



UPCOMING SHOWS

2014-2015

March 14-15 42nd Annual IRH Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry
Old Bethpage Restoration Village

March 27th – 29th EFMLS Convention and Show (& Field Trip)
Hickory Convention Center
Hickory, North Carolina

May 16th -17th Celinka Show
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (need club volunteers to man a club table!)

July 25th -26th LIMAGS – Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry
Cutchogue East Elementary School (New Location!!!)

For other Gem and Mineral shows: <http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/calendar.htm>

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

February 2015

THE CONGLOMERATE

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

Monthly Club meetings held at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, Montauk Highway, Brightwaters starting at 8:00pm.

Refreshments served at 7:30 pm.

OFFICERS

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Cell phones are to be turned off during all Club meetings.

More importantly, there should be no disturbances during any guest presentations.



Happy Birthday
Wishes!
May Your Year Be
Filled
with Hugs & Kisses!

Michael Correale

Phil Gerald

Marilyn Inkles

Fran Katsar

Mike Katsar

Joe LaBarca

Pat Seastrom

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: 2015

February 23rd

Chris Visco- guest speaker

"Rocks Remember"

March 16th – Hands-On

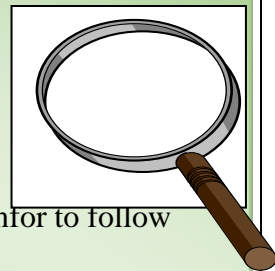
April 20th - Lecture

May 18th – Hands- On

June 15th – “Bragging Rites” – More Infor to follow

July Picnic: Saturday July 18th

Raindate: Sunday, July 19th



Thank You

“On behalf of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church we are most grateful to you for your generous scholarship. This will be used to form a new Yoth Group for teens age 13-17. We will now be able to work with, teach, counsel and aide in forming these young people as the community stewards of tomorrow.

*Thank you so very much-
Valerie
Coordinator- OLMC”*

PS Editor’s Note:

Every year we have a scholarship to be used primarily for students interested in furthering their education at the College level in Earth Sciences. However, in the past we have also awarded the scholarship to Gary Vorwalds’- (member of club) award winning Science Olympiad team at Three Village School District – Ward Melville High School. The thank you above was for the \$500.00 donation to the Church’s Youth Group. The Church has allowed us in the past the venue to host our annual show.

Exciting Fun-d- raiser for SGMC

Save the Date!

Need Volunteers!

Each member is being asked to sell at least 3 tickets

June 6th – Applebee’s

@

3870 Veterans’ Memorial Hwy, Bohemia

Breakfast 8:00 – 10:00

We are soliciting for any Un-used items (in box) for the raffle of items- Please bring items to Cheryl or Elaine

Let the Adventures Begin!

Upcoming Field Trips & Events!

March 27th – Field trip – Reel Mine, NC

May 8th – 9th: Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club (CVGMC) invited us to attend National Limestone Quarry and St. Claire's in Pennsylvania

May 10th – 11th: SGMC is hosting the CVCMC at our claim at Margaret Hastings.

Please note motel rooms have been reserved at the following places:

Motel 6, Mechanicsburg, Pa- Rate \$64.99 + tax per night

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Johnstown, NY Rate \$89.00 + tax per night (includes breakfast)

If interested please let me know. This will not be a bus trip-

June 12-14th – Penn Dixie Cruise on the Niagara Basin

Car pool event

Fossil hunting at Penn Dixie, Friday afternoon

Mineral field trip on Sat. 06.13.15

Cruise Sunday Morning till 12:00pm

August 8th – LIMAGS Field trip to Springfield, Ma

Cost \$38.00/ person

Please see Roberta if interested in attending this bus trip!



Outside The Box

The January meeting is our Annual Meeting, in which the new Board of Directors was voted on by the membership.

It also was a Holiday Celebration and Annual Auction held at the Airport Diner.

Thanks to the Auction Committee and to all who participated in our fundraiser!

Best Wishes to the new Board Members- Lucy & Rebecca!

What is a Member in Good Standing?

One that:

- Attends (4) Meetings
- Contributes Time to Club Show or the Celinka Show-at the Club Table

(If you are unable to attend the show, there is other show activities you can volunteer for- please see Elaine or Cheryl!

- Participates in Club Fundraisers

Remember-this is your club!

This club needs you to participate, in order for the club to grow-

If you have any suggestions for a program, please speak to one of the Board members listed above. If you have an idea for a field trip, please speak to a Board member as well!

Ask what else you can do!

Go and Experience Wildacres!

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend our May 18th meeting. The reason- I will be in the mountains of North Carolina at Wildacres! I can hardly wait to meet again with old friends and the opportunity to meet new friends – people who share the same interests!

You have heard me sing the praises of Wildacres over the years. I have learned so many things about our hobby as a participant at the week-long event. You have oohed and goggled at the soapstone carvings, the beaded necklace, the cabochons, the silversmith works to name a few. To enjoy the place you need to experience the place.

Imagine being immersed in a fog so thick, you think you will not see the daylight. When the sun rises you feel that you can just reach out and touch it and the same with the moon.

Imagine being able to enjoy the solitude with nature – no distractions- unless you seek the use of a cell phone or the internet!

Imagine the opportunity to laugh with others at the annual “Fun Stuff” actions and “Phun Nite”, where you will hear plenty of puns as well!

Imagine being able to learn more about the various aspect of our hobby and the fields of Earth Science, through most interesting lectures by noted personnel. There are six (6) talks by a distinguished Speaker –in-Residence.

Imagine being part of either two-2-day classes or a single 4-day class, with a free-day to relax, explore or participate in a hosted field trip and to return in time for a tailgate swap or sell.

Well, you do not have to imagine all this plus more if you decide to attend!!!

Kerry Dicker is interested in participating in the Fall semester, which is being held the week of August 24th - 30th. Anyone interested in joining her – the company is welcomed!

The Speaker-in-Residence is Denise Nelson- jeweler, Graduate Gemologist. I had the opportunity to meet Denise a few sessions ago- you will thoroughly enjoy her!

Well, imagine this.....all this plus more for only \$390.00, which also includes room and board – the food is delicious too! (There is a slight charge for some of the classes for materials)

So- Go and Experience Wildacres!

Any questions, please speak to Cheryl or Denise Buss

Summer is almost here!

**The SGMC annual picnic will be held this year at Hecksher State Park- Parking Field 1
On Saturday, July 18th Raindate: Sunday, July 19th
Remember to bring a dish and notify Roberta at 631.666.8023**