



UPCOMING SHOWS

& Events

March 24-25

Island Rock Hounds
Holiday Inn, Plainview

For other Gem and Mineral shows:

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

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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.

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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!**

**RHEA ANGEL
MICHAEL CORREALE
JO ANN CULLINAN
KAREN EICHELBERGER
JOHN FITZPATRICK
MARILYN INKLES
FRAN & MIKE KATSAR
PAT SEASTROM
PAUL SIEGEL**

Famous People Born January 1927:

Eartha Kitt

Barbara Rush

drum roll please....Dorothy Scott

***Happy 85th Birthday Wishes
to our own celebrity -Dorothy.***

***She has been a member of the club countless
years (and possibly one of the founding
couples?) and held numerous positions
within the club. Please take the time to
thank her for all her contributions to the
club and to have a happy belated birthday!***

The Chinese Auction was quite a success. The fundraiser brought in \$470.00! Start saving for next year's auction!

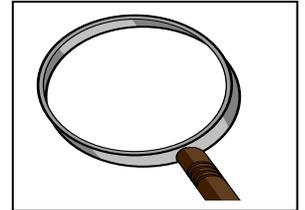
\$\$\$\$\$\$ Dues are Past Due \$\$\$\$\$\$
See Roberta @ meeting or call 631.666.8023
\$15.00 individuals / \$25.00 family

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

2012

Save the Dates!

February 13, 2012
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18



This Month's Meeting: 02/13/12 **Note The Date (1 week earlier!)**

Member, Gary Vorwald, will be opening our eyes to the geology of the island in which we reside. Come down to learn about the formation of our Long Island, the periods of glaciations to the weathering and erosion of the coast

Field Trips:

Chris Marotta has invited club members to join him in a caravan trip to the Buffalo area for fossil collecting. Please speak to Chris for more details.

We have been invited to a dig in the Spring time in the Harrisburg, Pa vicinity. If interested in attending, please see me at the meeting. Based on the number of interested members, arrangements will be made! To date- It looks like Denise, Elaine Colon & I are the only ones going!

There still is time to enroll for Wildacres sessions. For more Info, please either visit the EFMLS website or speak with Cheryl at the 02-13-12 Meeting!



**Let the Adventures Begin!
Back to 1927**

This column is dedicated to Dorothy Scott as she celebrates her 85th year. So, in honor of Dorothy's birth year, I thought it would be fun to bring about some interesting facts about that year.

On April 15th approximately 15 inches of rain falls within 18 hours, adding to the volume of high level in the Mississippi River causing the river to break the levee system in 145 locations. The Great Mississippi Flood affected 27,000 square miles, 10 states and over 700,000 people. The worse state affected was Arkansas.

Striking miners from the Columbine Mine are massacred by machine gun fire from the state police in Serene Colorado. The police opened fire on 500 rowdy, but unarmed miners. At the time, miners had been on strike over a week at various mines within the state.

Charles Lindbergh flies *The Spirit of St. Louis* non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris. This was the first transatlantic solo flight. The flight took off from Roosevelt Airfield at 6:52am EST on May 20th and arrived in Paris 33 hours, 29 minutes later.

On May 22nd an earthquake measuring 8.6 on the Richter Scale hits Xining, China killing over 200,000 people.

In October, work began on Mt. Rushmore and the carving of four presidents, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln & T. Roosevelt in the smooth fine-grained granite of the Black Hills in South Dakota.

The Holland Tunnel opened on November 13th connecting NYC with New Jersey. The tunnel which was the first structure constructed under the Hudson River and is named after Chief Engineer Clifford Milburn Holland. Construction began in March of 1922 at the corner of Canal and West Streets.

Pan American Airway is formed.

1st Transatlantic phone call from NYC to London is made.

Ford ceases manufacturing the Model T after selling 15 million cars, and begins selling the Model A with various body styles.



**Outside
the
Box!
A synopsis of last
month's meeting**

The venue was another great Holiday Party at Papa Joes. Thanks to Denise, Marilyn and Diane for preparing for the Chinese Auction, selling the tickets and providing a great fundraiser! Thanks to all the donors of items- I had my eyes on a few things and that is about how close I came to winning! I did win a few items and had fun with the anticipation of not winning!
Thanks also to Roberta & Marty for the arrangements for the party and for the Board for the great selection of food!

Continued-Let the Adventures Begin!-

What things cost in 1927:

Toy Steam Engine.....	\$ 3.98
Manual Washing Machine.....	\$ 15.95
Electrical Washing Machine.....	\$ 79.00
Kodak Box Brown Camera.....	\$ 2.29
Flapper Dress.....	\$ 9.95
Ford Model A (starting at).....	\$ 460.00

Others Who Share the Year with Dorothy:

- Harry Belafonte
- Tom Bosley
- Erma Bombeck
- Rosalyn Carter
- Mary Higgins Clark
- Peter Falk
- Bob Fosse
- Coretta Scott King
- Tommy Lasorda
- Janet Leigh
- Gina Lollobrigida
- Pope Benedict XVI
- Roger Moore
- Sidney Poitier
- Neil Simon
- Andy Williams

*Holiday Party Pics
Photographer: Kerry Dicker*



Chinese Auction Tables.....Delicious Cake and Members Enjoying the Night!

