



THE NUGGET



Membership Meeting Highlights

A membership meeting was held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the workshop. Here are some of the highlights...

- We now have 50 members.
- The 36" slap saw will be put into production in the coming weeks. A signup will be instituted.
- The Club will no longer supply aprons, gloves, wax, enamels, and other consumables. Members will need to bring their own supplies.
- The Board voted to increase the dues. New membership will now be \$50 and renewals will be raised to \$25 as of January 2026.
- Everyone was reminded that the tables are for members to work on. Personal toolboxes, bags, etc, need to be off the table and out of the way. Lockers will be available if needed. Members wishing to use a locker should bring their own combination lock and register the combination with Diane.
- Please remember to put things back exactly where you find them.
- Only brass, silver and copper can be torched and/or pickled.
- Remember to always turn the fan on when soldering.
- Joe Austin's meteorite book is complete. It will be printed on demand and the club will take preorders. Please contact June if interested.
- And remember, if it's not yours, don't touch it!

Big Brook NJ Fossil Collecting Field Trip

Sam, Deb and Bob have put together a trip to Big Brook NJ on May 9 & 10, 2025. An informative email already went out to all members about collecting at these sites. If you're interested in joining the trip, please email Sam at sam1856@gmail.com.

3d Resin Printer Demo

On Saturday, March 15th, Blaine gave a very interesting demonstration of his new 3d resin printer and how it can be used in lost wax casting and jewelry design. Thank you, Blaine!



Herkimer Diamond Mines 2025

Here is a list of the Herkimer Diamond Mines open for the 2025 Season...

Crystal Grove Diamond Mine and Campground 161 County Highway 114 Saint Johnsville, NY 13452

<https://crystalgrove.com> <https://facebook.com/crystalgrovecamping/>

Diamond Acres 1706 Stone Arabia Road Fonda, NY 12068

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100079612427476>

Diamond Mountain Mining, Ltd 5037 State Route 167 Little Falls, NY 13365

<https://diamondmountainmining.com/>

Dirty Diamond Diggers Fort Plains, NY

<https://dirtydiamonddiggers.com/>

Herkimer Diamond KOA Resort 4626 State Route 28 North Herkimer, NY 13350

<https://herkimerdiamond.com/>

Herkimer Mountain Mine Fonda, NY 12068

<https://www.herkimermountain.com/>

Hidden Gem Mine Little Falls, NY 13365

<https://hiddengemmine.com/>

Mohawk Valley Mineral Mining, Inc. 354b Moyer Road Sprakers, NY 12166

<https://mvmineralmining.com/>

Russell Family Mine 223 Lovers Leap Road Little Falls, NY 13365

russellfamilymine@gmail.com

Soul Family Farm St. Johnsville, NY 13452

<https://www.facebook.com/soulphamily>

Upcoming Regional Events

April 26, 2025 – Franklin, NJ: Spring Swap-Sell at Mitchell Park (aka Franklin Boro Park) on Cork Hill Road in Franklin, NJ. Donations accepted. A food truck will also be on site.

April 26-27, 2025 – Ogdensburg, NJ: Annual Sterling Hill Pavilion Mineral-Fossil Sale (aka Sterling Hill Garage Sale). The event will also include two digs.

May 3-4, 2025 – Topsfield, MA: 60th Annual New England Gem-Mineral Show at the Topsfield Fairgrounds, Coolidge Hall, on Rte. 1 in Topsfield, MA. Event times: 9:00AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. For information, contact Joe Weisberg at northshorerockandmineral@gmail.com or visit www.northshorerock.org

May 3-4, 2025 – Leesport, PA: World of Gems-Minerals Gemstones, Jewelry, Rock Mineral-Fossil Show SAT. 10-5 SUN. 10 – 4 Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall

312 Gernant's Church Rd. Leesport, PA 19533 Admission Donation \$ 5.00

May 3-4, 2025 - Yatesville, PA: Treasures of the Earth at Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, 1880 Hwy 315, Yatesville, PA. Event times: 10 AM to 4 PM.

May 12-18, 2025 - Little Switzerland, NC: EFMLS Wildacres Workshop - Spring Session at Little Switzerland, NC. 2025. Classes feature cabbing, faceting, chainmaille, photography, metal clay silver, silversmithing, and wire-wrapping. For information about the workshops and registration, visit www.efmls.org/wildacres

May 14-18, 2025 - Edison, NJ: NJ Mineral, Fossil, Gem-Jewelry Show at the NJ Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ. May 14, 15 and 16 from Noon to 8 PM; May 17 from 10 AM to 7 PM; and May 18 from 10 AM to 6 PM. For more information and advanced ticket purchase, visit <https://nj.show/>.

May 16-May 18, 2025: - Newry, ME: 10th Annual New England Mineral Conference, Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River, Newry, Maine. The conference includes lectures, mineral exhibits, mineral dealers, auctions, a banquet, a museum visit, and a field trip option. For further information about the conference please visit: www.nemineral.org.

May 17-18, 2025 - Cologne, NJ: Cape-Atlantic Rockhounds Annual Spring Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral-Fossil Show. Clubhouse Grounds, 2653 Cologne Avenue, Cologne, NJ.

May 3-4 2025 - Topsfield, Massachusetts: Annual show; North Shore Rock & Mineral Club; Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road, Rte. 1; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; General Admission \$7; \$6 with copy of ad/coupon; Children under 12 Free; Free parking; contact Joe Weisberg, (781) 861-6653; Email: northshorerockandmineral@gmail.com; Website: www.northshorerock.org

Please Welcome New Members

Alan Teitel

Anthony Sama

Charles (Chuck) Zuckerberg

Nadha Yakoob

Noelle Orquera

Shannon Burgess Brown

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