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NEWSLETTER

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The February Meeting will be held on Friday the 7th of February at 7.30 p.m. in the LZG14 lecture theatre on the ground floor of Building LZ in the Science campus of the University of Western Sydney on the corner of Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive in North Parramatta.

The program at the February Meeting will include talks to be given by Dieter Mylius and Noel Kennon on :-

‘Some British Mines & Minerals. Part I’

Kids with Cancer Mineral Sale

At the February Meeting there will also be a sale of a large number of specimens donated for the **Kids with Cancer** charity. The sale will consist of a wide variety of about 130 minerals with prices from \$5 to \$150, (with most in the lower part of that range). Sale will be by cash with a commencing time of 7.00 pm. Sale lists will have been distributed and will also be available at the Meeting.

The Meeting program of announcements and then the lectures will commence at 7.30 p.m. but sale transactions could continue with buyers asked to conduct this as quietly as possible.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month throughout the year except before the long weekends of June and October when it will be held on the second Friday. Some of the following programs and speakers are still to be confirmed and subject to circumstances some changes may have to be made in due course.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- March 7th: Lecture by George Stacey on **‘My Recollections of Mt Isa – The Mine in the Spinifex’**.
- April 4th: Member’s display of Skarn Minerals with a lecture by David Foster on : - **‘Skarn Type Mineral Deposits’**.
- May 2nd: **Member’s Mini-Auction**
- June 13th: (Second Friday of this month). Lectures by Peter Williams on : - **‘Polymorphs. A Mineral Enigma’** and by Noel Kennon on :- **‘Ultra-Small Minerals and How We Can See Them’**
- July 4th: Talks by Gary Sutherland and John Rankin on : - **Some British Mines & Minerals: Part II.**
- August 1st: Society A.G.M. and Betty Mayne Memorial Lecture given by Lin Sutherland on : - **‘Indian Zeolites’**.
- September 5th: Lecture by Rob Barnes on : - **‘Mineral Deposits in NSW’**. To be confirmed.
- October 10th, (Second Friday) : Lecture by Graham Ogle on : - **‘Långban, Sweden – Rarity and Fluorescence’**.
- November 7th: Lecture by Brian England on : - **‘Kulnura Zeolites’**.
- December 5th: **Christmas Social.**

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The GEORGE SMITH BOOK REPRINT

The reprint of the 1926 book ‘**A Contribution To The Mineralogy Of New South Wales**’ by **George Smith** will be available for sale at the February Meeting for \$40. Copies can be posted to buyers for the sale price plus \$15 for regular postage. Buyers sending in orders by post should allow up to ten days for handling, packaging etc.

As advised in the December Newsletter, the George Smith book is an important historical reference and surely an important collectable. The book was largely based on observations and knowledge the author gained while serving as Inspector of Mines in NSW and manager of the Consols Mine at Broken Hill. The original has been long out of print and the reproduction includes the original text and plates, incorporates a large number of recently-taken photographs of George Smith specimens in the Australian Museum collection and provides a short biography of his life taken from an address given by his grandson Howard Smith to the Mineralogical Annual Seminar then being held in Sydney in 1991.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Illawarra Lapidary Club Rock and Mineral Fair

Sunday 8.30 am to 2.00 pm on the 24th February 2013.

In the Stuart Park, alongside Hanley Drive, in North Wollongong

Enquiries: David or Diana Hindmarsh on (02) 4234 1468

“Members of the Illawarra Lapidary Club will be selling minerals, fossils, jewellery, books and lapidary equipment. Rock Scramble” around 12 noon where children and young people can “bag” a specimen”

BACK FROM TUCSON MINERAL SALE

The Back from Tucson sale will be held over Saturday & Sunday, the 1st and 2nd of March at 52 Macpherson Road, Londonderry. From 9:30am until 5pm.

Presented by : - Crystal Habit, Quality Gem Rough Supplies and Quality Alpacca Supplies : -

Peter & Debbie Beckwith.... 0412 333 150

Glen Huntley.....0427 945 087

Christine & Arthur Roffey.....02 4572 5812

“We have scoured the earth and all its wonders to bring back a fine selection of mineral specimens, decorator pieces, faceting & capping rough, gemstones, beads. metaphysical needs and fine alpacca products”

Other shows by the above exhibitors through 2014 are to be held over the weekends of :-

14th & 15th June, at the Windsor Function Centre, Windsor.

23rd & 24th August at the Panthers Club, Penrith

22nd & 23rd November at the Windsor Function Centre, Windsor.

MINERAMA, The Northern NSW Annual Gem Show

At the Services Club, Glen Innes, over Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday the 9th of March 2014.

The Minerama is held annually over the second weekend of March at Glen Innes, NSW. The show is one of the largest in NSW and will be attended by a large number of dealers in gems, lapidary material, minerals, fossils and jewellery. Field and fossicking trips will also be arranged.

HOBART GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Over Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m and Sunday, from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on the 15th & 16th of March, in the Grandstand Hall, Hobart showground, Glenorchy. Admission \$5 (adults).

Displays of Gemstones, Minerals, fossils, lapidary work, crystals, jewellery and for sale.

For more information telephone 'Rose' on 03 6249 1408

The New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc. 22nd Annual Gem & Craft Show

Saturday March 16th in the Armidale Showground. 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

'See a spectacular array of Gems, Opals, Fossils, Rocks, Crystals, Jewellery, Gifts, Crafts, Beading, Lapidary Supplies & Equipment, Books, Leather/Wood Craft and much more.'

"For details contact the organisers on (02) 6778 5122; after hours e-mail nelfc@hotmail.com"

CANBERRA ROCK SWAP 2014

The **Canberra Rock Swop**, organized by the **Canberra Lapidary Club** is being held again this year as usual on the camping ground at Wagtail Way in the EPIC park alongside Northbourne Avenue in Canberra over Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th of April from 8.30 am to 5.00pm each day. Some of the attendees would probably start arriving and setting up on Friday the 4th when the camping area will be already open. Entrance is FREE for the public whereas campers and vendors are asked to register.

The Rock Swop is entirely a tail-gating swap n' sale event presenting a substantial opportunity for social interaction and is normally attended by several dozen vehicular groups and campers and many day visitors. There will be fossickers and dealers, sales of minerals, crystals, rough and cut gemstones, opals, fossils, jewellery, polished and fashioned ornaments, books and equipment.

Information on www.canberralapidary.org.au, e-mail canberralapidary@gmail.com or telephone 02 6281 3312.

Lismore Gemfest, Lismore, Northern NSW

Over Saturday 17th and Sunday the 18th of May 2014
At the Lismore Showgrounds. For information telephone 02 6688 8280

GEMBOREE 2014

Australia's **50th NATIONAL GEM, LAPIDARY, JEWELLERY AND MINERAL SHOW.**

GEMBOREE 2014 is to be held in Gatton, Queensland, over Easter, the 18th to 21st April 2014.
Presented by the Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations Inc. (AFLACA).

The Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show

August 16th and 17th 2014

Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales.

Refreshments available.

Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) Just west of Information Centre.

<http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm>

8 am to 4 pm Daily

Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1
