



# OutCroppings October, 2021 [www.semmc.com](http://www.semmc.com)

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**Meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm  
(excluding July and August)**

**Meetings to be held at the Rockland Eagles Hall  
29 Park Street, Rockland, MA 02370**

**Next Meeting October 14, 2021**

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**A Message from Pesident Walter Schell**

# A Message from the EBoard

## Message from the Editor

WE WILL BE ONLY BE PRODUCING AN EMAIL EDITION OF THE SEMMC NEWSLETTER

Greetings! The Club had a nice summer, digging and collecting all sorts of "Good Stuff"! Much of which you can find on the pages ahead. We are bringing in new members all the time and they are joining in. October and November can be good collecting times, just remember hunters, will be in many wooded areas so be careful! Wear the appropriate clothing, stick to the trails whenever possible.

Larry

[SEMMC Facebook Page](#)

## Field Trip Agenda

**Field collecting trips are open to SEMMC members only, as our insurance policy covers members only. Please bring your SEMMC Membership card with you.**

All participants of field trips are required to contact trip leaders at least 48 hours in advance of trip date.

*Schedules may change. Please contact the host to confirm date, time and details.*

Some trips may be eliminated, added, or altered depending on weather and other circumstances.

However, please remember we do have a club claim in Fonda, NY and it is open year-round, weather permitting.

## Next Outing Scheduled

**As the collecting season proceeds please keep an eye out for up coming field trips. As always, we care about your safety first so with that being said; ENJOY!**

## The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "Code of Ethics"

◆ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

◆ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

- ◆ I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- ◆ I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- ◆ I will leave all gates as found.
- ◆ I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ◆ I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ◆ I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ◆ I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◆ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ◆ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◆ I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ◆ I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ◆ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- ◆ I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

### **SAFETY BULLETIN**



**Safety Tip** = All geological sites present hazards of varying degrees and further hazardous situations can develop during a visit. Falling rock is a particular hazard and it should not be assumed that any rock face in an active, inactive, abandoned or historic quarry, or forming a natural cliff, is safe. Vehicle movements present a major hazard at active quarries.



## PREVENT LYME DISEASE!

- WEAR REPELLENT
- CHECK FOR TICKS DAILY
- SHOWER SOON AFTER BEING OUTDOORS
- CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU GET A FEVER OR RASH



For more information:  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



#### How to remove a tick

1. If a tick is attached to you, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick at the surface of your skin.
2. Pull the tick straight up and out. Don't twist or jerk the tick—this can cause the mouth parts to break off and stay in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers if you can. If not, leave them alone and let your skin heal.
3. Clean the bite and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.



4. You may get a small bump or redness that goes away in 1-2 days, like a mosquito bite. This is not a sign that you have Lyme disease.

**Note:** Do not put hot matches, nail polish, or petroleum jelly on the tick to try to make it pull away from your skin.

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases  
Division of Vector Borne Diseases | Bacterial Diseases Branch



## Mineral of the Month



**Lepidolite**



**Specimens provided by Dan Ryan**

Lepidolite is a lilac-gray or rose-colored member of the mica group of minerals with chemical formula  $K_3Al_3(Si_3Al)_2O_{10}(OH)_2$ . It is the most abundant lithium-bearing mineral and is a secondary source of this metal. It is a phyllosilicate mineral and a member of the polyolithionite-trilithionite series. Billions of dollars worth of lithium-bearing rock has been discovered in Maine. More information about this discovery to be researched. Dan Ryan





[Lepidolite / Lithium](#)

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**When traveling around the country**  
**And you want a place to prospect,**  
**Go to**  
**[www.mindat.org](http://www.mindat.org)**

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We like minerals too!

## **Member's Corner**

**Welcome New Members!**

**Crystal Cave, Pennsylvania**

**Best of the Best!**  
**Got a good picture of your best Find?**



**J.P. Keating Quarry 2021**

**The “crews” that made the digs had a great time all summer. Everyone scored finds at all the sites. There is still time to get out and find that spot where you just know your “special stone” awaits.**





Hewitt's Quarry, Haddam, CT



**Tourmalines anyone!**

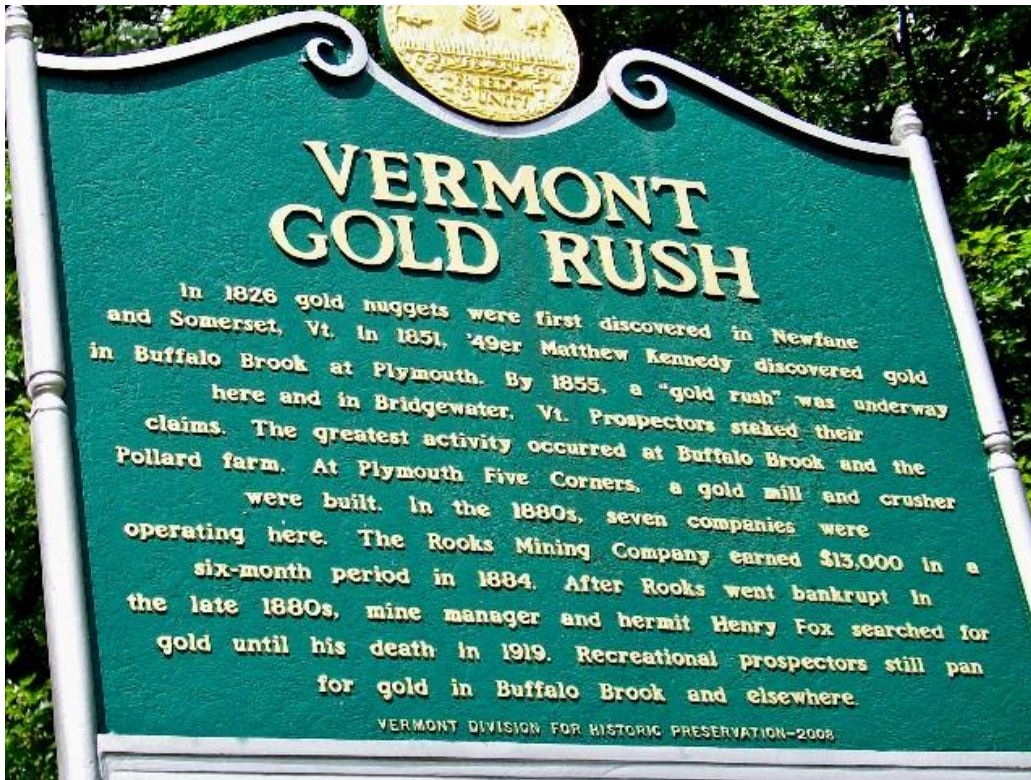




**New Rockhounds born every day!**



## GOLD PANNING!



Lord, Please allow us to harvest our Gold!







**You work hard, find your spot and maybe you score!**



**Any day you spend outdoors is a day well spent. Finding what you are looking for is a bonus!**



**Good to see Tom! Still getting out to make his fortune!**



**Mining Crews**



**The Best Finds of the Year!**

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Keep an eye out for others!



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## Other Member Digs

### [Deer Lake Fossil Pit, Deer Lake, PA](#)

Mary and I found this place by looking up sites in PA while staying at our son's home near Philadelphia. It was about an hour away. It also is located in the median of a highway and extends westward across the south bound lane where there is an actual pit. We stayed on the northbound side and had plenty of rock with fossils.





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## **Crystal Cave, Kutztown, PA**



Another little gem to be discovered about an hour and a half NW of Philadelphia. An easy hike although the walk to the cave is steep. There is a well maintained walkway, plenty of parking and of course the STORE! Enjoy if you make it there.

## **MT. Mica, Maine**

**Located in West Paris, Maine**

**Club Members, this is a great take!**





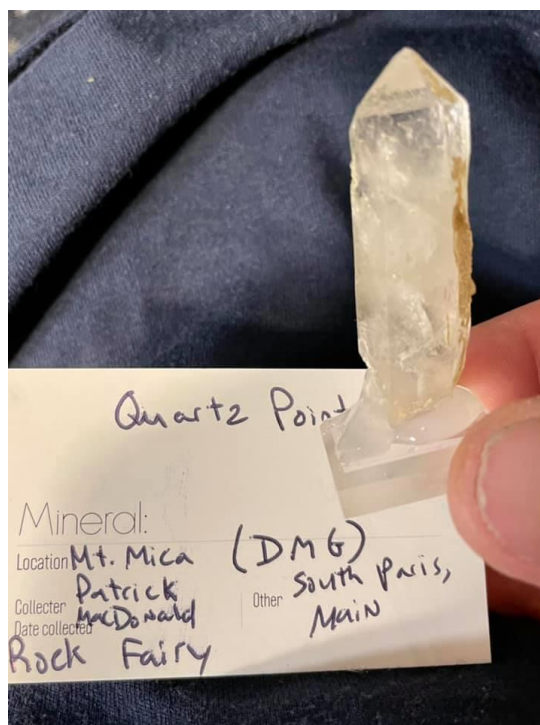
**Looking for some nice tourmalines?**

**Mt. Mica, Maine can be the place!**





**Patrick MacDonald and Renata Gilarova meet the Master, Frank Perham at Mt. Mica.**



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## Andrew Brodeur

It's with a heavy heart to have to say Andrew Brodeur has passed away. I met him a few years ago while trying to organize this club. I brought him to our plant fossil site in Attleboro, he found some nice stuff that day. Our friendship continued afterwards, exchanging info (mostly me asking questions and him answering), he taught me the importance of following the digging rules. You were a Boulder in the rock world! Good bless ♡  
Andrew was out of the Connecticut river valley club.

Dan

## **Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club**



**Memberships run from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31**

**\$20.00 per Family per year Dues**



**“Hey, someone gave me these “Rocks”**

**What are they?**



**Come Join Us and find out!**

## Membership Form

Your dues help keep us going. Dues pay for the newsletter, correspondence, refreshments, speakers, and a host of other expenses. Dues are as follows:

**-Individual Membership \$15.00 Yearly Dues with e-mail newsletter-**

**-Family Membership \* \$20.00 Yearly Dues with e-mail newsletter-**

**\* Family Membership must list all family members as of September 1 of the membership year.**

**Tear off and return with your payment made out to SEMMC, Inc.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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