

The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

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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.

2008 EXECUTIVE

President:	William Blinn
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NEXT MEETING

By Ken McKenzie

October 25 is our next scheduled meeting night. Terry Collet will give a presentation on mineral preparation.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

By William Blinn

Bill opened the meeting by welcoming the new members present.

Old Business

The first item of business was a report on the Parrsboro Gem & Mineral show. Although Bill felt that the selling of 'Beads' somewhat took away from the true nature of the show, he believes that the effort was worth while due to the number of visitors at the booth and the inquires about the society.

He reported that he had given Richard MacAllister a small plaque of thanks for his effort in presenting the display on the 'Colonial Copper Company', which seemed to go over very well.

Herb reported that he had sorted the old slides from the club to some degree. It was decided that he would pass them over to Ken and he would try to sort them out as to what should be kept or trashed. Bill brought up the old photos he has and it was decided that Ken would also try to sort them at a later date.

New Business

Bill presented to the club library, two copies of Ian Booth's book *Fundy Mineral Collecting*, one copy of Ian's book on Minerals and Fossils and three copies of a small booklet that he prepared called *Introduction to Mineral & Gem Collecting in Nova Scotia*. He

feels that it answers a lot of questions new hobbyists may have.

Bill reported that the Fundy Geological Museum mentioned that they wish they had some sort of guide to give people who visit them and ask about where to collect and how to get there. There was some discussion on forwarding the information given by Terry last spring to them in the form of a booklet.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By William Blinn

- The Kiven Farnell family
- Vanessa Foss
- Keith Bainbridge
- Margaret Deaville
- Paul & Karen Negus

ANNUAL MEETING

By Ken McKenzie

November is our annual meeting, at which elections are held for executive positions. Terry is collecting names to nominate so if you are interested in filling one of the vacancies, please let him know. We are currently lacking a librarian and secretary. As well, I'd like to pass the newsletter to a more enthusiastic party. I am willing to mentor someone in its production and will continue to

maintain the web site. Let me know if you're considering this and we can talk about it.

MINING MATTERS 2008

By Ken McKenzie

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources' 32nd annual conference will be held November 9-10, 2008 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. Expect to see Fred there. Although admission to technical talks and displays is free, registration is required for the reception and luncheons. More information is available at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/oh.

From *Nova Scotia Minerals Update*, Summer 2008: "Mining Matters 2008 will feature technical sessions, displays that highlight the contribution of the mining sector to the provincial economy, and commercial exhibits by exploration, investment and supply & service companies. On Nov. 9, displays will open in a large space comprising Commonwealth Ballrooms A and B. This will integrate all the posters, booths and multi-media displays in one room. Technical presentations will also begin on Sunday in the Atlantic Ballroom, which should provide a much improved space to hear and interact with speakers. Monday, Nov. 10, will be devoted to corporate presentations by mining and mineral investment personnel."



Inside the new Joggins Fossil Centre (K. McKenzie).