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NEWSLETTER

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The June Meeting will be held on Friday the 12th of June 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.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

The June Meeting will be held on the second Friday of this month after the long weekend

The program will include a lecture to be given by David Vince on : -

“The Emergence of Chinese Mineral Treasures

New vistas and opportunities for Chinese and Western Collectors.”

David Vince has lived in China for several years. He is an experienced mineralogist and was an active collector of Chinese minerals and fossils. David will outline the development of the mineral specimen market and sources in China from about 1960 - 70 to the present day.

Members are invited to bring to the meeting and display their favourite Chinese specimens.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

July 3rd : There will be a talk to be given by Geoff Parsons on :- ‘**A Visit to a Mineral Collection in Vienna**’. The talk will be followed by a lecture by Peter Williams on : - ‘**The Creative Power of Groundwater**’

August 7th: Society **A.G.M.** and the Betty Mayne and Edna Walker Memorial Lecture to be given by Noel Kennon on : - ‘**The History of Broken Hill**’.

September 4th: Lecture by David Colchester and John Chapman on : -
‘Mudgeeite. Establishing a New Mineral.’

In order to illustrate and display at the lecture members are invited to bring in any specimens they may have from the Mt Knowles site near Mudgee where examples of the new mineral have been found.

October 9th : **‘The Wonderful World of Micro-Minerals’**. Presented by the Micro-Group.
 (Second Friday)

November 6th : Talk by Dieter Mylius on the **Minerals of the Clara Mine** and a lecture by John Rankin on **‘Aspects of the Block 14 Mine’**.

December 4th : **Christmas Social**

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THE MAY MEETING

There were a very few announcements at the commencement of the Meeting before the Auction. Jim Sharpe advised members that **Peter Williams** was recovering very well from his coronary bypass operation in April having only spent a few days in hospital after the surgery and was now convalescing at his home.

Field Trips Officer and organiser, Ed Zbik, reminded members about the forthcoming **field trip** to the **Cow Flat quarry** near **Bathurst** at the end of May and that since it was a working site he would need all members entering the quarry to be SWMS (Safe Work Method Statement) compliant, and be currently Society financial. He would be sending out e-mails with details about the trip to those members who had registered with him. Other field trip locations to which he hoped to arrange visits in the near future included the Albion Park quarry near Shellharbour on the south coast.

The **Auction** was conducted by the Society Vice-President, John Chapman, in the absence of the President who was in Alaska. The auction of 93 specimens proceeded briskly with the customary ten-minute break at about 8.45 pm. Including the several trays of minerals sold by silent auction approximately \$2,600 of specimens were sold.

The 2015 LISMORE GEMFEST

The Annual Gemfest in Lismore was held again this year as by now well-established in mid-May over the weekend of the 16th and 17th. As before, one could not fail to be impressed by the large number of vendors and dealers not to mention the large number of visitors. The Gemfest is now in its 25th year and is clearly a large and popular event drawing in vendors, dealers, stall-holders and tailgaters from all over that part of the country and many from further afield.

On the Saturday evening of the Gemfest a number of Society members and friends of John Hoffman were pleased to accompany him to the Rous Hotel in Lismore to celebrate his 60th birthday and to enjoy a very pleasant evening. Thanks are due to John for his invitation to the party and also for his considerable efforts as one of the main organisers of the Gemfest.

POSITION VACANCY

Position Vacancy advertisement. **GEO Discoveries in West Gosford:**

Warehouse Employee Level 4 – Full Time

GEO Discoveries is an importer & wholesaler of minerals & fossils. We are looking for an experienced warehouse assistant in a hands-on role to control stock processing, including unpacking pallets, drums, etc; sorting and storing stock received; and pricing, processing and packing stock ready to sell. The position is at our warehouse in West Gosford. We need a person with a thorough understanding of Windows 7 operating system and the following computer packages: Microsoft Office including Excel, Word and Outlook; At least 5 years' experience in a warehouse environment; the ability to supervise and co-ordinate staff; Excellent communication skills; the ability to learn characteristics and qualities of geological specimens for grading purposes; Attention to detail and strong analytical skills; Driver's License for manual vehicle essential; Must not be colour blind; An understanding of mathematics, to calculate gross profit/mark-up/pricing of stock and foreign exchange rates; Must be reliable and have a good work ethic; Must be physically fit, as the position involves heavy lifting and repetitive tasks. Please email your details to accounts@geodiscoveries.com.

Kind regards

Lisa Gentle **GEO Discoveries**

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE WINDSOR GEM & MINERAL FAIR

Over Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m and Sunday 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m the 13th & 14th of June at the Windsor Function Centre on the corner of Dight & George Streets in Windsor.

SALES of jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, mineral specimens from all over the world, tools and equipment for lapidary and beading work, metaphysical and healing crystals. Displays and demonstrations of lapidary work by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club
Admission fee, Light refreshments available.

Inquiries to Peter Beckwith on 0412 333 150 or email at peterrare@optusnet.com.au

The 2015 Atherton Tableland Mineral & Lapidary Club GEM FEST

'Every year the Gem Fest is bigger and better and the 2015 will certainly be bigger.'

'Sunday 2nd August, 7.00am to 3.00pm - Alongside the Atherton Tablelands Mineral & Lapidary Club, Race Course Road, Tolga, on the scenic Atherton Tablelands, 1 1/4 hours drive from Cairns and 1 1/2 hours from Port Douglas. Tolga is well known for its monthly Tolga Farmers Market. The Tolga Market is on the same day and just 100m from the Gem Fest. Stallholder enquiries welcome.

For information contact Laurence Jones @ Rainforest Gems, - Aura & Laurence Jones, 26 Kennedy Highway, Tolga, QLD 4882 or PO Box 1084, Tolga. Telephone 07 4095 5223, e-mail Jones@internode.on.net Internet www.RainforestGems.com.au Find us on facebook'

BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB GEM SHOW

Over Saturday and Sunday the 15th & 16th of August 2015
In the Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW
(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) Just west of Information Centre.

Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales. Refreshments available.
8 am to 4 pm Daily Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1

CUMBERLAND GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Over Saturday and Sunday the 23rd and 24th of August
in the Roselea Community Centre, Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.

SALES of jewellery, gemstones, beads, opals, mineral specimens from all over the world, tools and equipment for lapidary and beading work, metaphysical and healing crystals.
Displays of mineral specimens, cut & polished stones, carvings & gemstones.

WHITE CLIFFS GEMFEST AND CAR BOOT SALE

26th & 27th September 2015

In the White Cliffs Community Hall from 9.00am to 5.00pm Saturday and Sunday

For further information contact Jane Stevenson on 0438 790 510, e-mail wema2015@hotmail.com

GEMKHANA 2015

The Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Competition of Lapidaries from all over NSW will be presented by the Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW Inc. at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds on the Windsor Road at Clarendon, directly opposite the RAAF base, turn-off on to Racecourse Road, approximately mid-way between Richmond and Windsor.

Over Saturday to Monday, the 3rd, 4th & 5th of October 2015 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday & Sunday, and from 9.00 am to 12 noon on Monday.

'Sales and Displays, Demonstrations, Jewellery, Gem Faceting, Gemstones, Gem Identification. Minerals, Gemstone Carving, Crystals, Fossils, Beads & Equipment. Local and interstate Gem, Jewellery and Mineral Dealers, Raffle, Children's Activities, Attractions for everyone of all ages, Refreshments, Plenty of parking.'

The 38th AUSTRALASIA JOINT MINERALOGICAL SEMINAR TASMANIA 2015

The Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia will be holding the 38th annual Mineralogical Seminar at Grindelwald, Tasmania this year between the 1st and 14th of November 2015 hosted by the Mineralogical Society of Tasmania Inc.

The theme for the Seminar is : - **What's new in Australian Mineralogy ?**

The Seminar lecture program will be held over Wednesday and Thursday the 4th and 5th of November at Grindelwald, a resort near to Launceston, and there is an extensive program of field trips to collecting sites, visits to museums, mines and events including the Zeehan and Launceston Gem & Mineral Shows being planned over the period from the 1st to the 14th of November.

There is a link for information on Seminar-priced accommodation at the **Grindelwald - Tamar Valley Resort** in the Society Website with other Launceston/Tamar Valley accommodation information readily available on the internet.

'This is the 4th Seminar to be held in Tasmania and will be dedicated to new minerals and discoveries in Australian Mineralogy. Some of the World's foremost Mineral Speakers and subjects will include :-

Paul Carr:

Dehne McLaughlin:

The Milton Lavers Collection

The Areyonga azurite mine

Alan Longbottom, Elliott, P., Putnisite
 Jolyon Ralph: Mindat update
 Steve Sorrell: What's new in old collections?
 Plus: Lin Sutherland, Frank Reith, Allan Pring, Joel Brugger, Stuart Mills, Erik Melchiorre, John Cornish and more.

In addition. View the Beaconsfield gold museum, the **Crocoite** display at the legendary Pioneers' Museum, Zeehan with associated field trips to world famous West Coast Mines.'

The Registration form for the **Seminar** is now available on the Tasmania Society website at : - <http://tasmanianlapidarymineral.weebly.com/joint-australian-mineralogical-societies-seminar-tasmania-2015.html> Registrations with full payment are required by 31st August 2015. Persons wishing to attend this year's National Seminar should fill out the Registration application form and forward it to Marnie Pope, Treasurer/Secretary MST, at the email address pope00@ozemail.com.au or mail it to P.O. Box 1111, Rosny Park, Tas., 7018.

For further details contact : -

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The 1st Annual SYDNEY CRYSTAL SHOW

Over Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December from 9.00am to 5.00pm each day

To be held in the Fraser Park Pavilion, 100 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

(Close to the Sydenham Train Station), Less than 10klm from the CBD!

"Two full days of incredible natural wonders from Australia's leading mineral, fossil & jewellery merchants. Join us for the best crystal show in town! Amazing natural wonders; Minerals, Crystals, Fossils, Jewellery, Gems, Lapidary Supplies & more, all in one place and just before Christmas. Lock in the dates & tell your mates! An oresome event for all ages !"
