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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



May 2022

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11th, via Zoom

7:00 pm social hour

8:00 pm Program: TBA



President's Message

We will continue having Zoom meeting at least until possibly September. COVID-19 sub-variants are on the rise again. I don't know if a new variant will stop things again, but we will continue taking trips and remain safe too. We will start to line up field trips now that the weather is getting warmer. I'd like everyone think about members that we haven't seen on our regular Zoom meetings. Please reach out, give them a call and let them know you are thinking about them. If you don't have their address or phone number, call me at 856-524-2103.

April 13th, 2022 Zoom Meeting: Our speaker was Karenne Snow who talked to us about "Minerals and Their Type Localities." For example, Franklin and Sterling Hill Mine, Franklin and Ogdensburg, Franklin Mining District, NJ with 35 mineral types and 200 total minerals at Franklin and 21 mineral types and 237 total minerals at Sterling Hill.

May 11th, 2022 Zoom Meeting: Our speakers cancelled on us due to illness. I'm working to come up with a last-minute speaker or type of program. It will be a surprise.

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). We sent our first box of treasures to the Ventura club in early March and we received our second box specimens later that month. If you are interested in participating/contributing, please notify Fred Hochkile or myself to make donations. Thanks. We are waiting to find out how often we will be swapping.

Sterling Hill Super Diggg 2022 is postponed until further notice. There is a chance we will be holding the event in the fall.

Earth Day Event, Saturday April 23rd 2022 at Scotland Run Nature Center: We had several club members present helping with displays: Vince Male, Fred Hochkile, Natalie Haabak, Mark Leipert, Amy and Evelyn Simpson with the assistance of Mike and Fin Heierbacher. Amy and Evelyn had kid's activities like rock painting. Fred Vince and Mark showed off some of our own fossils, mineral displays and lapidary/jewelry. Natalie, Mike and Fin showed off fossils from the

Edelman Fossil Park and shared photos of the new Edelman Museum that is currently under construction.

Sewell Stream Fossil Trip, April 30th: The morning started out cold but the sun really warmed things up while standing in the frigid water of the stream. Those attending were: Susan Moore, Sherry Sisson, Jimmy Burlage, Jim Brennan, Karen Sweeten, Fred Hochkile, Sue VanCola, Vince Male, Vince Franchi, Steve Bleifuss, Cathy Eskew, Billy Pape, Christine Pape and Ray Pape and me. This was a very nice turnout. Everyone found many belemnites, Exogyras and a few gastropods. See photos below in the newsletter.

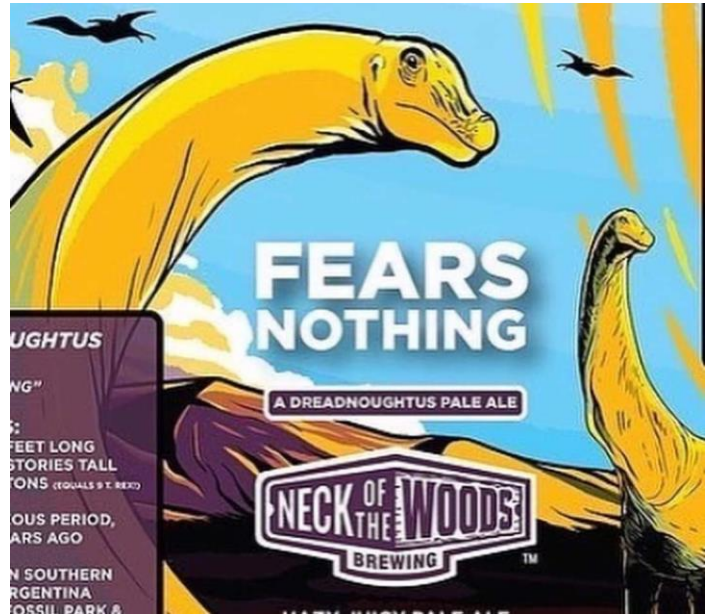
The Cape Atlantic Club Mineral Show & Sale: Cape Atlantic Rock Club will be holding its mineral sale/show on May 14th and 15th from 9 to 5 both days. It will be held at 2641 Cologne Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ

Field Trip, Sunday May 22nd, 2022: Yes, that's correct - Sunday. They do happen once in a while. Rarer than a blue moon. We will be again going to the Pickering Golf Course to collect at the Brookdale and possibly the West Chester mine spoils. You will need to bring shovels, hammers, gloves, insect spray, buckets, chairs and boots.

Future Field Trips: Mt. Pleasant Mills, Middleburg National Limestone, C&D Canal, Sayreville (amber) and Cornwall Mine spoils.

Summer Kick-off event at James G Atkinson Park in Sewell on June 11 from 11am-5 pm. DVESS will be setting up several tables like we have done for the Water Fest Event. This is another opportunity for our club to reach out as a resource to another nearby community. The day will offer, a children's zone with crafts, games, balloon animals, children's performers and more. In addition, we are expecting 3,000 people, which offers a great opportunity to reach a large number of people. I'm also looking for some volunteers to arrange for some fun activities involving earth science.

A number of club members came out to celebrate the release of the **Fears Nothing: Dreadnoughtus Pale Ale** at the Neck of the Woods Brewing Company. Proceeds were donated to the Edelman Fossil Park Museum.



Mark Leipert, President

Obituary for Anita J. Crossley

January 23, 1937 - April 7, 2022

Anita J. Crossley (nee Waddell), age 85, of Franklinville, NJ, passed away on April 7, 2022.

Anita was a member of Calvary Chapel for many years. **She was an avid rock collector and was a member of the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society.** Flowers brought Anita a lot of joy. She loved landscaping and gardening. Anita was also a member of the Pennsauken first aid squad, from 1970-1980. It was there that she met her future husband, Frank.

<https://www.farnellifuneralhome.com/obituary/anita-crossley>



Shows and Events

May

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June

Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science 21st Annual Mineral and Gem Show.

June 11 - Rain or Shine, 9 am-4 pm. Sponsored by the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, Inc. and the Danbury Mineralogical Society to benefit the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science. To be held at the museum grounds of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, 1 mile north of Kent, CT on Route 7. Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry for sale and trade. Tour the new exhibits in the mining museum. Free admission for visitors. New

vendors welcomed. For additional information check our website at www.ctamachinery.com, or Facebook, or call (860) 927-0050.

2nd Annual Summer South Jersey Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show. June 11th. 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08054. Show Times: Saturday (6/11/22) 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Outdoor Only) *Rain Date: Sunday (6/12/22) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Outdoor Only).

Website: www.sjmineralshow.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sjmineralshow

Looking ahead

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



News

New Species of Ancient Fish Discovered Along PA Roadside

Well-preserved fossil bones of a Devonian lob-finned fish were discovered in rocks along a highway road cut in Centre County.

<https://www.anspblog.org/new-species-of-ancient-fish-discovered-along-pa-roadside/>

The extinction of the dinosaurs caused fruit to grow massive

<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/extinction-dinosaurs-caused-fruit-grow-200034908.html>

Photos

by Jim Brennan and Susan Moore

Sewell Stream Fossil Trip, April 30th









Quote of the Month:

My dad took me out to see a meteor shower when I was a little kid, and it was scary for me because he woke me up in the middle of the night. My heart was beating; I didn't know what he wanted to do. He wouldn't tell me, and he put me in the car and we went off, and I saw all these people lying on blankets, looking up at the sky. - *Steven Spielberg*

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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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