

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

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

Meeting Date: February 9, 2005



Main Program

Karen Snow, a co-author of Gem Trails of PA and NJ, will speak on Pine Barrens Geology.

Junior Rockhounds

Special Program!!!
So secret that we are not at liberty to reveal it in the newsletter.

Field Trip to the American Museum of Natural History, New York City – Saturday February 19, 2005



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Newsletter of the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society – DVESS

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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Woodbury, N.J. 08096
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Permission from the school staff is required to enter the school at any other time.

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President's Message by Ann Benson

Greetings, Fellow Earth-Surfers:

To quote a strange guy in a green mask, "IT'S SHOWTIME!" While our neighbors must content themselves with just four seasons, we have the privilege of that most wonderful fifth season: **Show Season**. The Delaware Mineralogical Society show will be March 5 and 6, the Micromount Shot (MM 05) will be March 12 and prior to that we have our bus trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. There is so very much to see and do.

Ours is a wonderful hobby. Mel and I invited our church secretary and her 3 kids over for dinner (ages 10 -12 including one set of twins). "Dessert" was a surprise trip to our Rock Room. The kids loved it and their mom was stunned! What a joy it is to see the eyes widen and to hear the eager questions!! What a blessing to be able to bring a healthy new experience into the lives of the young and young-at-heart. Ours is the gift that keeps on giving - a new season of thrills is upon us. Get out there and ENJOY!!

January 12, 2005 General Meeting Minutes by Grant Elliott, Acting Recording Secretary

Ann Benson, President gaveled the meeting to order at 7:57pm. Present were Ann, Gary Weinstein-Treasurer/Programs, Gerald Feigin- 1st VP/Field Trips/Junior Rockhounds, Grant Elliott- Recording Secretary, Stu Cleveland- Membership/Librarian, Chuck O'Loughlin- Newsletter Editor, Len Morgan- Sage, and Terry Wilson- Website Coordinator.

Guests included Nathan Leary and Robert Schindler & son.

The February 19, 2005 AMNH bus trip was reviewed with the membership, after which Gary introduced our speaker, Bob Summerfield of Astronomy To Go who presented "Meteorites Part II- The Search For Life In The Universe". Bob revealed fascinating information about these visitors from space and their significance regarding the origins of life. Members had ample opportunity to handle these celestial manifestations of star dust. Bob finished at 9:24pm.

PROGRAMS: Scott Neiman from Calvert Cliffs, Maryland will speak at the March meeting. Carrie Papa, author of "A Mile Deep And Black As Pitch" will be asked to speak in April 2005. This presentation would be just prior to our Trotter Dig weekend. Gary will try to secure a commitment from her.

Ann discussed the following: The benefits of Wildacres, the 3/18/05 Sayre, Pennsylvania Eastern Federation convention, and the 4/23/05-4/24/05 Franklin Mineral Show and the 3/5/05-3/6/05 Delaware Mineralogical Show.

Chuck has arranged a field trip to the Delaware County Institute of Science on 1/15/05, preparing the way for an interesting and fun time for all who participate- Thanks Chuck.

Executive Board meeting will take place 1/19/05 at Mrs. Bewley's house- No turkey or game bird this time around- hosted again by esteemed member Lorraine Campbell.

The minutes from the December 2004 meeting were passed and seconded. January meeting adjourned at 9:48pm

Club News by Thaddeus Butterstone

The January Executive Board meeting presented a classic example of the raucous and divisive nature of the Executive Board that the membership has elected to lead this club forward into the twenty-first century. After sating their hunger on a delicious but nutritionally deficient meal of cheese steaks, colored carbonated sugar water, cake and candy, the Board commenced upon their usual cannibalistic agenda of devouring their own.

The initial barbs of criticism were directed at this publication's most honorable editor for having printed the super secret club constitution in a font size that was actually legible. He was reminded that while the Executive Board had indeed authorized the publishing of the constitution it was their intent that it be only a one page insert into the newsletter with a minuscule font size that even with a 10X loupe would not be readable. After a great deal of moaning and lamenting that the membership with their new knowledge may indeed demand that the officers do the jobs they have been elected to do. The board moved on, filing a second charge against the editor, asserting that the January newsletter had stated that membership cards would be mailed with the newsletter. The editor valiantly defended himself by rebutting that he had made no such statement in the newsletter. Furthermore, that he did not even receive cards to distribute until the January meeting at least a week after the mailing of the newsletters. Finally, that he never received an updated membership list that would allow him to know who the dues paying members were, in order to send them their membership cards. After hastily flipping through a copy of the January newsletter and not finding the alleged offending clause, the petty tyrants turned their venom upon targets less likely to resist, members who were not present that fateful night!!!

Daggers were tossed, back were stabbed and scurrilous statements were directed at the membership in general and specifically at those members of the Executive Board who were unfortunate enough to have not been present on the dark, frigid night. The character assignments reached their peak when those present were jokingly advised that while Punxsutawney has its ground hog, DVESS has its phantom executive board members. The legend has it that should the phantoms appear at the February meeting, the membership would be so frighten that they would immediately return to their burrows thus heralding another six weeks of winter.

Editor's note – I also attended the same meeting as Mr. Butterstone and found the Executive Board meeting to be quite cordial and respectful. But don't take my word for it, come out and see for yourself. The membership is as always invited to attend the Executive Board meetings. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 19 at 7:30PM at the home of Ann Benson. Be there if you feel the need to defend yourself.

Junior Rockhound by Gerald Feigin

The February JR program is so special that I am afraid to even mention it in the newsletter for fear that the response will be so overwhelming that we will run out of supplies. The JRs will just have to show up in order to discover what the special February program is about.

Programs by Gary Weinstein

February's program features **Karen Snow**, a co-author of *Gem Trails of PA and NJ*, who will speak on Pine Barrens Geology. This is a 'hands-on' program where we will be able to see first hand what our state is made of.

Programs (continued)

March's program is a lecture on fossils by **Scott Neiman** from Flag Pond Park, Calvert Cliffs, Maryland. Mr. Neiman will be bringing specimens for our viewing pleasure.

April's program will be by Ms. **Carrie Papa**, author of *A Mile Deep and Black As Pitch An Oral History of the Franklin and Sterling Hill Mines*. (The book was reviewed in the November 2004 DVESScapades.) Ms. Papa will in addition to speaking and presenting slides will be offering her wonderful book for 10% off the retail price or \$22.50. This will be a fantastic program and the timing just 10 days prior to the Triple Digg at Franklin and Ogdensburg could not be better. Circle Wednesday April 13, 2005 on your calendar.

Upcoming Field Trips

Bus Trip to the American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY – Saturday February 19, 2005 by Ann Benson

The Club will be sponsoring a bus trip to the big apple in February. The bus will be **leaving** the Evergreen Avenue School, Woodbury, NJ at 8:00 AM and **leaving** Cadbury, Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ at 8:30 AM. We will be dropped off at the American Museum of Natural History at approximately 10:00 AM. The bus will pick us up at the Museum at 5:00 PM for the return trip. Prices for the trip are \$15 for members, \$10 for children and \$20 for non-members. See the special full page advertisement. Tell your friends and be sure to sign up soon in order to save your seat. **Only nine seat left. The bus is filling fast.**

ATTENTION BUS-TRIPPERS:

Admission to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City is:

Adults: **\$13.00**, Children (2-12): **\$7.50**, Senior/Student with ID: **\$10.00**

If you want the Museum/Rose Center and IMAX OR a Special Exhibition:

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Upcoming Field Trips (continued)

Frogs: A Chorus of Colors

Totems to Turquoise: Native North American Jewelry Arts of the Northwest and Southwest

Adults: \$32 .00, Children (2-12): \$21.00, Senior/Student with ID: \$25.00

More info is available at the museum's website www.amnh.org/museum

Triple Diggg (Trotter Dump, Buckwheat Dump & Sterling Hill) April 23 & 24, 2005 Franklin/Ogdensburg, NJ by Jeff Winkler

THE 2005 TRIPLE DIGGG IS ON!!!

Along with the 32nd Annual NJESA [Gem & Mineral Show](#) & Outdoor Swap & Sell!

The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society (DVESS) and the North East Field Trip Alliance (NEFTA), in cooperation with the Franklin Mineral Museum and Sterling Hill Mining Museum, invite you to share an international collecting experience.

This field trip has attracted dedicated collectors from across the globe. Be one of them this year!

Trip Master for 2005 is: Jeff Winkler, 55 White Way, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442 tel. 973-835-2582

For more information contact Jeff or visit www.uvworld.org

Field Trip Report

The Delaware County Institute of Science, 11 Veterans Square, Media, PA – Saturday, January 15, 2005 by Chuck O'Loughlin

Eleven members and guest turned out for the recent field trip. Everyone was thoroughly amazed by the vast and wonderful collections housed by the Delaware County Institute of Science at their beautiful and historical building in Media, PA. We were cheerfully greeted and assisted on our tour by the Institute's Curator, J. Roger Mitchell and the Institute's President, Alfred Palmer. I was there for over two hours and failed to see everything. Particularly impressive was the Institute's sea shell collection. I intend to go back to see the map collection which I missed entirely this last trip.

Special thanks to Misters Palmer and Mitchell for the enjoyable outing and for the gracious invitation to return anytime, especially in smaller numbers so that they can be even more attentive, wow!

Help Wanted. The club is still looking for someone to take over the Recording Secretary position from Acting Recording Secretary, Grant Eliot. Please help if you can. His moaning and whining is becoming unbearable.

Pick Table by Gary Weinstein

Members please note that the pick table was a new batch of minerals at the last meeting and there will be another new load to pick from at the next two meetings. No stale minerals. Come to the meeting and see the fresh batch of historical and new specimens for your collections.

Calendar of Shows and Events

March 5 & 6, 2005 - 42nd Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society, Delaware Technical and Community College, I-95 exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Route 58) Newark (Stanton), DE.

March 12 & 13, 2005 - 16th Annual Clifton Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society, Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ

March 18 – 20, 2005 - 36th Annual Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Show and the 55th EFMLS Convention and Show, Athens Township Fire Hall, Sayre, PA.

Notices

We sadly report the passing of **John Cianciulli**, Curator of the Franklin Mineral Museum, who passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the age of 55. He will be missed by his many friends and mineralogist both amateur and professional throughout the world. A memorial fund in John's name has been established at the Franklin Mineral Museum.

Donald Schmerling another great friend to Penn Minerals and the Pennsylvania mineral community passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Don always had a smile and a story to tell. His love for his minerals and friends was surpassed only by his love for his wife Marge and their family. Don moved back to Wisconsin in 2001 so he could be with his children and grandchildren. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. As reported by Stephen Carter. More information is available at www.pennminerals.com

Membership by Stu Cleveland, Membership

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2005 in the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society, please do so now. Persons who have not paid their 2005 dues will be dropped from the membership roster. If you do not act now you will no longer be able to say in polite society that you are a member in good standing.

DVESS is a non-profit organization for people of all ages who share an interest in fossils, minerals, lapidary, geology and the earth sciences. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. Meetings start at 7:30 PM with socializing and a Junior Rockhound lesson, followed by the general meeting at 8:00 PM.

Membership Application

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Basic Membership	_____	\$15.00	_____
Senior Membership (65+)	_____	\$10.00	_____
Additional Members	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Silver Membership	_____	\$50.00	_____
Gold Membership	_____	\$75.00	_____
Platinum Membership	_____	\$100.00	_____

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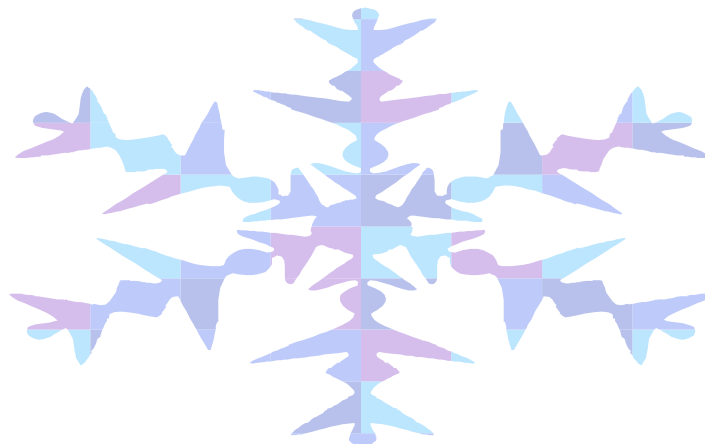
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Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Return the completed application at the meeting or by mail to DVESS, PO Box 372, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Please make your check payable to DVESS. Thank you for your continuing support.



BUS TRIP
to
NEW YORK CITY

Saturday, February 19, 2005

Pick up points:

Leaving Evergreen Ave. School, Woodbury, NJ at 8:00 am
Leaving Cadbury (on Rt. 38 near Cherry Hill Mall) at 8:30 am

Drop off point:

American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Leaving New York at 5:00 pm

PRICES:

\$20 (non-members)

\$15 (members)

\$10 (children)

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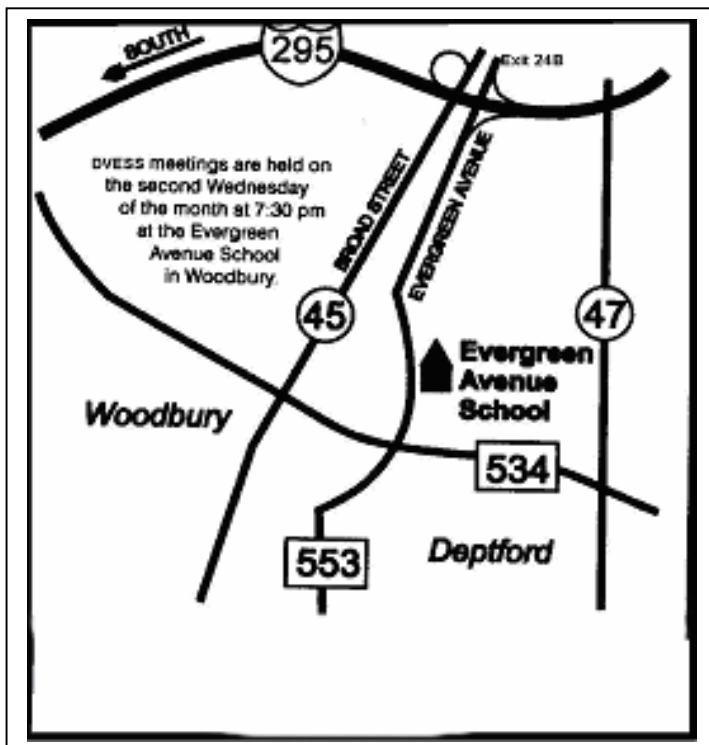
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