



UPCOMING SHOWS

February 25-26: ALBANY, NEW YORK 13th annual "James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale sponsored by the **New York State Academy of Mineralogy and Capital District Mineral Club**, 4th floor, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission, \$5; contact Mike Hawkins, (518) 486-2011 or (518) 473-7154; e-mail; mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov



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THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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The Conglomerate: *Editor* – Judi Wines *Co-Editor* - Marty Besso

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This Meeting – January 23rd

- Elections will be held for the slate of Club Officers for 2006 as follows:

- President** - Marty Besso
- Vice President** - Kerry Dicker
- Treasurer** - Roberta Besso
- Corres. Sec’y.** - Judi Wines
- Recording Sec’y.** - Tom Wines
- Director** - Elaine Casani
- Director** - Dorothy Scott
- Director** - Charley Runko

Any member in good standing (dues paid and has attended four meetings in the past twelve months) is eligible to run for Club officer.

- There will be a hands-on demonstration on wire wrapping a cabochon. The cost for members is \$5.00 (non-members - \$10.00). ***Be sure to bring your tools and a small towel.***

Last Meeting

- Vice President Kerry Dicker lead the group in making an heirloom ornament hook.
- Tom Wines presented slides from the Philadelphia Beadfest in October. It was decided the Club would sponsor a one-day bus trip to the event in October 2006.
- The slate for Club officers for 2006 was not completed at the time of the meeting. However, at the board meeting on November 26th, Marty Besso and Charley Runko requested their names be entered for the open positions of president and director, respectively.

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 this month's meeting. ***A renewal application is included in the newsletter.*** Individual membership is \$10 and family is \$15.

We will be distributing a list of the 2006 club membership in the near future. If you **DO NOT** want your telephone and/or e-mail address included, please indicate on the membership renewal form.

Club Sweatshirts

We were able to obtain prices for embroidered "logo" sweatshirts. They range from \$25.00 to \$32.00 depending on type (hooded, zippered, etc.). Since the Club will not be ordering in bulk, members will have to complete an order form with payment (check or cash) **before** the sweatshirts are ordered. We expect to submit all orders to the vendor on Tuesday, January 24th, after the Club membership meeting. Order forms will be available at the January 23rd meeting.

Bus Trip to Albany

Efforts are underway for a one-day bus trip to the Capital District Mineral Club gem show on **Saturday, Feb. 25th**. As in the past, the show will be held at the New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave., Albany, NY. Admission is \$5.00.



Since the Club is not sponsoring this trip (there must be 10 members to do so), the cost of the trip is \$37.34, which includes \$2.00 for a driver's tip. **You must call Gene Genova** (President - Long Island Mineral and Geological Society) at (631) 929-3538 for additional information and reservations. You will need to send your check payable to The Long Island Mineral and Geological Society to Gene Genova, 12 Farm Road South, Wading River, NY 11792.

For those Club members that do go on this trip, the Club will reimburse each paid member \$10.00 while on the bus.

Annual Holiday Dinner

The following is a list of club members attending the annual gathering:

Roberta & Marty Besso	Denise Buss
Josephine Buttacy	Cathryn Byrnes
Elaine & Ron Casani	Ruth Coffey
Jessica & Anthony Conrad	Kerry & Tom Dicker
Paul Englehardt	Diane Eyster
Dorie & Joe Greco	Marilyn Inkles
Kathryn Kurigan	Trudy Kusche
Diane, Chris Marotta & kids	Jackie McCormick
Sue Melazzi	Robert Milius & kids
Kandy Miller	Cheryl Neary
Charlie Parker	Bernadette Petronia
Vita & Charlie Runko	Marlene & Claus Rust
Dorothy Scott	Marie Garcia & Mario Serrano
Judi & Tom Wines	

New Members

Jessica and Andrew Conrad – Mt. Sinai
Kathryn Kurigan – Holtsville
Cheryl Neary - Patchogue

Marcia Stone

It is with our deepest sympathy that we report the sudden passing of Marcia in December 2005.

Regional Presidents' Meeting

The second of such meetings will take place on January 17th and will include representatives from our Club and from the other three Long Island gem and mineral clubs (The Island Rockhounds, Nassau Mineral Club, and the Long Island Mineral & Geological Society). The main purpose of these meetings is to strengthen the lines of communication between the four clubs. We will report on the results at the January 23rd membership meeting.

Proposed Change in By-laws

The following changes were voted on at the January 9th Executive Committee Meeting and are included in this month's newsletter to inform the membership that the Revised By-laws are ready to be presented and discussed at the next regular meeting (January 23rd). The proposed changes will be voted on at the February 27th regular meeting.

Proposed Change #1

Dissolve the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary (ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF OFFICERS, Section 9 –Duties of Officers, (c) – Recording Secretary & (e) Corresponding Secretary) *and institute a new position of Secretary* that will encompass the former duties of the Corresponding and the Recording Secretaries. .

Proposed Change #2

Establish an additional Director position from three to four (ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF OFFICERS, Section 2 (b) – Other Officers Roster). This will maintain the number of board positions to eight to further assure a quorum at executive meetings.

Proposed Change #3

Revise the list of Executive Officers (ARTICLE VI BOARD OF OFFICERS, Section 2 (a). Delete Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and replace with Secretary.

Proposed Change #4

Revise the responsibility of reading minutes (ARTICLE VIII RULES OF ORDER, Section 1 – Order of Business, Regular Meetings). Change from Recording Secretary to Secretary.

