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NEXT REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2010  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM - MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM  
THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE MILL RIDGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
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Snowflake clump captured with an inexpensive compact digital camera - see page 5 for notes H.Henning photo

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

WILL BE A VIDEO PRESENTATION

### **Rhodochrosite:**

#### **Red Treasure of the Rockies**

The story of the fantastic pockets of rhodochrosite discovered and mined at the Sweet Home Mine in Alma, CO.

### **The March Program**

is expected to be a report with digital slides by Jack Pawloski of his 2010 adventures in Tuscon. Including an opportunity to select a few specimens Jack will bring back to CT for his Museum

## JANUARY SEMINAR MEETING NOTES

by Michael Pollak

There were 37 people attending the Jan. 10 annual seminar and dinner at Chuck's Steak House in Danbury. They ranged in age from Alice Collignon, 4, to John Schroder, 92.

President Jack Pawloski oversaw the raffle. The winners were Lee Voytek, Jimmy Hackett, Hank Henning and Meryl Silverstein.

Ted Johnson gave the seminar program: "Mineral Collecting in Southern California." He explained that his talk could only scratch the surface, owing to Southern California's many mining districts, each with many different mines and degrees of access for collectors, from

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welcoming to variable to forbidden to "You have to know somebody." He also pointed out that the Bureau of Land Management has been sealing the adits to some abandoned mines, closing off those collecting sites for good.

Among the mines discussed in the talk were Lead Mountain Mine, near Barstow, in the Mohave Desert (barite crystals); U.S. Borax Company mine near Barstow (tunnellite, colemanite, ulexite); and Stewart Mine, in the Pala district (pink tourmaline, palaite, cleavelandite, morganite); Tourmanine Queen Mine (some of the best tourmalines in the U.S.); Pala Chief Mine (kunzite, morganite, albaite); Elizabeth R. Mine (wonderful morganites); and White Queen Minemorganite crystals).

## President's Message

by Jack Pawloski

I keep telling myself that I must focus on this message, but it is nearing the time for me to begin packing for my yearly mineral buying excursion in Tucson. So I will start with my plans for the Tucson Adventure. Due to family duties I will be only at the show the first week, and will miss the main show whose theme is Gems and Gem Stones. Darn!!! However, it will give me a chance to get first dibs on some of the great specimens before they are all picked over. I promise to take many photos and share them with you at the March meeting. Hopefully there will be many flats of goodies brought back for you to get the first selection before we put them in the museum's gift shop.

Many good and exciting things are taking place with the club this year. First, I will be leading the quartz collecting trip to Arkansas in October. Secondly, we are checking out new locations for our monthly meetings. And lastly, there might be the formation of a Council of Connecticut Mineral

Clubs where the possibility exists of sharing field trips and other activities as well.

Please put on your calendar the Mining Museum's swap/show and picnic will be Saturday June 12. This event is getting better every year.

See you in March,

Note: I will have two nice 6 foot long jewelry display cases for sale this spring. Let me know if you are interested.

# 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROCK SWAP AND SALE

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# DMS Seminar 2010



## Notes from the January BOD meeting

by H. Henning

The January BOD met at the Brookfield CT Library on Tuesday evening Jan. 19 2010. In attendance were J. Pawloski, R. Burke, P.Hackett, C. Hackett, S. Margolis and H. Henning

We met at this library to evaluate the facilities for future DMS meetings. This is a fairly modern library and the space available to us was designed as a meeting room for community events. There is adequate space, seating, tables, parking, toilets, and kitchen facilities. Access is also convenient, even for handicapped members. The rental of \$35 per evening is quite reasonable. It seems unlikely that we could set up either a permanent club library space or a workshop area. Those issues could be explored further if the Club is interested. One major benefit to this site is that it would be available in the summer months when the schools are closed.

We will probably meet at the Broadview School near the Danbury Hospital in March, April, May and June. We can transfer our contracts with the Schools district to these facilities with little effort. This will allow the members to evaluate this site regarding a permanent change. Hopefully this location would allow utilization of the cafeteria auditorium meeting space and a classroom shop area for club workshop activities. This is a situation we have been seeking for many years. It remains to be seen if the School will be available as the current

economic situation continues to unfold. The we cannot be sure the space will be available next year.

Jack P. reports that his intention to create a workshop area at the museum at CAMA in Kent CT will not come to fruition for at least 3 years.

Hank H. raised the question of whether the membership would be interested in repairing or replacing the display cases we use principally for the annual show. We don't think about the cases until we set up the exhibits the day before the show. There are two types of cases, large and small. There are 4 large cases and they break down into sections which need to be assembled and taken apart at each show. The nuts and bolts securing the cases need to be repaired or replaced in a few instances. Generally these cases function well and provide for an attractive display. The club is still indebted to DMS past president Bob Wilken for his many hours of work building these cabinets for the

DMS. Im sure we will continue to use thes cases for many more years.

The smaller cases have been around a lot longer. They are very sturdy and for certain types of low flat displays such as jewelry they work very well. The cases could use some repairs to the locks and lights and maybe refinishing the wood work. We could devise some way to hold the lids open while working in the case. It might be possible to adapt the cases to provide better lighting on taller specimens than the lights in the rear of the case.

If we were to invest in new cases we might consider issues such as ease of transport and setup. Perhaps there is such a thing as a lightweight folding case that would provide a display that could be easily viewed by both children and adult sized people. Our smaller table top cases need to be viewed from the top and the display cannot be easily seen by smaller kids without a boost.

The mineral raffle at the monthly meeting was discussed. Currently the club sponsors both free door prizes and a raffle at each meeting. Some members have expressed they are uncomfortable being asked for a donation at the meetings. According to Bob Burke the raffle was created a few years ago to help pay club expenses when the the DMS finances were not as healthy as than they are now. The raffle was actually intended to raise money for the club. It was noted by treasurer Pat Hackett that the raffle continues to run at a profit. The DMS currently has a much better financial situation and it was agreed that the raffle was not needed to raise money for the club. Several options were discussed for the future handling of the raffle.

1. don't change it
2. eliminate it
3. enhance the raffle by providing better specimens by using the raffle proceeds to acquire more expensive minerals at wholesale prices. The goal would be to have the raffle proceeds pay for the prize or prizes, but not add unneeded money to the treasury. This approach would entail having some one purchase a selection of minerals from the various dealers and wholesalers we cross paths with throughout the year. The minerals [or books or whatever] would need to be selected to be attractive to a majority of the members to make it a success.

## Notes on the cover photo

by H. Henning

I did not have high expectations when I took this picture but the results were surprising. The camera I used is a quite ordinary compact camera whose best feature is its portability. In case you care, it is a Panasonic Lumix DMC FX01. It's several years old and has been replaced by newer designs several times. I have several thoughts to share if someone wants to try a snowflake photo..

Look for situations where you will find isolated clumps of snowflakes. This photo was taken after a very light flurry and there was no other snow on the frozen wood surface the flakes fell on. The flakes in this image might have fallen as a single clump of flakes. Here is the original photo



that shows how the new snow sat on the icy wood surface.

Consider focus. Most cameras like the FX01 are auto focus.

Learn how it works. When you combine macro mode and natural light you will get a fairly narrow depth of field. I got as close as possible with the camera on a tripod and set the axis of the lens perpendicular to the flat plane of the surface. In this set up with auto focus it didn't matter too much whether the camera focused on the snowflakes or the surface they sat on. It appears to me that the camera focused on the wood background and the flakes in focus were lying directly on that surface. A few millimeters above that surface the flakes were out of focus.

Use the built-in timer to reduce vibration.

Since I didn't preplan this picture I was lucky there was some contrast created between the white flakes and the wood background. If I planned the picture I would like to try for a darker background. More contrast would be perceived as sharper focus and likely produce a stronger image. You do want to print your work and put it in your gallery, right?

Postprocessing – digital fiddling with the image. [ Purists don't read this part.] I managed to get a better image from the original file using two

image processing “tricks” using a free image viewing/processing program called *Irfanview*. Irfanview is available to everyone to down load from the www. I use it as my default image viewer. There are other image software apps that others will say are just as good and better. I used Irfanview to select the best image and then do the following:

1. Crop the original image [zoom in] .
2. Used a procedure called “autoadjust color”
3. Used another process called “sharpen”
4. Reduced the image file size [in pixels] by half to take less space in this document.

## DMS DANBURY LIBRARY EXHIBIT FOR FEBRUARY 2010

The Club Exhibit at the Danbury Public Library has been set up. Five DMSers have added some of their collections and creations to the display; Lizzie Triano, Bob Burke, Jack Pawloski with Rick Sinclair, Susan Margolis and Hank Henning.



## *Winter of discontent*

by Jo Ann Henning,

### The reluctant rocker

I'm standing by the kitchen sink, arms up to my elbows in lukewarm, sudsy water. I'm not washing dishes, I'm washing large rocks. After too many snow/ice storms this month and bone chilling cold temperatures--limiting my ability to get out of the house to shop, bank, visit or just take walks--I'm actually running out of things to clean. So today, I decided to clean rocks. I really want the water to be hot for the sake of my hands and general body temperature, but I know that very hot or very cold water is not good for the rocks.

But this activity is not an uplifting, mood enhancer and I'm especially glum and prickly, feeling rock bathing just can't be considered a totally sane, normal human household activity. What if the President or the Queen dropped by and saw me with a hot pink, extra soft toothbrush, hunkered over the kitchen sink, painstakingly brushing rock teeth? I envision them looking at me in my 3 layers of ratty sweatshirts, leg warmers, double socks and wild dry winter hair, quickly concluding that I must suffer from some form of dementia. They'd roll their eyes, shake their heads sadly, and rush away to have their peeps call an emergency assistance program for the aged to report "...an elderly female in need of an immediate health care intervention."

Looking out the window at the bleak, icy landscape and a slate gray, ominous overcast sky, I'm thinking about how many more weeks of this we have to go through before its green and warm again. Cabin Fever does not begin to describe my gloomy mood. I'm just feeling old, cold, trapped and sapped.

I glance out the kitchen window and see two very large squirrels on the ground below our bird feeders. They each have hold of the same stale bagel and each is trying to head off in a different direction with it. It's a squirrel tug of war. Normally, I would laugh. Today, I yell through the window at them and call them unkind names. But I feel guilty about it. My brain way larger than theirs, I have opposable thumbs and a kind heart. I can so easily solve this simple problem for them. My kinder side prevails over my evil "Suffer, you stupid

rodents!" mood. I rush outside into the ten degree temperature with only double sox on my feet, grab the bagel, rip it in two, drop the pieces back on the ground and race back into the house. My toes feel frostbitten. This random act of kindness was not a good plan for my feet, but it was kindly deed. I go back to washing rocks, watching for the two squirrels to return. I expect the two of them flash me a squirrel smile or a "high paw". (Okay, before you rush off to phone to get me elder care mental health services, I do know squirrels don't smile! But I am hoping for tail twitching or some other sign from them that they are glad their problem is solved. In this winter of discontent, I need frequent re-assurances that I have not yet completely gone over to the dark side. I'll take any morale support I can get, even if it's from squirrels.)

Four large squirrels promptly appear. Now there are 2 pairs of squirrels, each pair tugging at half a bagel. This should be really funny, but in my current mood, it is not. It really irritates me. I resume yelling at the squirrels. Hearing me, my husband comes rushing into the kitchen. He hears me swearing at "...crazy prolific wildlife", yelling about "...risking frostbite and broken bones, for what!" and sees that I'm teeth brushing rocks. He is a wise man. He doesn't say a word. He gets a cup of coffee and quietly leaves the room. I know he's thinking, "No harm, no danger, no crisis. Whatever it is, she'll get over it." I manage to keep quiet but mutter angrily for his inscrutable calm demeanor and his unforgivable good, common sense. I'm one step closer to the dark side.

The squirrels figure it out. After much tail twitching and some loud chattering negotiations, they quickly realize that no single squirrel can run off carrying half bagel with another squirrel firmly attached to it. So the four of them settle down and share the 2 bagel pieces on the ground. Instead of rejoicing over their problem solving abilities, I feel embarrassed and angry. I have a very complex brain, a fairly high IQ, thumbs, a college degree and I'm the one who just went outside over snow and ice in my socks to tear a bagel in half! I'm the one spending my day brushing the teeth of rocks! And I just witnessed pea-brained squirrels, dressed very appropriately for the weather in their genuine fur coats, solve their own problem quite amicably and easily. Being out-thought, out-classed by mere rodents makes me begin to grind my teeth and to

mutter nonsense, longing hopelessly for warmth, sunshine and a real home grown tomato.

I move the cleaned rocks to a side table in the dining room and head back to wash more at the sink. I note that the squirrels are gone and that there isn't a single bird at the feeders nor in the surrounding trees. The reason for this is brown and very, very large. There is an enormous deer standing just outside the kitchen window. He slowly turns his huge head, looks at me, and then calmly goes back to what he was doing: with the side of his head, he is head butting our hanging feeders to knock sunflower seeds out onto the ground and then is gobbling them up. We were given a \$100.00 "state of the art", "engineer designed", "guaranteed squirrel proof" bird feeder. The squirrels had absolutely no trouble defeating it. Witnessing yet another species (huge, voracious and uninvited!) gobbling up \$25.00 worth of sunflower seeds that were intended as several days of food for the winter birds, I am incensed! I do what has to be done. I begin yelling, swearing, and banging on the window with the pink toothbrush. The deer is unfazed and calmly continues his headbutting.

My husband rushes back into the kitchen. The banging on the window obviously has gotten his attention and he probably fears a health crisis or some house malfunction that he will be expected to deal with. He takes a moment to see I'm still washing rocks. He hears me yelling about "...rotten tick infested, voracious, thieving deer, head butting our bird feeders." He hears my diatribe about squirrels with more smarts than MIT engineers who couldn't design a bird feeder to out-smart small brained rodents. He sees me pounding on the kitchen window with a toothbrush. He sees an enormous deer ignoring all the noise and activity from inside the house and calmly head butting the bird feeders to knock out sunflower seeds for its lunch. He probably suspects none of these things are good. He knows instinctively that none of these things are good for him. He does what has to be done. He rolls his eyes.

But I see him do it. I know for sure he's thinking "...crabby, prickly crazy old woman." He has forgotten one of life's cardinal rules: rolling your eyes is an act of war! I do what has to be done. I whip around and yell at him, "This is all YOUR fault!" I am in full battle mode. I need to clarify my position to this fellow college educated,

high IQed, but totally misguided man. I make myself perfectly clear. "These are YOUR filthy rocks!" I yell. "It's YOUR garden that attracted the deer here in the first place! You told me weeks ago that you had read that it was going to be a mild winter, and it's not! It's cold and icy and continually overcast and windy. The weather has been miserable! And in 1989, you completely forgot our wedding anniversary! And why can't you eat potato chips quietly! And you're not doing a single thing to stop squirrels from taking over the world! Everything is all YOUR fault!"

I silently admit to myself that this is all pretty over the top and does sound a lot like an old, cold, crazy woman. The man should be sainted. He just hugs me.

There are morals to be learned from my story :

Never wash rocks in winter. At the very least, you will look a bit foolish. At the very worst you will appear to be totally crazy. Accept that brushing boulder "molars" can be detrimental to your mental health and to your domestic relationships. Just be patient, wait until spring, then place them outside and let a warm, gentle rain cleanse and restore them. Your time is better spent brushing your own teeth, baking brownies, or taking a long winter's nap.



For the three long, cold, icy indoor winter months, do not speak to whomever you live with. This is not meant to be a hostile, mean-spirited tactic. It is simply a prudent survival skill and common courtesy. Winter in the northeast wears us down (and it's effects only get worse as we age!)! Accept that half of what you say aloud actually will be grouchy, unreasonable and irrational. The other half of what you say, no matter what you actually DO say, will be automatically construed by your significant other as crabby, unreasonable and irrational and they will react in kind. No one is immune from winter's affects on body, mind and soul. So, along with

bulbs and perennials and the sleeping bear—just wait for patiently for spring before you say anything other than a simple--cheerful as you can manage--“Good morning” and then, many hours later, a “Good night.” All else can be communicated effectively by grunts, facial expressions, pointing, hugs, or very short written notes devoid of all adjectives and expletives.

Never roll your eyes in view of a wild-life bashing, rock washing person suffering from Winter Cabin Fever. Offer no verbal suggestions or criticisms. Just hug them. Or offer a lunch out at the local diner.

Try to remain in your fifties for at least 20 years.

Never wake a sleeping bear. (I just threw this one in to see if you're paying attention.)

And most importantly of all, spend a northeast winter living with someone who knows all these things and behaves accordingly.

## LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**February: 20-21:** 17th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale co-sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and the NY State Academy of Mineralogy. Museum of the Empire Plaza, 4th Floor, Albany, NY.

**March 4 - DMS Regular Meeting**  
**Tuscon by Jack Palowski**

**March 12-14:** Clifton Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Holiday Inn, US 46; Totowa, NJ.

**March 27-28: *Western Mass Mineral,*** Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Holiday Inn at Ingleside (Exit 15 off I-91), Holyoke, MA.

**April 1 – DMS Regular Meeting**

**April - 10-11:** 41st Annual New York

Southern Tier Geology Club Show sponsored by the Southern Tier Geology Club. Johnson City Senior Citizen *Center, Johnson City, NY*

**April 15 – 18** 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROCHESTER MINERALOGICAL SYMPOSIUM, Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport, 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY - Use the following link for more information and download application forms. <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/symposium.htm>

Tentative presentation topics for 2010 include:  
Collecting at Classic European Localities  
The Pegmatites of New York  
Crystal Shapes: Inside and Outside  
Characterization of Gold Crystallinity  
Modern Investigations of the Historic Spinelli Prospect, Glastonbury, CT

**April 17–18:** 27th Annual MMGS Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME

**April 24-25:** 38th Annual NJ Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show (with Outdoor Swap) Co-sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, New Jersey Earth Science Association and Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School, Franklin, NJ

**May 6 - DMS Regular Meeting**  
**ANNUAL AUCTION**

**May: 1-2:** 47th Annual New England Mineral & Gem Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA  
June:5: Spring Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. Macungie Memorial Park Building, Macungie, PA.

**June 3 – DMS Regular Meeting**

**June 12 - ROCK SWAP AND SALE AT CAMA**

**NEWS FROM THE EFMLS NEWSLETTER****New Library Programs Added**

by Ken Tudor, EFMLS Librarian

Through the generosity of both the American Federation and the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, our EFMLS library has been enriched by the addition of several new programs. All can be borrowed by EFMLS member clubs at no charge save for return postage and insurance. See the EFMLS Directory for a full listing of all available programs.

**2009 AFMS Program Competition Winners**

**606. “Romanian Mines & Minerals”** 30 min. DVD by Michael Shaw (Stillwater Mineral & Gem Society, RMFMS)

Although Romanian minerals are not commonly available in the U.S., many world-class specimens including some rare varieties, have been produced during its' long mining history. Some historical background, location maps, images depicting Romania's mineral diversity, and views of mines round out this presentation.

**607. “Barite – The Gangue’s All Here”** 30 min. DVD by Larry Havens (Littleton Gem & Mineral Club)

Using his competitive barite exhibit as a starting point, Larry shares what he learned about this essential mineral: not only a selection of specimens from across this country and around the world with it's varied crystal habits, but also other essential information with a dash of humor (note the title).

**608. “Opals”** 4 minutes DVD by Nickolas Riebeck (Rookie Rock Rollers, CFMS)

After a family trip to Virgin Valley, Nevada, Nick prepared this presentation for his fellow junior club members showing what he had seen, learned and found at this classis location. Although it is very brief, adults will also appreciate the geology, how opals are collected and some specimens found there.

**“Excellence in Education Award” Winner**

**609. “Oklahoma Rocks!”** 58 min. DVD prod. by Explorer Multimedia ([www.okgeology.com](http://www.okgeology.com))

Looking for an armchair field trip, or an introduction in advance of an OK expedition? Take a road trip across Oklahoma, visiting State Parks, museums, tourist attractions, and natural areas to learn about the state's rich, interesting geology and natural history by looking at sands, stone and soils and more.

**The 36th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium – April 23-26, 2009**

**R-227** Agates Close-Up - Doug Moore

**R-228** Around The World In 18 Years – Jeff Scovil

**R-229** The CMN “New Earth Gallery” And What's New In Michigan Minerals – Dr. Carl Francis And Guest Presenters

**R-230** Mindat.Org – Past, Present And Future – Jolyon Ralph

**R-231** The Minerals Of New York City – Over 200 Years Of Mineral Collecting History – John Betts

**R-232** Recent Mineral Collecting In Brazil – Frank Melanson

**R-233** Sheet Silicate Minerals And The Collector – Dr. Andre Lalonde

**R-234** Underwater Mineral Collecting Along The North Shore Of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula - Robert Barron

**R-235** What's New In Minerals And Localities, Part 1 – Jeff Scovil (very low audio)

**R-236** Women In Minerals – The Untapped Market – Gail Spann

These and other programs are / will be available from your EFMLS Program Library. To reserve a program, contact EFMLS Librarian, Ken Tudor by mail at PO Box 332, Orono ME 04473 – by phone at 207-827-4161 – or by E-mail at <[kentudor@yahoo.com](mailto:kentudor@yahoo.com)>.

Have you constructed a program that you would like to enter in the AFMS program competition? Winners receive cash prizes and the winning programs are distributed to all the regional federations for use by member clubs. For information, see the November AFMS Newsletter which you can download from <[www.amfed.org/news/n2009\\_11.htm](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2009_11.htm)>. Deadline for entering is April 15, 2010.

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Our last dues increase was in 2002 to cover the increasing cost of the bulletin and liability and accident insurance to cover the members on field trips and other club activities. The current membership dues are \$12.50 per adult individual / \$17.50 per family (including children under 18) \$ 7.50 for students and senior citizens. Only dues paying members are covered by our liability and accident insurance and receive the print version of the *Danburite*.

The particular objectives for which this Society is formed are:

- To promote general interest in mineralogy
- To study rocks, minerals, fossils and the lapidary arts through lectures and discussion groups and field trips.
- To encourage the search for minerals indigenous to our areas
- **To keep an accurate and permanent record of all mineral localities visited by this society and to make such records available to all members.**

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