

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



**November 2016**

CELEBRATING OUR 60TH YEAR

**Next Meeting:** November 9th

**7:00 pm Junior Rockhounds class and adult social hour**

**8:00 pm Program:** Mr. Stuart Martell will give a presentation on fossils.

**December Program:** Holiday Party

### **Sunday, November 13th - DVESS Banquet**

It will be held at 2 p.m. at our usual meeting location. For a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person, the club will supply a selection of Chinese take-out, pizzas and some sandwiches as well as drinks. We ask members to bring desserts, salads and any favorite side dish. Everyone will receive a door prize specimen and we will have a program, as usual.

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

## Field Trips:



**The field trip for November** is going to a site in New London, PA.

Black tourmaline, plagioclase and orthoclase feldspars, garnet, staurolite and quartz have been found at the site. We have good directions this time. We will be meeting at the PATCO Highspeed Line Woodcrest Station, parking lot 8A at 8:30 on Saturday November 19th. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the November 9th meeting.

**Annual Free Sterling Hill Mining Museum Trip:** If you are interested in visiting the Sterling Hill Mining Museum before December 12th. We need to have at least ten people to make it happen. We are trying to get some new blood out there promoting the club as well as getting interested in digging minerals. It's so much more fun collecting with a bunch of people. There will be a sign up sheet at the next regular meeting.

**Mark Leipter**

## News:

**Couple give \$25 million to Rowan to showcase dinosaur-era fossils**



The husband-and-wife founders of a financial planning firm said Monday they are donating \$25 million to Rowan University, their alma mater, to create a museum, visitor center, and other amenities at a former quarry that is a rich source of fossils from the dinosaur era.

The gift from Jean and Ric Edelman marks the second-largest in the New Jersey school's history, after the \$100 million gift in 1992 from Henry and Betty Rowan, when the school changed its name from Glassboro State College.

<http://www.philly.com/philly/health/Couple-give-25-million-to-Rowan-to-showcase-dinosaur-era-fossils.html>

**Massive million-year-old shark tooth washes ashore after Hurricane Matthew**

[https://www.yahoo.com/news/m/3f247840-792f-3e4f-bea7-c54be9fe2c16/ss\\_massive-million-year-old.html](https://www.yahoo.com/news/m/3f247840-792f-3e4f-bea7-c54be9fe2c16/ss_massive-million-year-old.html)

## How to Make a Carnominus Rex

*by Konrad Slamp, age 8*  
grandson of AnnLynne Benson and Mil Le Compte



Get some Carnosaurus DNA and some Velociraptor DNA.  
Mix together to make Carnoraptor DNA.

Get some T-Rex DNA and Velociraptor DNA.  
Mix together to make Indominus Rex DNA.

Mix the hybrid DNA's together to make Carnominus Rex DNA.

Put it in the spawner spray; put it in the incubator.

Turn on the incubator. Wait a long time.

After a while your Carnominus Rex is alive.



## Website of the Month:

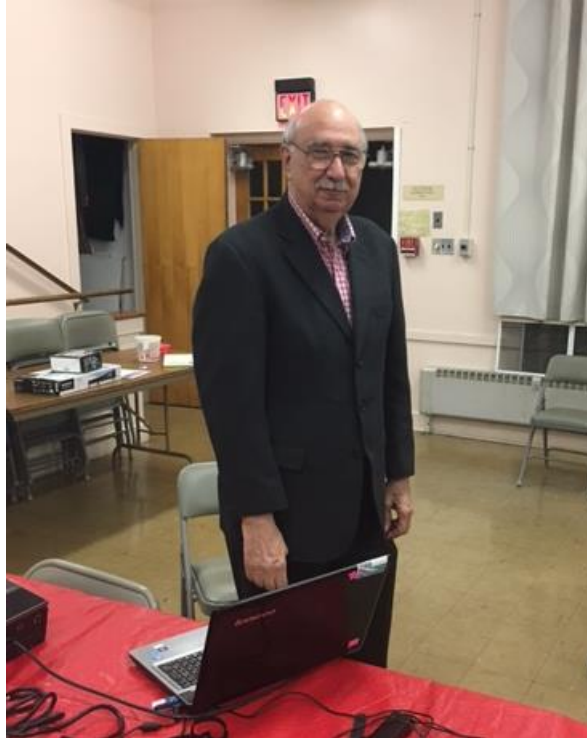
### The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University is a leading natural history museum dedicated to advancing research, education, and public engagement in biodiversity and environmental science.

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

**Photo** by Jim Brennan

**Dr. Phillip Betancourt, speaking at our October Meeting**



### **Quote of the Month:**

The mineral world is a much more supple and mobile world than could be imagined by the science of the ancients. Vaguely analogous to the metamorphoses of living creatures, there occurs in the most solid rocks, as we now know, perpetual transformation of a mineral species.

*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

## Shows and Events

**Exhibit of prehistoric artifacts from the Madeira I and II digs** near Oldershaw Av. in Moorestown, four years ago, by Jack Cresson are on display at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion, 12 High St., Moorestown. The display runs through June 2017 and is free. See [www.moorestownhistory.org](http://www.moorestownhistory.org)

**Dinosaurs Unearthed - June 25, 2016–January 16, 2017** - Academy of Natural Sciences. Back by popular demand—roaring, moving, life-size animatronic dinosaurs invade the Academy for a multi-sensory experience for the whole family. Fee in addition to museum admission.

<http://www.anasp.org/visit/exhibits/dinosaurs-unearthed/?gclid=C13Z79THhswCFcskhgOdQqMFaQ>

### November

**Gemarama 2016** - November 5-6: Oaks, PA - Tuscarora Lapidary Society's 47th annual fine gem, jewelry and mineral show, Saturday 10am – 6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. HALL C at The Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center at Oaks. "Down Under" is this year's theme. More than 25 dealers. Demonstrations in lapidary and jewelry arts, and special activities for children. Food is available and parking is free. For more information and for show discount coupons, please visit the Society's web site at [www.lapidary.org](http://www.lapidary.org).

**Friends of Mineralogy - Pennsylvania Chapter** will hold its 2016 symposium for mineral collectors in Lancaster, PA, on **November 5**, with a field trip on November 6. Presentations by expert speakers; select mineral dealers will be present, and there will be a silent auction, give-away table, refreshments, and opportunities for visiting with fellow enthusiasts. \$25 for non-members, \$15 for current FM-Pa members; free for students with student ID. Please register in advance; a form is available on the web site. <http://www.rasloto.com/FM/>

**November 19–20. Fairfax, VA. Northern Virginia Mineral Club, 25th Annual Show;** Student Union II Bldg., George Mason Univ.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6, Seniors \$4, Teens (13-17) \$3, Children 12 and under FREE; over 20 Dealers, Exhibits, Door Prizes, Silent Auction; for more information, go to <http://www.novamineralclub.org/events/2016-show>

**Dinosaurs to take over the Franklin Institute with 'Jurassic World: The Exhibition'** NBCUniversal and Imagine Exhibitions will bring the exhibit to Philadelphia for a Nov. 25 start at the Franklin Institute's Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion and Mandell Center, where it will stay through April 2017. Jurassic World: The Exhibition is a conceptual endeavor, with attendees being given the impression that they are VIP guests on Jurassic World's Isla Nublar during the events of the 2015 film. <https://www.fi.edu/exhibit/jurassic-world>



## Membership Information

*Regular memberships* are entitled to participate in all DVESS activities.

*Sponsoring memberships* are entitled to the same plus a specially chosen mineral specimen. Dues are renewable each year in January.

### *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

### *Sponsoring Membership: (each additional family member - \$5.00)*

“Silver” \$50.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive a Geode Specimen

“Gold” \$75.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive Mineral Specimen

“Platinum” \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> family member – receive Premium Specimen

## 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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