

DVESSCAPADES

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Meeting Place: Training Room, Linden Hall,
Rowan University 201 Mullica Hill Rd., Glassboro,
New Jersey
Meeting Time: 7:30 PM, 2nd Wednesday of each
month (except July and August)
Meeting Date: **December 13, 2006**



Main Program

**Annual Election of
Officers and Holiday
Party**

Junior Rockhounds

**Holiday Party
including a gift
courtesy of Dvess-
Claus**

**In Memory of Leonard A. Morgan September 2, 1907 to
November 11, 2006**

***Save February 18, 2007 for the annual bus trip, this year's
destination is NYC and the Museum of Natural History***



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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 Rowan University, Linden Hall, 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 1st family member + \$5.00 for each family member
\$10.00 for the 1st Senior (65+) member + \$5.00 for each family member
\$10.00 for Students with College ID

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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President's Message or "Kernels of Wisdom" by Thaddeus Butterstone substituting for Society President Gerald Feigin who has once again forgotten to deliver the President's inspirational message for the masses.

Society President Feigin has once again passed the mantle to me to speak on his behalf. After last month Presidential message in which Mr. Feigin prematurely announced his retirement as Society President in order to pursue his hobby as a gentlemen arborist, forces within the organization (or at least within his own head) have caused him to recant his prior retirement announcement while at the same time announcing his candidacy for Society President in 2007 (**G'07, one more year as I still need time to run the club into the ground!**). When questioned about the premature decision to withdraw and the equally surprising reversal with the shocking announcement of his ambition to seek re-election, the candidate's lovely wife replied, "It's hardly surprising as there is nothing unusual about a premature performance on Gerald's part followed by early withdrawal, but you just have to admire him for his willingness to climb right back in".

President Feigin began reassessing his decision to withdraw shortly after Past President Anne Lynne Bensone announced at the October Executive Board meeting that she intended to recapture the crown once again in order to cast her will upon her adoring subjects and meld them into correct thinking fossilhounds and rockhounds. As one who thrives on competition, Feigin began to secretly plot to regain the Presidency for himself while at the same time thwarting the ambitions of Bensone. Acting in unison with another member they conspired to place his name on the ballot at the November meeting.

Following the November meeting of the Society it appeared that we would be treated to a good old fashion American mud slinging election campaign with the incumbent Feigin going up against the previously unbeaten Anne Lynne Bensone (**ALB'07, you've tried the rest now it time to reestablish the royal family to their rightful place**).

It took little time for the various Society factions to begin declaring their support for one of the other candidate. Already significant war chests had been raised in order to fund the extensive negative campaign adds planned by the loosely affiliated groups, and DVESScapades was already counting on the increased add revenue when Bensone, from her hospital bed announced that due to her recent surgeries and planned covalence, did not feel that she would be able to adequately represent the masses and was electing to withdraw from the race.

November 8, 2006 General Meeting Minutes by Thaddeus Butterstone acting for Chuck O'Loughlin, Involuntary Recording Secretary, who once again failed to keep notes on the event and was forced to call upon me and my superior memory to recreate the last meeting.

The November meeting convened at approximately 8PM. The Society President turned the meeting over to the Program Chairperson to introduce the evening program. It was necessary for the Audio-Visual Director to turn on the program in order to get the Program chair to shut up and sit down. We enjoyed watching the video program "Treasures of the Earth" that was filmed in part at the 2006 Trotter dig and starring Rockhound heart throbs and Society members; Jeff Winkler and Rob Trail. Following a short intermission, we enjoyed part two of the double feature, a CD introduction to "Wildacres" the EFMLS camp for delinquent rockhounds. From the video we learned that delinquent rockhounds are incarcerated for a short time while be rehabilitated by learning such useful skills as cabochon making and judging mineral displays. Following their successful rehabilitation, they are released back into society.

Following the conclusion of the evening program a short discussion of Society business was attempted but as usual few appeared interested as most attempted to escape early to avoid the traffic attempting to exit the parking lot. The following list of candidates was announced: President; Gerald Feigin and Anne Lynne Bensone. Vice President (pick two): Gerald Feigin, Lou Destofsky, Elliot Grantte. Treasurer: Gary Weinstein. Recording Secretary: Mel LeCompte.

Junior Rockhound News by Gerald Feigin

The December Junior Program will be a lesson on democracy, as the Juniors' will have to sit through the Society's election process before Dvess-Claus arrives to deliver presents to the Junior Rockhounds. Don't expect Dvess-Claus to be dressed in red from head to toe with a big white beard, that strictly Hollywood version. Dvess-Claus will arrive late, as he always does at the December meeting since his Dvess-Claus store has extended holiday hours. He will be wearing faded blue jeans, white tennis shoes and a plaid shirt, as he always does (and not just for the December meeting). Dvess-Claus also has salt and pepper hair and a matching mustache (at one point in time Dvess-Claus had dark hair, but time, children and a life time spent in retailing has taken it toll). Happy holidays and hope to see you at this years party.

Programs by Gary Weinstein

This year's December program will be the annual election of Society Officers, followed by the giving of gifts to the Junior Rockhounds, followed by a holiday party. The Society will be providing a lunchmeat platter, chips and drinks. Members are invited to bring a dessert or snack tray to share. There will also be a voluntary gift exchange for the adults. Bring a gift get a gift, but again participation is voluntary. Gifts should be no more than \$10 in value and related to the earth sciences.

Club News and Items of Interest by various contributors

A Tribute to Leonard Morgan, Society Sage by Chuck O'Loughlin, his friend and companion

Leonard A. Morgan: September 2, 1907 – November 1, 2006. Leonard was a founding member of DVESS and was a steadfast member for the entire 50 years of the Society's existence. Rare indeed was the meeting or field trip that Leonard failed to make. He actively served the club as a member of the Executive Board until he became too ill to attend the meeting this past summer. His extensive knowledge of mineralogy and mineral locals was a valuable asset for the members of DVESS, a knowledge he was ever willing to share.

In addition to DVESS, Leonard was a member of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society (since 1929 the year he graduated from Rutgers College), The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, Leidy Microscopical Society, Friends of Mineralogy - PA Chapter, The Franklin and Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society and quite probably others that I never learned about. He had an overwhelming love of nature and the earth sciences and a good day for Leonard was a day spent enjoying nature's gallery of art. He also had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and never passed on the opportunity to learn something new.

Leonard has received numerous awards and recognitions from various mineralogical societies over the years. He was named a "Fellow" by the American Mineralogical Society. He was honored by his peers at the Desault Micromount Show in 2005. He was honored by the Leidy Microscopical Society for a life time of achievement in 2006 and most recently, he was nominated as Rockhound of the Year by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society, his first rock and mineral club. In all likelihood there are other awards that I don't know about because Leonard as any who knew him, knew that he was not one to brag or for that matter to even talk about himself.

It took three years of intensive questioning as we drove to various meeting, show and field trips for me to get to know even a little about our good friend. Len was born in Burlington, NJ. He attended Rutgers College on scholarship and graduated in 1929 with a degree in Chemistry. His first job after college was with the NJ Zinc Company at the Sterling Hill Mine, which was short lived as the stock market crash of 1929 set off the great depression and as an unmarried young employee he was soon laid off. He did confess that he made it to the picking table at least once during his employment

with NJ Zinc. Leonard eventually ended up working as a chemist for the Marines and Navy as a civilian employee and spent over 40 years so employed. He retired when he was in his 70's and spent the next 20 plus years pursuing his hobbies which in addition to mineralogy included gardening, fishing, bird watching, photography and ceramics.

Leonard A. Morgan will be missed by his many friends, who were as numerous as his days. He is survived by his son Alfred and his three grandsons, Ben, Daniel and Sam.

Gary Weinstein submitted the following:

I wanted everyone to know that I will be arriving late due to the extended holiday hours at the store. I will also be accepting dues payments for next year at that time, should anyone wish to get that out of the way early. If you would like to know, the store hours from Friday Nov. 24th until Xmas will be; M-F 10am till 8pm, Sat. 10am till 6pm and Sunday 11am till 4pm. Come on out to do some holiday shopping, say Hi or just look at some of the hundreds of new items in stock. Conveniently located on Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill, the largest complete rock shop in the east has everything the rockhound needs.

Anne Lynne Bensone submitted the following:

Happy Thanksgiving, All - I survived my double cypress-knee replacement surgery and am currently at Chestnut Hill Hospital Rehab where I am progressing greatly each day and enjoying the beautiful local architecture, primarily constructed of Wissahickon mica schist.

Although I appreciate having been nominated for the presidency, I believe it would be in **my** best interest **and** the best interest of the **club** if I am **not** elected. I need time to concentrate on my recovery and the club needs a president who is able to devote more time and attention than I will have to offer during the upcoming year.

I give my blessing to Kernel Gerald, ably assisted by Sir Thaddeus of Butterstone and the other Exec Board members, to carry on during my temporary absence.

Your Humble Selenite Queen

Stephen Boghner (aka rockhead) submitted the following:

Main site for the Mineralogical Society of America - Mineralogy, Petrology and Crystallography

<http://minsocam.org/>

links to more info or just look about

<http://minsocam.org/MSA/Linkshtml>

Bob's online enzyme...main page

<http://www.rockhounds.com/>

Nice link page

<http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/table.shtml>

Hi Folks, this is a nice story - Grant Elliott

http://www.the-signal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=33982&format=print

Anne Lynne Bensone spotted this new sign appearing in front of Gary's Gem Garden and Weather Forecasting Stone Store or is it a Museum?



Club members, who will be attending shows to look, buy or sell are invited to notify the editor at 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)

Gerald Feigin reports, "Jonathan and I went to Flag Ponds on Saturday and did pretty well. He found a large mako shark tooth and I found a couple of large sand tiger shark teeth. I also found a very large piece of whale bone. The park is open weekends year round and off season the admission charge is \$3 a car. It is roughly 3 hours away. Scott wasn't there, but a different ranger said he would like to come and talk to DVESS. I am planning another trip the weekend before Christmas. Collecting is best in the winter. The only equipment really needed is boots or waders and a mesh device for scooping stuff out of the water if desired. I like plunging my hand right into the water

Field Trip Report by Thaddeus Butterstone

Night collecting at the Buckwheat Dump, Franklin NJ - By Stephen Boghner (aka Rockhead)

I made it to the Franklin night dig and did not see anyone...! No matter as I had an eventful night. My plan was to scope out this site first, well it did not happen. I just started walking (bent over of course and my back is killing me today). I immediately began to find chips of calcite/franklinite/hardystonite. They turned out to be someone else's previous finds, but! After my walk about I began to dig and I was able to find nice barite and calcite piece, fist size. A little later, I found something but put it aside and another collector picked up the specimen and scored a piece of margarosinite...? These guys knew what they were looking for, while I am just a rookie and the specimen looked dull green blue, nothing out of the ordinary. How was I to know...? I did manage to go home with some hardystonite/calcite/franklinite and possibly some esperite but I think wilemite. I also found hydrozincite and some microcline? I got a piece that glows pink/blue/yellow, not sure what it is?

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

December 2006

10: Lawrenceville, NJ. The fluorescent mineral collection of former FOMS and Lower Bucks member Larry Kennedy is being offered for sale (individual specimens). The collection includes Franklin, NJ specimens, worldwide specimens, crystals and species. The sale will take place between 1PM and 4PM at 50 Woodwind Road, Lawrenceville, NJ. Call 609-882-6819 for directions.

February 2007

24-25: Albany, New York, the 14th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale will be co-sponsored by the **New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club** which will be held on the 4th floor of the New York State Museum at the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. The hours will be 10:00AM to 5:00 PM on both days. Free parking. The admission is \$6.00 which includes both the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and the New York in Bloom Flower Show. For more information, call Mike Hawkins, Geology Collection Manager of the museum at (518) 486-2011 or (518) 473-7154. His email address is mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov.

March 2007

3-4: 44th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the **Delaware Mineralogical Society**. Delaware Technical & Community College, I-95 at Exit 4B, Churchmans Rd (Rt 58); Newark, DE

10-11: 43rd Annual Show sponsored by the **Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD**. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD.

10-11: Clifton Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the **North Jersey Mineralogical Society**. Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Rd (Rt 3 at Rt 46); Clifton, NJ.

24-25: Annual Show & Sale sponsored by the **Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society**. Lu Lu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

30-April 1: Atlantic Micromounters Conference hosted by the **Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area**. Maryland Hospital Association Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For Registration & Info contact S. Weinberger <cscrystals2@verizon.net>.

Additional shows and events are listed on the Eastern Federations Web site www.afms.org/efmls/

NEW MEETING LOCATION commencing with the January 2006 meeting – Training Room main floor, Linden 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 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 across the rail road tracks and through another traffic light. Immediately after the 2nd traffic light make a right turn into the next driveway (one way road). After the turn make the first left into the parking area and find a spot to park. Linden Hall is the second building after turning into the parking area. It is right behind Memorial Hall.

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 two (2) traffic lights. Just after passing through the 2nd traffic light by the Student Center make the first left hand turn into the driveway (driveway is one way). Turn left into parking area “H” and park, Linden Hall is the building behind Memorial Hall.

http://www.rowan.edu/pdf/campus_map2005_color.pdf

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Happy 50th DVESS and congratulations to all of the past, present and future members for making DVESS what it is and will continue to be.

Membership by Chuck O'Loughlin, Membership Chair

Now is a great time to join or renew your membership in the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society for 2007.

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 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	_____
Silver Membership	_____	\$50.00	_____
Gold Membership	_____	\$75.00	_____
Platinum Membership	_____	\$100.00	_____
Additional Family Members	_____	\$5.00 each	_____
		Total	_____

Name: _____

Names of additional family members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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.

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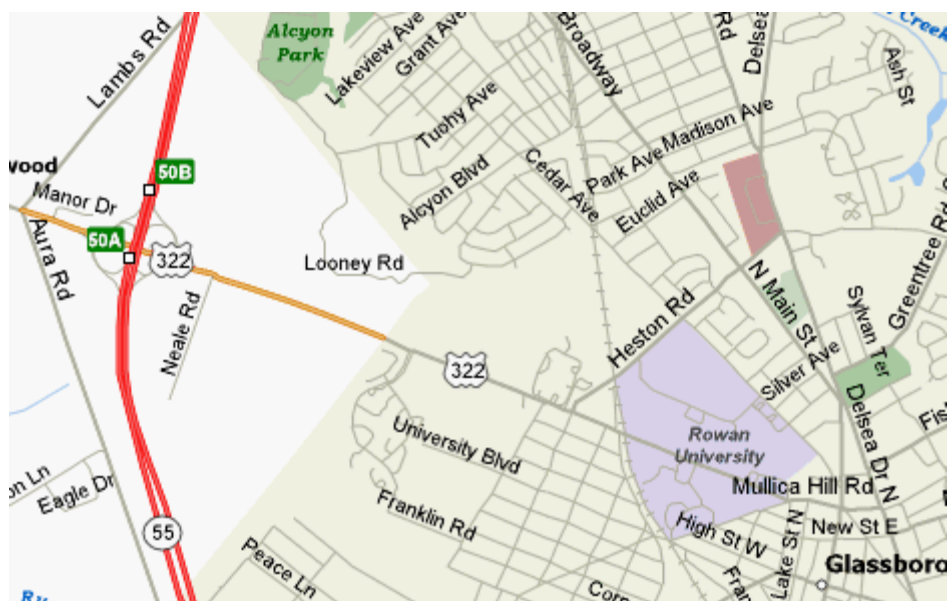
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