

DVESScapades

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DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



September 2015

Next Meeting: September 9th

Program: Annual Show-and-Tell

Since we missed doing this last year, anyone with info to share can include the last two years of collecting experience.

Our annual Banquet is approaching. Save the date! **Sunday, October 25th**, 2 to 6 pm. Derek Yoost will give us a presentation. Topic and location to be determined. Stay tuned. Door prizes for all, a raffle drawing and lots of food.

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

Hot Weather Note

If the weather is hot, the meeting will be held in the
(air conditioned) basement of the main building.

President's Message by AnnLynne Benson

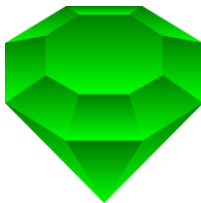
I'm not exactly, as the Wizard of Oz announced from his hot air balloon before it floated off, "going to a wizards' convention to hobnob with my fellow wizards," but it feels like that. Actually I'm going to Wildacres, the Eastern Federation's little slice of heaven atop a mountain in Little Switzerland, North Carolina.



Many of the usual attendees will attend - some folks I've known for years from attending conventions or at other club meetings; and there are always the "newbies" - rockhounds interested in taking their hobby to a new level: lapidary.

Wildacres offers interesting classes (silversmithing, facetting, soapstone carving), outstanding and popular instructors (Jay Bowman, Steve Weinberger, Sandy Cline) and a dynamic speaker (Denise Nelson, a graduate gemologist and jeweler). I hope to be learning to make gem trees.

As I did the last time I attended Wildacres, I'm traveling alone. Some of my friends think I have rocks in my head; but, hey - I'm a gneiss person! I just tell them, "KEEP ON ROCKING."



Field Trips:

Inversand - 4th Annual Mantua Township Community Day at Fossil Heritage Site on September 29th. I was hoping a few more people would be able to sign up for Inversand Trip, but it closed so fast. I heard they had 1500 people sign up. DVESS will have a table exhibiting mineral & fossils from New Jersey. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Mark Leipert at mark.leipert@yahoo.com

The free "Sterling Hill Trip" to members only will be coming up in October. A firm date will be announced at the September 9th meeting and an email blast will be sent out notifying members of the event.

Mark Leipert



Websites of the Month

Guide to Diamonds, Rocks, and Minerals

<http://www.casorjewelrysafes.com/guide-to-diamonds-rocks-and-minerals/>

Fossils Rock!

<http://www.fossils-facts-and-finds.com/>

International Chronostratigraphic Chart

<http://www.stratigraphy.org/index.php/ics-chart-timescale>



National Park Service

Quotes of the Month

"The elements that unite to make the Grand Canyon the most sublime spectacle in nature are multifarious and exceedingly diverse." *John Wesley Powell*

President Theodore Roosevelt said of Grand Canyon, "Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it. What you can do is to keep it for your children, your children's children, and for all who come after you, as one of the great sights which every American should see."

Fieldtrip Photos - Beltzville Dam

by Susan Moore





Puzzling

Which came first? Can you put these in the correct order? I'll give you a clue - Precambria is the oldest.

Cambrian
Cretaceous
Devonian
Eocene
Jurassic
Miocene
Mississippian
Oligocene
Ordovician
Paleocene
Pennsylvanian
Permian
Pleistocene
Pliocene
Precambrian
Silurian
Triassic

Shows and Events

September

19-20: Mays Landing, NJ - Cape-Atlantic Rock Hounds Annual Fall Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral and Fossil Show. 2641 Cologne Ave. Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Free Parking & Admission. Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 5 pm (rain or shine). For more information: <http://capeatlanticrockhounds.com/> or call Billie Brockhum at (609) 879-1179.

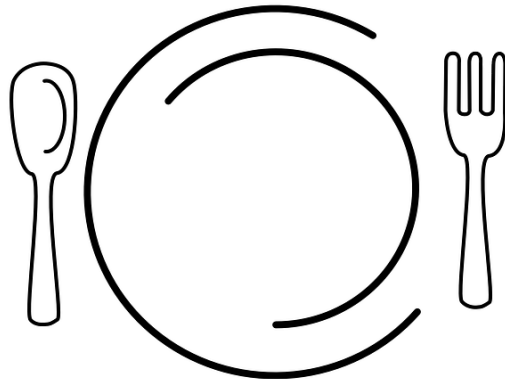
26-27: Franklin, NJ - 59th Annual Franklin-Sterling Gem & Mineral Indoor Show and Outdoor Show, Indoor show: Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Outdoor Swap: Saturday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Franklin School, 50 Washington Ave., Franklin, NJ 07416. Admission: \$7.00 Adult, \$4.00 child (6-16) . <http://spmom3.wix.com/franklin-gem-mineral>

29: 4th Annual Mantua Township Community Day at Fossil Heritage Site (Inversand), Lowes and Target parking lot off Woodbury Glassboro Road. <http://visitsouthjersey.com/events/mantua-community-fossil-dig-day/>

October

24: Fairless Hills, PA - The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA presents Annual "ULTRAVIOLATION" an all Fluorescent Mineral Show, at the First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA., 9 am – 5 pm, \$2.00 Donation, children 12 years old and younger FREE. Information: Chuck O'Loughlin, 130 Maple Terrace, Merchantville, NJ 08109, phone: 856-663-1383, Email: ultraviolation@yahoo.com

25: DVESS Annual Banquet - 2 to 6 pm. Derek Yoost will give us a presentation. Topic and location to be determined. Door prizes for all, a raffle drawing and lots of food.





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 1st family member – receive a Geode Specimen

"Gold" \$75.00 for 1st family member – receive Mineral Specimen

"Platinum" \$100.00 for 1st 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:

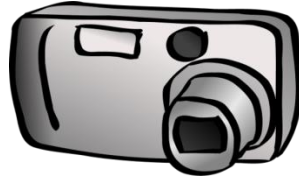
- promotes interest in, knowledge of, and the development of skills in the "earth sciences." These interests include mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, archeology, and local preservation.
- supports the conservation of natural resources, advocates the availability of collecting sites, and maintains 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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