there is sure to be a class for anyone.

Wildacres is broken up into 2 semesters. Registration is on the first day. The next two days are the first semester of classes. The following day is an activity day where participants are free to do activities such as sight seeing, going on a field trip or to a museum, or just relax. The next two days are the second semester classes. Our week ends with breakfast on Sunday.

Classes are either two days or four days. Gem Trees, Silversmithing, Intarsia, Wire wrapping, PMC (Precious Metal Clay) and Scrimshaw are two day classes. Usually the first semester is a basic or introductory class while the second semester is a more advanced class. Intarsia is a basic class offered both semesters. Stained Glass and Gemology/Gem ID are 4 day classes (2 days each semester).

FALL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2022

More information on the Fall Session to be announced.

QUESTION?

If you have any questions, concerns, etc. for either session, you can contact:

Steve Weinberger, Chairman of the Wildacres Committee ([cscrystals2@gmail.com](mailto:cscrystals2@gmail.com))

Suzie Milligan, Registrar – for info regarding registration ([smilligan@stny.rr.com](mailto:smilligan@stny.rr.com) or 607-687-5108)

Mark Kucera, Director – for info regarding classes and instructors ([mark\\_j\\_kucera@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_j_kucera@yahoo.com) or 914-423-8360)

The Speaker-in-Residence, Class Schedule, and Registration forms are available on the EFMLS website -- [www.efmls.org](http://www.efmls.org).

## Quote of the Month:

“Shoot for the moon; you might get there.” – *Buzz Aldrin*

## News



**A rogue 3-ton piece rocket debris just collided with the moon**

<https://www.space.com/rogue-rocket-stage-hit-moon-today>

**When a rogue rocket hits the moon March 4, NASA orbiter will hunt for its crater grave**

<https://www.space.com/rocket-moon-crash-nasa-lunar-reconnaissance-orbiter>

# DVESS Directory for 2022

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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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