

SE Massachusetts Mineral Club



February 2022



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

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

Next Meeting Feb. 10, 2022

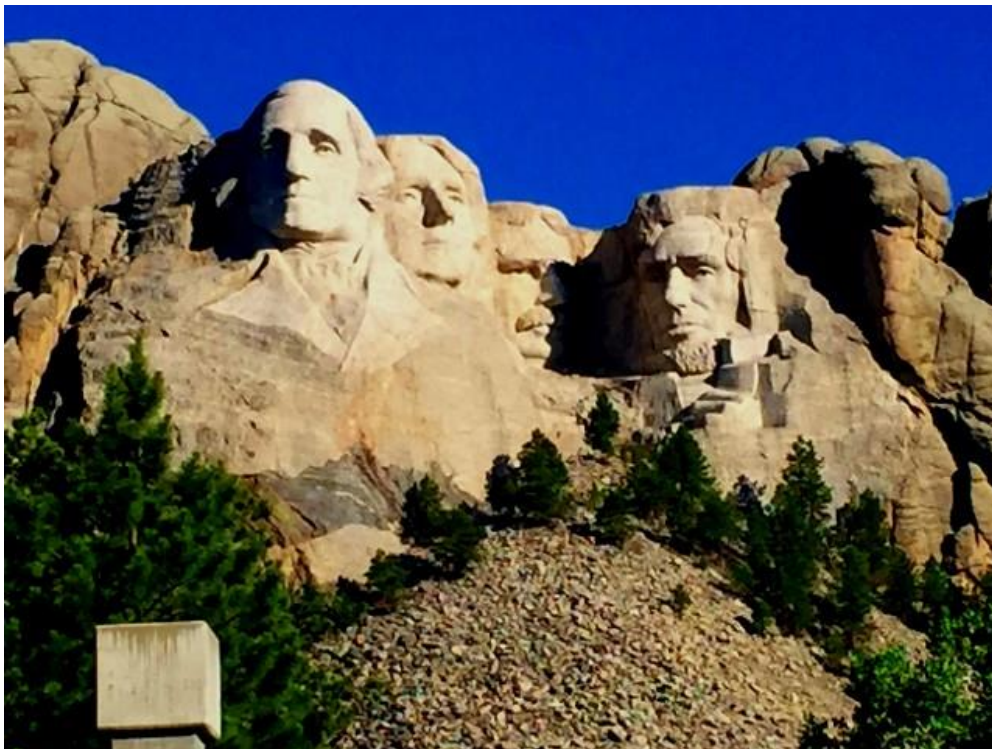
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A Message from President Walter Schell

As you all know this pandemic is still rearing it's ugly presents among us and doesn't seem to be slowing down. Disappointedly I postponed the January meeting. My concern is everyone's health but I promise we will get back together as soon as safely possible.

We have also had to postpone the meeting by zoom as many of us are dealing with family health issues this time.

I ask all to take this time to sent in any suggestions for speakers, trips or topics you would like to do , and we, hopefully will be having an E-Board Meeting to discuss Club business.

I thank all of you for sticking with us thru this transition back to the fun club we enjoyed in the past.

For now I'm digging in my cellar thru rocks in a box!!

Amazingly I found a bunch.

Stay tuned to the Facebook Page and the website to see if we will be having a February Meeting. I can not make that date and the COVID situation still raging. We may try to ZOOM, but we will try to have a meeting. Stay tuned, there has to be an end sometime. Stay well!

Walter

A Message from the Editor

Greetings!

Stupid is as stupid does!

Many apologies for last months wrong mailing. Sometimes the best laid plans..... Anyhow hopefully we can meet this month. The collecting months will soon be upon us. We will soon start the process of lining up digging trips, to our favorite spots and hopefully some new ones. Mary and I will be in the Southwest around the Arizona area looking for all sorts of good stuff, the first two weeks of February, so we won't be attending a live meeting.

Larry

[SEMMC Facebook Page](#)

Keep in touch with our Facebook Page to get the sudden additions to the digging schedule!

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.

The Club Rules for our claim can be found on the website.

Mineral of the Month

[Labradorite](#)



Labradorite is a plagioclase feldspar found mainly in Canada and Finland. Different varieties exist world wide but apparently not wide spread. Mindat.org lists areas where this rock may be found and one is the [Oregon Sunstone Mine](#). Long coveted because of the iridescent optical effect the occurs just “below” the surface of the rock when cut properly. This is known as Schiller Luster or Labradorescence. Labradorite comes in many colors, depending on the location where it is found.

[Spectrolite](#)



Spectrolite is a type of labradorite that is only found in a specific part of Finland. It is known for it's blue and purple qualities.

[Citrine Circle](#)

[Moon Stone](#)



Moon Stone is another member of the plagioclase feldspar family. It too schimmers with schiller luster. It was often used in the making of jewelry in the Roman Empire.

When traveling around the country
And you want a place to prospect,

Go to

www.mindat.org

Member's Corner

Welcome New Members!



Don't make us come looking for you.....

Come and Join us!

Hello to all the new members of OUR CLUB! Make sure you attend the monthly meetings. There are stories to be told, information to be gathered, raffles to be won, guest speakers, What we dig, Where we dig and How we dig are all discussed with our senior members. Be there!

Shirts are in!



So your choices are...

SMALL - pink with black ink OR orange with black ink

MEDIUM - pink/black OR blue/white;

LARGE - pink/black OR blue/black

X LARGE - pink/black OR blue/white

XX LARGE - blue/white



Meetings last about 2 hours and the time flies by.

See You **February 10, 2022**

New Club E-Mail Address

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[SEMMC FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club



Memberships run from August 1st to July 31

\$20.00 per Family per year Dues

And for that money, you are a fully insured Club Member, access to a wealth of mineral knowledge, Club digs, are held at some of the best quarries in New England, 10 scheduled Meetings per Year, September to June where knowledge and information are exchanged freely. New members learn the What, Where, How and When. Come to the next meeting and see.

“Hey, someone gave me this “Rock”

What is it?



Come Join Us and find out!

Scouting for new spots

We are always looking for new areas to collect from. If you are sitting at home with nothing to do, log on and find out about the history of mining in your area. Many old and abandon quarries and mines still

exist throughout our region. Also there are many “ancient” sites that hold evidence of the indigenous peoples that were living here and quite possibly Viking Settlements that were here before Columbus in 1492. Take a look and see what you can find. Send me any info you have and I will publish it so all Club Members will know.

Larry

[America’s Stonehenge](#)

Happy Groundhog Day!

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.

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Name(s) _____

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City _____ State _____

Zip code _____

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