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9th Annual Fall - Gem & Mineral Show

October 29 and 30

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Road

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SUFFOLK GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

32nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show

December 3 and 4

Stony Brook University –

Student Activities Center

Stony Brook, NY

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THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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Next Meeting – October 17

David Altman of D.A. Gems will talk on various aspects of colored stones, diamonds, and pearls. He will be displaying samples and slides from his collections.

Last Meeting

VP Kerry Dicker led the group in making a beaded watch.

Bay Shore–Brightwaters Public Library’s Director Eileen Kavanagh spoke briefly on plans to expand/renovate the existing building.

Up-State Dig

Club member Josephine Buttacy’s brother has a vast collection of fossils on his property in Spencer, NY (near Ithaca). He is willing to allow Club members to collect specimens on Saturday, October 22. Since this will be a one-day caravan, we need to know how many members are planning to participate in is trip. We will meet at LIE Exit 53 (Wickes Road) parking lot at 6:00 am. Contact Josephine at 631-665-5111 for additional information.

Initial Regional Presidents’ Meeting

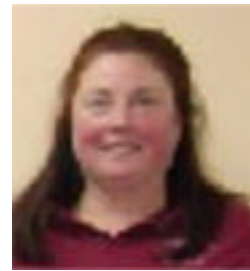
On October 4, Tom Wines and Elaine Casani met with representatives from the other three Long Island gem and mineral clubs (The Island Rockhounds - John Anderson, Nassau Mineral Club - Gene Austin, and the Long Island Mineral & Geological Society - Gene Genova). The main purpose of these meetings is to strengthen the lines of communication between the four clubs. Matters discussed deal with any planned trips, digs, and events as well as any issues common to the clubs, such as guest speakers, gem shows, membership, and newsletters.

Our next meeting will probably be in the beginning of 2006.

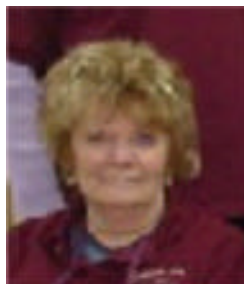
Director Golden is Moving

Gretchen is leaving Long Island and will be relocating to Tennessee.

Her contributions to the Club will be missed. We all wish her well.



Corresponding Secretary Kandy Miller



Kandy has recently undergone major surgery and is now recuperating. We wish her well and a speedy recovery. Her address is:

15 Antler Dr.
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Annual Club Show Status

We are moving forward with our show at the Student Activities Center at SUNY - Stony Brook this December. Unfortunately, there will be a slight entry fee increase to the vendors due to the rise in facility rent and liability insurance. From all indications, we will have the same dealers as last year.

As in the past, we will need members to volunteer. However, last year there was a significant “grouping” of volunteers on Saturday (16) and sparse attendance on Sunday (5). There is a need to have some people to stay after the show on Sunday to assist vendors and cleanup. To even out the number of volunteers during the two days, we will be requesting members to register for a two-hour slot. A sign-up sheet will be available at the October and November meetings. You must sign up before the show.

Club Shirts

Our initial order of shirts is almost deleted. At the October meeting, we will be discussing the possibility of ordering sweatshirts for those who are interested.

From Michael Kessler, EFMLS-VP Region II

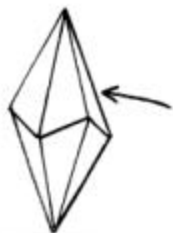
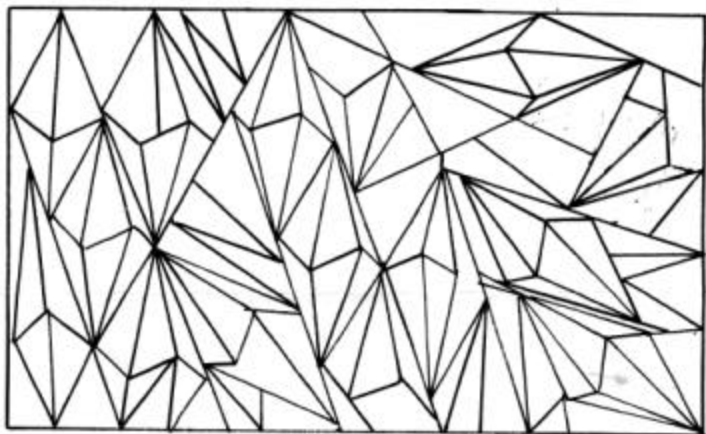


Mike reported that the Federation Mineral Box Swap is in its second year and going strong. He has some 20 clubs all over the USA trading specimens through the mails using him as a coordinator. Mike has provided us with additional information that is shown below for those who are interested.

We will talk more about this at the October meeting.

Mike attended WildAcres for the first time this September. Mike felt it was very affordable and a worthwhile vacation for a rockhound. Three meals a day, lectures by famous authors, field trips, and classes in lapidary, faceting, and much, much more. He highly recommends attending and can be contacted for updated brochures.

Mike also provided us with one of his Hidden Crystal Puzzles for the Club's enjoyment.



Hidden Crystals by Michael Kessler
How many hidden scalenohedrons can you find in this design? An example can be found at the arrow.

We will provide the answer at the October meeting.

Federation Box Swap Instructions

Here are a few considerations:

- Are you sending minerals only, fossil only or both? This is what you will receive. Choose a category.
- If you chose minerals only, select rough/polished or crystals
- Label each specimen with I.D. and location. No vague terms, like "mineral" or "fossil"
- Will the specimens weight a total of ten (10) pounds without the box?
- Send Mike the receiving address for the box to be sent to you, and a contact telephone number or email address
- Are the specimens padded for traveling? Pad in between to prevent collisions
- Are the specimens of the same quality that you would prefer to received?
- What are the states from which your specimens have been collected? Send this in advance to Mike, not just the names of the minerals

If you have answered all these questions, then send the answers to Mike and inform him when your box is ready to mail. He will send you the address to place on the box. In turn, he will inform the other club which is ready to mail their box and give them your address. Mike has several boxes all ready.

Any other questions? Mike can be reached at either (570) 421-3113, quartz7228@aol.com, or Michael Kessler, 4 Longfellow Rd., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-2739.