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*If anyone would like to submit an article or anything for future publication let me know



40 pound pumpkin

Upcoming Meeting Details

Executive Board Meetings WILL BE THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH . The October executive board meeting is:

Tuesday October 30th at 7pm

This year executive meetings will be held at Lou Fazzinas' rock shop (Apple Valley Minerals)
7 Homestead Avenue
Smith field, RI 02917

*Homestead is off Farnum Pike.

The General meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th starting at 7pm at CCRI Warwick room 1134.

Don't forget the rock and mineral show this month October 27th and 28th CCRI Warwick Campus.. volunteers needed Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.



Harvest Moon

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Rhode Island

Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

October 27th & 28th, 2018

CCRI Knight Campus
400 East Ave. Warwick, RI
Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm





- Mineral & Fossil Dealers
- Rare Crystals
- Gemstones
- Fine Jewelry
- UV Fluorescent Display
- Educational Exhibits
- Silent Auction
- Kids Activities
- Door Prizes & Grand Prize

Adults: \$7
Seniors: \$5 (over 65)
Kids: Free (10 & under)
Military & Scouts
(in uniform): Free

*\$1 off
with this flyer
Limit one per
Adult*

Quartz var. Amethyst - Hopkinton, RI
Collection of Irv Brown. Photo: @bendecamp

*47th Annual RI Gem Show
In Memory of Bob Spruile
1950 - 2018*

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From Tony and Rachel Cesana

Rachel and I run an open house on Friday evenings to talk all things club related. If members have specimens that they need ID help we have a good scope. We will do tumble polish classes and wire wrap learning also field trimming classes are available.

Please contact us by Thursday of that week. This is available every Friday.

Phone number 401-766-9076

email trcesana@gmail.com

A note from the field trip coordinator Rachel Cesana

If anyone knows of any places we can go for a field trip please let her know. She wants to line up some places for the upcoming year. Please relay all pertinent information to her such as place names, contacts(property owners and/ or persons in charge), phone numbers or other

means of contact. Rachel's phone number is (401) 766-9076. Email trcesana@gmail.com

***** Field Trips*********FIELD TRIP TO GILLMAN'S BEAUREGARD MINE, ALSTEAD ,NH**

DATE: OCT 6TH MEET AT GILSUM POST OFFICE AT 9 AM

TRIP LEADER: RACHEL CESANA 401-766-9076 TO SIGN UP.//.....call 401-787-3129 DAY OF TRIP ONLY

TYPE OF LOCATION: PEGMATITE TAILINGS AND SOME NEW DIGGINGS WHAT CAN BE FOUND: beryl, rose quartz, mica, triphylite and other pegmatite minerals FOR FULL LIST GO TO mindat.org enter beauregard mine

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: CALL TO SIGN UP BY OCT 5TH, COST ..CLUB IS PAYING FEE FOR THIS TRIP . NO ONE UNDER 16 FOR THIS TRIP. 16 YEAR OLDS TO 21 YEARS OLD WILL NEED PARENTAL SIGNATURE AND EVERYONE WILL NEED TO SIGN RELEASE FORM. CLUB MEMBERS ONLY ALLOWED.

QUARRY RULES APPLY HERE: NEED HARD TOE BOOTS, HARDHAT, SAFETY GLASSES, FLUORESCENT VEST. SUGGESTED: LONG PANTS, GLOVES, BUG SPRAY, SUN BLOCK, WATER.

MINE ROAD TO GET IN. LOW VEHICLES MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING THROUGH BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO CAR POOL THEM IN

THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING AND MOST HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE RIGHT THROUGH TO THE DIGGINGS AS ROADS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

DIRECTIONS:FROM Providence Rhode Island

Get on I-95 N from Providence to 146 North

Follow RI-146 N to MA

Continue to Worcester. Take the I-290 E exit from MA-146 N

Take I-190 N stay on til it turns to MA-2 W . Take exit 24B from MA-2 (RT 140 North

Follow MA-140 N turns into Hwy 12 N in NH. in Keene take left following RTs 12/10/ to NH-10 N to Main St in Gilsum meet at post office

*******SAD NEWS TO REPORT RIMH CLUB MEMBER *******

Sad news to pass along to the membership Don Mello's wife Jean passed away suddenly. The showing is this coming Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home in Warren RI details are online

<https://memorials.wjsmithfh.com/jean-mello/3618931/obituary.php>.

I know I speak for everyone when I say our deepest condolences go out to Don and his family .

Geology and Mineral Books for sale :

I am a retired geologist with a large collection of older and newer geology, mineral and fossil books including many books on mineral localities throughout New England and elsewhere. Authors include Dana, Sinkankas , Kunz and many others. I ALSO BUY BOOKS, MOSTLY FROM THE 19TH CENTURY. I live near Westerly; please give me a call at 1-860-599-1243 if you are interested. Thanks Nick McDonald

Mineral of the Month .

In this continuing series, I am providing information for those members who are new to the field of mineral collecting and need to know what you are looking for when you go out on field trips or just on your own. Some common minerals you may see but, might not know what they are. This month, I will be looking into the mineral ; Graftonite

According to Wikipedia and Minedat.org

“**Graftonite** is an [iron\(II\)](#), [manganese](#), [calcium phosphate mineral](#) with formula: $(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mn}, \text{Ca})_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$. It forms lamellar to granular translucent brown to red-brown to pink [monoclinic](#) prismatic crystals. It has a vitreous luster with a [Mohs hardness](#) of 5 and a [specific gravity](#) of 3.67 to 3.7.”

“It was first described from its [type locality](#) of Melvin Mountain in the town of [Grafton](#), in [Grafton County, New Hampshire](#).” This mineral can be found at the Beaugard mine in New Hampshire

“Color:”

“Usually reddish brown, occasionally light brown, rarely salmon–pink; nearly colorless in transmitted light.”

“Lustre:”

Sub–Vitreous, Resinous, Greasy”

“Hardness:”

“5”

“Specific Gravity:”

“3.67 – 3.79”

“Crystal System:”

“Monoclinic”

Photos by and [See also minedat.org](#)



