



UPCOMING SHOWS

April 8 - 9

Village of Freeport – Recreation & Parks Dept.
31st Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Freeport Recreation Center - 130 East Merrick Rd.
Freeport, NY
For more info call (516) 781-8410
(Discount coupon at Suffolkgem.com - Upcoming shows)

April 29 - 30

New Jersey Earth Science Association
334th Annual Gem and Mineral Show / Outdoor Swap and
Sell
Franklin School
Franklin, NJ
For more info call (732) 341-3553

June 3 - 4

Celinka Gem Shows
6th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
Stony Brook University -Student Activities Center
Nicholls Rd. - Stony Brook, NY
For more info call (631-567-3342)
(Discount coupon at Suffolkgem.com - Upcoming shows)

August 11 - 13

East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show
Better Living Center at the Eastern States Exposition
1305 Memorial Drive,
West Springfield, MA 01089

Trotter Mineral Dump April 29th

Facilities fee: \$20

Daylight Hours: 9 AM to 7 PM - Night Hours: 7:30 PM to 11 PM
Daylight pound rate: \$1.50/pound - Nightlight pound rate: \$3.00/pound

Attendance is by **advance reservation**. Visit www.UVWorld.org for details on registering online with PAYPAL or by check.

www.suffolkgem.com

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Bohemia, L.I., NY
11716**



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

APRIL 2006

THE CONGLOMERATE

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

Monthly Club meetings held at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, Montauk Highway, Brightwaters starting at 8:00pm

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This Meeting – April 17th

Joe Austin from the Nassau Mineral Club will speak on Meteorites.

Last Meeting

Elaine Casani and Marty Besso demonstrated wire wrapping a heart-shaped stone.

Former Director Doreen Wilson Remembered

The club’s donation to the John Pearl Elementary School (Bohemia, NY) in memory of Doreen was used to create a magnificent and memorable illustration hand-painted by a local artist. It shows children in the school playground. It will be permanently on display in the school’s cafeteria.



Club Sweatshirts

The sweatshirts are in! Pick them up at the April meeting.

Say “cheese”

Our website needs to be updated with a photo of the club officers for 2006. Consequently, officers are requested to wear their club shirts or sweatshirts at the April meeting.

Membership for 2006

Included in this month’s newsletter is a listing of paid up club members.

Webmaster Backup

Tom Wines is looking for someone to act as his backup in maintaining the club’s website. He will provide the necessary training and required software, however, the candidate must have a least the following configuration:

- Windows 2000XP
- Microsoft Word
- Broadband connection (DSL or Cable)

If interested, see him at the April meeting or send an email to gemhunter@optonline.net.

Presidents’ Meeting



Front Row-Left to Right: Barbara Genova (LIMAGS), Maureen Branch (LIMAGS), Kerry Dicker (SG&MC), and Susan Melazzi (IRH).

Back Row-Left to Right: Joe Austin (NMC), Gene Genova (LIMAGS), Marty Besso (SG&MC), Elaine Casani (SG&MC), and Tom Wines (SG&MC)

The third meeting was held at The California Diner in Patchogue, NY. Matters discussed included possible bus and caravan trips to digs, gem shows, and museums, and ways to increase club membership through advertisements. The clubs also exchanged listing of videos for future reference.

Franklin, NJ Gem Show- April 29 & 30

A bus has yet to be secured by any of the LI Gem clubs for a possible on-day trip to this show. Members will have to car pool to this show.

Buses Obtained for Springfield, MA and Beadfest

Our club has secured buses for one-day trips to the *East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show* in Springfield, MA for Saturday, August 12 and the *Lapidary Journal's Beadfest* in Reading, PA for Saturday, October 7.

These are 55-passenger buses and seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis. The cost per seat is \$30.00.

Make your reservations ASAP through Roberta Besso at (631) 666-8023. Seats will be made available to members of the other Long Island gem and mineral clubs.

Annual Summer Picnic

The Club's picnic is slated for on Saturday, August 19 starting at 10:00am. As in the past, it will be held at Hecksher State Park, East Islip, NY near Parking Lot #1. The Club will be inviting members from the other local gem clubs and vendors from our annual gem and mineral show to participate in the day's activities.

Last Month's Brain Teasers -Answers

<p>HOM E</p> <p>(A long letter from home)</p>	<p>D The I Hospital A L</p> <p>(Laid up in the hospital)</p>
<p>BACK CK K</p> <p>(Full back, half back, quarter back)</p>	<p>Mutiny CC</p> <p>(Mutiny on the high seas)</p>
<p>LOOSE LOOSE LOOSE</p> <p>(Loose change)</p>	<p>WORD YYY</p> <p>(Word to the wise)</p>

<p>NE1410S</p> <p>(Anyone for tennis)</p>	<p>PETS A</p> <p>(A step backwards)</p>
<p>Dothepe</p> <p>(The inside dope)</p>	<p>S P L I T</p> <p>(Split down the middle)</p>

Results of Trip Questionnaire

	<i>Totals</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Number submitted	20	
Day of Week	Saturday	
	/Sunday	
Distance		
>250 miles	15	75%
200 miles	14	70%
150 miles	14	70%
100 miles	14	70%
50 miles	13	65%
<50 miles	20	100%
Overnight	16	80%
Interest in collecting trip	15	75%
Interest in museum trip	16	80%
Interest in trips to:		
Albany Show	15	75%
Franklin, NJ Show	16	80%
Springfield, MA Show	13	65%
PA Show	12	60%
Smithsonian-Same Day	5	25%
Smithsonian-Overnight	14	70%

Members also wrote in trips to Herkimer (4), Luray Caverns (2), Alaska, American Museum of Natural History, Big Brook, NJ, Cape May, NJ, Howe Caverns, Maine, Monmouth Cave, KY, St. Claire, PA and Watkins Glen, NY.

Upcoming Caravan Trip

Lower Devonian Fossils - Schoharie, NY
Saturday, April 29, 2006

The Field Trip Coordinator will be our own member, Chris Marotta. A field guide will be available for those attending. Membership in the NYPS is required for attendance. New memberships can be accepted beforehand or at the site but must be submitted before any work can start. Memberships are \$15.00 individual or \$20.00 family. To register, please email Chris Marotta at: dmarotta@suffolk.lib.ny.us or call (631) 744-4408.