



UPCOMING SHOWS

Island Rock Hounds, Inc.
Gems, Minerals, and Fossils
March 24 -25, 2007
Westbury High School
Post Road and Jericho Turnpike
Old Westbury, NY

**Village of Freeport
Recreation & Park Dept.**
32th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
April 14 -15, 2007
Freeport Recreation Center
130 E. Merrick Road
Freeport, NY

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*To promote cultural, educational, and
scientific interest in mineralogy, and
develop member's skills in lapidary arts
and jewelry crafts*

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THE CONGLOMERATE

The Monthly Newsletter of the Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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This Meeting – February 26th

- A video on harvesting pearls will be presented.

Last Meeting

- **Hands-on demonstration** – Gail from Alcyone, led a 2 hour demonstration in the making of an 18” knotted pearl necklace.
- **Officer Elections for 2007** – The officers that were elected are listed at the top of this page.
- **New Member**
The club welcomed new member, Jane Bellantoni, from Middle Island
- **Other**
It was mentioned that Paul Engelhart broke both ankles. He is currently at the East Neck Nursing Home, West Babylon, for rehab. The club sent a basket stuffed with assorted “goodies”.

Show Results for 2006

The show was a success. It resulted in a net profit for the club and the vendors also appeared happy. The people attending, purchased many of the items for sale.

Membership Meetings

Library – Due to construction at the Brightwaters Library, the April meeting will be the last one at that library. Starting in May, the club will meet at the East Islip Library, 381 E. Main St. (7:30 PM – 9:30 PM).

Tools For Sale

Marty Besso has the following items for sale:

- Raytech 10” saw with oil
- Covington ¼” drill press
- HP tumbler (approximately 3 lbs) with grit
- Raytech 10” flat lap with grit
- Plus other items

Contact Marty at 631-666-8023 - \$400 takes all !

It’s that time of the year...

Dues are to be paid by **the end of February**. If you haven’t paid, please pay Roberta at this month’s meeting. Individual membership is \$10 and family is \$15.

Science Open Nights

SUNY-SB holds free lectures on such topics as Astronomy, Physics, Ecology, Evolution, and Geology. Sessions are generally held each Friday evening during the month at the Earth and Space Sciences Building starting at 7:30 pm. Some lectures may be of interest to Club members.

On Friday, February 23rd, Robert C. Liebermann will speak on “New Tools/Toys to Study the Earth’s Deep Interior”. For more information go to: <http://pbisotopes.ess.sunysb.edu/openight/>.

Murphy’s Other Laws

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

No matter which line you get into, the other line moves faster.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don’t.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there’s a 90% probability you’ll get it wrong.

If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

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