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# DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



September 2019

Next Meeting: September 11th

7:00 pm Junior Rockhounds class and adult social hour

8:00 pm Program: Annual Show-and-Tell What have you been doing

this year? Tell us all about it - bring in those fossils and minerals you've collected, and let us see your photos!



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

#### **President's Corner:**

I hope everyone had a happy and safe summer. Our regular meetings start back up on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The program for the night will be "Show & Tell." Bring in

specimens or be prepared to talk about your summer adventures. We are looking forward to an exciting year of field trips and speakers/presenters. I'm looking for volunteers to work with me and help lead field trips.

Edelman Fossil Park at Rowan University,
September 14, 2018: details forthcoming on
the Annual Community Day Dig. Sign up at the
September meeting if you would like to help out
at our table at the event.



**DVESS Annual Picnic, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:** The annual picnic will be held at the home of Gerald and Jane Feigin (63 Berkshire Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080) at 1:00 pm. The hamburgers and hotdogs are provided by the club. We ask that people bring side dishes and salads, snacks and refreshments to share. We encourage everyone to sign up and tell everyone what you are bringing to eat, so we don't wind up with ten plates of brownies. Please sign up at <a href="https://www.whosbringingwhat.com/dvess">www.whosbringingwhat.com/dvess</a> so we know how many hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages to purchase. Bring plenty of money so you can bid on many items at our auction. The pool will be closed. The temperatures should be much cooler than the July date we had originally picked.



Sterling Hill Mining Museum Tour and Night Dig, Saturday, October 19: This is our annual free tour of the three museums and mine walking tour as well as the evening night dig. Meeting at Woodcrest Station, Parking Lot 8A at 8:00. More details to follow. Please sign up at the regular meeting in September or October.

Special thanks to those who helped organize our club's storage area.

**Mark Leipert, President** 



### Board of Chosen Freeholders

Gloucester County, New Jersey

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June 26, 2019

Delaware Valley Earth Science Society Mark Leipert

Dear Mr. Leipert:

On behalf of the 2019 Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Gloucester County Parks & Recreation Department, I would like to thank you for volunteering your time to assist with the Water Fest event held at Scotland Run Park on June 2, 2019. This year has marked the  $22^{nd}$  year we have held the County's largest environment fair. It is wonderful that the residents of Gloucester County were given the opportunity to explore one of our county parks through our Nature Center, Live Animal Shows, Exhibits, Canoeing/Kayaking and Nature Trails.

The service of our volunteers donating their time and expertise is invaluable and sincerely appreciated. Once again, thank you, for helping us make this popular and worthwhile event possible!

James J. Lavender, Ed.D

Freeholder Liaison, Parks & Recreation

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Cc: Chuck Rose, Director, Parks & Recreation

Liz Gibbs, Park Recreation Supervisor, Parks & Recreation

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#### News

#### U.S. Postal Service Issuing *Tyrannosaurus Rex* Forever Stamps

Four dynamic designs on a pane of 16 stamps depict the awe-inspiring dinosaur in growth stages from infancy to adulthood.

https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2019/0624matrex-forever-stamps.htm



Vast 'pumice raft' found drifting through Pacific Ocean

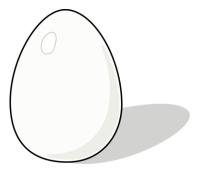
https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-49469446

Stromboli: Another spectacular volcano eruption on the Aeolian island off Sicily

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Almost all life on Earth was wiped out 2 billion years ago, a new study says

https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/04/us/life-on-earth-wiped-out-2-billion-years-scn-trnd/



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

Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she laid an asteroid. Mark Twain —Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World

#### **Shows and Events**

#### October

**October 11-13: 63rd Paul Desautels Micromount Symposium,** Friends School of Baltimore, 5114 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210. Giveaway tables, silent auction, voice auction, sales, mineral talks, trading. For program and registration forms, email Mike Seeds, mseeds@fandmedu

October 12-13: 2nd Annual South Jersey Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08054. Saturday (10 am-6 pm) & Sunday (10 am-5 pm). www.sjmineralshow.com

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#### November

**November 2-3: Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show**, Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, NJ 07092. 12-5 pm. Held indoors, Exhibits, Sales, Activities, Demonstrations. <a href="https://www.ucnj.org/trailside">www.ucnj.org/trailside</a>



#### **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 (<a href="http://www.AmFed.org/EFMLS">http://www.AmFed.org/EFMLS</a>)

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