



UPCOMING SHOWS

New Jersey Mineralogical Society, Inc.

33rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show
September 11th (Rain date Sept. 12th)

Fanwood Train Station
Fanwood, NJ

For more info: 732-469-1047



41st Annual Gem & Mineral Show

October 9th and 10th

Sunappe State Park
Route 103
Newbury, NH



Stamford (CT) Mineralogical Society, Inc.

Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show
November 6th and 7th

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center
90 Harding Rd.
Old Greenwich, CT



Nassau Mineral Club, Inc. of Long Island

42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show
November 13th and 14th

SUNY College – Clarke Center
Old Westbury, NY



14th Annual Show

November 20th and 21st

Passack Hills H. S.
Grand Ave. & Spring Valley Rd.
Montvale, NJ



Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.

31st Annual Gem & Mineral Show

December 11th and 12th

Stony Brook University –
Student Activities Center
Stony Brook, NY

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THE CONGLOMERATE

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Gretchen Golden has volunteered to fill the vacant director's position. The Club's officers would like to welcome her and looks forward to her contributions to Club.

Next Meeting – Sept. 20

Club member **Mitchell Gluck** will speak on sapphires.

As always, refreshments will be served.

Bus Trip to Springfield, MA Gem Show By Kandy Miller

A few years ago I went with our club on my first bus trip to the Museum of Natural History for a gem show and colored diamond expo. I had asked a friend to go with me as I am physically challenged and didn't know how much walking I would be able to do. But that day everything went well and we had a great time.

When I heard about the bus trip to the gem show in Springfield, MA on August 14th, I was a little hesitant about going because my ability to walk any distance had decreased significantly and this time my friend wasn't able to come along. But I really wanted to go to this show, so I put aside my concerns, packed up my wheelchair, and off I went.

When I got to the bus, the driver, Tony, (who was absolutely wonderful) shored by wheelchair in the baggage compartment and helped me to my seat. On the way, we saw two movies and had snacks. Later on the trip home, we stopped at a buffet and had a good meal at the reduced group rate. I felt very comfortable with the other club members and Ron

and Denise made sure everyone go on and off the bus so that no one would be left behind.

At the show, Pat, one of our club members, and I got around to most of the tables and bought a lot of nice stuff. Pat finally found the pyrite cube that she had long been searching for and I bought two Russian meteorites for the 1942 fall. There was so much to see that we had a hard time stopping long enough to get something to eat. The food at the show was good, too!

I want to reassure anyone else who might be hesitant about making one of these trips because of physical challenges or other concerns. I had such a good time and felt completely comfortable with the assistance on and off the bus that I'm now looking forward to going on the next bus trip to the Franklin, NJ show on September 25th. So, leave the driving to Tony and be prepared to have a good time spending the day with lots of nice people.

Bus Trip to Franklin Gem Show

There will be a joint-club bus trip on Saturday, September 25th, to Franklin, NJ. The cost of the trip for members is \$10.00 (\$15.00 non-members). If you are interesting in participating in the all-day event, you must call Roberta Besso (631-666-8023) by September 15th.

Notice of Upcoming Digs

- **September 25th – Red Hill, Pa**
While Chris Marotta will not be leading this event at this time, members are free to attend on this date, as other outside individuals/groups will be exploring this site. For directions and other info, contact Tom Wines – 631-472-4395.
- **October 2nd – Williamsport, Pa**
There will be a bus trip on this date departing Riverhead at 7:00am and LIE Exits 63, 49, and 41 at 7:15am, 7:30am, and 7:45am, respectively. For details and reservations, call Denise Buss –631-732-4195.

Other Sites Available

- **Dyer Quarry**, P O Box 188 Rock Hollow Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19506. This site is open; however, reservations are required. Call General Manager Troy Butler at 610-582-6010 or fax at 610-582-2340 for details.

Club Mineral Collection on Display

The Connetquot Public Library will be displaying a portion of the Club's collection from November 2nd to November 27th. The library is located at 760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY.

And Now, Something a Little Different...

In addition to the Club's normal Grand Door Prize at the annual Club gem and mineral show in December, we will be offering a separate raffle for a cathedral amethyst. The specimen measures approximately 18" high and 8" wide. **Come to the September meeting and see it for yourself!**



Revenge !! by Andy Rooney

TIPS FOR TELEMARKETERS

Three Little Words That Work !!

- (1) The three little words are : "Hold on, Please..."

Saying this, (Hold on please) while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear the phone company's "beep-beep-beep" tone, you know it's time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task, These three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting.

- (2) Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?

This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a "real" sales person to call back and get someone at home.



What you can do after, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, six or seven times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks out your

number out of their system. Since doing this, my phone calls have decreased dramatically.

THIS IS THE BEST ONE

- (3) Another Good Idea: When you get "ads" enclosed with your phone or utility bill, return these ads with your payment. Let the sending companies throw their own junk mail away.

When you get those "pre-approved" letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages and similar type junk, do not throw away the return envelope. Most of these come with postage-paid return envelopes, right? It cost them more than the regular 37 cents postage "IF" and when they receive them back. It costs them nothing if you throw them away! The postage was around 50 cents before the last increase and it is according to the weight. In that case, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these cool, little, postage-paid return envelopes.

Send an ad from your local chimney cleaner to American Express. Send a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you send them.

You can even send the envelope back empty if you want to keep them guessing !

Eventually, the banks and credit card companies will begin getting their own junk back in the mail. Let's let them know what it's like to get lots of junk mail, and the best of all they're paying for it...twice!

Let's help keep our postal service busy since they are saying the e-mail is cutting into their business profits, and that's why they need to increase postage costs again. You get the idea ! If enough people follow these tips, it will work!

