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*Meeting place: Evergreen Avenue School
Woodbury, New Jersey*

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM, 2nd Wednesday of month

Meeting Date: November 12th, 2003



This Month

November 12th 2003

Lou Detofsky

Antarctica!

Need we say more?

Junior Rockhounds

7:30 - 7:55 pm

Specimens from the quarry in
Hanover, PA: limestone with
calcite crystals.

Find out how it formed in PA

Choose your own specimen.

Next Meeting – December 10th, 2003 Annual Holiday Party/Gift Exchange

Bring a wrapped ~\$10 gift.

Following the meeting we will adjourn to:

Hollywood U.S.A. Café & Diner
Route 45 & Elm Avenue, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097



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BACKGROUND

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, knowledge, and the development of skills in the “earth sciences.” These interests include mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary arts, archeology, and local preservation. The Society supports the conservation of natural resources, advocates the availability of collecting sites, and maintains close contact with those in the academic field.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September through June, at the Evergreen Avenue School in Woodbury, New Jersey. At 7:30 pm members meet to socialize, view displays, sign the registry and receive a door-prize ticket, toward a specially chosen specimen. Meetings start promptly at 8:00 PM and include the evening’s program followed by the monthly business meeting, concluding around 10:00 PM. Meetings are open to the general public.

MEMBERSHIP

See the Membership Chairperson for an application for membership in the Society. Regular memberships are entitled to participate in all DVESS activities and to receive a newsletter when published. Sponsoring memberships are entitled to all of the above plus a specially chosen mineral specimen. Membership rates for the Society are:

<u>Regular Membership</u>				
\$15.00 for the 1 st family member + \$5.00 for each family member				
\$10.00 for the 1 st Senior (65+) member + \$5.00 for each family member				
<u>Sponsoring Membership</u>				
<u>Level</u>	<u>1st Member</u>	+	<u>Additional Members</u>	= <u>Receive</u>
“Silver”	\$50.00	+	\$5.00	= Geode Specimen
“Gold”	\$75.00	+	\$5.00	= Native Gold Specimen
“Platinum	\$100.00	+	\$5.00	= Premium Specimen

Dues are renewable each year in January

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“Platinum” - Gerald Feigan
“Platinum” -- Harvey Cantor
“Silver” – Jeff Winkler

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To submit an article for publication in the DVESScapades contact the Newsletter Editor.

Evergreen Avenue School
160 N. Evergreen Ave.
Woodbury, N.J. 08096
Privilege to enter the school is limited to the night of the meeting between the hours of 7PM & 10PM under the direction of the school staff.
Permission from the school staff is required to enter the school at any other time.

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Minutes of the October 9th, 2003 DVESS General Meeting.

By Terry Wilson

Thirty-two people turned out for the October meeting to see the legendary George Powell talk about fossils. Grant called the meeting to order at 8:10. After introducing our guest, Adriana Amado (Jonathan Feigin's neighbor), Gary turned the meeting over to George Powell.

George brought an impressive display of fossils, mostly from Aurora, NC and the Potomac River, and some rare specimens. He talked about his famous find in 1992, a shark dentition (full set of teeth from one shark), and collecting in general, especially at Aurora. Next spring the phosphate mine company (PSC) at Aurora will allow collectors in the pit. Currently, collectors are only allowed to pick through the piles of dumped material. After his talk, George distributed handouts on curating a collection. The Junior Rockhounds presented George with a specimen plaque as a thank you.

We took a break to look at the fossil specimens before proceeding to the business part of the meeting. The minutes for both June and September were approved as printed in the newsletter. Gary gave the treasurer's report, and explained the types of expenses the club has, such as insurance for field trips, postage for the newsletter, and subsidies for our trips and the upcoming banquet.

We discussed the club's need for officers for the upcoming year. Stu Cleveland offered to take over membership duties. The banquet scheduled for the upcoming Sunday was promoted; it will feature a showing of SuperCroc, a documentary about a huge crocodile fossil found in the Sahara.

The door prize of a whale earbone was won by Stu Cleveland. Jonathan Feigin won a fossil plaque. The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

George Powell was in good spirits and good health, after having beat the cancer that hit him two years ago. It was great to have him return for our meeting, and he was still holding court in the parking lot when I finally drove away at 11:00 pm.

Jr. Rockhounds help needed.

By Ann Benson

If anyone can donate some small, tumbled, polished stones for the Junior Rockhounds project, please bring them to the November or December meeting.

Dues are coming due for the Year 2004

<u>Category</u>	<u>1st Member</u>	<u>Each Additional</u>	<u>Sponsor Gift</u>
Basic	\$15	\$5	N/A
Senior Citizen (65+)	\$10	\$5	N/A
“Silver” Sponsor	\$50	\$5	Geode Specimen
“Gold” Sponsor	\$75	\$5	Native Gold Specimen
“Platinum” Sponsor	\$100	\$5	“Premium” Specimen

Pay Your Dues before or at the February 11th meeting to enter the
“Early Dues Specimen Drawing”
at the March meeting.

Pay Your Dues at Any Meeting or Mail to:

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Please be sure to give us your correct Email address and whether you prefer to receive the DVESScapades newsletter via Email or a printed version via snail-mail. Remember, an Emailed newsletter saves the club significant money and you will get it several days sooner.

Noteworthy News & Tasty Tidbits

By Gary Weinstein

Our club has just come into possession of a somewhat used 14" saw, 10" combination unit (saw, grinding and sanding/polishing wheels) and almost a ton of jaspers, agates, woods and obsidian from Oregon. Very reasonable donations will be accepted for these items, first offered to members and then to outside parties. If you are interested contact me at my new email address or at the store.

Please make a change in my e-mail address. You will soon not be able to reach me at the old one. New address is garyskyrock@comcast.net

Proposed slate of officers for next year:

President:	Ann Benson
1st V.P./ field trip chair:	Gerald Feigan
2nd V.P.:	Lou Detofsky
Secretary:	Grant Elliott
Treasurer:	Gary Weinstein

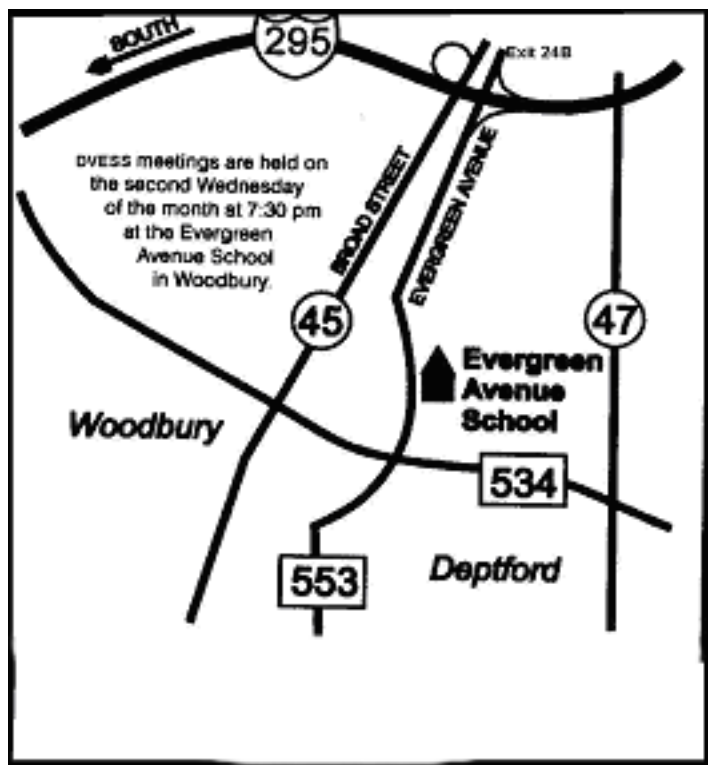
It is good to finally see some new blood (Gerald) coming in to help out the club, however, Ann is running reluctantly and has held the position in the past, Grant has been coerced into relieving Terry of her duties and Gerald could use some help with field trips. Also, we still need help with the Jr. Rockhounds. Ann has agreed to help with it this year but can't do both next year. Stu Cleavland, librarian, has agreed to add the responsibility of membership chair to his duties. And of course, Gary will be unopposed in all the other club needs. If there is any one out there who has ever thought of the remote possibility of helping out their club, NOW IS THE TIME!!!!!!! Contact Gary if you would like to "throw your hat in the ring" and run for office next year.

Terry is setting up a Paypal account for online dues payments. Details to follow soon.

A great time was had by all attending our annual banquet. There were many silent and Chinese auctions, a raffle of a display cabinet and a large selection of door prizes to pick from. The food was very good and plenty of it (a few of us had seconds). The program was also a treat, dealing with the largest found fossil of a crocodilian and it's descendents. Everyone should try to make this wonderful club function in the future.

I made an error in the last newsletter. Lou will not be hosting the next exec, I will.

Plans are underway for next years Trotter dig. Check out the website at <http://www.UVworld.org>, and plan to attend and volunteer to help out. This is the clubs big trip and we can use all the help we can get.



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