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## 663rd MEETING

**Time.....** Social—Mineral Sales.....  
Meeting.....pre-empted by annual show  
Program.....  
**When.....** Saturday & Sunday, Mar. 13-14, 2010  
**Where....** The Benway School —  
970 Black Oak Ridge Rd., Wayne, NJ  
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## DIRECTIONS (our regular meeting location)

For those unsure of a route to the museum, these directions should help. You can get to the museum via Rt. 80 using exit 57a,b or Rt. 19 north, following the signs to downtown Paterson. Left at the first light, (follow red dots) left again at the next light (Market St.) and then two and a half blocks to the museum on your left. You could also come north on McBride Ave. from Rt 46 in West Paterson to Overlook Park, right at light to next light, left at Burger King and 100 ft. to museum entrance on your right. A winding but safe route to a paved, fenced and well lit parking lot.

## PURPOSE

The North Jersey Mineralogical Soc. is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1945 whose goal is to bring together people with an interest in the Earth Sciences in general and mineral studies in particular. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Young people under 17 years of age are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent or adult friend.

## FOR INFORMATION CALL

Rolf Schudel (201-925-2716) or Mel Pollinger (201-791-9826). Call the the museum or one of the officers if inclement weather might cause meeting cancelation.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

**Your dues are due.** If you haven't paid your dues by the conclusion of our annual show, you will be dropped from our newsletter mailing list and will not be eligible for any club functions or other benefits.

## SEND DUES TO

Juan Gonzalez  
79 Lakeside Avenue  
Pompton Lks, NJ 07442  
973-405-1480  
Individual members: \$12.00  
Married couples \$18.00  
Additional family members  
are \$6.00 each  
Junior members: \$5.00

## OFFICERS FOR 2010

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2 yr Trustee.....Judy Baglio  
1 yr Trustee.....Rolf Schudel

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had quite a bit of snow and I am looking forward to Spring. Many of us are anxious to start field collecting and for me the 2010 season starts off with the Clifton/North Jersey Gem & Mineral Show. We have found a new location for our show and I expect all members to spread the word about our new location. I have printed 1,100 post cards to send out to our loyal customers. Signs will be going up to advertise the show. There is a flyer for the show on our web site.

Table set up will start at Noon on Friday, 3/12/10. Dealers will have from 2:00pm - 10:00pm to set up. We will need help through out the weekend and especially for breakdown on Sunday. Also, I have also been working on lectures for our monthly meetings. We will have some great programs this season. See you all at the show. Lets have fun!

Bob Horn, President

**new location new location new location**

## THE 21st ANNUAL CLIFTON/NORTH JERSEY GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW

Held at our new location at the Benway School,  
970 Black Oak Ridge Road, Wayne, NJ  
(formerly known as the Neuman Prep High School)

North on Rte 23 to Wayne Lincoln-Mercury, right  
off highway, left at light (north) to Benway School  
on your right.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 — 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, March 14, 2010 — 10 am to 5 pm

Adults \$5.00, Seniors: \$4.00. Children: \$3.00

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH MINERALS

For those of you who are not heavily involved in the rock collecting hobby, I thought that you might be interested in learning where you could go to get some information on shows, clubs and other sources of information. If you attend shows you will  
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**GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH MINERALS — Cont.**

have the chance to meet and talk with many people in many parts of the hobby. Although it's not easy to carry a camera with you, it is a good ice breaker. You have to take pictures using available light and it's not easy because the people in the photo

are moving. In the picture above, I can see Russ DeRoos and behind him further to the right is Ron Bentley. I think that this was at one of the Earth Science shows at Seton Hall Univ. The photo above was taken at the Rochester Symposium, a favorite function to attend,

good mineral dealers, excellent lectures and a lot of good socializing. At left is Paul Desautels who was curator of minerals at the Smithsonian and at right is Ron Bentley a mineral dealer from Connecticut and then later curator of the Houston museum collection. They are now both deceased. It is this kind of function that is a great learning experience for collectors. If you look at the displays, you can see some of the fine minerals such as the blue topaz shown above right. The dealers at the last two shows mentioned included Dudley Blauwet of Mountain Minerals. I bought a number of fine minerals from him. He always had some beauties from Pakistan and India, topaz, apatite, beryl and others. He has written articles and given lectures at some of the shows. One of the reasons I liked going up to the Rochester Symposium was the dealers. I saw and bought the piece at right after just a quick look. It is quartz, pseudomorph after hemimorphite from Montana. I don't think that I've seen any other similar specimens at any of the shows I attended.



I remember that at one of the Earth Science shows at Paterson Teachers College late on a Sunday afternoon, a woman pulled up to the entry in a limousine, went inside and bought some \$10,000. worth of specimens from Vic Yount (at left in foto). The man Vic is talking to is Rock Currier, a good mineral dealer



who does a strong wholesale business at many of the larger shows. Rock was a help to James Zigras in getting work done on a new mineral first identified by James from a specimen he purchased from a dealer in Maine. When I saw the photos taken by Mickey Raine I



was struck by how similar they were to Hauckite, a mineral named after our former president Dick Hauck. If you don't get out and talk with people, and maybe develop a skill such as photography, you might never have the

chance to see new minerals like those shown in the photographs. If you wonder why some of these people seem to get ahead of you, don't. The reason is simple.

They work at their hobby and keep up with what is going on. Not only by attending shows, but also by attending club meetings. If you're lucky, you might meet someone who could be a collecting buddy. When I met Nick



Facciolla and went collecting with him, I was amazed by how he could move rock. With the help of a 6' pry bar he was able to move large rocks and open veins in order to pull out large chunks. After releasing those rocks, from the grasp of the vein, I learned that there



was a technique to trim those chunks so they would look like a nice hand specimen. That included removing a bruised corner and shaping the piece so that it would have an esthetic look.

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**GETTING ACQUAINTED....**



The most fun for collectors is going on field trips. The photo to the left shows a contact zone at Laurel Hill. There were not many hand specimens found at this locality, but it did produce quite a few micro minerals.

Going with other collectors works out well. More eyes almost guarantee finding good specimens. The photo below shows Joe Cilen, Nick Facciolla, and Van King. Joe was a very early member of our Society. Nick and I were active collectors at Secaucus, Nick went after hand sized pieces and I went after micros.



The area shown in the top picture was one of the best collecting areas for micros. The photo below shows Nick with long time member John Durkos at a locality in Staten Island. It was a residential construction site. They were building a road to open up lots for home construction. In the middle of a traffic circle was a mound of serpentine that had a lot of artinite, hydromagnesite and some other serpentine associate minerals.



The collecting was good and the rock was not like basaltic rock. It was soft and easy to split into desirable sized pieces. The only problem was trying to get the delicate specimens home without mashing the crystals. The only other area that produced quality artinite was in California. There may be others, but I am not aware of any. The next field trip was to Livingston, NJ and a housing construction site. They were putting in utility service, curbs and roads. There was a section north of Route 10 and another section south of Rt. 10. We called that area the Northfield Ave. site. Our field trip was set

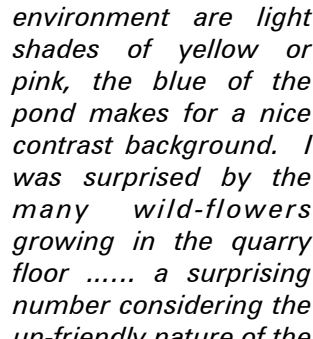
to be a combo rock and photography field trip ..Judy even got the chance to break in a new Nikon camera for this trip. As she was examining the camera, George started collecting. We were all supposed to take a people shot, a flower shot, a bug or animal shot and a mineral shot. It was quite a test in your powers of observation to spot a potentially good photograph. Below left is a visitor to a flower bud. Below right is a clover flower and at the bottom left is a nice cluster of beige colored prehnite crystals, almost in bow ties.



Remember, you're using available light and trying to control all the variables in taking an outside picture. The photo below left At least mineral specimen doesn't often jump off the table or wiggle in the breeze. Of course that holds with most of the wild life. You must control your pictures by simply paying attention to what you are doing. I found a terrific trick of using a pond for a background subject. Since many of the wild flowers that grow in the quarry environment are light shades of yellow or pink, the blue of the pond makes for a nice contrast background. I was surprised by the many wild-flowers growing in the quarry floor ..... a surprising number considering the un-friendly nature of the stone floor. When I first started using the pond as a background for my photos, there were a couple of white egrets that would come in for a landing. But they were so jumpy, they would not stay in one place long enough to get a good photograph. But then, as time passed, they became used to people invading their territory. Now, you can get photos of several egrets in a group photo, at several other spots along the Hackensack River.



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**Minutes of the 662nd Meeting —2/11/10**

President Bob Horn brought the meeting to order. The first discussion was that we need suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings. Jack Troy also needs articles for the newsletter. Our website needs updating. The list of books in our library and the flyer for our upcoming show are on the website.

Preparations for our show are running late. We must get our flyers for the show printed and distributed. Send emails to all of your friends and attach the flyer to it. Ask friends to help spread the word. Signs for the show should be put up at our old location to redirect people. The postcards advertising our show should be printed and distributed.

Our Treasurer Juan Gonzales stated that the treasury has \$15,468.99, with an additional amount in the Ford high interest account. The Ford account is FDIC insured and is safe to put some of our money back into it. Paper work is needed to change the names on the account. Arlene Castleman will become a second signer on the account in case of emergencies.

In order to cover the increased costs for our show we have raised the cost of a full booth to \$400.00 and a half booth to \$200.00 each. We must rent additional tables and chairs. We will ask all dealers to bring their own chairs.

We can start our show set up at noon on Friday, March 12. We will ask all the dealers to limit their energy needs and use higher efficiency lights. We discussed ways we could provide food for our dealers.

Robert Santee brought up a discussion of patches with a mineral design for our members. He got a price of \$125.00 for 100 patches. We could also make up pins, or even shirts with the same design. The discussion will continue after the show.

Rolf Schudel Jr. announced that he will be at the Super Science Show at the Ridgewood High School on March 6. Additional volunteers are requested. Then Rolf shared with us a wonderful video presentation on Diamonds from the series Nature.

Respectfully Submitted  
Arlene Castleman, Sect.

**COMMENTS MADE IN COURT**

Comments from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 13-14: Wayne, NJ: 21st Annual Clifton/North Jersey Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show.** Held at our new location at the Benway School, 970 Black Oak Ridge Road, Wayne, NJ.

**Mar. 27-28--Plymouth Meeting, PA:** Show and sale, "Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair"; Philadelphia Mineralogical Soc.; LuLu Temple, 5140 Buttler Pike; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children \$1; minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, contact Douglas Klieger, Chesterbrook, PA 19087, 610-644-2492; e-mail: [dklieger@verizon.net](mailto:dklieger@verizon.net);

**Mar. 27-28: Sayre, PA:** 41st annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club; Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Hall, 211 Herrick Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students \$1, under 8 free; Carnegie Museum exhibits and silent auctions, Paleontological Research Institute fossil exhibit, club displays, retail dealers; contact Bob McGuire, Lopez, PA 19628, (570) 928-9238; e-mail: [uvbob@epix.net](mailto:uvbob@epix.net)

**April 10-11: Johnson City, NY:** 41st annual show; NY Southern Tier Geology Club; Johnson City Senior Citizen Center, 30 Brocton St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, under 12 free; dealers, silent auctions; contact Al Conklin, 187 Forest Hill Rd., Apalachin, NY 13732, (607) 625-4140; e-mail: [allanconklin@aol.com](mailto:allanconklin@aol.com)

**April 17-18: Freeport, NY:** Show; Freeport Recreation Center; 130 E. Merrick Rd., Meadowbrook Pkwy. to exit M9 west (Merrick Road); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5.50, under 12 free with adult; dealers, minerals, gems, jewelry, fossils, contact Ralph Gose, P.O. Box 1418, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 271-8411; e-mail: [kaleidoscopegemshows@yahoo.com](mailto:kaleidoscopegemshows@yahoo.com)

**April 24-25: -Franklin, NJ:** 38th annual show and swap; Franklin-Ogdensburg Earth Science Association, New Jersey Earth Science Association, Sterling Hill Mining Museum; Franklin School; Sat. 9-5:30, Sun. 9-5; adults \$5, under 14 free with paying adult; contact Sterling Hill Mining Museum, (973) 209-7212

**MAY 1-2: Pittston, PA:** 7th annual show and sale, "Treasures of the Earth"; Mineralogical Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Hwy. 315; admission \$3, children 12 and under and uniformed Scouts free; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, geological supplies, door prizes, raffles, programs, demonstrations, exhibits; contact George Walko, (800) 473-3602

**May 7-9: Henrietta, NY:** Show and sale; GemStreet USA; The Monroe Fair & Expo Center, 2695 East Henrietta Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; fine gems, jewelry, fossils, minerals; contact Jane Strieter Smith, (216) 521-4367; Web: [www.gemstreetusa.com](http://www.gemstreetusa.com)

**May 15-16: Leesport, PA:** 42nd annual show, "World of Gems and Minerals"; Berks Mineral Soc. Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall, Rte. 61; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; contact Jim Woodeshick, Hamburg, PA 19526; e-mail: [brwoodpile@yahoo.com](mailto:brwoodpile@yahoo.com)