

UPCOMING SHOWS

2016

September 24 & 25 LI Fair – Old Bethpage Restoration Village
October 1 & 2 (Island Rock Hounds Booth)

November 12 10:00 am -6:00pm NYMC – Holiday Inn
13 11:00am – 5:00pm 440 W57th St., NYC

December 3 & 4 10:00am -5:00 pm SGMC – Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel
No. Ocean Ave., Patchogue

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*

September 2016

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!

Adam Aschkenas

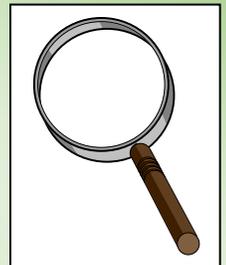
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

-2016-2017

Sept. 19th - Show & Tell
Oct 17th - Travels In India
Denise Buss
Nov. 21st - Hands -on - Kerry
Dec. 19th - Auction
Jan. 8th - Holiday Dinner @
Parlor House Grill in West Sayville



Message from the Prez:

Welcome back from our summer hiatus!

Thanks to Roberta & Marty and all that helped with the picnic this year. It was another hot summer day, but it nice under the trees, with a slight breeze.

Once again I returned to Wildacres in North Carolina. I was happy to see Carol and John Pesek return as well. More about Wildacres on page 4 & 5.

We have some exciting field trips in the works- More information to follow.....page 3.

Hope to see you all on Monday, September 19th –

Please note the new time for the meeting start. We need to be out of the library no later than 9:00 pm.

So plan on networking from 7:00- 7:30, and the meeting beginning at 7:30, except for the meeting in which we have a hands-on activity planned-

Please Note:

New Hours for Our Meeting-

7:00 pm – 8:55 pm

**Meeting with Hands On Activities will start
at 7:15**

Let the Adventures Begin!

Start planning for our 2017 Field Trip to Kentucky

We are in the process of setting up this field trip for the weekend of August 19-21st with the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club.

All interested parties will be driving to the hotel and meeting in Kentucky-

More Information to follow.

2017 Field Trip to Michigan

2nd Weekend in August – this will probably conflict with Springfield-

You will need to weigh out your options!

2017 Field Trip to Upstate NY

This trip will take place in May-
We will be hunting for black tourmaline at sites not opened to many collectors!

MORE INFORMATION To follow

Please plan on donating items for our auctions-

December meeting is a Chinese Auction
January Dinner meeting is a live auction

Dinner at Parlor House Grill:
January 8, 2017
Details to Follow



Outside The Box

Last Month we had our
“Annual Bragging Rites”

Winners of Categories:

Self- Collected: Kenny Klecak -garnet
Best Purchased: John Pesek – agatized coral

Lapidary – self made: Barbara Kruger-
Cloisonné pin/Pendant

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!

Ten great places to see the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017



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Visit:

<http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/best-places-to-view/>

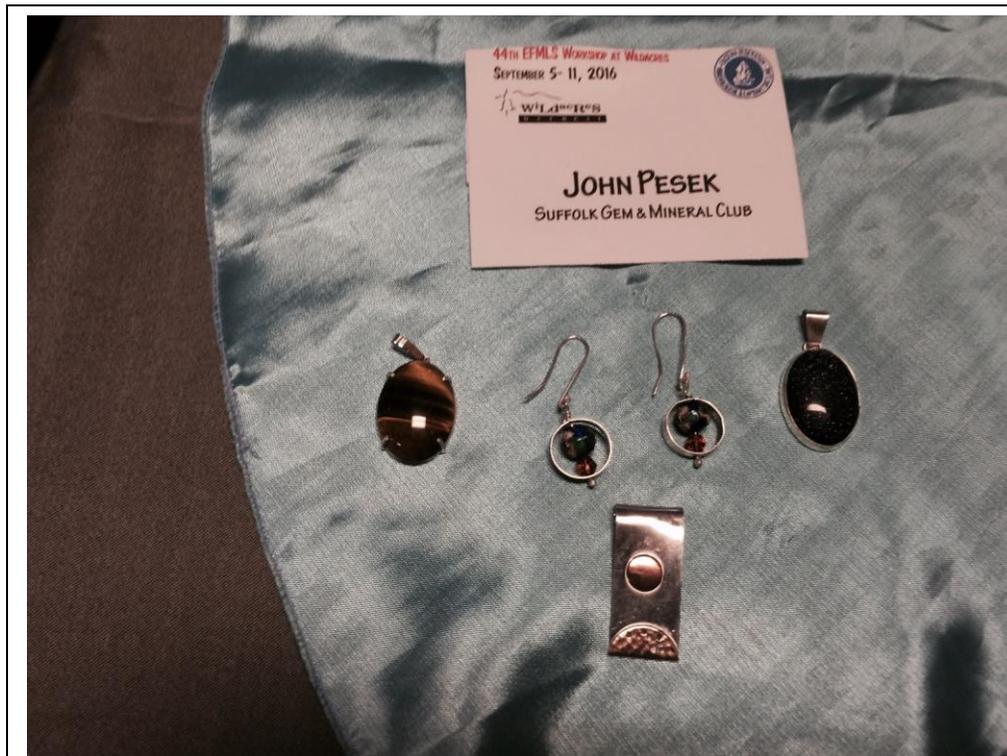
Wildacres In the Fall:



Carol participated in a Fused glass class that was held for four (4) days. The class was taught by Becky Edmundson.

To the right is some of her work!





John participated in the Silversmithing class taught by Richard Mezzler. The class is taught in two – two-day classes.

John was in the class for the four days.

This photograph, which was taken by me on my i-phone does not do justice to the beautiful pieces he made.

Hopefully- Carol and John will bring a piece to Show & Tell on Monday, September 19th !

I had another enjoyable week in the mountains of North Carolina!

The weather was in the high 80s and on our free day I think it was in the 90s as I and the Peseks participated in the field trip to Sink Hole Mine in Mitchell County. At the site, the following minerals were found in the pegmatite deposit: mica, garnet, apatite, thulite – pink to reddish variety of the mineral Zoisite, moonstone and quartz.

Thulite is a manganese-bearing variety of zoisite, also sometimes referred to as rosaline. Thulite from granite pegmatites and some metamorphic rocks is frequently the clinohthulite variety of clinzoisite and not true zoisite. This refers to our finds at the Sink Hole Mine.

Thulite usually occurs as veins and fractures. Thulite was first discovered in Telemark, Norway in the early 1800s. It is named after the mythical island of Thule in the belief that the island is Norway. Besides Norway and Mitchell County in North Carolina, thulite is also found in the Austrian Tyrol, Western Australia and in recent years Okanogan County, Washington and Beaverhead Co., Montana.

I am hoping more of you can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity brought to you by the Eastern Federation. It is a beautiful place and the atmosphere is lively! Meet new friends, learn new techniques and just have fun!

I will speak briefly about WA again at the September Meeting-

The first of the year we will be notified of the dates for the 2017 sessions.