

**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:** **January 10, 2007**



## Main Program

The Society's First Vice President, Eliot Grantt will conducting the official annual reading of the Society's Constitution and By-laws, with annotated comments by noted constitutional expert, Ary Winestein

## Junior Rockhounds

No official program for the Juniors has as of this time been announced. Come out and be surprised.

**\*February 18, 2007 for the annual bus trip, this year's destination is NYC and the Museum of Natural History  
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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, 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 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  
\$10.00 for Students with College ID

### Sponsoring Membership

<u>Level</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> 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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### Editor’s Notes

Editor is not responsible for authenticity of information in any articles submitted for publication. Nor are the opinions expressed in the “DVESScapades” necessarily those of the officers of the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society, Inc., and/or the editors.

To submit an article for publication in the DVESScapades contact the Newsletter Editor.

### DVESS 2007 SPONSORS

Privilege to enter Rowan University facilities is limited to the night of the meeting between the hours of 7PM & 10PM under the direction of the University staff. Permission from the University staff is required to enter the school at any other time.

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## President's Message or "Kernels of Wisdom" by Society President Gerald Feigin

I want to wish all members a safe and happy new year. May the fortunes of good luck bring good prospecting to all in their search for the perfect specimen or in lieu of that may they find large sums of money in order to pay someone else to purchase the perfect specimen. I look forward to seeing many of you at our meetings and hope that a few more will volunteer their talents to help educate us all.

**December 13, 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.

It was the night of the December meeting. The gifts to be exchanged were lined up on the table with care in hopes that Dvess-claus would soon be there. The Junior Rockhounds and the regular members were nestled all snug in their chairs with visions of fluorescent rock dancing in their heads. When out in the parking lot there arose such a clatter, that I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash to see what the hell was going on. When what to my wondrous eyes should appear but a miniature van with a little old driver with salt and pepper hair and a scraggly mustache cursing quite lively as he struggled to pull various items from the back of the van, that I knew at that moment that it must be Dvess-claus. Burdened by several flats of minerals topped by a few wrapped packages, he stumbled across the lot and up the steps. And then in a twinkling, I heard by the door the grunting and swearing of an out of shaped man as he called out "hey can Someone give me a hand". Turning to look at the room I saw a Gerald, a Lou, a Mel and several others but no Someone. As we all exchanged glances wondering who would respond, through the door burst Dvess-claus with a bound. Armed with the flats of minerals with packages on top, he looked like a peddler as he opened the flats. He had a round little belly that shook when he spoke like a bowlful of jello. A right jolly old gnome, we all secretly laughed in spite of ourselves. The look in his eyes and the tilt of his head soon gave me to know that we had a long night ahead. He spoke incessantly as he got to his work, handing out packages and pushing the agenda forward. After making sure that officers were elected he set about polishing off the remnants of the party platter and other goodies brought by the members for the festive event. As he licked the final plate clean he sprang from his chair and off to his van in a blink of an eye and as the van clanked out of sight we heard him exclaim "happy holidays to all and remember that you have only a few days left to redeem your holiday gift coupons at Gary's Gem Garden, conveniently located on Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill.

In addition to the festive holiday party and the visit from Dvess-claus, the Society elected the following officers at the December meeting:

President – Gerald Feigin; 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Grantt Elliot; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Lou Detofsky; Treasurer – Gary Weinstein; Recording Secretary – Mel LeCompte

## Junior Rockhound News by Gerald Feigin

It is quite possible that a program has been planned, but alas I have neglected to inform the editor and he has consequently declared that January's Junior program will be a surprise.

## Programs by Gary Weinstein

Here is the line up so far for next year's programs, still in the works.

March's meeting will feature our very own life member and past president, Dr. Phillip Betancourt, who will present a never before seen lecture on Mont St. Hillaire.

For April I am in discussions with Mr. Bob Summerfield who has given us a couple of wonderful presentations on meteorites in the past. He has always been a popular speaker and now has just received some Tagish Lake material.

Either May or June have been set up for Prof. Chris Hummer, of King of Prussia, PA, to give us his slide lecture on the early Woodland Archeology of the Williamson site which is just north of Trenton, NJ.

Also in the plans, Dr. Stephen Okulowitz, John Sanfacon, Gene Hartstein, Manny Robbins and Chet Lemanski. They have all given us enjoyable lectures in the past and we would look forward to seeing them again.

Your hard working program chair,

## Club News and Items of Interest by various contributors

Nothing of any substance was reported by the membership; however, on the lighter side First VP Elliot Grantt submitted the following items;

### HOW TO SPOT A GEOLOGIST

**Geologists** are '[scientists](#)' with an unnatural obsession with [rocks](#). Often too smart to do boring monotonous sciences like [chemistry](#) or [physics](#), geologists devote their time to [mud-worrying](#), [volcano spotting](#) and high-risk [coloring](#).

One of the main difficulties in communicating with geologists is their belief that a [million years](#) is a short amount of time. Consequently, such abstract concepts as "[Tuesday Morning](#)" and [Lunchtime](#) are completely beyond their comprehension.

To spot a geologist in the wild, look for:

Hand-lens, compass, pen-knife, handcuffs etc. tied round neck with [string](#).

Ownership of a pet rock (in the case of [palaeontologists](#), this will be their closest friend).

Over enthusiasm on the subject of [dinosaurs](#).

Someone explaining to airport security that a [rock hammer](#) isn't really a weapon.

Takes photos, includes people only for scale, and has more pictures of [rock hammer](#) and lens cap than of his family.

Someone with unnatural amounts of facial hair and wears lots of polar fleece.

Someone whose lunch consists of rocks, instead of ordinary bread.

Someone who consumes tonsil-killing chili for dinner every night of the week, and warms it up in a can on the drill rig engine block.

Often has hair is in a pony-tail (this applies to male or female geologists).

Someone who considers a "recent event" to be anything that has happened in the last hundred thousand years.

Someone who licks and/or scratches & sniffs rocks.

Someone who eats dirt and claims to be "getting an estimate of grain size"

Someone who will willingly cross an eight-lane interstate on foot to determine if the outcrops are the same on both sides.

Someone who can pronounce the word molybdenite correctly on the first try.

If you remain unsure, ask the subject to draw an anotated diagram of a [trilobite](#). A true geologist will immediately reach for their [waterproof notebook](#) - this is your opportunity for [escape](#).

"Geologists rock!" -- [Oscar Wilde](#)

"Have a gneiss day!" -- [Anonymous](#)

## Calendar of Shows and Events

 compiled by Chuck O'Loughlin from various sources

### January 2007

27: New Brunswick, NJ, Rutgers Geology Museum Annual Open House, 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Rutgers University, Scott Hall, College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ. Talks include: an underwater ocean observatory in the Hudson; what past climates can tell us about future climate change; what happened to Pluto?; and sea-level changes in New Jersey. There is also the Mineral Sale and the Rock and Mineral ID (ID in Geological Hall, rm 202). All events are free.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cscrystals2@verizon.net)>.

### May 2007

**19-20: Berks Mineralogical Society Presents** the 39th Annual "**World of Gems and Minerals**" at Leesport Farmers Market Banquet hall, Rte. 61, Leesport, PA; 8 miles south of Rte. 78/6 miles north of Reading, PA., Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, admission donation \$1.00, students free. Raffles, exhibits jewelry, fossils and locally collected minerals. Sat. ONLY, Tailgate Section under roof for rental of \$10 per table for a "first come" set-up at 8am. Contact: [info@berksmineralsociety.org](mailto:info@berksmineralsociety.org)

### June 2007

**2:** MACUNGIE, PENNSYLVANIA Semi-annual "**PSEA Spring Mineralfest**", **Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association**, Macungie Park Bldg., Rte. 100, Sat. 8:30-3; adults \$3.00, children under 12 free. 100 tables of minerals, fossils, jewelry, fluorescents, micros, exhibits, gold sluicing and panning, children's activities, door prizes; contact Ed Richards, 431 Maryann Dr., Alburtis, PA 18011; e-mail; [mineralfest@aol.com](mailto:mineralfest@aol.com)

**23-24: GILSUM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 43rd Annual Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show: Gilsum Recreation Committee;** Gilsum Elementary School, Rte. 10, Sat. 8-6, Sun 8-4, free admission. Over 75 dealers and swappers, many with self-collected materials; Sponsored by the Gilsum Recreation Committee. For more details, visit our Web page at <http://gilsum.org/rockswap.aspx> or contact Rob Mitchell P.O. Box 76, Gilsum, NH 03448, (603) 367-9636; e-mail; [rmitchell60@adelphia.net](mailto:rmitchell60@adelphia.net)

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

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## 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](http://www.dvess.org) Payment can be made on line or by mail or in person at a regular scheduled meeting.

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## 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	_____
		<b>Total</b>	_____

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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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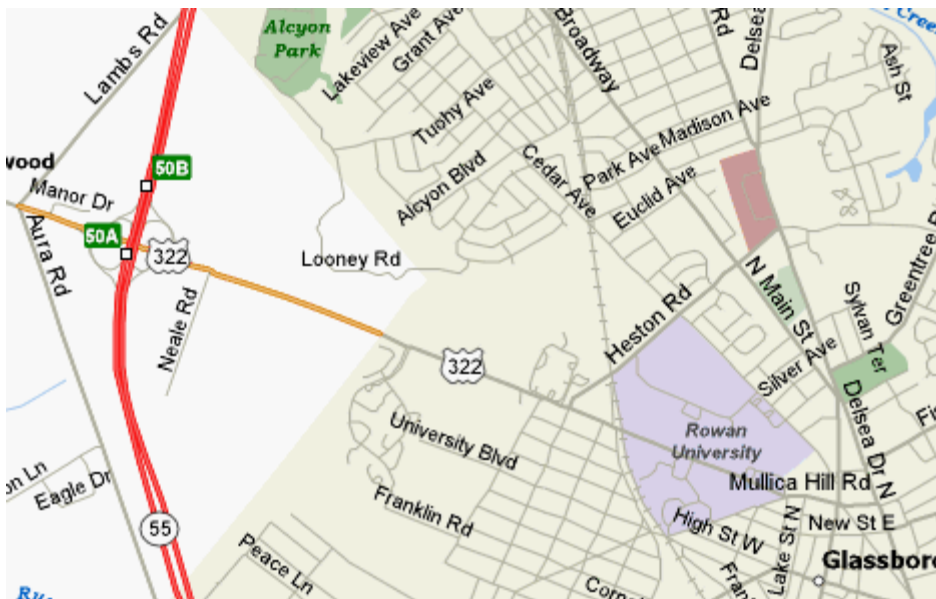
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