
The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

January 2008



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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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 16, 2008.

NEXT MEETING

By Terry Collett

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. This month's program is mineral specimen photography. Everybody is expected to bring equipment and whatever knowledge that they have to share with others. I will also bring a large number of decent rocks for the door prize draw. The mineral theme is whatever you'd like to photograph.

A LAPIDARY QUESTION

I have a question; I received a beautiful, small, fossil limestone bowl as a gift. I unthinkingly used it for a condiment that must have been a little too acidic for it (I have taught geology at the Museum school classes programme, so I should have known better). However, I didn't think and of course the inside is now dull instead of polished. Is there anyone in your group who could repolish this for me, or tell me how to do it?

Cheers,
Stephanie Robertson
Halifax Field Naturalist
(sdhaythorn@ns.sympatico.ca)

DUES ARE NOW DUE

Membership fees are due in January. If you haven't filled out one before or if some of you 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, 2008.

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: _____