

*Meeting Place: Room 236 Westby Hall, Rowan Univ.  
201 Mullica Hill Rd., Glassboro, New Jersey*

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

*Meeting Date: **March 8, 2006***



## Main Program

Richard Bostwick will be presenting slide program on the mines of Franklin and Sterling Hill

## Junior Rockhounds

Mil LeCompte has on short notice agreed to substitute and will be presenting a fun program for all

**Open House Bryn Mawr College Mineral Collection**

**Saturday March 18, 2006 10AM – 2PM**

**\*\*Field Trip and Show Info Inside\*\***

**DVESS Pot Luck Supper Sunday April 23, 2006**

**Mark your calendar now for this special opportunity to meet and socialize with your friends and fellow society members**



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# DVESSCAPADES

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from September through June, at Rowan University, Glassboro, 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 1<sup>st</sup> family member + \$5.00 for each family member  
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“Silver”	\$50.00	+	\$5.00	=	Geode Specimen
“Gold”	\$75.00	+	\$5.00	=	Native Gold Specimen
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*Dues are renewable each year in January*

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**President's Message** by Thaddeus Butterstone substituting for Kernel Gerald Feigin who appears to be unaware that the deadline for the newsletter comes early when the second Wednesday of the month happens to be the eighth day of the month.

President Feigin closed his first Presidential Message with an inspirational quote from Emil Faber, "knowledge is good". Who is Emil Farber you ask or perhaps you don't? Well regardless I will tell you, because the President insisted on telling me several times and since it was obviously so important to him I thought it important to tell you. Emil Farber was the founder of Farber College. What! You never heard of Farber College? Well the President also thought that that little factoid [What is a factoid you ask? Well I will be glad to tell you. A factoid is a piece of information floating around in space. Some factoids are microscopic and some are as large as a small planet. Most factoids, although not all, are confined to the factoid belt. While I am not exactly sure were that is it is most logically located somewhere near the waist. Some of our members have extensive collections of factoids and apparently are willing to pay substantial sums of money to possess them, go figure, but I digress.] As I was explaining the president also thought that it was important that we all knew about Farber College otherwise the joke isn't really a joke and so informed those of us who would listen (a very small minority) that Farber College was the College featured in the film "Animal House".

*Editor's Note: A complete catalogue of President's Feigin's Presidential Message's are available upon request.*

## **February 8, 2006 General Meeting Minutes**

by Thaddeus Butterstone acting for Chuck O'Loughlin, Involuntary Recording Secretary

The task of keeping the minutes fell once again upon my shoulders when the club's officers became aware that the wheels were falling off the bus even before the bus trip to the Smithsonian had started. Mr. Robert Trail performing in a leading roll in the latest episode of the soap opera we affectionately call DVESS started the panic when he requested a refund for his traveling companion who was not going to be able to make the trip. It was at that point that awareness dawned upon the royal family that something was terribly wrong. Reservations had been made and paid for but not recorded onto the official trip roster. As the news slowly circulated through the gathering crowd pandemonium broke out as everyone began to worry that their reservation were not confirmed and that they would arrive for the bus on Saturday only to be told that there was no room for them. Some members began bemoaning the evils of digital technology and crying out that the club was cursed for having placed its trust in these new fangled computers. The club's maven of the web fired up her laptop computer and assured everyone that the digital gods would resolve the issue and the crowd calmed down enough for the evening's program to take place.

The Kernel called the business portion of the meeting to order at approximately 9 PM following the excellent program by Mr. Joseph Hatcher, Curator of Paleontology at PaleoWorld Research Foundation Garfield County Museum in Montana [www.paleoworld.org](http://www.paleoworld.org), on the history of the Hell Creek Region of Montana, the geology of the local formations, the dinosaur fauna being unearthed and provided information about joining in their dig this summer.

Ann Lynn "the Selenite Queen" Benson insisted that the prior months minutes be amended but she did not speak loud enough for me to have heard the necessary correction for the record. The minutes of the previous meeting as amended (whatever the amendment was) were approved. The Treasurer hypnotized the membership with his sorted tales of bank statements, deposits and withdrawals, to once again convince the membership that the organization is solvent. President Feigin declared that the problems with the upcoming bus trip would be discussed at the executive board meeting and all problems would be resolved and everyone would be kept informed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 PM. All of the executive board members successfully escaped from the angry crowd gather at the exit by slipping down the back stairs.

## **Junior Rockhound News** by Gerald Feigin

I will not be available this month so a last minute call to Mil LeCompte was successful and he will be working on an exciting program to present at the upcoming meeting. Till next month keep learning and remember the words of a famous historical character "knowledge is good". Does anyone know who uttered those famous words?

## **Programs** by Gary Weinstein

I am proud to announce that Richard C. Bostwick will be conducting our program for our March meeting. Dick in collaboration with Thomas S. Warren, Sterling Gleason and Earl R. Verbeek authored the book "Ultraviolet Light and Fluorescent Minerals – Understanding, Collecting and Displaying Fluorescent Minerals". Dick is the current Vice President of the Northeast Region of the Fluorescent Mineral Society and a fixture in the fluorescent underground of Franklin & Ogdensburg, NJ. For those of you who love the glowing rocks and are planning to attend the Trotter weekend, this will be the perfect warm-up. The Society is very pleased to have this wonderful opportunity to have Mr. Bostwick, an expert on the mines of Franklin and Sterling Hill, speak to us.

Robert Bartosz has arranged for our speaker for April. Adrienne Mayor, a noted paleontologist and author will be our guest speaker. Keep an eye out for the special about her on The History Channel called Ancient Monster Hunters. Hopefully she will bring some of her books for purchase and to sign. For reviews and more info on two of her books – The First Fossil Hunters and Native American Fossil Legends, <http://www.geocities.com/stegob/firstfossilhunters.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/afmayor/myhomepage/writing.html>

For more information about Adrienne Mayor, <http://www.geocities.com/stegob/mayorarticle.html>  
<http://hometown.aol.com/afmayor/> <http://hometown.aol.com/afmayor/myhomepage/resume.html>

Ms. Carrie Papa author of "A Mile Deep and Black as Pitch" an oral history of the Franklin and Sterling Hill mines is scheduled to speak at our pot luck dinner in April.

Dr. Lou Detofsky will be speaking on his travel and studies in Costa Rica at our May meeting.

## **Club News and Items of Interest** by various contributors

### **Found Memories of Trotter** by Bill Kelly

I have a lot of good memories from Trotter, Sterling Hill and Buckwheat. Finding that first piece of Wollastonite, Hardystonite, Sphalerite, Barite, Hydrozincite, Clintoedrite are all things that I can still remember exactly where I was and who was with me for each find. I remember how happy my own kids, nieces and nephews were when they found something nice or that I told them was hard to find. They actually found the best example of Hardystonite/Clintoedrite mix, phosphorescent Willemite/calcite w/amazonite coverage (appears phosphorescent green and red), black Willemite & green Willemite on our trips. The kids even found one large, about 10lb, specimen with whole franklinite and brown Willemite crystals so loose that you could actually pick off whole distinct crystals with your fingers. I would buy each kid a cheap short/long UV light at the mines (told them & called their parents about proper usage, if parents did not come along) so that they could show off their finds at home with their parents, friends or whatever. None of them are still small kids, but I know many of them still have their collections.

Trotter was always my favorite place to collect. Not just collecting, but everyone enjoyed hiking in the woods, semi-picnic type lunches on the cliffs above the "lake", then collecting at night & the wall of color. People not into collecting, or at least not into collecting all day, could go walk around at the gem & mineral show, or go tour the Stirling Hill Mine or visit the Franklin Museum. All the available options just made the whole event such that everyone could, at the very least, be somewhat happy doing something. The kids were never a problem as they were more than happy to collect and run back and forth to view their finds in the UV tent.

Only "complaint" I ever remember from the kids, was while night collecting, some comments in general terms like its so easy to collect now, why did they go around collecting all day, running back and forth to the UV tent. I think anyone can agree, that's a "complaint" we can live with.

I am hopeful every year that I can convince one of my friends with younger kids to come up to trotter, but this hasn't happened yet. I did get a lot of them to go to on the Sterling Hill Mine tour at various times with me, and their kids seemed to be interested in the "glowing rocks", at the very least. Maybe this year I can be more successful... it could happen, if rocks can glow.

*Editor's Note: Thanks Bill for that inspirational piece. Very timely with the sign up for the 2006 Trotter, Buckwheat and Sterling Hill dig going on right now. Perhaps one or two of our readers will find some impressionable young persons to introduce to the wonder of fluorescent mineral collecting at this year event. (See the field trip section for more information on this exciting collecting opportunity.)*

**While we are thinking about Franklin, now is an excellent time to once again remind our membership that volunteers are needed for this year's Trotter, Buckwheat and Sterling Hill Dig, which will take place on April 29 & 30, 2006.** DVESS will be hosting the big Franklin weekend dig, which includes a rare night dig to allow everyone to find the best fluorescent minerals. While we want all of our club members to sign up to participate in the dig, **we also need everyone to volunteer to help run the event. This is our club's fund raising event.** The money we raise this weekend allows us to subsidize the newsletter, the bus trip the banquet, the picnic, the junior rockhound program and all of our other activities. Without Trotter, DVESS would either cease to exist or would have to substantially increase our dues. For the last couple of years just a handful of members have carried the load, which has not been very sporting of the rest of us. They are fluorescent mineral enthusiasts yet because they are working most of the day and night, don't get to pursue their passion. Volunteering to help out for a few hours would be a wonderful way to show your support for the club. All of the volunteer tasks are so simple even a caveman can do them. Contact the head caveman, Gary Weinstein, to sign up for an all important shift at this year's triple dig.

## **Travels with Ferdinand** by Ebba Ligori

While in Hilton Head, SC for vacation in January, looking through local news and tourist info, I came across a program on fossils at the local museum, so of course we went....

Jack Rogers, AKA "Paleo Jack", a professor at Valencia Community College, FL was the presenter. Had a great time... about 30 persons attended and we had time to see a lot of his collection, etc. learned a lot about how fossils were deposited in the area including NC and SC.... (Some of those pits you visit annually.)

He has a web site: <http://eastlrc.valenciac.edu/faculty/jrogers/>

I think members may have fun checking out this site. Jack has studied earth science extensively in the eastern Texas area and had numerous samples. He seems to be an inspired teacher... you probably can't afford to bring him this far north, but if he is ever in the area, he could be a program speaker...

One interesting item... while at the program, Jack asked a few questions... there was the smartest little 8 year old I have ever met (and I have been grand mom to 7 little boys, all smart) he had a scientific answer to every question and all Jack could do was add "you certainly know the answer to that question!" This kid was so intelligent... since he was 3 he has had an interest in science and reads and studies all the time... The whole night was most interesting and a great way to spend vacation time far from home.

Hope you all enjoyed that trip to DC...

*Editor's Note: Ah!!! The exotic life, it's no wonder we never see Fred or Ebba at the meetings.*

*Club members, who will be attending shows to look, buy or sell are invited to notify the editor at [editor@dveess.org](mailto:editor@dveess.org) and we will get the information into the newsletter. Also let us know if you spot any of are far flung members making surprise appearances anywhere, or have something exciting in your life to share with us. We are always on the lookout for something of interest to report on our members activities.*

**Field Trips** by Chuck O'Loughlin (for additional information or to sign up for any field trips contact me at 856-663-1383 or [editor@dveess.org](mailto:editor@dveess.org) )

### **March 18, 2006 Open House Bryn Mawr College Mineral Collections 10 AM to 2 PM**

The Bryn Mawr College Geology Department has one of the finest collections of minerals from Pennsylvania and around the world. The Collections have been used for study, research and display for over 100 years. The Department's founder, Florence Bascom, established the initial collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils for use in the classroom and for exhibit. Her personal label and/or Department labels in her hand may be found on old specimens in the early College Collections. In 1903, Theodore Rand, a Philadelphia lawyer who lived in Radnor, left the College his large collection of minerals. This collection was merged with the College collection in the 1940's to bring the total number of specimens up to about 9500. In 1958, the family of George Vaux, Jr. gave his collection of over 8000 specimens to the College. The Vaux Collection includes specimens collected from the late 1800's through 1930, and specimens collected from old localities, many of which are no longer accessible. They include minerals from around the world and a fine collection from Pennsylvania localities. Several recent donations from local collectors have strengthened the holdings further. As of the year 2000, more than 25,000 minerals have been donated to Bryn Mawr College.

There are 1500 minerals on exhibit in 28 hall cases in the Park Science Center. Dorothy Wyckoff, Professor of Geology from 1930-1966, arranged several hall cases of large specimens from the College Collection, as well as teaching exhibits in the Introductory, Mineralogy, and Paleontology laboratories. Harold W. Arndt, Associate Curator from 1958 - 1989, selected many of the finest minerals from the Vaux Collection for display in hall cases along the first and second floors of the Physics and Math wings of the Park Science Center. In addition, a display of fluorescent minerals (many from the Franklin Mine in New Jersey) is housed in a special dark room.

Directions: Take I-476 (Blue Rt.) to Exit 13 Villanova/St. Davids Follow Route 30 (Lancaster Avenue) east through Villanova for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Morris Avenue. There is a Starbucks coffee shop on the right and a Sunoco station on the left corner of Morris and Lancaster. Please note that the street is called "Elliot" on the right and "Morris" on the left - and the Morris sign is hard to see! Note: there is NO sign for Bryn Mawr College on Lancaster Avenue in this direction. Follow Morris Avenue as it curves left under the train-track bridge then bears right. Cross Montgomery Avenue (at the traffic light). The Benham Gateway, which houses the Office of Admissions, is located on the corner of Morris Avenue and Yarrow Street. The driveway entrance is on Morris Avenue and ample visitor parking is available.

Or Take I-76 west (Schuylkill Expressway) to the City Avenue exit 339 (Route 1 South). Once on City Avenue, travel about 2.5 miles and turn right onto Lancaster Avenue (Route 30 West). Travel about 4 miles to reach the center of Bryn Mawr. Turn right onto Morris Avenue; a gas station will be on your right and a Starbucks on your left. Once on Morris Avenue follow the directions above to the Benham Gate.

The directions are provided by the school and will take you to the admission office. If it is a nice day and you don't mind a stroll through a beautiful campus which is itself a historic landmark then read no further. The open house will be at the Park Science Building which can be reached by continuing along Morris Avenue past the Benham Gate to New Gulph Road. Turn left onto New Gulph Rd. follow it to the Park Science Building (on left) and park in the lot next to the building. I will have maps to and of the campus available at the meeting.

**March 25, 2006 10 AM Wissahickon Valley part 2** – Our own Thaddeus Butterstone will be leading a geologic tour of the lower Wissahickon Valley a follow up to last fall's fantastic stroll. Backpacks only, no buckets, only specimens for educational purposes are permitted. Interested persons should call or e-mail the field trip coordinator for additional information.

**April 8, 2006 10 AM Kyanite hunting at the Morton Homestead, Prospect Park, Delaware County, PA.** Persons interested in participating should contact the field trip coordinator to sign up and for travel directions.

**May 6, 2006 11 AM Liberty Lake, MD.** We will be visiting an old copper prospect. Persons interested should contact the field trip coordinator to sign up and for travel directions.

**June 4, 2006 1 PM Edison Mining Complex, Ogdensburg, NJ followed at 6:30 PM by the spring night dig at the Buckwheat Dump, Franklin Mineral Museum, Franklin NJ.** Persons interested in participating in one or both events should contact Chuck O'Loughlin to sign up and for travel information.



**THE 2006 TRIPLE DIGGG IS ON!!!**

**Registration and Trip Information**

**April 29 & 30, 2006**

**Along with the 33rd Annual NJESA Gem and Mineral Show & Outdoor Swap & Sell!**

**The Delaware Valley Earth Science Society (DVESS)  
and the East Field Trip Alliance (EFTA),  
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!**

**Read the following terms, and then contact the coordinator below to reserve your spot . . .**

Trotter Mineral Dump	Buckwheat Dump	Sterling Hill Dig
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday April 29th</p> <p>Facilities fee: \$20</p> <p>Daylight Hours: 9 AM to 7 PM</p> <p>Night Hours: 7:30 PM to 11 PM</p> <p>Daylight pound rate: \$1.50/pound Nightlight pound rate: \$3.00/pound</p> <p>Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Running water</li> <li>· Restroom facilities</li> <li>· Darkroom for admiring your fluorescent minerals</li> <li>· Electricity (in darkroom)</li> <li>· Off-road parking area</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No one under 9 years old will be permitted on this site.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday April 29th</p> <p>Facilities fee: included in Trotter fee</p> <p>Daylight Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM</p> <p>Night Hours: Sorry :) NO night dig</p> <p>Daylight pound rate: \$1.50/pound</p> <p>Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Restroom facilities</li> <li>· Darkroom for admiring your fluorescent minerals</li> <li>· Electricity</li> <li>· Off-road parking area</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 30th</p> <p>Facilities fee: \$10 The \$10 fee will be collected on-site by the Sterling Hill Mining Museum at time of first entry (bring cash!) and you will be credited against poundage fee.</p> <p>Daylight Hours: 9 AM to 3 PM</p> <p>Night Hours: Sorry :) NO night dig</p> <p>Daylight pound rate: \$1.50/pound</p> <p>Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Restroom facilities</li> <li>· Electricity (in darkroom)</li> <li>· Off-road parking area</li> <li>· Darkroom for admiring your fluorescent minerals.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No one under 13 years old will be permitted on this site.</b></p>

**Please note -- each of the three sites above is operated by a different group or organization, so there are different facilities, fees, rules, etc. for each site - as shown in the sections above. In addition, there are rules and requirements that are common to all three sites and to the “dig” in general - these are below:**

- Tools and UV lights will be available for purchase at the Franklin Museum and the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Both Trotter and Buckwheat will have excavation / turnover of fresh NEW soil areas for your digging pleasure.
- Attendance is by **advance reservation**. Sign up early! See below for details on registering online with PAYPAL or by check. **We MUST have at least 100 people**, and . . . in case you are wondering, it IS “rain or shine” -- so come prepared!!
- Local hotels/motels fill up quickly, so if you are staying in the area overnight be sure to reserve early.
- All collectors must carry liability insurance that covers damage to the property, such as the insurance offered by the EFMLS to its affiliate clubs. Your club must co-sponsor the activity (EFTA) in order to be covered by Federation policies. If you have no other means of insurance, you may join the DVESS on-site (while registering) to get coverage by the DVESS insurance. (Proof of personal liability is acceptable.) Collectors enter any site at their own risk and must sign a hold-harmless liability waiver when registering.
- Standard Federation safety rules apply – safety goggles and durable footwear are mandatory (no sneakers or sandals). Work gloves are strongly recommended. **PLEASE!!!! Note the age requirement at each site.**
- All guests at Trotter/Buckwheat sites receive a \$1 discount coupon for tour of Sterling Hill Mining Museum (good only on Sunday, April 30th)

To register go to [www.uvworld.org](http://www.uvworld.org) , persons not digitally connected may register by mail by sending payment (US Currency) to DVESS, PO Box 372, Maple Shade, NJ 08052



## Field Trip Report by Gary Weinstein

### Bus trip to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC



February 18th began before the sun came up. It was a very cold winter's day as we left for the trip down south. 52 members and guests enjoyed the day and none of them were left behind, again. Some last minute cancellations due to illness and family emergencies caused us to have extra seats on this trip. The club sincerely apologizes to anyone who was told they could not go this time and we will endeavor to make sure this does not happen again.

Many members told me they found the new museum of native Americans to be well worth the trip. There were a few attendees who had never been to the museums before. My family and I checked out 4 museums which we had never seen before. Though the day went fast and there was still more to see, everyone had a great time. We

were entertained by animated features both ways and a Raffle of a beautiful Quartz crystal cluster was won by Denise Wilke on the way down and the raffle on the way back was won by Zackary Grace.

## Calendar of Shows and Events compiled by Chuck O'Loughlin from various sources

**March 4 & 5, 2006 - Delaware Mineralogical Society 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show.** The show will be located at the Delaware Technical & Community College, Churchmans Road (Rt. 58), Newark (Stanton), DE at exit 4B, I-95. Hours are 10AM to 6PM Saturday and 10AM to 5PM Sunday.

**March 11, 2006 – Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineral, Fossil and Micromount Show.** The show will take place at the First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA (parking in the rear), \$1 for adult's children under 12 free, hours 10AM – 3PM.

**March 11 & 12, 2006 - North Jersey Mineralogical Society, Clifton Gem and Mineral Show.** The show will be located at Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley road, Clifton, NJ, 10AM to 5PM each day.

**Mar 30–Apr. 2: Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area.** Located at the MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD, for registration & info, contact Steve Weinberger at [cweinber@bcpl.net](mailto:cweinber@bcpl.net)

**March 18 & 19, 2006 – Clearance sale of the Paul Lazar Collection, 80% off listed prices.** The open house is at 730 Belfry Drive, Blue Bell, PA 10 AM till 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM till 3 PM Sunday.

**April 1 & 2, 2006 – Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society, Fossil and Mineral Show.** The show will be located at the Lulu Temple, 5140 butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA, 10AM to 5PM Saturday and 10AM to 4PM Sunday.

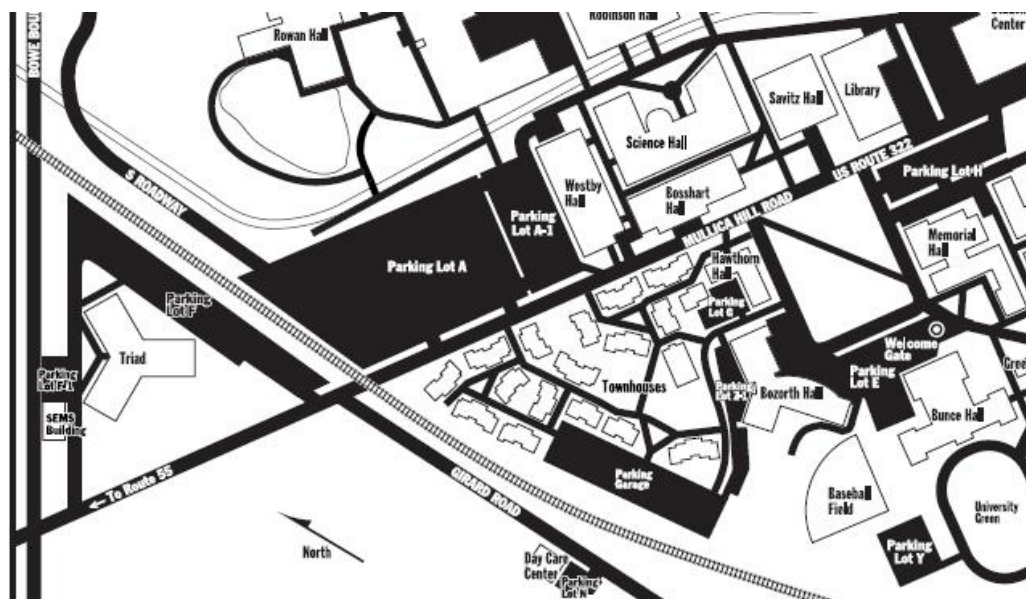
**April 29 & 30, 2006 – Franklin Show presented by the New Jersey Earth Science Association.** The show will be held at the Franklin School, Washington Avenue, Franklin, NJ, 9AM to 5PM Saturday and 10AM to 5PM Sunday.

**May 20 & 21, 2006 – Berks Mineralogical Society’s World of Gems and Minerals.** Located at the Leepport Farmers Market, Route 61, Leepport, PA. 10AM to 5PM Saturday and 10AM to 4PM Sunday. Saturday only, tail gate section, setup 8AM. [info@berksmineralsociety.org](mailto:info@berksmineralsociety.org)

Additional shows and events are listed on the Eastern Federations Web site [www.afms.org/efmls/](http://www.afms.org/efmls/)

## **NEW MEETING LOCATION commencing with the January 2006 meeting - Room 236 Westby Hall, Rowan University, 201 Mullica Hill Road (Rt. 322), Glassboro, NJ**

Directions to Rowan University as well as a campus map can be obtained by visiting the Rowan University web site [www.rowan.edu](http://www.rowan.edu) members without access to the web, the campus can be reached by taking Rt. 55 exit 50A (Rt. 322 East towards Glassboro). Proceed east on Rt. 322 through one traffic light and after crossing the rail road tracks turn left into the parking lot. Westby Hall is the building adjacent to the parking lot. The campus can also be reached from Rt. 47 (Delsea Drive). From Rt. 47 turn onto Rt. 322 West in Glassboro. After turning onto Rt. 322 west go through three (3) traffic lights, Rowan University buildings will be on your right with Westby Hall being the last building on the right before the large parking lot. Turn right into the parking lot A and park. Use the main entrance to Westby Hall by Rt. 322. Handicapped parking is available at the front of the building off Rt. 322 and a handicapped entrance is on the side of the building with an elevator for access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.



## Membership by Chuck O'Loughlin, Membership Chair

**For those members who have received notice that their dues are in arrears. This will be your last copy of the newsletter. If you receive such a note and have indeed paid your dues please contact the membership chair to resolve the problem. Contact information is located on page 2 of the newsletter. Your continued participation and membership in the club is greatly appreciated. We aim to make membership a satisfactory experience for all, while we hope it has been so for all, if not please contact me with your comments and suggestions to make the Society a better experience for everyone.**

**Please complete the membership application bellow and return it by mail or in person at the monthly meeting or complete an on line application at [www.dvess.org](http://www.dvess.org) Payment can be made on line or by mail or in person at a regular scheduled meeting.**

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	_____
Student Membership	_____	\$10.00	_____
Additional Members	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
Silver Membership	_____	\$50.00	_____
Gold Membership	_____	\$75.00	_____
Platinum Membership	_____	\$100.00	_____

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

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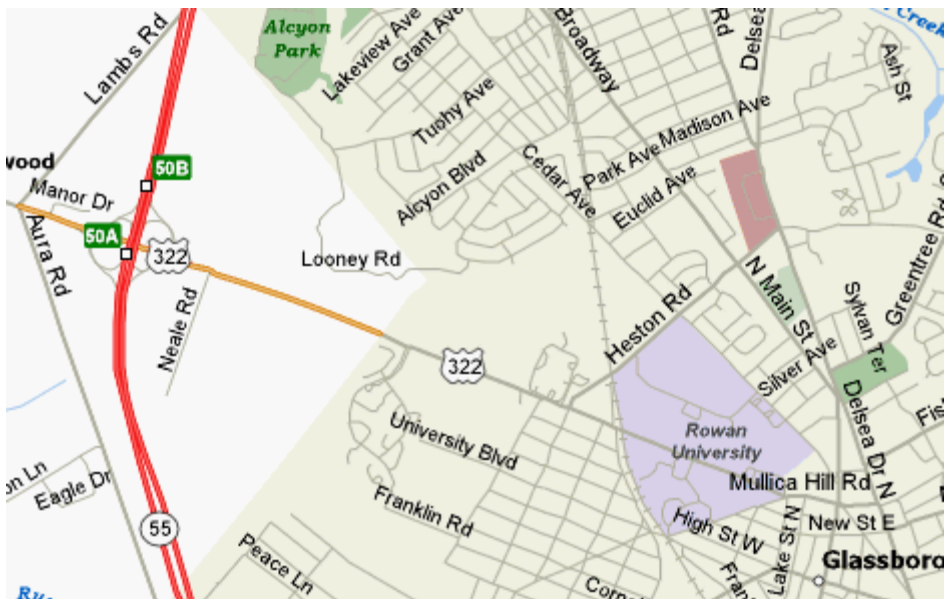
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March 2006



This Month's  
Meeting:

**March 8, 2006**

### Main Program

Richard Bostwick on the  
Franklin and Sterling Hill  
Mines

### Junior Rockhounds

Mil LeCompte with a fun  
program for all