UPCOMING SHOWS

2017

May 20-21st Celinka Show- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue

May 22-28th Wildacres Spring Session

July 29-30th LIMAGS Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry

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

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May 2017

THE CONGLOMERATE

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

Monthly Club meetings held at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, Montauk Highway, Brightwaters starting at 7:00pm.

Refreshments served at 7:00 pm.

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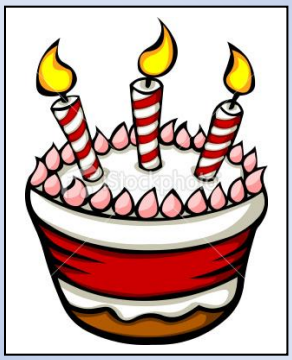
Cell phones are to be turned off during all Club meetings.

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



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

May Birthdays:

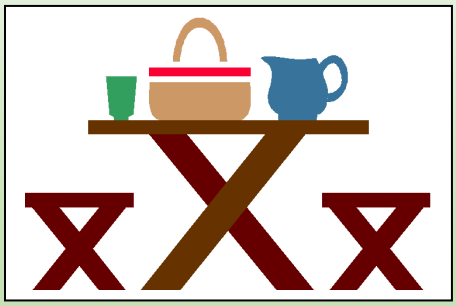
Ron Casani
Thomas Keeley
Kandy Miller
Nathan Montalvo
Cheryl Neary
Elizabeth Rizzo

Plan Ahead-

Annual Picnic weekend of:

July 15th

Raindate July 16th



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

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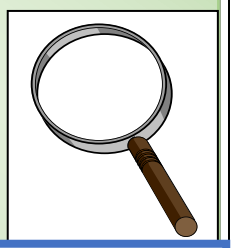
May 15th -Lecture – Dr. Brett Bennington – LI Glacial Geology

June 19th – Annual Bragging Rites



Message from the Prez:

It is with much sadness I report the passing of one of our oldest members of the club- Marty Besso.

You all remember Marty as the lively person, who loved the hobby of ours. Matter of fact, he was influential on many members joining this club.

Br. Brett Bennington will be our guest speaker tonight. Please join us as we learn about the glacial impact on the island we live on.

Remember the meeting starts at 7:00pm-

Hope to see you all there!

Cheryl Neary
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Let the Adventures Begin!

Field Trips for 2017:

June 23-25 – LIMAGS - Gilsum, New Hampshire /TOVECO (limited to 20)

LIMAGS Bus Trip -August 12, 2017- Springfied, Ma

August 18– 21 – Kentucky

Spring 2018 – Plum Island - TBD

Any suggestions????

If you know of any child interested in joining a Pebbles Pup Club
Please have them contact either
Robin Wiley at rcwiley@optonline.net
Or Cheryl Neary at ciervo.neary@gmail.com

The Celinka Show is May 20th & 21st-

We need members to volunteer to represent our club at a table provided to us.

Please see Kerry or myself if you are available to donate time (remember- how to be a member in good standings!)

The hours are:
10am -5pm
both days!

Outside The Box

Synopsis of Last Month's Meeting:

We all had fun painting and creating our own designs on the tumbled beach stones.

Each rock was uniquely painted as we all expressed our artistic side.

Thanks to Debbie Winston for the entertaining evening!

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

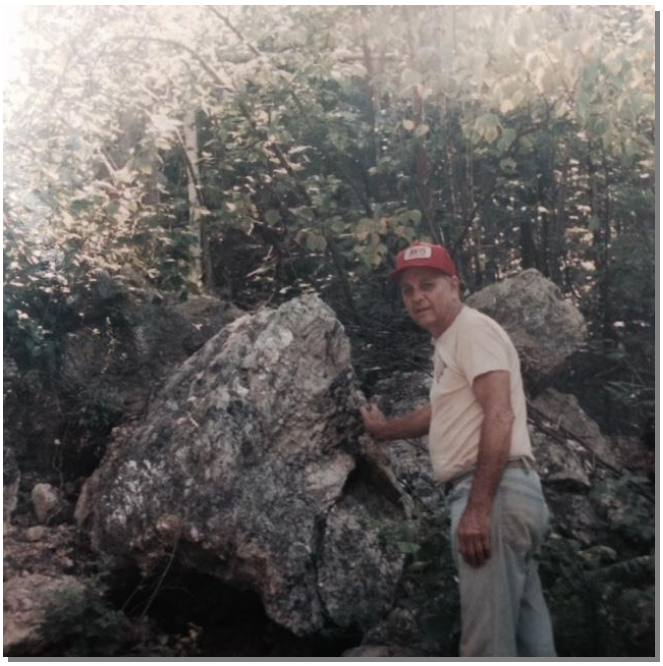
(If you are unable to attend the show, there is other show activities you can volunteer for- please see Elaine or Cheryl!)

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!

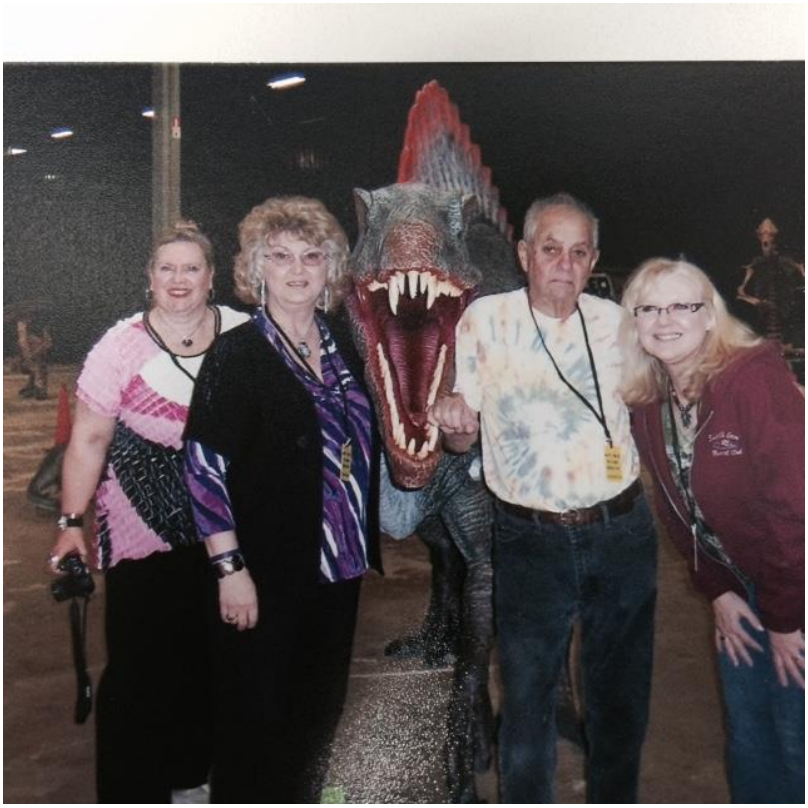
Marty Besso –
Rockhound Extradoraire



Marty rockhounding!

Marty is to the left in this photograph

It appears Bolo ties were in!



Boy –
Marty really looks excited!

This was taken at the first NY-NJ show hosted in New Jersey in 2012

Denise, Elaine and Kerry surround the two dinosaurs!

Below is Marty pondering- Should I or should I not?

Dear Friends,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Marty. My heart goes out to Roberta and his family. We wish you fond memories of a very beautiful person.

Marty helped change the whole direction of my life. I was miserable in a middle management accounting job but I had a strong interest in natural science. When I first met Marty in a vendor's booth of a Huntington show, he told me about the Suffolk Gem Club, which I joined; and he also helped me contact the NY Paleontological Society.

Thanks to Marty, these two clubs would eventually lead me to pursue a new career teaching science, and a much happier life. Thank you so much Marty for doing this for me.

I will have to work Tuesday but you will be on my mind and in my heart. You will be missed by many, Marty.

Love,
Chris, Debbie and the younger Marottas

I only knew Marty and Roberta for 2-3 years. I got to know them well and enjoyed talking to Marty about rocks, stones and minerals.

He was very knowledgeable and I learned a lot the times we used to meet at the shows, meetings, and holiday parties.

I am very sad and will miss Marty a lot.

Charlie & Beth Deringer

Note from the Editor-

We fondly remember Marty as a mover and a shaker that truly shaped our club. Marty was always active with the club and served as a Board Member and President. He was instrumental in recruiting new members, as noted above. He was responsible for our shows for many years-
It was Marty that pushed to have the EFMLS convention in 2012 on Long Island.

We will miss Marty- but will remember him as a vibrant person with a love of rocks!

Putting up the signs!

This picture was taken at the Tripp Mine in New Hampshire in 2012.

In the picture is Elaine Casani and Fran Katsar.

Marty -

He Will Be Missed …