

UPCOMING SHOWS



June 21st and 22nd

Celinka Gem and Mineral Show
Stony Brook University – Student Activities Center
Stony Brook, NY

July 26th and 27th

Gem and Mineral Show – Mattituck High School
Main Rd.
Mattituck, NY

August 8th, 9th and 10th

2003 East Coast Show
Better Living Center – Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA
(over 180 dealers attending)

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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

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Next Meeting - June 16th

A video from EFMLS, “*The Steward Tourmaline Story*”, will be shown. About the secret world of mining and cutting gems, this video describes the ancient process of mining gem crystals from mineral rich pockets deep below the earth. Find out how tourmalines are discovered, experience the thrill of a dynamic blast, see the process of rough gems into finished jewels, and delve inside one of the world’s most famous mines.

The Club’s by-laws were last revised in January 1989. However, certain aspects do not reflect current practices, are no longer necessary or are too restrictive. In compliance with the by-law provisions for changes, the enclosed notice should be read, as the membership will address the proposed changes at the meeting.

As always, refreshments will be served.

Last Meeting

Judi Wines lead the group in creating a cage pendant that was capable of being opened and closed to change the contents.

As it has been the Club’s practice, there will be no meetings in July and August.

“Hamburgers, hot dogs... O my”

It’s our Annual Picnic – Saturday, July 12th at Heckscher State Park, Parking Lot #1 starting around 10:00am.

As in the past, the gathering is a joint effort with the Island Rockhounds club. In addition, we have invited the vendors of the Club’s December 2002 annual show.

We need your cooperation in calling Marty Besso (631-666-8023) or Elaine Casani (631-567-3342) before July 6th if you are planning to attend.

If you could bring a covered dish that could be shared at the picnic, please let Marty know when you call.

Membership Cards

EFMLS / AFMS membership cards will be available at the June meeting. See Roberta Besso.

Mark Your Calendars

- **September Meeting** – We are collecting items for an auction. Please bring specimens to the Club meetings.
- **Franklin Gem Show** – If we get enough interest, the Club will sponsor a bus trip to this event in September.
- **Annual Club Gem Show** – Saturday and Sunday, December 13th and 14th at Stony Brook University.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLUB BY-LAWS

1. Term of Office – Article VI Board of Officers, Section 7

Current provision – Directors shall be elected to serve for a term of two years.

Proposed provision - Directors shall be elected to serve for a term of one year.

Rationale: This would be in line with the one-year term for all officers.

2. Treasurer –Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 9, Part (d)

Current provision – All bank checks disbursing Club funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President.

Proposed provision – All bank checks disbursing Club funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and another Executive Officer or Director as contained on the bank's signature cards of the Club.

Rationale: Allows for greater convenience in obtaining required signatures.

3. Treasurer –Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 9, Part (d)

Current provision – The Treasurer shall, when duly authorized by the Board, sign and execute all contracts when countersigned by the President.

Proposed provision – With the exception of contracts entered into dealing directly with the Annual Club Gem and Mineral Show, the Treasurer shall, when duly authorized by the Board, sign and execute all contracts when countersigned by the President. Those contracts specifically required in holding the Annual Club Gem and Mineral Show (i.e., vendors, equipment rentals, and space/facility rentals) shall be signed and executed by the Treasurer and the appointed Show Chairperson.

Rationale: Allows for greater convenience in obtaining required signatures.

4. Corresponding Secretary –Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 9, Part (e)

Current provision – The Corresponding Secretary shall be the Editor of the Club's Newsletter, and is specially charged with the preparation, publication, and distribution of the Club's Newsletter to members.

Proposed provision – The Executive Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary) will appoint a member in good standing to be the Editor of the Club's Newsletter who will be responsible for the preparation, publication, and distribution of the Club's Newsletter to members. The Editor may solicit the assistance of other members in fulfilling these activities.

Rationale: This allows for greater participation by members who may have an interest in volunteering their time and expertise in working on the Club's Newsletter.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLUB BY-LAWS (Continued)

5. Corresponding Secretary –Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 9, Part (e)

Current provision – The Club typewriter shall be in the custody of the Corresponding Secretary.

Proposed change – Delete.

Rationale: Equipment is no longer used.

6. Directors –Article VI Duties of Officers, Section 9, Part (f)

Current provision – The Directors shall attend Board meetings, without vote, to acquaint themselves with and keep abreast of the month-to-month operation of the Club’s business.

Proposed provision – The Directors shall have voting rights at Board meetings.

Rationale: At times, the required quorum for a Board meeting can be difficult to achieve. In addition, their valued judgement is best provided with the authority to vote on Club matters.

7. Quorum – Article VII Meetings, Section 5

Current provision – A quorum at a Board meeting shall consist of three Executive Officers and one Director. A quorum is necessary to conduct the business of the Club.

Proposed provision – A quorum at the Board meeting shall consist of any combination of any four Executive Officers and/or Directors. A quorum is necessary to conduct the business of the Club.

Rationale: At times, the required quorum for a Board meeting can be difficult to achieve.
