



The Cutting Edge

Newsletter of the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club

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May 2008

Workshop: 217 Bell Street North, Ottawa, ON
Tel: 613-237-ROCK (7625)

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse (217 Bell Street North).

Our speaker for May is Jeffrey deFourestier who will give a talk on MINERALS OF CHINA. Jeffrey is one of the mineral field collectors of the Ottawa area and well traveled in China.

Message from the President

As the field trip season is upon us I would like to remind everyone to follow all safety rules when you are out collecting. When entering a quarry there should be a sign with all the safety issues posted before you enter. If there is no posting ask the field trip leader for some safety tips. Common sense will prevail (in most cases). If it doesn't feel safe don't do it! Happy Hounding :o}

If you have any questions with the above information give me a call (819-459-1482) or send me an email (fireheron@yahoo.ca).

Stephen Soulière, President, OLMC

Notices

Attention:

Whoever has rock in locker number 10 we need to know whose rock this is?? There is no name on our locker list. If we do not find whose locker this is the contents may be auctioned off.

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Club members who have not paid their memberships for 2008 will not receive their newsletter and will not be able to use the workshop facilities. This includes the club-sponsored field trips .You need a membership card to get into all active quarries.

If you have any questions call Jo Stinson
At (613) 747-1598 or jo.stinson@rogers.com

Workshop

Tentatively, the next workshop committee meeting will be on May 3th, 2008 at 12:00 pm.
To be confirmed...

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The workshop is open Wednesdays and Saturdays. For hours call: **613-237-7625**

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Sell your stuff!!

Any club member that would like to sell items in the Club display case can bring them in to the workshop. The club takes 20% of sales.

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Articles for sale

Books by John Udd

Both of his self-published books "The Mines of Ottawa" (\$30 plus \$10 packaging and shipping) and "A Guide to the Mineral Deposits of Southeastern Ontario and Southwestern Quebec" (\$80 plus \$20 packaging and shipping) are available from CJ Multi-Media, 89 Ridgefield Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K2H 6T1. Purchasers can save the handling and shipping costs if they pick up the books at the above address (by appointment only) 613-820-2262. Supplies of "The Mines of Ottawa" are running out with a few copies left. The book will not be re-printed.

In the works is his latest book "A Century of Service: The Hundred-Year History of The Canadian Mines Branch/Bureau of Mines/CANMET".

If you are interested in purchasing one of his books you can contact him at johnudd@yahoo.ca or 613-820-2262.

Sterling Silver & Gold Filled Wire

SAVINGS ON WIRE PURCHASES

One of our members, Jenny McBride, has most wire for sale at an unbeatable price. Sterling Silver is \$34./oz and Gold Filled is \$52./oz. Visa, Master Card and American Express accepted. You can reach Jenny at 613-253-7432 or by e-mail at JenPref@aol.com

Sterling Silver

Various gauges of sterling silver wire and sheet silver are available at very reasonable prices. If interested, contact: Sandra Clark Or Eileen Marriner at: 613- 692-1830.

Saw

Highland Park 10" diamond saw with stand 300\$ or best offer (819) 827-4415.

Jade

Polar Jade from B.C is available at the club. Sign-up now before it is all gone. The sign-up sheet is posted at the club.

Courses

Wire Wrapping courses

Instructor: Jo Stinson

Jo teaches a wire wrapping course at her home in the east end of the city. The 12 hour course is split over 3 consecutive Saturdays and is limited to 4 students. Jo supplies all the material and tools. COST: \$90 for club members (paid up members! Ed.). \$180 for non club members. Deposit required. Call Jo at 613 -747-1598 for course calendar

Silver Art Clay Classes

Certified Instructor: Susan Wiggins

613-269-2258; wigginstreasures@ripnet.com
Gift certificates are available.

Cabbing courses

The course is 12 hours total (2 six hour sessions), the cost is 50\$. If you have questions or would like to be on the list, call 819-459-1482 or fireheron@yahoo.ca
Or there is a sign-up sheet at the club

Wire Wrapping Lessons

2008 Class Schedule

Each 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month
Wire wrapping classes are \$50, which includes sterling silver wire, a cabochon and the use of my tools, subsequent classes are \$10 each
Classes are offered on a continuous uptake cycle, beginners are always welcome, there is no set teaching schedule, and we discuss what we would like to create at each class.

Where: Britannia United Church

In the Nursery 985 Pincrest Avenue

(North of the Queensway) Private Lessons:

Initial Private lesson 1 to 1

\$60 each (includes use of tools, SS wire, pattern and a cabochon)

Initial Private lesson 2-3

\$30 each (includes use of tools, SS wire, pattern and a cabochon)

Please contact us Jenny & Ken McBride at

jenpref@xplornet.com www.thewirelady.com

or by phone at 613-253-7432 to arrange for lessons.

The 2008 Field Trip Schedule

Good Day, from the mountain!

As is usually the case with this, if a good plan is set then finances, weather, injury and reality tend to push it around some during the year. Also note that I am based out of Quebec and if there is a desire for day tripping in either Ontario or Quebec and the weather is fair send me an email maybe we can do something. Just bear in mind that I do not drive, but I always pay my gas way!

Now onto the Schedule:

General Explorations regions:

These are areas that are under investigation at any time opportunity presents: Central Quebec, Northern Quebec to Eastern Northern Ontario, Thunderbay, Southern Quebec, Chicoutimi, Eastern Quebec and Labrador.

Late April:

- Temeskaming South a production run and exploration into the diversified and prolific Metamorphic front of the Grenville Craton. Should find, Garnets, Kyanite, both, a variety of mica and quartz Schists. Aka adventurine, large Mica crystals banded iron and some very pretty garden rocks

May:

- Annual Return to Quadville: Weekend trip (exact date to be determined).
- Annual Return to Mont St. Hilar: Weekend day trip usually Victoria Day weekend (exact date has not been provided yet by them).

June:

- June 5 through to the 10th or 11th and may be extended if possible. First week: First big spring trip will be the south shore of the St-Lawrence, possibly through part of the Gaspé into New Brunswick, onto Nova Scotia Cape Breton and then Bay of Fundy then home.

July:

- Bonnechere Caves Week End Show I: Saturday, July 19th & 20th. We will be working the booth but if your willing to wait for my break....

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More 2008 Field Trip Schedule

July:

I can show you some of the less know facts about the caves (bring hard hats) Fossils are plentiful and nearby sites have other interesting things including the famous Beryl pit is just 45 minutes away!

- Canada Day Week end; Central Quebec Exploration: from June 26, till July 25, budget permitting.

August:

- Civic Holiday Week End:

From July 31st, Aug 1st to Aug 4 or 5th. This is traditional the window of opportunity to go to the far eastern Quebec or Labrador. If there is no interest in this then perhaps a swing about in the opposite direction, that being to the west to Sault St. Marie Area Eastern Lake Superior.

- Bonnechere Caves Week End Show II:

Saturday, Aug. 16th & 17th. We will be working the booth but if your willing to wait for my break I can show you some of the less know facts about the caves (bring hard hats) Fossils are plentiful and nearby sites have other interesting things including the famous Beryl pit is just 45 minutes away!

September:

- Labor Day Week End:

From August 28th, 29th through to Sept 2nd, 3rd. The long awaited Return to Thunder bay! This trip is always prolific but it is also long distance. So be prepared for both!

Well now that we have a plan let us see how much we can actually do! Things will become clearer as time approaches so stay in touch!

Opportunity for one day to two day trips and for three day to four single day trips (to be determined)

Most of these trips will involve significant drive times of a day or two.

Sincerely,
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Club Field Guide
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Words from the Editors

Due to the rising costs of getting this newsletter out to our members; starting in September we will be charging for ad space. If you are running course information or having a business; we will be charging 25.00\$ per year (10 newsletters) for 15 lines of ad space . You must be a member to advertise in the newsletter. This fee is on top of your regular membership fee. The newsletter costs are about 3.00\$ per member X 230 newsletters per month X 10 issues per year. These costs are considerable. The more people switch over to the email version the better.

Do you have something that you would like to say, an idea or a story you would like to share?
 Would you like to advertise your wares? Contact olmc.editor@yahoo.com or Stephen 819-459-1482

*We have had a lot of trouble sending out electronic versions of the newsletter,
 If you know someone not receiving it please let us know. Stephen: olmc.editor@yahoo.com*

Application for 2008 Membership

Single Membership \$15.00 _____ - Family Membership \$ 20.00 _____

Advertising \$ 25.00 _____ (additional fee for ads in The Cutting Edge)

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please specify how you would like to receive the newsletter:

By email: _____ By post mail.

Please mail your membership and fees to: **Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club**
P. O. Box 112, Merrickville, ON, CANADA K0G 1N0

Words From The Rock File

Don't forget about the "Gargantuan Oh My Stars That's a Beautiful" rock auction coming at the June 12 meeting. Lots of slabs, mineral specimens, equipment (list to follow in the next newsletter). The workshop will be slowing down this summer after the June meeting. It is best to call the shop before heading down just in case it is closed. Keep trying as no one can stay away to long or we all go a little crazy if we can't polish our rocks!

Rock of the month

MAY BIRTHSTONE - EMERALD

EMERALD, the green variety of beryl

VARIETY OF: Beryl, $\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}$.

◆ USES: Gemstone. ◆ BIREFRINGENCE: 0.004 - 0.008

COLOR: various shades of green. ◆ INDEX OF REFRACTION: 1.57 - 1.60

◆ HARDNESS: 7.5 - 8

CLEAVAGE: one direction, poor.

◆ CRYSTAL SYSTEM: hexagonal

◆ Pleochroic: weak

Emerald is the green variety of the mineral beryl. Other gemstone color varieties that belong to beryl include aquamarine, morganite, and heliodor. Other colors of beryl are simply referred to by their color, such as red beryl.

The wonderful green color of emerald is unparalleled in the gem kingdom. Emerald's precious green color is caused by small amounts of chromium and enhanced by traces of iron. Unlike other beryls, emeralds often contain inclusions and other flaws. These flaws are not looked on as negative aspects for emerald like they would be for other gemstones. Indeed, these flaws are considered part of the character of the stone and are used to assure the purchaser of a natural stone.

From the site:

<http://www.galleries.com/minerals/silicate/class.htm>

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. You can view the new videos:
("The OLMC Show and Sale" and "A Cabochon Making Demo").
On the OLMC Website At:

<http://olmc.ca/show.htm>
<http://olmc.ca/programs.htm>

Coming Events

The next board meeting will be on
May 15th, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

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Do you have old Newsletters??

If anyone has any newsletters or executive minutes prior to 2000; we would appreciate a copy to put in the club archives.

Contact Stephen Souliere at 819-459-1482 or pres@olmc.ca or bring a copy into the workshop (217 Bell St. North).

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We are looking for speakers for the New Year!!!!
Share your knowledge ~ Share your passion.....
Everything is of interest: lapidary art, jewellery, fossils, meteorites, minerals, and rocks or anything else that is part of our fascinating hobby.

Contact Kerry Day at (613) 228-8599 or
kaygeedee@travel-net.com

Savings for members

The Sassy Bead Co.: 20% discount to all members presenting a valid membership card, and a 25% discount to all members with a valid business license and membership card.

Businesses

Mineral Photography By Michael Bainbridge
(613) 266-2324 www.theoccurrence.ca

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Canada Beading Supply
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