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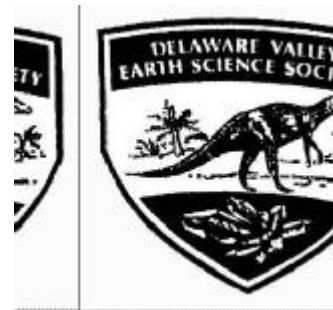
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March 2004

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

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

*Meeting Date: **March 10th, 2004***



## Main Program

To Be Determined

## Junior Rockhounds

7:30 - 7:55 pm

Program not yet confirmed.  
Come on out and be surprised!

# Trotter 2004

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

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

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DVESS Website:  
<http://www.dvess.org>

EFMLS Website:  
<http://www.AmFed.org/EFMLS>

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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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## President's Message.

By Ann Lynne Benson

One surgery down, one to go. Having survived the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> back surgery, I am now scheduled for another on April 12. Things are getting better all the time! I can walk (woo hoo!!) and do stairs (just can't sit or lie down – ha ha), so I have been using my recuperation time to organize the Rockreation Room – you are invited to view the progress.

I have not yet heard who will be taking over as newsletter editor – has anyone volunteered yet? You folks do want to have a newsletter, don't you? In that case, someone needs to accept this responsibility, or else there won't be one. Format is negotiable. In the past we have had everything from a simple postcard announcing the meeting date to an award-winning, almost professional format. We have had male and female, teen and adult editors. It's fun (I've done it myself). Please give it a try – you've got nothing to lose.

### TREAT YOURSELF (AND YOUR KIDS) TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF VACATION THIS YEAR:

Have you ever heard about WILDACRES? It is a week long, live-in workshop, in the mountains 40 miles north of Ashville, NC (at the end of the Blue Ridge Parkway) where you can take the following classes:

<b>June 26 – July 2</b>	<b>September 20 – 26</b>
<b>2 Day Classes</b>	<b>2 Day Classes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cabochons</li> <li>• basic or intermediate chainmaking</li> <li>• fluorescents</li> <li>• Mineral ID</li> <li>• basic wirecraft</li> <li>• soapstone carving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cabochons</li> <li>• basic wirecraft</li> <li>• soapstone carving or forging</li> </ul>
<b>4 Day Classes</b>	<b>4 Day Classes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• faceting</li> <li>• micromounting &amp; photomicrography</li> <li>• silversmithing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• faceting</li> <li>• micromounting &amp; photomicrography</li> <li>• silversmithing</li> <li>• wax modeling and casting</li> </ul>
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	<b>Guest Speaker:</b>
Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of <i>Rock &amp; Gem Magazine</i>	Dr. Steve Chamberlain of Syracuse Univ.

These classes are perfect for adults and kids aged 12 and older. There is a “free day” of the session to go rock hunting, shopping in the Little Switzerland area, hiking, or sight-seeing. A week at WILDACRES costs only \$280 per person. Lodging is in comfortable “motel style” rooms with private bath and meals are served family style in the dining hall. The only additional expense you might have is the cost of materials for the class you take.

Call Ann at 856-783-0969 – we can fax the registration form to you. For more info, contact Debbie Bard at [dedbard@nb.net](mailto:dedbard@nb.net) (717-294-3667) or Ginger at [postente@brinet.com](mailto:postente@brinet.com) (828-926-3022).

We urge you to investigate H.R. 2416 – Paleontological Resources Preservation Act – you may want to contact your congressperson regarding this proposed legislation, which provides, for example “forfeiture of all vehicles and equipment of any person that were used in connection with the violation of section 11(b).” Are we talking about drug trafficking? No – fossil collecting!

## Minutes of the February 11th, 2004 DVESS General Meeting.

By Grant Elliott

Ann Benson, President called the meeting to order at 08:08pm. Officers present, in addition to Ann, were Gerald Feigin- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Lou Detofsky- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Gary Weinstein-Treasurer/Programs, Stu Cleveland-Membership/Librarian, Len Morgan-Sage, and Grant Elliott-Recording Secretary.

Gary introduced Alan Mounier, our speaker, who discussed American Indians in South jersey and presented slides on his excavations in the 1970's.

After Alan's presentation, the meeting continued with reports. The minutes of the January general meeting were approved.

Gary indicated that the books balanced. He has sent funds to the Safety Bus Company for the 02/21/04 Smithsonian trip. It appears we will stop along the way home at the Golden Corral Buffet to eat. Mr. Mounier was given an honorarium compensation for his presentation. In regards to programs, Chet Lemanski will speak at the March meeting. We are looking for a less expensive venue for our potluck dinner. The picnic will be at Gerald's house, if he permits.

Old Business: When they find it, the museum in Berlin, NJ will return the Monosaur fossil to Jane Boorquin. Regarding the Smithsonian trip, the bus will stop at Cadbury 06:45am and Woodbury 07:30am. 45 people are booked so far.

New Business: We need new editor for the newsletter. Mike Jacob cannot continue the excellent job he has done. We desperately need a volunteer (Or two, to cover one another should the other have to withdraw).

Grant made a presentation to Lou Detofsky belatedly, since he was not at our last few meetings. It is as follows:

### **Lou's Mantra**

**Do not follow where the path may lead**

**Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm

## Tidbits.

By Gary Weinstein

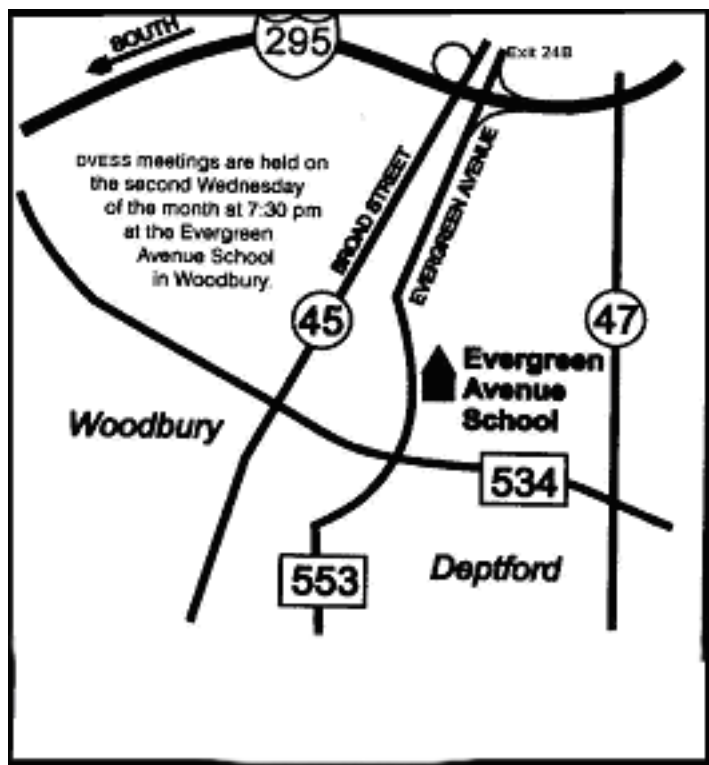
To All,

I just spoke with Jeff Winkler, our Trotter trip organizer, and he is anxious to fill up our minimum quota for this year. As always, the reservations have been trickling in slowly. We do always go over the minimum, but it would be more helpful if we could all flood him with our early reservations.

This year we will again be turning over new ground in Trotter as well as the Buckwheat, we will have our displays in the tent and a repeat of last years UV lamp door prizes. This year we will have more lamps to give away, thanks to our many old and new supporters. At least one large display lamp for the adults and about 7 or 8 smaller, portable lamps, for the younger participants. This will be known, in the future, as the year of the pebble pups.

Where else can you go to collect so many wonderful minerals, in more than one freshly overturned and previously closed dumps, many of which are fluorescent, hunt at night with UV lamps, see a great local show, visit more than one museum and even hunt another mine on Sunday or take in their mine tour, within the state?????

Lets all show our support of our club and sign up now to go on this great dig as well as volunteer to help out at the front table. If you need to know more about our "once a year" reopening of this closed site, go to <http://www.uvworld.org>



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