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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



May 2020

All meetings and field trips are cancelled until further notice.



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

President's Corner:

I hope everyone is doing well hunkered down fighting the COVID-19 virus. All meetings and field trips continue to be cancelled until further notice.

While sheltered-in-place, take a field trip into your basement, closet, garage or secret stash area and look through many of the items you've collected over the years. You might surprise yourself and find something you didn't know you had. Also, if you have duplicates or extras, think about bringing them to a future meeting for the junior rock hounds or the give-away table.

Maybe if you're ambitious, you could research some places you would like the club to go on field trips once we are let free from our shelter-in-place. Feel free to email, text or call myself or any officer with your recommendations.

Until we meet again, please stay safe, practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, disinfect surfaces and wear some type of face mask when you go out. See you all soon.

Mark Leipert, President



Eastern Field Trip Alliance

attn: Field Trip Leaders of the EFMLS- Our Field Trip Sharing Program EFTA is underway

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Good Afternoon,

You are receiving this email because you were listed as Field Trip Personnel by the individual who prepared your Society's EFMLS Annual Insurance Renewal & Field Trip Information form in November.

First, we want to thank you and your Society for sending in your Field Trip Info form with your Insurance Renewal. We included the Field Trip Info form in order to interest our affiliate's Field Trip personnel in joining **EFTA**, the **Eastern Field Trip Alliance**. Last September, we launched 3 New Field Trip Programs for our valued affiliates and EFTA is just one of them. See EFMLS News September 2019 ([here](#)).

We want to provide this opportunity to all our Affiliate Societies to participate in this new program. Basically, EFTA is a field trip sharing program where your Society can host a field trip every couple of years (depending on the number of Societies that participate in EFTA) and in return, your Society gets to go on multiple trips throughout the year.

The Eastern Federation is emulating the Southeast Federation's Dixie Mineral Council. Their sharing program has been very successful for over 10 years and 34 Societies participate with about 12 trips per year, on average.

A proper introduction and details of EFTA can be found on: [EFMLS.org/efta-field-trip-sharing-1](https://efmls.org/efta-field-trip-sharing-1)

Last December, we held our first EFTA conference call for those who wanted to learn about the program. These Societies had emailed their Field Trip Info forms so they were the first to participate. We now have all the paper forms that were regular mailed to the Treasurer and this is the reason you are receiving this announcement at this time.

There will be 2 scheduled conference calls the first week of March, 2020.

The EFMLS Societies who receive this email are *cordially invited* to participate in one of the next 2 conference calls. Both calls will take place the first week of March. We are proposing 2 dates to try to accommodate your schedule.

Please reply to this email if you are interested in being on the teleconference call on either

Wednesday, 3/4 @ 7:pm

OR

Thursday 3/5 @ 7:pm

We ask that you choose one or the other and not both in order to give others a chance and to call in. After registering for your preferred day, we will email you a reminder of your selected date and the conference call dial in number and instructions.


There is only limited space on these conference calls and it will be on a first come, first serve basis. We will try to accommodate as many of you as possible. In the event that the call list fills up quickly, we will look at having additional conference calls in the future.

**Thank you,
EFMLS Communications**

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From the DVESS newsletter from January 1964, Alexander P. Klinshaw, Editor.

THE DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY

(Early History)

In the summer of 1955, a small group of persons living in Southern New Jersey discussed the formation of a society interested in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology, and other earth sciences.

From these preliminary discussions, Mr. Arthur Grieves, presently of Delanco, N.J. was delegated to write a letter of intent to Governor Robert Meyner of New Jersey in establishing a society. This letter dated Oct. 5, 1955, was referred to Dr. F.W. Raubinger, Commissioner of the Department of Education, who in turn referred the letter to Mrs. C. Graywacz, Director of New Jersey State Museum at Trenton, N.J. The Director of the State Museum expressed the State's desire to cooperate and wished more information relative to officers, aims and purpose and established meeting time and place.

Mr. A. Grieves and Mr. Herbert T. Borden then sent letters to all known interested persons, requesting their presence on the evening of February 15, 1956 in the Library of Woodbury N.J. to formulate plans and elect officers. This in effect was the first meeting of the organization.

Good news must have traveled fast because congratulations were received from the New Jersey Mineralogical Society of Plainfield, N.J. and from the Newark Mineralogical Society on our intent to form a South Jersey Society.

The second meeting took place in the Woodbury High School where Dr. A.L.S. Sherk, M.D. of Merchantville, N.J. suggested and was sanctioned by the present members, the name of society. "The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society."

The elected officers at that meeting were as follows:

President -----	Mr. Frank Brunner
First Vice President -----	Dr. R.J. Mandle
Second Vice President -----	Mr. Herbert T. Borden
Secretary -----	Mr. Arthur Grieves
Treasurer -----	Mrs. B.C. Mandle
Chairman of Field Trips -----	Mr. Leonard Morgan

With the groundwork laid and the organization ready to function the society was incorporated with the state of New Jersey on January 9, 1958 by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "The Corporations and Associations not for profit act" which sets forth the following: -

1. Name - The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society
2. Purpose -
 - a) to revive a general interest in Minerals and mineral cutting.
 - b) to instruct beginners as to how a collection can be made and cared for.
 - c) to keep a record of mineral localities and the minerals found there.
 - d) to encourage the search for new minerals
 - e) to endeavor to secure the practice of conservation of minerals localities and rock formations.
 - f) for lapidary activities, including the cutting and polishing of gem stones.
3. Location- The said corporation of society shall be located and its' activities shall be conducted in the Delaware Valley, comprising Southern New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware.
4. Officers- Officers and executive committee selected for the first year of the existence of The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society and their P.O. address are as follows:

President-----Dr. R.J. Mandle
Past President-----Mr. Frank Bruhner
Vice President-----Mr. Herbert T. Borden
Vice President-----Mr. Leonard Morgan
Corresponding Sec.-----Dr. Edward Zukancas, M.D.
Treasurer-----Mrs. B.C. Mandle

Dear Members:-

The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society was founded on the premise that a considerable number of persons and families living in the vicinity of southern New Jersey were interested in the hobby and study of natural sciences.

With this in mind a group of men drew up the plans to organize and promote the present society in 1955.

These men and subsequent early members did not know at the time that a new educational trend in scientific knowledge was being instituted by the National Education Service. This new trend was the introduction of elemental geology and mineralogy to students of elementary schools under the classification of "Earth Science".

As late as 1955, there probably were not more than a dozen or more persons in all of south jersey who had the faintest concept of mineralogy and much less of geology. This was due largely to the fact that south jersey had practically no rocks and minerals (except for gravel and sand). The flat land of sedimentary origin was of little interest in a geological sense.

Mineralogical societies were present in northern New Jersey and the neighboring states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York since the early 1900's.

Men and women living in south jersey and who were actually engaged in the hobbies of rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary work, attended and became members of these distant societies. Some of the present members are members of one or more in and out of State Mineralogical and Historical Societies.

The new educational trend to impart an elemental science of geology and mineralogy to students of elementary schools has now changed the picture. Parents of these elementary grade children, who with high school and college backgrounds, in most part, were not in the remotest interested in earth sciences. Not until Johnnie and Peggy started asking questions as to what Quartz, Galena, Triassic, PreCambrian, Brachypods, etc. meant.

The light started to dawn on the parents that perhaps the children were becoming over bright and studying things in school that they, the parents, never heard of. All parents are interested in their offspring and certainly want to be in the drivers seat when Johnnie started asking questions.

The founding fathers of the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society, who may have originally thought this society would be of interest to the adults are now rightfully proud of the fact that the society is a family affair. Increased membership in a large measure is due to the parental interest in the children.

Where else in all south jersey can a family group get together with other family groups in the interest of Earth Sciences? Nowhere at present.

Your editor and associate editors are well aware of the fact that there is a diversification of interest in Earth Science Societies - Paleontology (fossils etc.) - Lapidary Art (cutting and polishing of rocks) - Mineralogy (study of rocks and minerals) and Geology (study of earth's formations).

With this in mind, there will appear notes and comments about some one or all phases of interest in a quarterly bulletin.

The editors realized that the extent of publication each month has to be limited according to the funds available for its dispersal.

It is hoped that this first bulletin will prove of interest to the members in disseminating the knowledge of earth science.

Everything and anything is beautiful and useful providing you take the time to reason it's creation and purpose.

Editor



Quote of the Month:

Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth. *Jules Verne, Journey to the Center of the Earth*

DVESS Directory for 2020

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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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