UPCOMING SHOWS

2014-2015

Nov 8-9th		**Fall New York Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show** **Holiday Inn Midtown- Grand Ballroom**
Dec.6-7th	**10:00 – 5:00**	**41st Annual Rock, Gem, Fossil & Jewelry Show** **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** **No. Ocean Ave., Patchogue**
March 14-15th	**10:00- 5:00**	**42nd Annual Rock, Gem, Fossil & Jewelry Show** **Old Bethpage Village Restoration Exhibition Hall** **Old Bethpage**
March 27-29th		**EFMLS Convention and Show (& Field Trip)** **45th Annual Show** **Hickory Metro Convention Center** **Hickory, North Carolina**

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

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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!

Caryn Ann Bosak

Tom Dicker

Paul Engelhardt

Joanna Engelhardt

Kathy Guerreri

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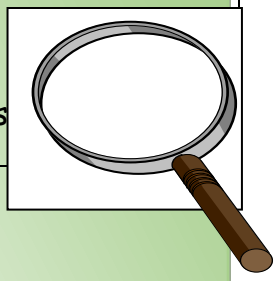
Please join us this month for an exciting evening with: Judy Ann Olsen

Ms. Olsen has written technical articles on jewelry manufacturing processes, gemology, and consumer articles on luxury jewelry trends. Ms. Olsen is a graduate of GIA.

Our club has enjoyed her lecture in the past!

UPCOMING MEETINGS: 2014

September 15th - Lecture
by Julian Olsen
Subject: Enhancements of Stones



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 Kerry!

- Provides Refreshments for monthly meeting (You will be reimbursed- just need to bring the goodies!)

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!

Kentucky- Here and Gone!

A few members of the Suffolk Club participated in the field trip held Labor Day weekend. Everyone travelled on their own to the final destination- Danville, KY!

The Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club (Hickory, NC) invited the Long Island clubs to participate in their annual event. This year there were three (3) private farms which afforded us the opportunity to collect- two in the county of Rockcastle and one in Boyle County. Our hotel was located in Danville, which is located in Boyle County.

The first day we collected geodes in a horse pasture. The geodes at this site were harder to crack than at the other localities. (Or maybe I just got use to the pounding on the rocks!) A few also stopped at a rock-cut for dolomite crystals.

The second day, the weather was uncooperative, but we collected in a creek bed- so the rain did not hamper us- however, please ask Elaine how she likes her mud! Some of us stopped for fossils as well! The last day of the trips, the only members to attend were Kerry& Tom and myself- with Kerry and Tom finding the best catches of the day and weekend! Many of the members visited Mammoth Cave National Park.

There will be a presentation later in the year!!!

Let the Adventures Begin!

Wildacres – Fall 2014

Once again I was fortunate enough to attend the Fall session. This year, both Elaine and Ron, as well as myself were on the waiting list. There was one opening available about a week before, so I incorporated my Kentucky field trip into the North Carolina experience.

The weather was quite humid and hot! We did get an occasional rainstorm- once on a field trip and the other times during the night.

I enrolled in the soapstone carving with Sandy Cline. I carved four (4) small items- a loon, two bears, a whale tale. During the polishing process I snapped the tale off- and continued to polish- which was a mistake. (We learn from our mistakes!) Anyway, I think my whale tale looks like one in the great ocean- one that might have met a boat propeller or maybe a shark! This was the first session activity.

On Thursday, I participated in the field trip back to the Presnell Mine for Kyanite- a blue silicate mineral commonly found in aluminum-rich metamorphic pegmatites. This was the same field trip I participated in last year, when I had the opportunity to meet Larry Huffman and reacquaint with Harry Polly, both members of the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. This was the place that Larry informed me that he had just gotten back from KY after a weekend of hunting for geodes. I asked how do we get an invite for our LI clubs. The rest is history!

The second session I participated in a Geology II class, in which two days we had field trips to outcrops and sites off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Other courses Wildacres offered this session were lost wax casting, faceting, wire-wrapping, silversmith, etching and engraving and Geology I.

This years' guest speaker in residence was a young, vibrant and dynamic Justin Zzyzx. You can google his name and find out more about him!

Outside The Box

Our June meeting had a great lecture by Chris Visco on New York State Fossils.

A prehistoric sea scorpion known as *Eurypterus Remipes* is the official state fossil of New York since 1984.

Museum display of sea scorpion (*Eurypterus remipes*) fossils and model -
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Eurypterids are rare fossils worldwide, with New York State one of the only few places where these creatures' remains can be found.

This bottom dweller of shallow, brackish seas lived over 400 million years ago during the Silurian Age. The Eurypterid is a extinct relative of the modern king crab and sea scorpion.