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NEXT REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 4, 2010  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM - MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM

THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE **BROADVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

DMS WEBSITE <http://www.danburymineralogicalsociety.org>

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The Goosenecks – along the San Jaun River in Utah. Photo by Gernot Keller A large version of this photo is available on Wikipedia

## MARCH PROGRAM TUCSON

A report with digital slides by Jack Pawloski  
of his 2010 adventures in Tucson.

Including an opportunity to select a few  
specimens Jack will bring back to CT for his  
Museum

**The April Meeting will be the second  
Thursday of the month, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at the Broadview Middle School  
Program to be announced

**The May Meeting will be the first  
Thursday of the month, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at the  
Broadview Middle School  
The tentative program is the

## annual auction

**The June Meeting will be the first  
Thursday of the month, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
at the Broadview Middle School  
Tentative program is a talk by John Sanfacon.  
On the topic of  
**"Jasper, Flint and Chert."**

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## President's Message

by Jack Pawloski

I'm back! And what a trip to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show it was. I am glad that I call it an adventure and not a vacation. Come to the meeting and find out why.

There are two important Items I would like to touch upon in this message. The first is from me wearing my other hat as Director of the mining museum. I deeply appreciate the donation of \$1,500 the DMS has made to the museum for the new fluorescent mineral display. Since the DMS has previously donated to this exhibit, I have decided to name the room in the Society's honor for all they have done for the museum. Two years ago Dick Hauck, one of the founders of the Sterling Hill Mining Museum, visited us and commented on *how great our fluorescent display was!* Now it will become even better. The mining museum is the only one of its kind in New England, and presently has the best displays of Connecticut minerals around. The DMS and its members have contributed greatly to its success. Thank you!

Secondly, even though it is snowing as I am writing this message; however, the smell of spring is in the air. With spring comes good weather for field trips. We still need a field trip coordinator. I can point out the locations and provide maps for the coordinator, but it will still take someone to plan and execute the trip. Maybe several can share the responsibility.

In ending, I will be bringing some of the best of the museum's Tucson buys to the meeting for sale to the members. You have first choice on these luscious beauties.

## Minutes of the February Meeting

by Susan Margolis, Secretary

Pat Hackett reported progress on lining up the vendors for the September Show. There have been some vendors drop out and new ones added to fill all available dealers spaces.

Bob Burke reported future meetings will be held at the Broadview Middle School on Hospital Ave. in Danbury. If you follow the signs to the Hospital you can find the School next door.

There is a conflict with the availability of the School for April 1, so the April meeting will be rescheduled for April 8. the second Thursday.

Gail Washburn reported the Seminar dinner was- cold, loud and the food was very good. If we use Chucks again, we'll need both rooms.

Gail Washburn - request for the CAMA Mining Museum. They're redoing the Fluorescent collection and will be opening up the back wall and will need another light to illuminate the new display space. The lights needed are smaller and will cost \$550 per light with a \$350 filter for the viewing window. Motion made, Pat Hackett seconded..

Discussion included:

Hank asked if the wattage the same as prior lights?

Gail indicated it is the same wattage

Pat said that there is sufficient funds to cover this contribution.

Clarification was requested: This is for NEW construction; old lights will be kept and used for the same display.

Motion was made to allocate \$1500 for construction of a new addition to the CAMA Fluorescent mineral exhibit with the funds to be used to purchase 2 UV lights @ \$550 each, a filter to protect viewers for \$350 and \$40 for shipping and handling.

There was almost Unanimous approval.

The program was a video on Rhodochrosite

## LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**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 8 – DMS Regular Meeting Note this is the second Thursday

**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>

**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

## DIRECTIONS TO BROADVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

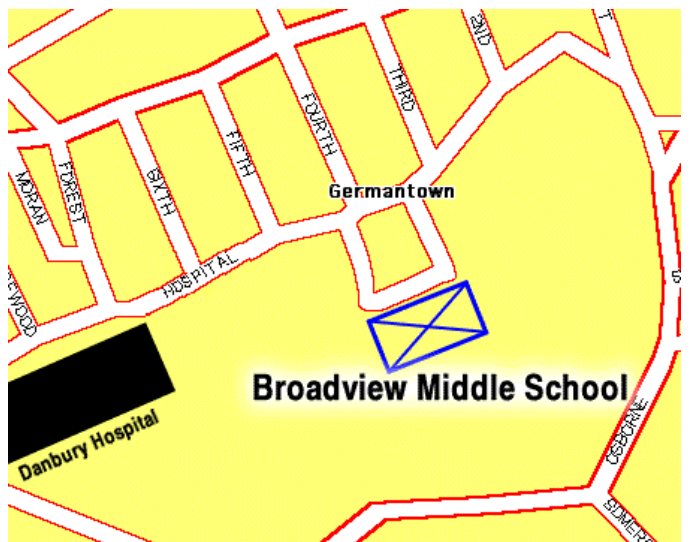
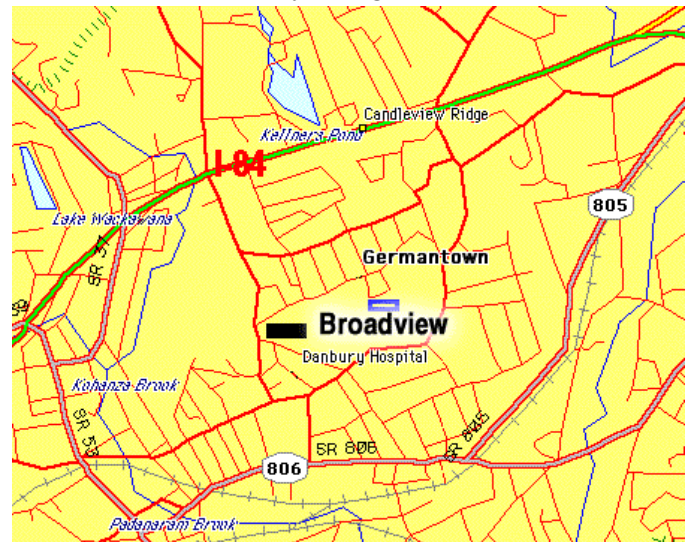
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- I-84 East to Exit 5
- Straight ahead through 4 lights.
- Turn right at 5th light (entrance to North Street Shopping Center) onto Hayestown Ave.
- Turn right at next light onto Tamarack Ave.
- Turn left at next light onto Hospital Ave.
- Broadview will be on your right.

### From the East:

- I-84 East to Exit 6
- Turn right at exit.
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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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BECOMES EFFECTIVE  
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