



UPCOMING SHOWS

February 24 and 25

14th Annual James Capmbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale
Co-sponsored by the New York State Academy of Mineralogy and
The Capital District Mineral Club
New York State Museum – 4th floor
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Admission -\$6.00 which includes both the Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and
The New York in Bloom Flower Show
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*To promote cultural, educational, and
scientific interest in mineralogy, and
develop member's skills in lapidary arts
and jewelry crafts*

The January meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

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THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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Be Considerate of Your Fellow Members

From all indications, there will be a full house at our Annual Holiday Dinner on at Papa Joe's (450 Commack Road Deer Park, NY (631) 242-8902) on Sunday, January 14, 2007. Since most of the attendees are couples, attempts should be made to keep at least two open seats *together* for any of the "latecomers". The gathering starts at 5:00pm and ends at 9:00pm.

This Meeting – January 22nd

- We will have the election of Officers for 2007.
- Gail from Alcyone will lead members in the making of a beaded 18" necklace. The materials will be free (\$15.00 for non-members). Participants will need needle-nosed pliers, cutters, and a cloth. **Since the hands-on demonstration will last for at least 2 hours, the meeting will start at 7:30 PM.**

Last Meeting

- Chris Visco, a teacher of Earth Science, Astronomy and Advanced Placement Environmental Science in the Sachem School District, spoke on "the Geology of Mars"

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**. Save \$.39 by handing your money in to Roberta at either the Holiday Dinner or 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, January 26th Gil Hanson will speak on "Environmental Threats to Long Island's Central Pine Barrens". For more information, go to: <http://pbisotopes.ess.sunysb.edu/openight/>.

Get Ready, Get Set...REGISTER!

The "Opening Bell" for accepting registration for the two EFMLS Wildacres session is January 1st. The first session for 2007 will be held from April 20 – 26 with Bob Joes, Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine as a speaker. Session two will be held from September 10 – 16 with Dr. Steve Chamberlain as speaker. For more information on these two individuals, go to: www.amfed.org/efmls - click on the Wildacres tab.

Wildacres Retreat is a conference center offering its facilities to nonprofit groups that conduct educational or cultural programs and seminars. Wildacres is situated on 1600 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob, near the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is halfway between Asheville and Blowing Rock in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

For an application go to:
<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wa2007applic.pdf>