

CRACK 'N CAB

*Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc.
P.O. Box 801, Syracuse, NY 13201*

Special points of interest:

- Beading Group meets at 6:30 PM.
- Youth Group meets at 6:30 PM.
- Regular Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
- Refreshments offered after the program.
- Guests are always welcome.

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AUCTION, Monday, April 18th

Don't miss the **AUCTION** Be there with those extra minerals or fossils to donate to the club sale or sell for yourself. The rules were printed in the March bulletin. Get there early to register and list your sale items.

Saturday, April 30th was the date set at the March meeting for the **Paleontological Research Institute Trip**. We will meet at the Burger King in Tully at 12:00 noon and caravan from there. We are going in as a group so that the club can pay your entry fee. Don't be late!



The Fabulous Beaders: Lorraine Markley, Carla Brown, Rollie Allen, Ronna Schindler, Cathy Patterson, Elizabeth Russell, Romaine Welch, (missing Carol Gibbs) provided an excellent program for March and an intimate view of their side of the hobby. For more details, see the Beading Program Review on page 4.

Upcoming GMSS Programs

May Lapidary Competition Rules and guidelines will be published in the April newsletter. The mineral program will be announced next month.
June Work Night as usual to prepare for the July show July 9-10. Come prepared to get the job done

then reward yourself with a make-your-own ice cream sundae.
July - Gem World 2005 Cargill Building, State Fairground. July 9-10.
August— Annual GMSS Club Picnic — date to be announced.

Brownville Swap is on May 7th in Sackett's Harbor again at the Fire House/Community Center. This is the kick-start event for the season in this part of the state. Swap starts at 10:00AM, auction at 4:00PM, and if you bring a decent item to donate to the auction, your dinner is free. We will need a count of those attending.

President's Message

Herkimers and Dive Platforms

Here I was on a plane bound for Florida with my scuba gear packed, a new salt water spinning reel in my gear and twelve days off between classes; yet, I had a feeling of unease. Had I done the right thing leaving today? Despite the fact that it was April Fools' Day and with the airlines these days, any day flying could be bizarre. I couldn't help but think maybe I should have put my departure off one day at least. The snow was pretty much gone and it was April 1st the opening day of digging at Herkimer where the winter freeze thaw cycle was sure to have loosened up the cliffs and brought to the surface more than a few of the famous quartz crystals. To boot, not only were some of our club members going to Herkimer, but there was talk of going fossil hunting at the Sangerfield site where a club member had found a large trilobite right before the winter snow had set in and shut digging down. Here I am on a plane heading to South Florida, a place not exactly famous for its mineral treasures, but I still had some fishing, diving, and warm weather to look forward to which is saying quite a bit since the lake was still frozen when I left Syracuse.

The weather in Florida was rough. My second day there was in the mid seventies with a seven to ten mile an hour breeze and as sunny as it gets; yet it was considered too cold and windy for diving and a barely passable day for fishing. So, we decided to go to the beach to take in some sun. After burning the tops of my feet we decided a little indoor activity was due and went to visit The Graves Museum of Archeology and Natural History which unfortunately was literally in the act of packing up and closing

for good when we got there. (Which is a whole different subject. How do we help keep small independent museums stay afloat?) At this point, I decided to leave the whole rockhound thing alone for a while. I was after all in Florida where people sun and enjoy water sports and the like. So, the next day after fishing we met with a group to go scuba diving. The weather of course in the seventies and breezy was too close to winter like and the dive turned into lunch instead. The main topic for discussion was the trip they had all taken to the Peace River the previous Sat. to collect fossils. (So much for ignoring the rock hound bug.) In fact they had so much fun collecting the fossils on land, the following Saturday, the day I was leaving, they were planning to dive the fresh water springs in the area which is famous for producing a variety of fossils. (It is apparently a good winter dive site, because they are away from the ocean breezes that cloud the water).

Well, I'd had about enough of diving or not diving, as the case seemed to be and decided to concentrate on the fishing and boating. We ended up fishing along the inner-coastal waterway which, in that area, was dredged right out of what goes for land in south Florida, a combination of corals on their way to becoming limestone. Everywhere I looked seemed to be what was once or still was, large pieces of coral in various sizes and shapes. In fact, whole sea walls are made of what were once living reefs and you can still see the various corals. It makes some very interesting building material.

One of the final stops on my trip was a nautical flea market at Dania Beach where in the middle of four acres of tuna towers, fishing gear, and dive platforms I

came across a young man at a booth trying to decide whether or not to buy a piece of jewelry. The customer was in complete awe of the trilobite that he was holding in one hand. He was saying something about holding something so ancient and well preserved that had once been alive. I agreed with him while noticing a familiar look in his eye and told him to buy it. The woman running the booth had small wire wrapped trilobite necklaces as well as Herkimers from New York. I couldn't think of a better place to pick up a Herkimer. It was a nice souvenir of Florida.

Thanks to the bead group for a wonderful presentation last month.

John Sweeney
Club President



Photo by
Loren Patterson

Executive Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2005

Called to order at 7:10 PM by President John Sweeney
Members present: John Sweeney, Tim Hart, Dick Ackerman, Jay Tinker, Dick Stimer, Bob Livingston, Loren Patterson, Cathy Patterson, Gene Ridall, Lou Budell
Absent David Arcaro

Old Business:

Gene Ridall spoke of the bus trip to PRI Museum of the Earth, Ithaca. Fee would be \$750. It was decided to car pool rather than hire a bus. We'll meet in Tully at the Burger King Restaurant at **noon April 30** and follow the caravan to the museum in Ithaca. The club will pay the admission. **Jay Tinker** is working on getting us a special back room tour that Saturday.

(Minutes continued on page 3)

What to do with the Club's Microscope? More discussion continued about the club microscope. Donate to Rochester Symposium April 16th? Sell at our July show? No decision yet.

A discussion was held to allow a stipend for Club Officers who need to attend the Awards Banquet and the Editors Breakfast at the EFMLS convention on Society business. A motion was made, voted on, and carried.

New Business:

EFTA Field Trips were mentioned by Tim Hart. April 16 will be a trip to Crystal Grove for Herkimers. May 7-8 will be a trip to Gore Mt. to the Benson Mines for garnet. More trips will be announced as planned.

May 7 will be the annual Brownville Swap. Members will need to sign up to attend this "kick off" function. It will again be held in Sackett's Harbor as last year.

John Davis talked about changes to the constitution. Cathy Patterson and John will write changes up and print them for the Executive Committee to vote on. They will then be printed in the Crack 'N Cab and discussed at the April meeting.

Lou Budell will serve as acting Show Chairman. John Sweeney made a motion to have Lou serve as SC in order to do Show business. Tim seconded. Carried.

John Davis will be in charge of giving a safety talk at an annual regular meeting. These safety talks should be given annually.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Patterson
Club Secretary

Photo by L. Patterson



Regular Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2005

The Meeting Was called to order at 7:45 PM by President John Sweeney

The program for the evening was the Mineral/Fossil Competition and the Beading Group did a talk on what the members are doing in beading.

Old Business:

Trip to the Paleontological Research Institute. Jay Tinker had the membership select from 3 dates for the car pool trip to the PRI Museum of the Earth in Ithaca. April 30 was the date selected. All interested parties will meet at the Burger King Restaurant in Tully at noon on that Saturday. We should be at the museum by 1:30.

<www.priweb.org> and <www.museumoftheearth.org> are websites to check for more information. Thanks to Jay for arranging this trip for us! The Club will pay members admission. Non-members admission will be \$4.00 adult, \$2.50 seniors, and \$1.50 children under 12.

Albany Show

It was mentioned that Albany had a whopping 5000+ attendees for their 2-day show in February. They had much free PR and it was held in the Albany State Museum which also featured a wonderful flower arrangement exhibit at the same time. It was an excellent show.

Constitution Changes

John Davis quickly mentioned some of the needed changes to the constitution that were started in the early '90's but never finalized. They are long overdue. Changes will be worked out by John Davis and myself and will be printed in the Crack 'N Cab in April.

New Business:

EFTA Field Trips

Tim Hart said the first EFTA trip would be Saturday April 16 to Crystal Grove where Herkimer diamonds are on the menu. It will cost only \$3.50 instead of \$7.00/\$5.00 because we are a group. We must be at the site on time or full admission will be charged. Details will be printed in the Crack 'N Cab. All are advised to bring a sifter, cultivator, hammer, and chisel, bug spray, sunscreen, a lunch, and possibly eye protection. David Arcaro says he has heard of arrowheads being found on the trail also.

July Club Show

Gene Ridall gave the group an update on show details.

Hamburg Show

The Buffalo club will have a show March 26. Lorraine Markley said an excellent art exhibit featuring Georgia O'Keefe will be nearby and is also not to be missed.

Winners of the Mineral/Fossil Competition

First Place Lou Budell - shark's tooth (self collected)

Second Place - Jay Tinker - trilobite

Third Place - Tim Hart - eurypterid

Honorable Mention: Gloria Royer, John Sweeney, and David Arcaro

Beading Group Program

Each member including: Lorraine Markley, Rolland Allen, Rona Schindler, Carla Brown, Romayne Welch, Cathy Patterson, Carol Gibbs, Elizabeth Russell, and Cathy Patterson each gave a short talk about why they started beading and how it ties in with our hobby.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM and refreshments were served thanks to Carol and Leda Gibbs and Cathy Patterson of the beading group.

Submitted by, **Cathy Patterson**
Club Secretary

March Program Review

Submitted by Loren Patterson

The GMSS Beading Group provided the program for the March meeting. The group's enthusiasm for beading was apparent as many of the group took part with 8 or 9 presenting their experiences or reasons for joining the group.



Lorraine Markley, Rollie Allen, and Rona Schindler at the March meeting. Photos by Loren Patterson

To mention a few, Lorraine Markley spoke about her interest growing over time and what she is doing presently in beading. Rollie Allen showed some of his projects and spoke about his experiences in local craft shows and how styles change quite rapidly these days. At craft shows, you need to know what people are interested in now to be able to sell successfully. Elizabeth Russell showed her recent beading work and her obvious interest in beading. Everyone showed off something they had made and were seriously proud of their accomplishment. I don't recall a program with so many willing participants or a higher level of enthusiasm.



Tim Hart with Herkimer Cluster

Field Trips - Read Note at end!

Submitted by Tim Hart

Saturday, April 16, 2005 Crystal Grove Diamond Mine field trip.

Plan to leave Syracuse at 8 a.m. and meet at Crystal Grove by 10:15 a.m. Bring a bag lunch, snacks, beverages, rock hammer, cultivator, a small container to put your diamonds in, wear old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Directions: Take the New York State Thruway east to the St. Johnsville/Little Falls Exit number 29 A.

Go north on Route 169 to Route 5 East, take Route 5 East about 9 miles to the village of St. Johnsville and make a left turn at the one and only traffic light.

Go about 2 miles up the street and you will see a fork in the road, bear right there (look for a Crystal Grove sign at that intersection) and take that route (114) about 4 miles and you should see the **Crystal Grove Diamond Mine and Campground** sign on your right. The phone number is 518 - 568 - 2914 for Crystal Grove.

Friday, April 22nd, 2005 Alden, New York for pyritized fossils.

Plan to bring some zip lock bags or other small plastic containers to save your finds in. Bring bug spray, water, snacks, and a lunch. Also, a chisel and hammer, if you have one for chipping the shale. A small hoe or cultivator tool works good as well.

Directions: Take the New York State Thruway west to the Pembroke Exit (48 A). From the Thruway, turn right and take Route 77 South to Route 20 (about 6 miles). Turn right on Route 20 west for about 5 miles into the town of Alden and park on the right across from John & Mary's

Restaurant (it has a big ice cream cone sign in front of it). This is before you come to the commercial part of Alden.

We will walk in about one 1/4 mile through a field with some small trees and bushes to the stream, where we will collect pyritized fossils. The area is usually muddy so wear proper footwear.

Sunday, May 1, 2005 Owasco Lake Overlook, 4357 Rockefeller Rd, Auburn, NY for fossils.

Directions: From the New York State Thruway, get off at exit 40, Weedsport. From the Thruway Exit, turn right onto Route 34 South. Take Route 34 South through the village of Weedsport, continuing approximately 7 miles into Auburn. In Auburn, turn left onto Routes 5 and 20 (one block past, the Holiday Inn). Proceed only two blocks on Route 5 and 20. Route 20 will turn right at the Microtel Inn and Suites (on right). Turn right on Route 20 and 38A (John Street), proceed one block, (where Route 20 will turn left), proceed straight on Route 38A, (Owasco Street), continue on Route 38A (name changes to East Lake Road), past Emerson Park, at the foot of Owasco Lake, approximately 7 miles to Rockefeller Road. Turn right going south on Rockefeller Rd., proceed 2.6 miles to 4357 (right side), blacktop driveway, white house that is set back about 300 feet off of the road.

NOTE: Please contact **Tim Hart** at 315-625-4485 or cell 315-439-2541 if you plan to participate in any of these field trips. Tim needs to get your name on a list so that he can keep track of how many will be on each field trip. Tim will provide any other details like times or meet points that you may have questions about.

Need Another Reason to Visit Hawaii?

by Bob Livingston



Well thanks to Editor, Reivan Zeleznik and his Stamford, Connecticut Club's VUG Examiner newsletter, we all have a great reason to visit our 50th state of Hawaii, soon. This article is a digest of a two-page article on this club by Reivan. It seems there is a super club there known as Hui Pohaku'o Hawaii (to us, Rock and Mineral Society of Hawaii). It meets right in downtown Honolulu so it will be handy for whenever any of us can get there. Hard to believe, but for us it has been 31 years since we were there. And that predated my getting into this great hobby.

The local club is comprised of a broad ethnic and cultural mix of members from teens to retired and from blue collar to PhD folks.

It meets monthly, on a Thursday, in the Arts and Crafts building in Makiki Park just north of Ala Moana and west of Waikiki. Meetings where guests are welcome, is held conveniently on the first floor. On the floor above is a neat lapidary workshop. (Bet



that gets more attention from some of you.) They are fortunate to have (7) cabbing machines, diamond saws from 4" to 18" so they can handle whatever. Also the equipment includes a stone-cutting band saw, 16" vibrating lap and (3) older faceting machines which see a lot of duty for intarsia work etc. Dues for the club are modest, plus there is no show. Most folks bring their own rough to work on, but limited supplies are free. Maybe even to a guest (not sure).

Workshop is open most Thursday evenings from 6 to 10 pm. It is common to have 10 to 20 members doing cutting or schmoozing each open night.

Reivan writes, it is a combination social and serious cutters crowd. Sounds right up my alley. Field trips often result from a "find" being uncovered by a road construction project. Word travels like wildfire as all scramble to see and try to get some of what is unearthed.

Typically, the short informal meeting is followed by a program. Programs can be either a knowledgeable club member doing his or her thing, plus frequently they tap professionals from one of the nearby colleges to dazzle the membership. Often 6 to 10 members bring in specimens related to that night's program. Members enjoy learning from each other. If I haven't yet convinced you to put this trip on your "to do" list, this should do it. Following each meeting, members break out their pu-pus and soft drinks as a meeting highlight for all to share. Pu-pu means appetizer in Hawaiian. During the social period, members often sell or swap materials. And for sure a lot of great stories are swapped. I just got to make this a priority and get there and take it all in. How about you? *Photo by Reivan Zeleznik*

AFMS News

HERE WE GO AGAIN –
A NEW PALEO
PRESERVATION BILL

by Marion Zenker

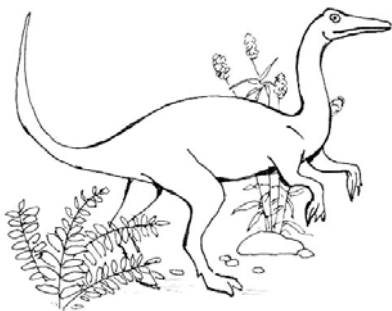


Once again a Paleontological Resources Preservation Act has been introduced into the U. S. Senate (we are watching for reintroduction in the U. S. House as well). The number of the Senate bill is S 263 and was sponsored by the same senators as the bill introduced in the 108th Session of Congress with Prime Sponsor being Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. The new bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and has already passed out of committee without amendment for action on the floor. Plans appear to have the bill passed by the Senate by a simple voice vote. We have already alerted our entire Congressional delegation in South Dakota about this introduction and urged them to vote against such a strategy. The best defense at this time is to immediately (today) alert the Senators from your state to watch for this strategy and request their help in blocking any passage by voice vote on the floor of the Senate. If enough Senators are alerted this move can be averted and then we have an opportunity to provide some testimony in committee and possible block Senate passage. It is certainly worth a concerted effort. So ask as many people as possible to contact your Senators at once with this request. As of this writing (in early March), I have not yet read through the entire bill, but it looks to be nearly identical if not completely so to the bill introduced into the 108th Congress in 2003. We need to rally the troops to try to stop this in the Senate if possible.

from AFMS News 4/05

COELOPHYSIS

Submitted by Gloria Royer



Drawing by Gloria Royer

While New York State is well known for its Devonian fossils there is little evidence of dinosaurs. This is due to millions of years of erosion during our numerous ice ages.

Footprints found near Nyack present the only indication found so far that dinosaurs lived here. These were made by Coelophysis [See-loh-Fie-sis] a small carnivorous dinosaur which lived during the late Triassic Period about 225,000,000 years ago. It was about five to six feet long and was built for speed. The long narrow snout had many sharp serrated teeth, the hind feet had three clawed toes while there were four fingers on each hand, although only three were useful for holding prey, which consisted of small lizard-like creatures and possibly small shrew-like mammals that evolved during that period.

There were only seven footprints found near Nyack but Ghost Ranch, New Mexico is well known for the discovery of more than 100 fossilized skeletons of Coelophysis as well as footprints. Comparison with these has proved that our dinosaur is a Coelophysis.

You will find a replica of Coelophysis among the many great exhibits at the Museum of the Earth [PRI] in Ithaca.

Editor's Breakfast – March 20

By Loren Patterson

We did pretty well at this year's Bulletin Editor's Contest. GMSS picked up two Trophy Awards and several lesser awards.



John Sweeney is receiving a Certificate from Hazel Remaley, AFMS All American Awards Chair for the GMSS High Scoring: Large Club – AFMS All American Club Contest which was the first step in recognition as an All American Club because of the many hours of work by **Bob Livingston** in getting all of the information and photos together to enter this competition. Thank You, Bob!



John Sweeney is presenting **Bob Livingston** with the EFMLS Trophy for a Written Article, 2005 Bulletin Editor's Contest for Bob's article about our 2004 Combined AFMS/EFMLS Convention and Show.

Kay Smith received a 2nd Place EFMLS Award for her poem dedicated to our 2004 Combined Show. **Lou Budell** received an 8th Place EFMLS Award for his article concerning his Megalodon shark's tooth find in Maryland.

4 Photos by Loren Patterson



Cathy Patterson also received an EFMLS Trophy Award for her Educational Article written in 2004.



Elizabeth Russell received a 3rd Place Award in the EFMLS Jr. Division for her article entitled "My Science Fair Project" from the March 2004 issue of the Crack 'N Cab.

We will need some new authors writing about interesting experiences in 2005 connecting us all with this hobby we enjoy and maybe with a little luck we will do as well in next year's contest. For now, keep those cards and letters coming in!

Let's Go Surfing!

by Cathy Patterson

Check out our website:

<www.gmss.us> for the Crack 'N Cab on line, in color, each month. Follow the links to the Eastern Federation and American Federation websites for news of our hobby around the country. Let our editor know of any good hobby related websites you find and we'll publish them in the next newsletter.

Lapidary Contest Rules - for May 16th, 2005

- Eligibility** – Any member in good standing may enter one item in each category, either in person or by proxy.
Junior Division – Age under 16.
Senior Division – 16 and over.
- Entry must have been made by competitor, must not be signed or otherwise identified, must not have been previously entered in Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse Lapidary Competition.
- Chains are not necessary and will not be judged in **Category 105 – Jewelry**.
- Chains may be entered in **Category 103 Metal craft**.
- Ribbons** will be awarded as follows:
Score of 90 and above – Blue Ribbon
Score of 80 and above – Red Ribbon
Score of 70 and above – Yellow Ribbon
- In the event or more than one blue, red, or yellow ribbon in a given category, the competitor will also receive a certificate stating “placement” i.e.: blue, first; red, second; yellow, third etc. at the discretion of the judges.
- Henry Les Memorial Award has been discontinued.
- “Ribbon Winners”** only will be announced. No scores will be given.
- In all matters, Decision of the Judges will be Final.

CATEGORIES FOR ENTRIES

- 101 Cabochons** – Unset only. Freeform or calibrated, natural or man-made material may be used.
No Plastic allowed. *(See Notes)
- 102 Faceted Stone** – Unset only. Natural or man-made material may be used. No Plastic allowed. (See notes.)
- 103 Metal craft (Fabrication)** – Commercially cut stone may be used, as only metalwork will be judged.
- 104 Metal craft (Casting)** – Commercially cut stone may be used, as only metalwork will be judged.
- 105 Jewelry** – Stone, if used, must have been cut by competitor, as both stone and metalwork will be judged.

106 Wire wrap – Wirework only will be judged.

107 Novelty – May include chip inlay using epoxy, if desired; fused glass enamel on metal base formed by competitor. No commercial metal base may be used. Enter this category, within the rules, any item that does not fit into one of the other categories.

108 Carving – It's wide open whether you use power tools or hand chisels, files, etc. as long as the work was done by the competitor.

* **Notes** (Applicable to Categories **101** and **102** above)
“Manmade” means reconstructed turquoise, lapis, malachite, etc. or laboratory-grown synthetics such as chrysoberyls, corundum, etc.

“PERFECT” STARTING SCORE PER CATEGORY

Judging Criteria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Category Numbers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Maximum Points)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Design		2	3	3	3	3	4	30
Symmetry	3							
Girdle	2	2						
Meets		3						
Finish	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25
Orientation	1							
Workmanship			3	3	3	3		
Originality			5	5	5	5	3	30
Difficulty in Cutting Material							0	15

Directions for using chart ~ Find category(s) you wish to enter and read down in that column. Whenever points are shown, item will be judged for those criteria with point score being max in that category. All columns add to 100 points maximum at the start of judging.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Constitution and By Laws of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc.
By Laws are guidelines for operating and reflect the actual internal working of the Society

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Change Objects to Objectives

Insert beading after lapidary

A) to advance the interests of the Society members and the public along scientific, educational, recreational, and social lines in the fields of mineralogy, paleontology, lapidary, beading, and metalworking

ARTICLE V - Officers

Insert elected and delete Recording

Section 1. The elected officers of this Society shall be:

President
Vice-President
~~Recording~~ Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-At-Arms

Insert changes to Section 2.

Section 2. The elected officers, the Show Chairman, and the latest available Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall report the slate of officers at the regular meeting in May.

Reverse Sections order of 3 and 4

Delete Recording Secretary from list of elected officers

Add to Section 5 (see below)

Section 5 Officers shall serve a term of one year from the September meeting through the August meeting and until the new officers are installed.

ARTICLE VII - Duties of Office

Section 1C The President

Insert the Show Chairman and under C)

C) shall appoint the Show Chairman and Chairmen of certain committees where prescribed: and

Section 3 The Secretary

Delete Recording Secretary and substitute Secretary

Delete Section 6 The Corresponding Secretary in its entirety

New – Section 7 Addition

Section 7. Latest available Past President shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee

A) shall be composed of the following 7: President (Chairman), Vice-President, ~~Recording~~ Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Show Chairman, latest available Past President

Section 3. The Audit Committee

A) shall be composed of two members selected by the Executive Committee and appointed before the ~~August~~ September meeting of the ~~assembly~~ committee.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution – Continued from page 8**Section 5. The Show Committee**

Section B 1) Delete Assembly and add Executive Committee

Section B 2) Rewording

B1) to work within the Show Rules and Regulations as established by the ~~Assembly~~ Executive Committee:

B 2) to recognize that Society members, may have priority to participate as dealers in the Show, **after being juried**, depending on the member having accepted a reasonable committee assignment. First year members shall have accepted reasonable committee assignments for one year prior to the Show in order to participate as a dealer.

Section 6. The Program Committee

Insert C)

C) In January, a list of programs for the coming calendar year shall be presented to the Executive Committee

Section 9. The Bulletin Committee

Add to B)

B) shall have the duty and responsibility to publish and distribute the monthly bulletin containing the “call” of the meeting, reports of Officers, Committees, and other pertinent information : such as the next three monthly meetings.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

change and add the following

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be the 3rd Monday of the month from September through November and January to June. December is the Christmas party, July is the club show, and August is the club picnic.

ARTICLE XIII - INCORPORATION

This Society is incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of New York **and qualifies under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954**

ARTICLE XIV - DISSOLUTION PROVISION

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended; or to the federal Government or to a State or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XV - NON-INUREMENT PROVISION

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except, and no member trustee, officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on dissolution of the organization.

that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization)

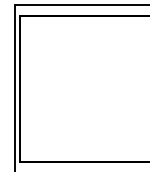
ARTICLE XVI - RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION PROVISION

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Revised constitution submitted to the Society by the Committee on March 21, 2005 and April 11, 2005.

Committee members: Dick Ackerman, Lou Budell, John Davis, Tim Hart, Bob Livingston, Cathy Patterson, Loren Patterson, Gene Ridall, Dick Stimer, John Sweeney, Jay Tinker, and David Zobkiw

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Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc.

Eight persons organized the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse in 1951. Since that time it has grown in membership to include adults, families, and young folk. The Society was incorporated in 1969 under the name.

The objectives of the Society are to stimulate interest in mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Individual interests include collecting, identification, and display of minerals and fossils, and many aspects of jewelry design and fabrication.

The monthly meetings stimulate the social and educational factors. Frequent field trips provide collectors with opportunities to find specimens as well as to enjoy the benefits of outdoor exercise and potential friendships.

The Society meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Parish House of the First Presbyterian Church, 620 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York. (Except in July, August, & December.)

Visitors are always welcome.

Annual membership dues:

Single Adult - \$6

Junior - \$3

Family - \$9

Honorary Life Membership - \$3

For more information write to the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, P.O. Box 801, Syracuse, New York 13201



Officers 2004-2005

President	John Sweeney	668-8470
Vice-President	Tim Hart	625-4485
Treasurer	Dave Arcaro	622-6542
Secretary	Cathy Patterson	638-8817
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