



September 2010

The Rockhound's Bark

News

The next meeting will be held at the Museum on October 30, 2010. The theme will be Minerals 201.

Elections will be held in November for all executive positions. We need volunteers for the positions of president, treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor. All positions will be vacant as of November so please give some consideration to taking on one of these jobs.

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

SOCIETY'S MAILING ADDRESS

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society
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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.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

By Arlene Driscoll

Old Business

Rock and Mineral magazine subscription was purchased for the library by John at the Springfield show. The cost was \$86US for 2 years.

Bank account will be set up once a new treasurer is in place.

Parrsboro show went well. Thanks to all who supported it and helped out. Banner is needed if we continue to do the show. Will get a price on a banner.

BAP Industries in Fredericton has UV lights at a reasonable price.

Herb has purchased the two books that were recommended for the library. A reminder to all members to make sure you sign out any items you take from the library. Items are available at any time not just during the monthly meetings.

New Business

Bill MacDonald is travelling in Alaska for 6 to 8 weeks. Bill Blinn will send an anniversary card on behalf of the club, as he is celebrating his 50th.

Elections will be held in November. We need committees to look after the Parrsboro show, meeting presentations, etc. Bill will remain on as President as long as he gets some committees to help out. Herb is willing to be Treasurer.

Next meeting presentation will be done by Bill Blinn—Minerals 201. He will do some mineral identification touching on:

- Location
- Color
- Associated Minerals/Matrix
- Crystal Formation
- Hardness
- Fluorescence

Events

Websites of Interest

Here are some interesting web sites for info:

- <http://www.robsrockshop.com>
- <http://nsminerals.atSPACE.com>
- <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/fossils/>
- <http://www.mindat.org>
- <http://vuprocks.com>
- <http://gis3.natr.gov.ns.ca/MODB/>
- <http://gis.wvdep.org/convert/>
- <http://www.bayoffundytourism.com/tides/times/>
- <http://www.rockngem.com/>
- <http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/MEB/pdf/ic66.htm>
- <http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/nssites.html>
- <http://www.42explore.com/rocks2.htm>
- <http://www.allaboutgemstones.com/>
- <http://www.rockhoundkids.com>
- <http://mineralcollecting.org/>
- <http://www.galleries.com/>
- <http://www.minerals.net/>

Deadline for the
October Newsletter is
October 15

Send submissions to
driscoll@allstream.net

Doug Wilson has recommended the following website of interest:

<http://rockhoundblog.com/regular-postings/empress-of-uruguay-worlds-largest-amethyst-geode/>

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