



THE NUGGET



Annual Meeting

We had our holiday party on December 7th and a good time was had by all. The party coincided with our annual meeting and the Club elections, as well as an auction. The new slate of Club Officers were elected. Congratulations to all. Our next Club meeting will be in March. Date to be determined.

The Club took a moment to thank Austin for his dedication to the Club at the meeting and all the work he's done to support new members.

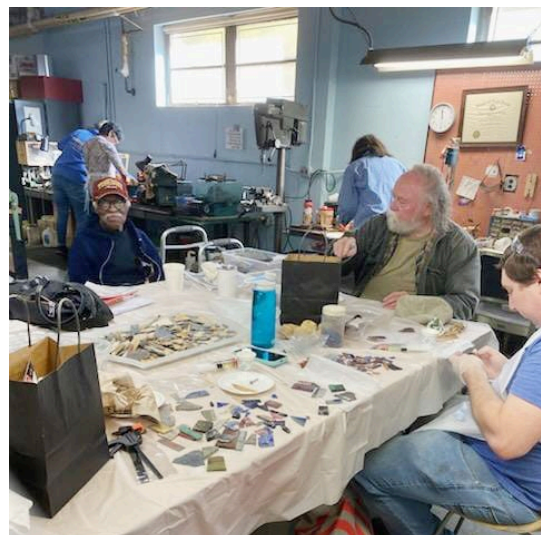
The holiday party raffle winners are shown below:





Intarsia Workshop

Diane led a workshop on how to do intarsia and the results were spectacular! Mixing various kinds of stones in unique designs was both challenging and fun for workshop attendees. Many thanks to Diane for introducing so many of our members to this exciting technique.



Thank You!

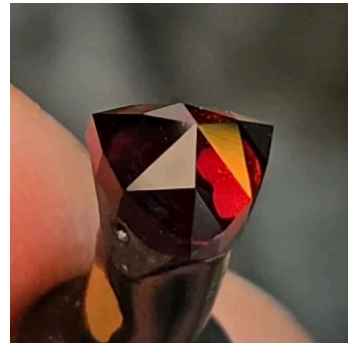
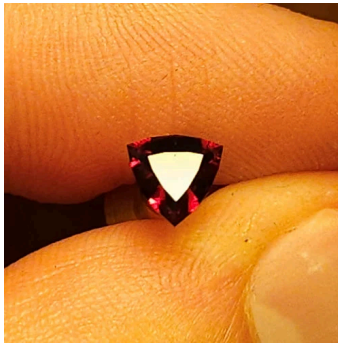
Many thanks to those members who volunteered to man our table at the Long Island Rockounds show at Planting Fields Arboretum. Bev, Eve, Rob, Austin, Chip, Sue, Diane and June did a great job representing the Club!

Places of Interest

One of our members, Sam, has found some interesting places to dig for fossils and garnets relatively close to home. He'll be organizing a trip sometime in the Spring. In the meantime, here's a bit about the places he's found...

1. Hudson River garnets near North Creek, NY. Garnets can be found in the stream bed. Nearby campsite with comfortable amenities about a 25 minute drive from the collecting site at the Eagle Point Campground. Equipment recommended: gem sieve or classifier, garden trowel, work gloves, screw driver or scraper for crevassing, kneeling pad or knee pads for comfort while working.
2. Big Brook Nature Preserve, Monmouth County, NJ. Late Cretaceous (Upper Campanian and lower Maastrichtian) fossils can be found sifting gravels in the stream bed. Equipment recommended: 1/4 inch mesh sieve or classifier, garden trowel (max six-inch blade length by law), water shoes, boots, or waders (I personally recommend water shoes, as they're easier to spend a day in than waders, and boots are annoying if they get flooded). Note that it is illegal to dig into the stream bank. Only dig loose gravel in the stream bed itself.

Below are some of the finds Sam has made at these sites. Great stuff!



Wildacres

May 12-18 - Wildacres - This year's classes are: Cabochons, Chainmaille, Faceting, Precious Metal Clay, Silversmithing and Wirewrapping. All are suggested as four day classes.

For more info visit <https://efmls.org/wildacres/>

Please Welcome New Members

Shirley Katz

Kais Khorami

Martin Kluger

Blaine Weisman

Patricia Zuckerberg

NMC Officers 2025

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