

# DVESScapades

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



## DELAWARE VALLEY EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



September 2021

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 8th

7:00 pm social hour

8:00 pm Program: **via Zoom** - our annual "Show & Tell" - it's your turn to tell everyone about what you've been doing, your latest finds, or something interesting from the past!



**Upcoming** - In November, we will have Dr. Karen Wenrich who will be talking about her experiences in the mining industry at the "Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado."

No regular, in-person meetings until further notice

## President's Message

The Delta variant of COVID-19 cases are on the rise. We are going to play it safe and not meet face to face for a while. As rock, mineral and fossil collectors, we normally socially distance anyway. Being an outdoors activity we don't have to worry about wearing mask, except for the possibility of commuting to the sites or stopping somewhere to eat. Send reasonable suggestions for field trips to me at [mark.leipert@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.leipert@yahoo.com). I'm also looking for a few activity leaders for things like field trips, Christmas Party and possibly a club banquet. Thank you to Cathy Eskew for volunteering to help with the club picnic.

We are planning to continue using Zoom as our vehicle to hold meeting. We are planning to hold zoom meetings for September, October and November and have a live face-to-face meeting for our Christmas Party. Until then, we will continue Zooming. We continue looking for interesting speakers, so if you have ideas or know of someone who's interested please let me know.

Continue taking field trips to your basement, cleanup your dust covered rocks and fossils, discover something you've probably had for years hiding away in your closet, garage or secret stash area. Bring some items out with you when you come out on field trips. You might be able to give away or trade some of the materials you've been waiting to give away to other club members.

**Guest Zoom Speakers:** Last month we had Dr. Paul Ullman, Assistant Professor of Geology at Rowan University, who presented the interesting topic of "**Original tissues and biologic molecules can survive in fossil bones - but how?**". Dr. Karen Wenrich has re-scheduled for our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be sharing her experiences in the mining industry at the "Sweet Home Mine in Alma, Colorado" and showing us some fantastic minerals collected from the mine. This month will be our annual "Show & Tell" event. So, here's your chance to show off items you found while out on your adventures this summer. I will continue trying to line-up interesting speakers for the fall.

### **Field Trips:**

We did not conduct any official field trips this month. Although a few of us got together to scout out some of the local streams for marine fossils. We will share some of our findings at our "Show and Tell" Zoom meeting this month.

**Possible Future Trips:** Our annual free trip to Sterling Hill will be Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at our favorite parking spot at the Wood Crest Station of the PATCO High Speedline at 8:00.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, Club Picnic:** Our club annual picnic was held once again at the home of Gerald & Jane Feigin. We had about 18 people in attendance. The day started off cloudy but it eventually lived up to its summer heat and humidity. Gerald gave everyone a tour of his arboretum and then inside to see his fantastic mineral & fossil collection. There was plenty of items for the club

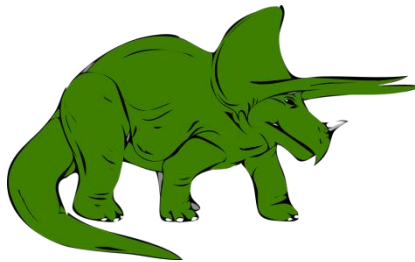
auction and we raised about \$450 plus an extra \$100 from kitty litter buckets of rocks sold by Fred. Gary did a good job again at being our auctioneer. Special thanks again to our hosts, Gerald and Jane Feigin.

**Fossil Fair and Mineral Treasures Show for 2021:** Cancelled due to COVID-19. This show is rescheduled for the last weekend in March 2022.

**The “Cape Atlantic Club Mineral Show & Sale”:** Cape Atlantic Rock Club held it’s mineral sale/show on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful and the event was well attended. Their fall sale/show will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**We are now working with Sterling Hill Mining Museum to have a Super Diggg there in the spring of 2022. We are going to need a bunch of volunteers to pull it off. Stay tuned for more details.**

**Mark Leipert, President**



## News

The skeleton of the world's biggest Triceratops goes on sale

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/dinosaur-auction-triceratops-intl-scli-scni/index.html>

## Events

### October

4th Annual South Jersey Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show

Date: October 9-10, 2021

Location: 1721 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08054

Show Times: Saturday (10/9/21) 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & Sunday (10/10/21) 10:00am - 5:00pm

Website: [www.sjmineralshow.com](http://www.sjmineralshow.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sjmineralshow](https://www.facebook.com/sjmineralshow)

### 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Desautels Micromount Symposium

Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1 pm Eastern, by Zoom

Hall of Fame Inductions by Quintin Wight

Talks by Jean-Luc – “Micromounts of the Sancy Massif” and Tony – “The Journey from an Unknown to a New Mineral”

Voice Auction - Items Selected and Auctioned by Al Pribula

Register with Mike Seeds [mseeds@fandm.edu](mailto:mseeds@fandm.edu) to receive a free Zoom invite



### Quote of the Month:

The most popular exhibits in any natural history museum are, without doubt, the dinosaurs. These creatures' popularity grows each year, partly because of the recent resurgence of dinosaur movies, but also because a skeleton of a full-sized *Tyrannosaurus rex* still has the ability, even 65 million years after its death, to chill us to the bone. - **Ray Harryhausen**

## Photos - DVESS Picnic

by Susan Moore









## Fossil Collecting in Sewell

by Mark Leipert











# *DVESS Directory for 2021*

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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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