
The Rockhound's Bark

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month, September-November and January-May, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Lower Level) of the N.S. Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer St., Halifax. Dues are \$20/year, payable in January of each year.

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NEXT MEETING

By Ronnie Van Dommelen

The theme of this month's meeting (Oct. 29) will be agate. Nova Scotia is well known as a place to collect very nice agates. The early explorers collected fine agates on the shore and brought them back to the nobility in Europe as gifts. Members are encouraged to bring in samples if agates from around the world to view and compare. As well, specimens of agate from the late Harry Crossman will be auctioned off. There are many nice pieces that are sure to appeal to all tastes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CANADIAN MINERAL CLUBS AND DEALERS

By Dirk Schmid

Please note that the *Canadian Rockhound* website will be closed effective Dec. 31, 2005. I therefore will not accept any upcoming renewals for club web home pages or advertising requests from dealers. Club home pages, which normally are due for renewal on Nov. 1, will remain online free of charge until Dec. 31, 2005, the date all other dealer advertising commitments will expire.

Since the first publication of the *Canadian Rockhound* in 1997, this online magazine has been a subscription-free resource to the public. I regret that I can no longer afford the time it takes to provide this service. I hope that you will understand my decision.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in the past articles and other content to help keep the *Canadian Rockhound* current.