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

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

Meeting Date: January 14th, 2004



Main Program

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Junior Rockhounds

7:30 - 7:55 pm

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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:

Regular Membership

\$15.00 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

<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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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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President's Message.

By Ann Lynne Benson

Welcome to a new year with DVESS; I hope you enjoyed the holiday season.

My name is Ann Lynne Benson and in this, my 20th year with the club, I have again been elected to serve as your President; thank you for this honor. Allow me to introduce myself briefly. I joined DVESS in September of 1984, following a stirring presentation by "Doc Rock" (Lou Detofsky) on plate tectonics. I had no clue what he was talking about, but he sure seemed to know and love his topic! The people seemed very nice, Gary's hair wasn't one bit gray, and within three months I was asked to serve on the Executive Board.

I live in Clementon, NJ with my fiance, Mil LeCompte, who is also an interested member. I have no children and three adults: Catherine (mom of Jeremy, 11 and Garrett, about a year old depending on when you read this), Jim (dad of Christine, 5), and Louise who has no kids but works at the same place I do – Baxter Healthcare in Cherry Hill. I also have a wonderful foster daughter, Karen (mom of Maria Lynn, 12; Heather, 10; and Joey, 6). All children and grandchildren have attended and enjoyed either meetings, field trips, or rock shows; my son even wrote an article for "DVESScapades" once.

Mil and I invite you to schedule a visit to our "Rockreation" Room which, although still a work-in-progress, is shaping up nicely.

DVESS meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, and the Executive Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday – all members are invited and encouraged to attend.

We hope you will be joining us for our bus trip to the Smithsonian Institution museum of Natural History on Saturday, Feb. 21 – it's cheap enough to bring the whole family!

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

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Minutes of the December 10th, 2003 DVESS General Meeting.

By Terry Wilson

Grant Elliot opened the meeting at 8:30 with a small turnout, for our annual elections and holiday party. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Gary Weinstein gave the treasurer's report, with a query about a check not accounted for. With the missing check still a mystery, he went ahead and paid a bill submitted for the Jr. Rockhounds.

For field trips, the bus trip to the Smithsonian has been set. The bus will start at the Cadbury parking lot at 6:45 a.m., and continue for a pick up at Evergreen School at 7:30. The cost will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$20 for non-members. In other field trip news, Grant brought certificates he made for the volunteers outside our club who contribute to the Trotter trip. Our new field trip chairman is Gerald Feigin, who asked for the book to be passed along to him from the Harty's. Former field trip chairman Paul Funk sends his regards, via Lorraine.

As for memberships, we had a renewal, a Gold renewal, and a new member. According to the website report, new pictures are online. Sage Len Morgan announced Rutgers (New Brunswick) Mineral Museum's Open House and Lectures the last Saturday in January.

In new business, we still have the lapidary equipment for sale from the donation earlier in the fall. One interested party made a bid that was deemed too low, so we're trying to get a better offer. The equipment can be seen at Gary's Gem Garden.

After the business portion of the meeting, we passed a hat to give Ginger, the custodian who opens the school for us each month, a little gratuity. Then we held our elections. Ann Benson was elected president; Gerald Feigin, 1st vice president; Lou Detofsky, 2nd vice president; Grant Elliot, secretary; Gary Weinstein, treasurer. We exchanged gifts, and Gary also brought everyone a gift of a magazine and specimen, courtesy of a recent donation to the club.

We decided to not hold a board meeting this month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30. Afterwards most of us headed over to the Hollywood Diner for dinner, where a good time was had by all.

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

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SCIENCE SUNDAY WINTER 2004

LECTURE: *Becoming Human*

Sunday, January 25, 2004, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Fee: Members \$5; non-members \$8; FREE for students with valid ID

“How and when did we become fully human?” “When did homo sapiens become capable of symbolic reasoning, thought and language?” Ian Tattersall, one of this country’s leading anthropologists, asks these questions as he examines the major events in human evolution over the past four-million plus years. Join him as he explores the archeological record that early humans left behind in cave painting, engraving, carving, bodily decoration, music, elaborate burial with grave goods and other behaviors. Learn why Dr. Tattersall believes that human evolution is an eventful story of evolutionary experimentation with new species constantly generated and regular extinctions taking place. Explore the reasons why homo sapiens are the lone hominid in the world today.

Enjoy a reception and book-signing following the lecture. Books by Dr. Tattersall will be available for purchase.

SPEAKER: Ian Tattersall, paleontologist, evolutionary biologist and primate behaviorist, is Curator of Anthropology at The American Museum of Natural History. He is author of numerous publications including *Extinct Humans* (with Jeffrey Schwartz, 2000); *Becoming Human: Evolution and Human Uniqueness* (1998); and *The Last Neanderthal: The Rise, Success and Mysterious Extinction of Our Closest Human Relative* (1999)

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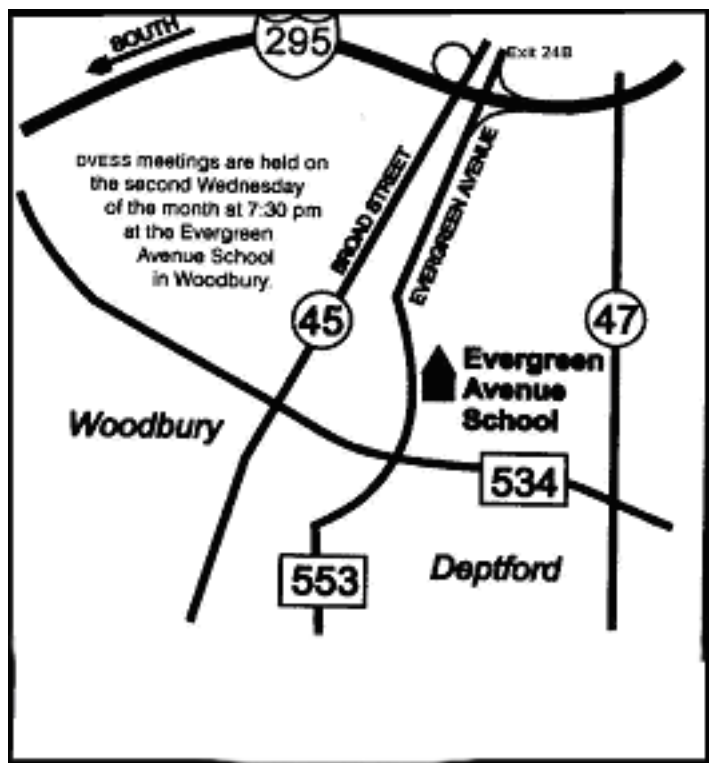
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