
The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

February 2006



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 Ken McKenzie

The next meeting of the N.S. Mineral and Gem society will be held Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. No program information is available at this time.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

By Mel O'Toole

January 2006

Old business

The history of the club: report on progress of Gordon Stewart's project. He is going through old 'Barks' but there is a gap between the years 1957-1979. So if anyone knows anything about those missing years please contact Gordon.

New business

We will renew the subscription to the Mineralogical Record, but we will not try to get the missed issues, as it is too complicated to figure out which ones disappeared. Terry will be the lucky recipient of the magazines this year and in future that honour will be rotated.

The library was discussed and it was decided that material could be taken out by members for one month except for holidays and breaks. In order to encourage more use of the library, from now on most of the contents will be brought out at every meeting.

Martin Eirisch asked about future programmes but no decisions have been made as of yet. Some ideas mentioned included: demonstrations of rock tumbling and a tour of the collection kept upstairs in the museum.

The club needs suggestions for future programs, so if you have any please let us know. We also want suggestions for field trips.

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Ken McKenzie

Sorry for the sporadic publishing of *the Bark* lately. There hasn't always been enough information available to warrant putting out an issue. For those on the e-mail list I try to send out a reminder of the meeting regardless, but that's a lot of effort to do by mail if there's nothing more to say than what you always know. Regardless, the meetings are always held the last Saturday of each month, September-November and January-May. Even when there's no program announced we still manage to have a good time.

Now that we're in to the new year, it's time to pay the treasurer. Membership is still a mere \$20 per family. Please bring it to Terry at the next meeting or put a cheque in the mail made out to the society to the address on the front page.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greetings from Sudbury Ontario,

I'm a member of the Sudbury Rock & Lapidary Society, and am contemplating a visit to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia this coming summer. Unfortunately, the only source book I have on hand is an old Geological Survey of Canada book, *Rock and Mineral Collecting in Canada Volume III*, dated 1972, which is rather dated.

In this book they mention geodes can be found at the following locations: Cape Sharp, Cape Split to Cape Blomidon, Peter's Point (west side of Stronach's Brook, St. Mary's Bay beach, Sandy Cove, etc.

Are these areas still accessible to the public, and can geodes still be found?

Perhaps there's a more recent publication detailing collecting sites you could recommend?

Thanks for any info you may have time to provide.

Best regards,

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2006 SHOWS

Gem & Mineral Federation of Canada's National Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Annual Convention

July 19-20, 2006

Uplands Community Centre, Winnipeg, Man.

See <http://www.gmfc.ca/showconvention.htm> or contact the Prairie Rock and Gem Society.

43rd Annual Rockhound Gemboree

August 3-6, 2006

North Hastings Community Centre and Bancroft Curling Club, Bancroft, Ontario

See http://www.bancroftdistrict.com/Tourism/rock_hound_gem.php or contact the Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce (613-332-1513).

Nova Scotia's Gem & Mineral Show 2006, 40th Anniversary

August 18-20, 2006

Lion's Recreation Centre, Western Avenue, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia

See <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/fgm/mineralgem/show.html> or contact the Fundy Geological Museum (902-254-3814).

