



March 2010

The Rockhound's Bark

News

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.

SOCIETY'S MAILING ADDRESS

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees were due in January. Please bring application form to a meeting or mail it to Terry along with \$20. We would like to be sure we have your most current information.

The next meeting will be held at the Museum on March 27, 2010 and the theme for the evening is the Geological Survey of Nova Scotia.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

By Arlene Driscoll

Old Business

Domain

www.novascotiamineralandgemsociety.ca has been purchased by the club (\$9.95 for the year) and we will try to get new site up and running by the end of March. Intent is to have links, pictures, history of the club, etc. Any suggestions for content are welcome.

Wire wrapping class is scheduled for March 20 and will cost \$55.00. Bill has list of interested participants.

Gesner Society update - Bill has resigned from committee but will maintain seat on executive. Doug is continuing on his own behalf. The Society will be separate from museums and government according to the latest word.

New Business

Credit Union Atlantic have no service charges for a bank account and only \$.65 per cheque so membership voted to open new account and transfer Society funds over as soon as possible.

Bill pointed out benefits to planning your trips for the season. Be sure to plan around the tides. He will be going to Black Rock Lighthouse in late April or early May if anyone would like to join him. This is not a club trip, you would be on your own. He will confirm the date in March.

Parrsboro Rock and Gem Show, August 20, 21 & 22 - This year we would like a firm commitment from members as to when they can work at the booth on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dick MacAlister will demonstrate doublets. We will purchase a mineral identification kit as a giveaway for the booth and will donate a hat and crest to the penny auction.

Terry asked for a volunteer to receive the Mineralogical Record on behalf of the club for the next two years. Vanessa Foss volunteered to receive it for this term with Herb Malle to take the next 2 year term.

The constitution will be amended at our next meeting. Clause C will be changed to include a release of liability for the club as discussed at last month's meeting.

Bill has plans for constructing a homemade grinder and saw. Copies of the directions are available from Bill. Terry has done a booklet of places to look for minerals in Nova Scotia and copies of this are available from him.

The meeting was adjourned and John & Gilles proceeded to give a presentation on fluorescence.

Additional information on the fluorescence of minerals

Submitted by Jacques Poulin, Montreal, March 2010

As suggested by my good friend Gilles Poulin, I have made a small list of Internet sites that will be of interest to anyone who wants to learn more about the fluorescence of minerals. It is a short list but these sites have links to many other interesting UV mineral sites. If clicking on a link does not work, simply copy the link and paste it in your Internet program.

1) This is the site of the Fluorescent Mineral Society where a lot of information is available even to those that are not members.
<http://uvminerals.org/>

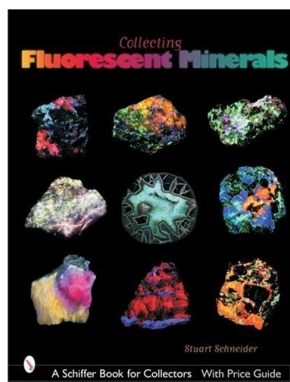
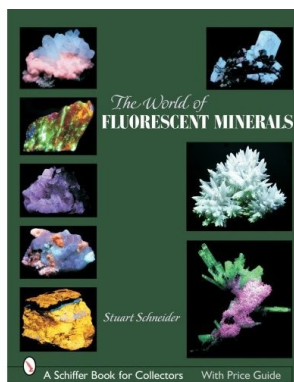
2) This is the site of the Fluorescent Minerals Workgroup of the Antwerp Mineral Club in Belgium. It is a very well made site.
http://users.telenet.be/axel.emmerman/FiatLux/Special_topics_EN.html

3) This UV mineral dealer is a specialist of Greenland, a locality famous for its fluorescent mineral specimens.
<http://www.minershop.com/>

4) As a reference, these 2 books are very useful and reasonably priced on Amazon.ca.

The World of Fluorescent Minerals (Paperback)
 by [Stuart L. Schneider](#) (Author)

Collecting Fluorescent Minerals (Paperback)
 by [Stuart L. Schneider](#) (Author)



http://www.amazon.ca/World-Fluorescent-Minerals-Stuart-Schneider/dp/0764325442/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1264725611&sr=1-2

http://www.amazon.ca/Collecting-Fluorescent-Minerals-Stuart-Schneider/dp/0764320912/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1264725611&sr=1-3

5) This is the Internet site of the writer of these 2 books, it is a very interesting site with many pictures of UV specimens, some for sale and some for show. <http://www.wordcraft.net/fluorescent1.html>

6) And last but not least, this is the Internet site of another good friend of mine, he is a very serious mineral eggs collector and many of his eggs are fluorescent. This will be of special interest to anybody interested in lapidary as some of his eggs have been made with very rare or unusual minerals. His egg collection is quite large but the site is very well built and you can make a search based on many factors. 7 of his eggs have been made from Nova Scotia mineral specimens. <http://www.bobeggs.ca/>

We have made a PowerPoint presentation of his best fluorescent eggs. It has been upgraded just last week to version 4. You can easily find this PPS on the Internet site of my friend, but I am giving you the direct link to this very special presentation. A lot of time and effort was put into making this PPS, but we feel it was well worth the effort. http://www.bobeggs.ca/doc/bobeggs_fluo.pps

7) This link has nothing to do with minerals, but it is the link to the PPS presentations I have made over the last 3 years using pictures I have taken at the Montreal Botanical Garden. 4 of the presentations are of flowers but 3 are of the Chinese Lanterns exhibit for 2007, 2008 and 2009. I do not think you can see such exhibits anywhere else in the world except in China. The patterns for the lanterns are done in Montreal but the lanterns themselves are built in China. This is a very popular annual exhibit that last about 1 month, from mid September to mid October. <http://www.bobeggs.ca/bot/>

Events

**Bead Oasis Show
at
WTCC
July 16, 17, 18
www.oasisshows.com**

**Parrsboro Rock
and
Gem Show
August 20, 21 22**

**Deadline for the
April Newsletter is April
15**

**Send submissions to
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Enquiries

We have had the following enquiry. If anyone has any information on PEI could you please forward it to me and I will send it on to this lady directly.

Hello

I will be visiting PEI in April. Was wondering if you could point me to any information on rocks & minerals, collecting sites etc. for PEI.

I have searched the internet extensively & can't seem to come up with any info specific to PEI.

I will go beachcombing if nothing else, maybe come up with some agates...

Thanks,
Nancy Pilling
Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club