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President's Message

Hello Rockhounds,

Welcome back to another exciting, educational and fun-filled year!

It seems as if it was only yesterday that I wrote my first president's message to this organization. Out of curiosity I had Nancy Colburn, our Historian (one of the many hats she wears!), rummage through the paperwork to inform me of the date. It was 1994! Well a great deal of first-time history has been made in this country since then (probably one of the only things made in the USA in awhile!) (That will be it for now on my political views!).

What hasn't changed in those years is that this is still our (yours and mine) club. As members, we have a responsibility to the club to see that it is productive. This is important to remember. If you are interested in a topic to be presented, please speak with Nancy Colburn. In our organization it is the vice-president who is responsible for the programs. As always, please feel free to speak to any board member as well!

The Board did meet prior to our September meeting and have established a program for this year. Again, as a member, if you are interested in a particular related subject, let us know- this could be a lecture or hands-on project. Speak to Janice in reference to field trips. See inside about upcoming field trips!

Many interesting things happened over the summer for many of us- hopefully you will be able to share these events at our annual September Show & Tell program!

Hope to see you on September 14!
Cheryl Neary

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 14 7:45 pm September Show & Tell Meeting- starring- YOU!
- Sept. 17-18 42nd Annual Mid- Hudson Annual Show, Dutchess County Fairgrounds , Rhinebeck, New York
Show Theme "The Fossils of New York"
- Sept. 17-18 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Harrisburg, Pa
- October 8-9 1st Annual "Old Fashioned" Outdoor Rock Swap 'n Sell
Sponsored by New Jersey Mineralogical Society
Glenburne Estate
- October 14-16 New York State Geological Association (NYSGA)
Hosted by Syracuse University and Central New York
Professional Geologists (CNYPG), Syracuse
- October 15-16 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
Bristol, Ct.
- November 5-6 Stamford Mineralogical Society Annual Gem, Mineral,
Jewelry & Fossil Show
Greenwich, Ct
- Dec 3-4 Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club
Briarcliff College, Patchogue, NY



***HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
September
Babe!***

Joan Keegan

Field Trip – Sponsored by SGMC-
Washington DC – October 1-2
Bus Trip \$ 230.00 pp See Janice if interested. Bring check
for full payment.

In the News:

An expedition has set off to Russia's Arctic to confirm the sensational find by a reindeer herder of a perfectly preserved woolly mammoth, which will rival the 40,000 year old mammoth calf found four years ago in the same region.

Woolly mammoths have been extinct since the Earth's last Ice Age 1.8 Million to approximately 11,500 years ago.

BETWEEN A ROCK & A HARD PLACE:

A SYNOPSIS OF JUNE'S MEETING:

THE ANNUAL AUCTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

NEW BUSINESS:



SEPTEMBER MEETING:

SHOW & TELL & A PREVIEW OF FUTURE EVENTS!

2012 SHOW MEETING: Our first show meeting will be held prior to the **OCTOBER** general meeting at 7:00. See you all there!

IN MEMORIAM-

It is with much sadness that I write about the passing of Manfred Kramer this past July. Manfred was very much the RockHound. It is because of Manfred's generous donations to our club that especially this year's auction was such a success!

Both Manfred & Johanna always donated their time helping out at the show. In fact, for as long as I can remember, Manfred helped to both assemble and disassemble the show cases, which was not an easy task! This year Manfred also donated to the EFMLS auction.

We will miss him at the monthly meetings, especially since he attended the majority of meetings. Our condolences to Johanna and their family.

2013 Eastern Federation Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Convention Show:

Jointly Hosted by IRH & Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club

April 2013 @ the Long Island Sheraton conveniently located off LIE exit 53

AS A REMINDER:

Please start wearing your IRH badge at the meetings! We have new members and it would help everyone with matching the names with the faces! Also, as an incentive, if you wear our badge you will be eligible for an additional chance to win the monthly raffle.

If you misplaced your badge, the cost of the replacement badge is \$1.00. Please speak to Janet Zenk (Membership).

AUCTION –Please start donating specimens, jewelry, etc. for this years' auction to be held in the month of June.

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Celebrate.....

It is with much pride that I report that Tom Gangi had been recognized by the EFMLS for the EACH ONE TEACH ONE award.

The Honorable Mention for his service to our club was accepted by Nancy Colburn at the Annual Convention Dinner held this year in Syracuse. Tom had been nominated by Beth Zakar, who has been and still is a "student" of Tom's wealth of knowledge and information.

Tom has opened his home to all of us to learn a variety of techniques over the years. If you are interested in learning more from Tom, please speak to him at the meetings!

Congratulations & Keep up the great work!

Also, I would like everyone to remember that any club member can nominate a worthy candidate for this award and recognition. Next years' (2012) convention will be held in September in Harrisburg, Pa. It will be here before you know it – so plan ahead!

2012 Show News: March 24-25,2012

This year we have a new venue for our show. We will be hosting the show at the Holiday Inn conveniently located off of the Long Island Expressway and Northern State Parkway in Plainview.

Contracts have been sent to the dealers and it is time for you to be thinking what you can do to help! In October we will be having a meeting to discuss responsibilities and choose chairpersons for the following: Admission, Children's Activities, Club Table, Display Showcases, Hourly Prizes, and Security.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Schedule 2011-2012:

September 14 – Show & Tell; Preview of the upcoming year!

October 12- "S" Pin – Wire wrapping taught by Leslie Maurer

November 09- Denise Buss- Presentation on her recent travel to Africa

December 14– Holiday Party

January 11- Beaded Necklace taught by Gail & Rich

February 8- Treasures Unlimited (Bellmore) Lecture- Metal Detecting/Black Waters

March 14- "ShowPreparation"

April 11- Tom Gangi - Lecture- Metal Working

May 9- Hands-on project "Lighthouse"

June 13- Annual Auction

On the Road Again.....

Our story begins in the late 1790s and continues through the early years of the 1800s. In 1792, Thomas Jefferson tried to organize a transcontinental expedition and a young Meriwether Lewis volunteers. Jefferson's curiosity of the region west of the Mississippi is based on articles and journals prepared by early explorers of the area, including Sir Alex Mackenzie and La Salle.

The city now known as New Orleans is an important port in the trade established in North America for both the Spaniards and the French. In 1795, the Treaty of San Lorenzo is signed leaving the port of New Orleans open to America. In 1800, the secret Treaty of San Ildefonso, transfers the Louisiana territory from Spain back to France on the condition that France will never yield the territory to an English speaking government. During this time, Thomas Jefferson has read books written by early explorers of the land to the west of the Mississippi. In 1801, Jefferson invites Meriwether Lewis, a captain in the First United States Infantry, and personal friend to become his private secretary. In 1792 In 1802, Spain closes the port of New Orleans to America. Jefferson, realizes the importance of New Orleans for the future of the young nation.

Our third President of this country realizes that for our nation to grow and prosper, it will need to expand. He sends both Robert Livingston and James Monroe to France to negotiate with Napoleon the purchase of the territory owned by France. History is made as Napoleon gives up the French empire in the New World for the purchase price of 15 million dollars(a sum of three cents per acre) and the young nation gains control of the Mississippi trade route and doubles its size in what became known as the Louisiana Purchase.

Thomas Jefferson commissioned four ventures into the area known as the Louisiana Purchase. Between 1804- 1807, President Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis & William Clark into the northern regions of the purchase; Zebulon Pike into the Rocky Mountains; Thomas Freeman and Peter Custis along the Red River; and William Dunbar and Dr. George Hunter to explore the "Washita" River and the "hot springs" in the area known today as Arkansas and Louisiana.

This year we will journey the exploratory route which became known as the Corps of Discovery; the world of Lewis and Clark. Their expedition left St. Louis in May of 1804. They journeyed up the Missouri River to the Great Divide and down the Columbia River to reach the Pacific Ocean before returning in September of 1806. They explored the areas later to become known as the states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

The mission of their journey was to explore the territory, establish trade and sovereignty over the Natives and claim the Pacific Northwest and Oregon territory. The expedition produced extensive maps of the area, recorded many scientific discoveries and greatly facilitated the settlement of the region and travel to the Pacific coast.

So in the coming months On the Road Again will be traveling to the west coast. I hope you will join me for this adventure!

{Note: In researching the Lewis & Clark trail, I was fortunate to find on the web, an American Federation of Mineralogical Societies 2004 publication: Lewis and Clark: Rockhounding on the Way to the Pacific, edited by Brenda J.Hankins}