



THE NUGGET



Holiday Party

The Club will be having our annual holiday party, Club meeting and elections on Saturday, December 7th. The Club will provide the main course, but everyone is asked to bring appetizers, desserts, or drinks like soda, water, or iced tea. Join us for an all-day nosh.

And we'll be holding elections at the same time, so please let Diane know if you're interested in running for any of the Board positions.

One Woman Show

Our member Suzanne Posner is thrilled to have a one woman show in September and October at the Great Neck Library on Bayview Avenue.



Upcoming Intarsia Workshop

Diane will be holding an Intarsia class on November 2nd and 9th. Kits will be \$20 each and include clamps, glue and rocks. Please contact Diane if interested so she can prepare the right number of kits and schedule accordingly.

Recent Pieces from the Workshop

In September, Diane led a gem tree workshop that was well attended. Below are some of the beautiful pieces made by the participants. Lovely!



New member, Leyla, wanted to learn how to wire-wrap the lovely glass cabochons she had previously made. Luckily, Cris had some time to go through the process with her and then, Leyla ran with it!

A week or so later, she returned to the workshop with these gorgeous pieces to show. Not only are the cabochons fantastic, but the wrapping shows real personality.

Truly, this is what we mean by the Club's motto: "Each one, teach one."



Many Thanks for Recent Donations!

The Club has had two rock saws donated recently. One is from Dimitria from the Museum, and the other is from Shirley Cohen. Thanks to both of them for their generosity.

Herkimer Update from Alice Melzer

The best time to hunt Herkimer Diamonds, is just after rainy season, or just before the end of Autumn.

The Herkimer Diamond KOA, has many options. They have overnight sites without bathrooms, to very nice wood lodges. Some of these can accommodate several, and have comfortable beds with linen, full kitchenettes, bathrooms and outdoor firepits for a BBQ. I have stayed there several times, and everyone on the staff is super nice. They book full and very early.

The last time I visited did not find as many crystals. However, for those with a bit of energy and 10-pound rock hammers plus stone chisels, quite perfect and rather large Herkimer diamonds can be found. You are advised to bring your own food, because after a full day of digging, there aren't many places nearby to dine. Their address is: 4626 State Route 28 Herkimer, NY 13350. You can book, including RV sites, online. If you have your own canoe, there is a water-based opportunity. It is a wonderful side trip. The West Canadian River runs alongside their grounds. There is an easy pull-in along the river's shore.

My goal in Spring 2025, is to visit Little Falls, Upstate NY. There are a few digging sites there and among them is: Diamond Mountain Mining, LTD, (DMM). In 2024,

they offered a free dig to Accredited Mineral Clubs, from anywhere in the USA. And they welcomed to book one free visit, per group, per year. That is for a hand tool digging experience and up to 20 people in that group. We as a Club, could invite our "sister" Suffolk County R&M Club to go during the same time.

Their web photos show nice crystals. They are open 7 days a week. DMM has 187 acres in Little Falls, NY. That area is a bit NE of Herkimer, NY. And their address is: 5037 NY-167, Little Falls, NY 13365. The particulars can be found on their Facebook page.

As an update, The Ace of Diamonds is still closed. It's sad because on several trips while there, I met folks from other NE Rock and Mineral Clubs. That experience was very heartwarming!

It would be fun to find others in our Group who are willing to go on a rock hunting expedition(s).

Upcoming Events

- October 5 & 6 – Island Rock Hounds Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show at Planting Fields Arboretum – Saturday 10–5 and Sunday 10–4.
- November 9 & 10 – East Coast Gem & Mineral Society Annual Gem & Metaphysical Show – Emmett O'Brien Technical High School, 141 Prindle Ave., Ansonia, Connecticut 06401.
- [2024 Calendar of Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Shows in The United States](#)

Please Welcome New Members

Celeste Corcoran

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Matthew Hajny

Richard Hyman

Nate Loring

Ilene Malakoff

Leyla McDermot
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