

The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

January 2007



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.

2007 EXECUTIVE

President:	Ronnie Van Dommelen
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 17, 2007.

NEXT MEETING

By Ken McKenzie

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting will be a presentation by Ken McKenzie called 'Caves and Karst in Canada'. This presentation will be a follow up to the one made several years back, but with a focus on Canadian caves.

The mineral theme this month will be carbonate minerals.



MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

By Fred Walsh

November 25, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m., by President, Ronnie Van Dommelen. 22 members and guests were present.

Old Business

The membership list was posted in *the Bark*. Need to add Gordon and Evelyn to the list.

Brenda Boutilier asked us to move the open house to May or June. We voted on having the open house, Saturday, May 26, 2007. Brenda told Ronnie she could get a display cabinet for the Nova Scotia Gem & Mineral Society Open house. She also mentioned that she would like the Nova Scotia Gem & Mineral Society to have a display in the museum upstairs for a duration of time. Ronnie will contact Brenda for more details.

Fred Walsh will approach Doug Bowes, to see if he can do his Dr. Flamo act at the Open house. Other exhibits and their leads will be:

- N.S. Mineral Collection – Terry Collett and Ronnie Van Dommelen
- Lapidary and Wire Wrapping – Vangy, John Hood, and Ken McKenzie
- Fossils – Gordon Stewart and Fred Walsh
- Fluorescents – Doug Bowes

The Society discussed a possible information bulletin for the Nova Scotia Gem & Mineral Society being created. In the information bulletin the Society would give its history, present goals and objectives, contact list, etc. This will be discussed further in the new year.

New Business

Ronnie Van Dommelen and Terry Collett are ordering white boxes for mineral specimens. If you are interested in getting some boxes for yourself, please contact Ronnie or Terry before they place order.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ELECTRIC PARK LEARNING CENTER

By Hans Durstling

If you're going to Tucson let me introduce you to the Electric Park Learning Center: www.electricparklearningcenter.com

It's a first for Tucson: a brand new stand-alone show-and-tell tent at the Tucson Electric Park Show, where there will be free, scheduled, demonstrations, lectures, and show-and-tell three times a day every day of the show. If you're into carving, Eddie Davenport is giving a demonstration including use of the air chisel and many of the other tools. If you're into carving in smaller size, in gem materials such as jade, high-energy Mark Zirinsky's presentation will likely be an event to remember. If you're a lapidary, check the 'Lapidary Problem Hour'. There's a whole day of hand-on faceting, plus sessions for jewelry-makers too. There's nothing quite like it in Tucson.

There are still gaps in the schedule (if anyone has an interesting demo they'd like to do by all means e-mail me: sinico@nbnet.nb.ca), and the presenters' biographies are not yet all there, but the meat of it is up, online. Do check it out, and if you like the sound of it, tell your friends, relatives, associates and comprehensively everyone! In short, PLEASE pass it on!

Cheers and see you at the Learning Center

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

By Ken McKenzie

It's a new year and among other things that means annual dues are due. The good news is the rate is still \$20 per year per family. If you haven't filled out one before or if some of your contact information has changed since you last did, please fill out the form on the next page and bring it with you to the next meeting or mail it to Terry along with \$20.

Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Membership Application

Payment

Current NSMGS membership dues are \$20 per family (up to two adults and two children). The dues cover membership from January 1 to December 31, 2007.

Payment (Circle One): Cheque Cash Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Personal Info

Name of Principal Applicant: _____

Names of Additional Family Members to be Covered: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Alternative: _____

E-mail (If Applicable): _____

Are you willing to read the bark on the web (Yes / No)
and/or receive other notices via e-mail (Yes / No)?

Areas Of Interest

Please circle your areas of interest: Minerals Fossils Gems Lapidary Geology

Other _____

Conditions Of Membership

By submitting this application with payment, the applicant agrees to abide by all conditions of membership as stated in the constitution and releases the Society and its members from any liability associated with Society activities.

I have read and understand the conditions of membership.

Signature: _____

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age: _____

Date: _____