



UPCOMING SHOWS

Nassau Mineral Club, Inc. of Long Island
42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show
November 13th and 14th

SUNY College – Clarke Center - Route 107 North
Old Westbury, NY
For more info: 516-707-9926 or
www.nassaumineralclub.com



14th Annual Show
November 20th and 21st

Pascack Hills H. S. - Grand Ave. & Spring Valley Rd.
Montvale, NJ
For more info: 201-262-2726



Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
31st Annual Gem & Mineral Show
December 11th and 12th

Stony Brook University – Student Activities Center
Stony Brook, NY
For more info: 631-666-8023



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THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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Last Meeting

We had a hands-on demonstration of creating a beaded eyeglass holder given by **Director Kerry Dicker**.

Life-time member Edith Heinlein delighted the attendees with a trivia quiz. She will be announcing the winner at the November meeting.

Member Frank Roever again donated several books to the Club’s library.

Next Meeting – November 15

The Nomination Committee will present the slate of Club Officers for 2005.

Member Mitch Gluck will explain the GIA diamond grading certificate, pricing with a Rappaport sheet, and how to properly open and close parcel papers.



As always, refreshments will be served.

Speaking of Jigsaw Puzzles...

Both Judi and myself were unable to attend the October meeting due to some sort of nasty flu we unfortunately shared. Looking back, I missed the January meeting, too. That time I was unexpectedly required to work beyond my “normal” departure time from New York City.

What does missing meetings have to do with jigsaw puzzles, you’re thinking. Well, I’ll tell you. Judi and I like to do jigsaw puzzles. We work on them at the table in the dining room. We alternate either sitting down for a few minutes or walking by and spotting a piece we hadn’t seen before and adding it to the big picture. The funny thing about jigsaw puzzles is sometimes two pieces don’t seem like them fit together until you tried them, and every piece is

important to the complete picture. Of course, nothing is more frustrating than getting to the end and realizing you don’t have the last piece to make the puzzle complete. No matter how many pieces fit together if you don’t have that last piece the picture is always incomplete.

Our Club is like a puzzle - all different people with different interests and talents fitting together to make a complete picture. One likes fossils, another minerals, another jewelry, some like lectures, others are teachers, and some enjoy hands-on demos. We each learn and grown by interacting with each other. So if you don’t make meetings, a piece of the big picture is missing. We need your presence and input as to what direction you would like your Club to go, what kind so activities you like, what topics you want to learn about, what field trips and hands-on demos you want. You are an important part of the big picture...I’m looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Tom Wines, President
(With a little help from the Editor)

New Members

Nancy Yurack - Lindenhurst
 Thomas Everette - Lindenhurst
 Joe Szollosi – Lindenhurst

The Conglomerate

Past newsletters are now available on the Club’s website: www.suffolk.gem.com/about-us.htm

Annual Gem Show

Plans are well underway for the Club’s 31st annual show at Stony Brook University on December 11th and 12th. Members are expected to volunteer. People are needed for the admissions desk, selling tickets to the two additional raffles, the demonstration table, and for vendor liaisons. So that vendors and the public know who the members are, **Club shirts must be worn**. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting or call Volunteer Chairperson Judi Wines at 631-472-4395.

The vendors for the show are:

- ALCYONE CORP.
- ATLANTIS ENTERPRISES
- BEAUTY ON BEADS
- CELINKA
- CHINA & SOUTH SEAS, INC.
- DARK STAR ENTERPRISES
- E&R GEMSTONES
- EXPO USA
- HIGHLAND ROCK & FOSSIL
- HODGE PODGE
- JEWELRY BY MARY
- JIM FOWLER WIRE WRAPPING
- KAINAROS PRODUCTIONS
- PHENIX GEMOLOGICAL SERVICE
- PMC GEMS
- ROCKMAN & STOWNLADY
- STONETRUST
- THE MYSTICAL CRYSTAL
- TRANS UNION GEM & MINERAL
- UNICORN
- VERONICA MATTHEWS MINERALS
- WARREN GONZALES

provide their e-mail address. It was felt both the Club and members could benefit from sharing their e-mail addresses. A sheet requesting your telephone and e-mail address will be circulated at the November meeting.

Bus Trip to Williamsport - October 2nd

Our bus driver, Tony, picked us up at Exit 63 of the LIE and made several other stops along the way. We had a few extra seats, which made stretching out quite comfortable. The first movie we viewed was "Seabiscuit". Then we played ten games of Bingo. The back of the bus had some winners this time. We stopped in PA. for 20 minutes so everyone could stretch their legs. The second movie, "Chicago", played. We had a nice tour of Downtown Williamsport until we could met up the Mr. Ray Smith, operator of the Crystal Point Diamond Mines, who led us to "Nippenose" tavern, bar, and restaurant. We donned our hard hats, boots, and collected our buckets and got our rides in 4X4's to the digging destination.

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.

Annual Holiday Dinner

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 9th.

We will hold our dinner at Papa Joe's starting at 5:00pm and ending at 9:00pm. A silent action will also be held. The cost for members is \$12 (\$24 for non-members).



The sites were scattered all over but mostly down hill, steep and muddy, "LOVE THE EARTH!" From above, you could hear the hammering, splitting, and digging for quartz. At 4:30 pm, we set back in the 4X4's to Nippenose. I was one of the lucky one to leave first. THUNDER, LIGHTENING, and RAIN saw us off.



**Papa Joe's - 450 Commack Road
Deer Park, NY (631) 242-8902**

Please contact Treasurer Roberta Besso as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Nippenose was very comfortable. The bar area had a nice woody décor with a pool table and the local clientele were quite friendly. The dinning area was cute, the wait staff was very friendly and we even had live music. The portions were huge and price was very reasonable. We headed home about 7:30pm. We stopped in again at the PA. border to stretch and watched movie #3, "Windtalkers", for the rest of the trip home.

E-mail Addresses

I am not sure what everyone collected. Hopefully, we'll hear from some people that took advantage of this trip or we'll see their finds at our next meeting. I'm bringing mine.

At the September meeting, members were asked to

By Director Gretchen Golden