

THE CONGLOMERATE

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

NOVEMBER 2006

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



This Meeting – November 20th

- Marty Besso will lead the group in polishing an amber specimen. Members should bring a dishtowel or mat AND an old piece of denim clothe. There will no cost of materials for members (\$5.00 for non-member).
- The slate of Club officers for 2007 will be presented.

Last Meeting

- The Marty Besso spoke about the need for volunteers at the Club's annual show
- The Holiday dinner was discussed and a motion to have a "Chinese" auction instead of a "silent" auction was passed.
- Show posters were handled out to the attendees to be put up in local stores
- The video "Jewel of the Earth" was shown

EFMLS Insurance

At the October 23rd meeting, the board authorized the Club Treasurer to obtain the available EFMLS Accident Insurance coverage at a cost of \$2.40/member. This insurance program provides some relief for medical expenses incurred due to injury while on a Club sanctioned collecting trip, meeting, event, etc.

Stepping to the Plate

Our annual show is only one month away. Have you signed up yet?



As in the past, we will need members to volunteer to staff the admission desk to handle cash receipts, hand out raffle tickets, and obtain sign-in slips. Other activities include informing attendees of the Club's activities to encourage their membership.

Moreover, it is essential for some people to stay after the show on Sunday to assist vendors and cleanup. In addition, members are needed Friday afternoon (December 1st) to help in setting up equipment and other necessary activities as well as on Saturday and Sunday before the show opens at 10:00am.

To even out the number of volunteers during the two days, we will again requested members to register for a two-hour slot. The time periods for Saturday and Sunday are as follows:

- ◆ 9:45 am to noon
- ◆ Noon to 2:00pm
- ◆ 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- ◆ 4:00pm to closing

The sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting. *You must sign-up before the show.*

The lack of necessary volunteers for all time slots for the three days unfairly increases the amount of time and effort for the other members.

Message from the President

Tom Wines will not be running for the Club Secretary position in 2007. He also is giving up his involvement with the Club's newsletter, "The Conglomerate", at the end of December.

We need one or two people to fill these positions. I urge Club members to please come forward and volunteer for these necessary activities. If you are interested, please call me at (631) 666-8023 ASAP.

Thank you,
Martin Besso

Upcoming Bus Trip to NYC

The **Long Island Mineral & Geology Society** is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to the American Museum of Natural History to view the special gold exhibit on Saturday, January 13, 2007. We will keep you informed as additional details become available.



UPCOMING SHOWS

STAMFORD (CT) MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

18th Annual Show

November 4 and 5

90 Harding Rd

Old Greenwich, CT

SUFFOLK GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

33rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show

December 2 and 3

Stony Brook University – Student Activities Center

Stony Brook, NY

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CLUB OFFICERS

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Holiday Party

The event will be held at Papa Joe's in Deer Park on Sunday, January 14, 2007 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The cost for members is \$13.00 (non-members \$26.00). A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the November, and December meetings. Payment **MUST** be made to Roberta Besso by **December 19th**.

There will be both a silent and a Chinese auction. We would appreciate members submitting items to this activity. Call Marty Besso to volunteer any gem or mineral specimen.

Mark Your Calendars

January Meeting will be on the **22nd**.

February Meeting will be on the **26th**.

