



11th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem & Fossil Show & Sale

New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the
Capital District Mineral Club
February 21st and 22nd
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY.

Village of Freeport Recreation and Parks Depart.

29th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
March 13th and 14th

Freeport Recreation Center - 130 East Merrick Road
Freeport, NY
For info: 516-781-8410

Celinka Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

June 5th and 6th

Stony Brook University – Student Activity Center
Stony Brook, NY

For info: 631-567-3342

The New York City Gem & Mineral Show

Hosted by The New York Mineralogical Club
March 6th and 7th

Holiday Inn at 57th Street - New York City, NY

For info: 914-739-1134

The Island Rock Hounds, Inc.

32nd Annual Show of Gems, Minerals & Fossils
April 17th and 18th

Westbury High School - Post Road & Jericho Turnpike
Old Westbury, NY

For info: 516-781-8410

**The Long Island Mineral & Geological Society,
Inc.**

23rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
July 4th and 25th

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Mattituck, NY

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Next Meeting – February 23rd

That’s right...for the month of February the meeting has been moved back one week due to the Holiday.

We will be showing videos on “The Geysers of Yellowstone” and “Monument Valley”.

As always, refreshments will be served. It would be nice if someone could bring along some popcorn.

At the Prior Meeting

Marty Besso led the membership in a hands-on demonstration of a wire-beaded necklace. We also had the election of Club officers for 2004.

Check the Mailing Label

Your annual membership dues for 2004 should be paid by now. Your mailing label should have “04” indicating we received your dues for this year. Otherwise, send in your check and completed application now or hand them into the Club’s Treasurer at the February meeting. If not, you will not receive future newsletters.

Bus Trip to Albany – Capital District Gem & Mineral Show

The Club’s pickup point will be the parking lot on the south side of the Long Island Expressway at Exit 53 – Wickes Road. It is highly recommended Club members arrive before 7:15am, as the bus will **depart sharply at 7:30am.**

I Was Just Thinking

The other day on the way home from shopping I passed a boat store that had a big sign outside counting down the days till Spring. Spring...doesn’t that sound wonderful after the

dreary, icy days of this year’s winter? The earth coming to life again and living things beginning to grow. And I started thinking of all the things I could look forward to doing in the nicer weather. Then I thought of the things we could do as a club. With the coming of better weather, we could possibly go on a special dig, the Franklin Show in New Jersey is always a great bus trip we could take, and our summer picnic is always fun.

You know, a club is like a living organism, it should be growing and learning. We grow, of course, as our membership grows, but we also grow by learning more and more about our interests. Each of us has our own interests some like jewelry making, others collecting fossils, some like to collect specimens of gems and minerals. But each of us is enriched by the input of the others in the Club even if it is not in our particular area of interest. We grow as people by learning new and interesting things from others.

As we look forward to Spring, I want to urge each of you as vital members of this Club to become more involved. What do you want to do? Where do you want to go? What do you want to learn about? Let me know so I can better serve you and your Club. Also, what can you share with the Club to enrich us? Do you have a special skill? Do you know someone who could demonstrate or teach us? Let me know. Also, when we have a trip or lecture or hands-on demonstration get involved even if it’s not your particular area of interest give it a try. Like my mother used to say when trying to get me to eat something new, “How do you know you don’t like it unless you try it?”

Tom Wines, President (with a little help from the editor)



