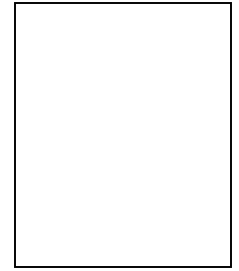


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Bob McGuire
President

PREZ NOTES *By Bob McGuire*

Hi and welcome to all who read. First, our next picnic is **MOVED** from the **Medium** pavilion to the **Small** one up on top near the rest rooms. The medium has no fireplace.

At the July picnic, everyone had a great time. Good food and good friends. Flossie stopped by for just a few minutes to get some geodes cut.

Nancy had a good time cutting a few. Geo-Clue was played and a lot of Millis' minerals were won by all. Thanks Dave.

Don't forget the August picnic on the 21st, bring a dish to pass and your table service and have a pleasant time eating, resting or playing games. Summer will be getting over soon and it will be back in the school for the September meeting.

Also, On July 28th, I, on behalf of our club, and Fred (Al Segar's son), presented a book to the Sayre Library in memory of Al.

See you at the picnic.

Bob

Photo by Bob McGuire



Flossie Lines

Photo by Bob McGuire



Nancy Welles

Photo by Bob McGuire



Bob McGuire, Fred Segar, and Susan Robinson (director of Sayre Library)

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Next meeting will be in Small Pavillion at Hornbrook Park on August 21st
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C. Bourne photo

**JoAnn McGuire**

Sunshine Report

By JoAnn McGuire



Even though it was a HOT Sunday, the picnic was very nice and enjoyed by those who were able to come.

Thanks to Carol DeSanto for purchasing the hot dogs, hamburgs, buns, etc. She did a fine job. Thanks also to John Margetanski for being the "chef" and doing the grilling. The food turned out well. There were so many good dishes it was hard not to get filled up by trying them all.

Some folks were bothered with the heat and humidity, so stayed home; some had medical issues so couldn't come. Hope to hear they are feeling much better and maybe will be able to make the August picnic; it may be a little cooler.

Was so nice to see Flossie Lines at the picnic. Her son, Cecil, brought her to get a geode cut and she visited while he did that. She couldn't stay for the picnic itself as she said she can't get around that well. She did say she might make the August picnic and hope she does.

Get well to Barb Segar who had the misfortune to fall and have some injuries. She's doing a little better and we hope she continues to improve. Get well also to her grand daughter, Lacey Eiklor, who had a hospital stay recently. She's home and feeling better.

Please keep Chuck Hessler in your prayers as he goes to Cincinnati to a hospital there to see what they can do to help him. He and Maggie were at the picnic, but the humidity does bother his breathing. We wish him well and hope he gets some good reports.

Ted Rieth was able to attend the picnic. He's been having major eye problems, but things are working out for the better for him and hope he improves day by day.

If you know of someone in need of a card, please let me know, and I'll get one out to them. It's always nice to know that there are those who think of you and wish you cheer or send sympathy in time of need.

Julie Fluke is doing quite well and gets good reports each time she visits her Dr. She was able to be at the picnic and enjoy the day with friends. She does have to be very careful of foods she eats so as not to "upset the apple cart". Glad to hear she's doing so well.

Thanks, Dave, for being there early for anyone who wanted to cut a geode and for your game after the picnic. Always fun.

Hope to see you at the August picnic, which will be on the 21st. Bring your favorite dish to pass and your table service.

C. Bourne photo

**Inga Wells**

Junior Rockhounds/Pebble Pups

By Inga Wells

Junior Rockhound News for August 2011

We have Field Trip scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 to Wayne Myers Garden, 10 am to noon. You may bring a brown-bag bag lunch and stay as late as you wish. I'm bringing some cup cakes to celebrate all those August Birthdays.

For those who would like to follow me: Meet me in Waverly, NY at the parking lot of the closed Tank restaurant, the former Legion, across from the Valley Bowling Alley at 9:30 am. That address for the Bowling Alley is 13 North Chemung St. Waverly, NY. From there we will travel north on Rt 34 N toward Lockwood, VanEtten, Spencer, Ithaca. After around 13 miles, past Van Etten, turn right at the stop, go 3.1 miles to Spencer and at the 4-way stop turn left and drive 3.5 miles and turn right onto Michigan Hollow Rd. This turn is after the Spencer Christian Academy, a white building. Go on Michigan Hollow Rd, for about 2.1 miles, where it intersects with Hill View Rd. You will Myers Garden, #1071 Michigan Hollow Rd, N. Spencer, on your right. There are places to park on the lawn across from the picnic area. (I hope these directions from Mapquest are correct)

This is the house Wayne and his friend Paul build for the most impressive circular glass sponge from the Devonian Period ever discovered. Both halves of this fossil, *Uphantaenia Chemungenses*, are about 4X4 feet each. There are at least six acres of gardens, an enormous stone Sundial, a working water wheel mill house, a blacksmith shop, a covered bridge and the newly created Pond below Time. The pond is surrounded by rocks and fossils. There are big rocks everywhere, which is a good start to learn to identify rocks for Science Olympiad.

Photo by Inga Wells



All this, is the work of just one man. Wayne Myers is now retired and will be glad to give us a morning tour before it gets too hot. Please dress according to the weather forecast. Please let me know if you are coming on this trip by Aug. 14th. Please invite your friend to this outing. Adult club members are welcome to visit this amazing place with us.

I will see some of you on the bus trip to Albany on the 13th. That should be a fund trip.

Please check your schedule and let me know if you have the time to go Herkimer digging on September 18th or 24. We will not be meeting at the church in September. I will be at Wildacres for

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Pebble Pups..... Continued from Page 3

the second Sunday of the month. I will share with you what I will have learned at these classes. If you have anything you would like to teach everyone, please let me know.

Look elsewhere in the bulleting for information regarding the club picnic on Sunday, Aug. 21st at Hornbrook Park.

Congratulations to all of you with an August birthday. If your name is not listed in that section of the bulletin, please let Frank Meadows, the Editor, know this.

I'm glad to hear that Katie's leg is on the mend and she will be able to join us.

Congratulations to all of you for spending your summer learning many things. I have been reading your names in the local papers and saw that all of you made the school honor rolls, received many scouting badges and swimming awards. I'm proud to know you and to have such fine young people in our Junior Rockhounds.

Itinerary for August 13th Bus Trip to the New York State Museum

- Pick up at Hurley's in Towanda at 6:00 a.m. Please park as far away from the store as possible.
- Pick up at Sayre Kmart at 6:25 a.m. Park near entrance.
- Travel to Albany with a 30 minute fast food breakfast stop/break.
- Arrive at the museum between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Tour and talk on NY State Minerals through the Mineral Gallery in Adirondack Hall with Mike Hawkins, the geology collections manager. Mike is coming in on his day off specifically for our group.
- Lunch is on your own. There is a restaurant in the museum which is open 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. I don't know if there is anything else nearby. People could pack their lunch.
- Depart the museum at 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner stop (about one hour) enroute home at a location to be decided by the bus company depending on what is available. It could end up being a Cracker Barrel if there are no other suitable options, or maybe a Bob Evans or something along those lines.
- Arrive back in Sayre at approximately 8:30 p.m. and Towanda approximately 9:00 p.m.

Please note that it is customary to give the driver a gratuity. An envelope for the gratuity will be passed through the bus on our return trip home.



August Birthdays

- 3rd – Rick Harrison
 Jim Moorehead
 Sam Robison
 4th – Virginia Milligan
 Faith Toth
 9th – Mary Walter
 11th – Loretta Abate
 15th – Katie Phykitt
 26th – Betty Derstine
 28th – Courtney Shepler



Happy
 Anniversary!!!!

August Anniversaries

- 1st – David & April Walter
 19th – Frank & Suzanne Niver
 26th – Elmer & Isabel Coolbaugh
 27th – Russell & Phyllis Chaffee
 30th – Sam & Phyllis Robison

If your name is missing from here, please let me know so I can add it to the list. Thanks. Editor, Frank Meadows

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Lou DeMarco

July Program

By Lou DeMarco

In July we had a picnic. Thank you to Chuck Hessler and Harry Lingenfelter who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs, to Carol DeSanto for picking up the picnic supplies and all the cooks who brought a dish to share. Before the picnic, Dave Millis cut geodes. After the picnic, we played Geo Clue,[Bingo]. Dave was the caller and he provided the prizes, i.e rocks. Then he had a drawing for prizes. Bill Dimmick won the last prize, a box full of rocks. Mike Buynak asked if anyone had any rocks they didn't want, they could donate them to the Pebble Pups. Good idea, especially since Dave had all the rocks ID. Thank you Dave for all the activities and prizes.

Lou

Upcoming Shows & Events

From: <http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/calendar.htm>

August 2011

27-28: Concord, NH - Capital Mineral Club 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Festival. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd, Concord, NH. Sat 9:00AM-5:00PM and Sun 10:00AM-4:00PM. Adult admission \$5 children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. website www.capitalmineralclub.org

27-28: Madrid, NY - 45th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Madrid Community Center, State Hwy. 345, Madrid, NY. Contact: Bill deLorraine @ 315-287-4652 or wdellie@verizon.net

6-7 Waterville, ME - 41st Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society (ME) Mount Merici School, 152 Western Ave., Waterville, ME Contact: Ellery Borow @ 207-547-3154

September 2011

3-4: Augusta, ME - 22nd Annual Rockhoulder's Gem and Mineral Show Kennebec Rocks and Minerals Club (ME) National Guard Armory, Western Ave., Augusta, ME Contact: 207-873-6270

17-18 – RHINEBECK, NY: 42ND Annual Show; Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Route 9, Dutchess County Fairgrounds;

24-25: West Friendship, MD - 47th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt 32; West Friendship, MD.

30–October 2: Elkridge MD - Desautels Micromount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

October 2011

15-16: Bristol, CT - 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Bristol Gem and Mineral Club (CT) Beals Senior/Community Center, Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT Contact: Dave Korzendorfer @ 860-651-9980

22–23: Henrietta, NY - 42nd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY.

29: Fairless Hills, PA - The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA presents our Annual "ULTRAVIOLATION" an all Fluorescent Mineral Show, at the First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA., 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Cost \$2.00 Donation, Children 12 years old and younger FREE, Information contact Chuck O'Loughlin, 130 Maple Terrace, Merchantville, NJ 08109, Phone: 856-663-1383, Email: ultraviolation@yahoo.com

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