



UPCOMING SHOWS

BRISTOL GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

34th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

October 14 and 15

Beals Community Center

240 Stafford Ave.

Bristol, CT

For more info: www.bristolgem.org

MID-HUDSON VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

37th Annual Show

October 21 and 22

Rhinebeck Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Route #9

Rhinebeck, NY

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

For more info: 631-666-8023

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

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THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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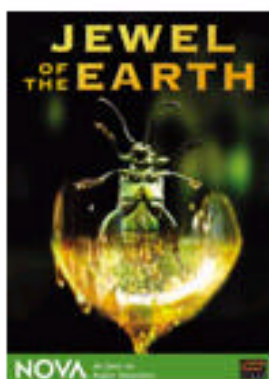
The Conglomerate: *Editor* - Martin Besso

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This Meeting - October 16th

There will a video on amber – “Jewel of the Earth”. This NOVA-sponsored video is narrated by Sir David Attenborough who investigates a wealth of embalmed animals and plants, tracing them back to their fascinating origins in the forests of 40 million years ago.



At the November 20th meeting, we will have hands on demonstration in polishing an amber specimen.

Last Meeting

- The membership voted on having a meeting on December 18th.
- A joint letter written by the four Long Island gem and mineral clubs to the Department of Transportation regarding the bus breakdown to the Springfield trip was read.
- A letter of appreciation from Michael Kessler regarding his re-election as Regional VP of EFMLS was read.
- Marty Besso passed around a letter from the publisher regarding subscriptions to “Bead & Wire” magazine.

- Marty Besso stated the Beadfest trip to Reading, PA has been cancelled due to only 19 people signing up.
- New member Nick Mercurio of Deer Park to the membership.
- Marty Besso stated the show would be held again at Stony Brook University on December 2nd and 3rd. He mentioned the Club would order rock and mineral booklets to be handled out free to attending children. Marty commented on the need for expanded advertising such as radio, newspapers, handouts, and store posters that would require members to volunteer in this essential effort.
- Marty Besso noted that a one-day bus trip to caverns in Kutztown, and Hellertown has been scheduled for Sunday, October 15. He stated we would need 40 to 45 people to sign up to keep the cost at \$25.00 per seat. A sign up sheet was circulated among the members.
- Chris Marotta spoke on the upcoming NYPA trip to Red Hill on October 7th and 8th.
- Club member Stacey Milius felt the Club should purchase lapidary equipment that could be used by its members.
- Club member Chris Marotta spoke on “What’s New in Rocks”.

Annual Club Show

We are moving forward with our show at the Student Activities Center at SUNY - Stony Brook on December 2nd and 3rd.

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.

Annual Club Show (Continued)

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 (December 2nd) before the show opens at 10:00am.



To even out the number of volunteers during the two days, we will again request 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 October and November meetings. *You must sign-up before the show.*

Message from the President

At the September 25th board meeting, Tom Wines announced he would not run for the club Secretary position in 2007. He also mentioned that he would be 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 at our next meeting or call me at (631) 666-8023.

Thank you,
Martin Besso

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 October, November, and December meetings. Payment **MUST** be made to Roberta Besso by **December 19th**.

As in the past, there will be a silent 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**.



Invitation

To foster a greater degree of unity between the four Long Island-based gem and mineral clubs, we have sent an open invitation to the other local clubs for its members to join us at our monthly membership meetings.

