

DOWN IN THE DUMPS

WITH THE

Bristol Gem & Mineral Club

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February 2022

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 7pm

Beals Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

Subject to any updated COVID rules. Check the website (see header and click on "read more") for any changes.

PROGRAM: See it LIVE ! Harold Moritz will give us a blow-by-blow description of the Battle of the Permian Period Pegmatites: Gillette Quarry vs Hewitt Quarry!

Long regarded as the queen of Connecticut pegmatites, the Gillette Quarry's crown is sought by a new upstart named the Hewitt Quarry. See what makes these two complex intrusives similar and be awed by their litany of amazing crystallized mineralization and dazzling gemstones. Which one will claim Haddam's mineral bragging rights? Find out in this photo-packed presentation!



LAPIDARY CENTER: Sign-up at www.bristolgem.org. See Lapidary Center, then New Procedure. Sign up 2 nights before the date you will be going. If you need to cancel you should go back to the website and change to the option that you will not be going. You should still check the calendar the morning of the day you will be going to make sure that the supervisor has not had to cancel. If that happens the date will no longer be green but tan. Contact Mike Z. with questions 860-997-3350 mzagielski@comcast.net Hours are 10am – 2pm.

Reminder – 2022 Dues are Due!

Your membership in the club goes by the calendar year, not the anniversary of when you joined...so if you've been a member for a while, your **dues for 2022** are now due. If you joined in September 2021 or later, you're covered until December 2022.

To pay in person, see Mack at the next meeting. To pay by mail, send your request to PO Box 1764, Bristol CT 06011-1764. Dues are \$15 for single; \$20 for family. Make checks **PAYABLE TO BRISTOL GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SASE) to receive your membership card. Also include any changes to your contact information.

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CLUB STUFF: Check out our Club merchandise (T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, coffee mugs, water bottles, etc.), at the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club Private Store <http://www.cafepress.com/rotemgear/1794053>

Condolences

Our heart-felt sympathies go out to Carolyn and Dan Record who recently lost their grandson, eleven year old Nathan. As Immediate Past President, Dan is a member of our club's Board of Directors and Carolyn has been our Club Greeter for over 5 years. The club sent flowers, but if you would like to contribute to the Yale Heart Camp fund, contributions may be made to the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital's CT Heart Camp Fund at (*click here*): <https://bit.ly/3JEfDli> or mailed to Attn: Amanda Catucci, Yale Pediatric Cardiology, PO Box 208064, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06520.

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CLUB LIBRARY: Borrow books, maps, and DVDs from the more than 300 items in our Club's library. We have books for kids, graduate geologists, and the rest of us rockhounds. Go to the Club website www.bristolgem.org and click the Library link. There are instructions and a full listing of the items you can borrow. Contact the librarian (Judy) at ctgmclub@gmail.com at least 3 days before the next meeting and your selection(s) will be available at the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE for the next few months: The collection of library items is being reorganized and reduced due to loss of some storage space at the Beals

Senior Center. At in-person meetings, a variety of those items being removed will be for sale, with the proceeds going towards new books.

Looking for some things to do on a bleak February day?

Nancy Najarian sent us this:

3 Important and interesting topics: SEE THESE THINGS!

1. New Dr. HARRY SHARBAUGH "Fossil Fishing" video!!!! See fantastic fish fossilization from far, far back in Jurassic time. Harry, a retired pathologist, shares his preparation and discovery techniques. If you like or love fossils, prepare to be amazed and have a couple of laughs along the way.**

<https://youtu.be/SnJNYIkVLZw>

2. This is the best 8 min. Tonga Volcano eruption analysis I've seen, with thanks to Jane W. for the reference.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoMRwyNhqJ4>

3. Wow....3 FREE WEBINAR programs of interest from Historic Deerfield. See below.

The Big Chill: Early Environmental Histories of Climate Change

FREE Three-part virtual lecture series begins Sunday, January 23

Series begins this Sunday!

Sunday, January 23, 2022 2 p.m.

"The Problem of Climate in Early Colonial History"

Presented by Sam White, Ohio State University

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 2 p.m.

"Tambora: The Eruption that Changed the World"

Presented by Gillen D'Arcy Wood, University of Illinois

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 2 p.m.

"Snow Cover and Winter Knowledge of the Little Ice Age"

Presented by Thomas M. Wickman, Trinity College

Author of *Snowshoe Country: An Environmental and Cultural History of Winter in the Early American Northeast*

Free, . This lecture series will be presented live via Zoom webinar. The link to the webinar will be sent to registrants prior to the event. Webinars will be recorded and available to registrants for viewing for two weeks after the live event.

TO REGISTER:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b8YtDmT5RJ29XaB8XiKCqA

OTHER TOPICS:

A. Do you know about the new Armored Mud Balls web site: <https://armoredmudballs.rocks>

B. If I reprint the Exploring Franklin Country book that was published last year, I am wondering what changes readers might suggest.

Is it too technical? The spiral binding is more expensive than a traditional “perfect” (glued) binding. Does anyone have a preference? Other comments or suggestions welcome.

C. I am actively promoting the proposed State Sedimentary Structure for the rare Jurassic Armored Mud Balls. I have many Franklin County towns on board as well as geo-science professionals. More support is needed. Please go to the ArmoredMudBalls.rocks web site and sign the petition plus see all the places our local armored mud balls are found (Greenfield, Gill, Turners Falls, and Deerfield). Please spread the word.

D. ** See my You Tube Channel (“Geology with Richard D. Little”)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCryoCxMOT-GezVmEEYpyduA>

More local geology videos, mostly in support of the Geo 101 class at Greenfield Comm. College, but lots of learning for all. You also get to see my Whippet “Handsome” as well as 2 inspirational tabby cats.

E. A final comment: I have a single woman looking for a room-sharer for the Iceland trip, June 25 – July 7th. Contact me for more information. Thanks.....

The end.

Richard D. Little

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OTHER REMINDERS

- Support our fellow Connecticut clubs – attend their shows! The Meriden Club has its annual show coming up the weekend of March 5th and 6th at Maloney High School in Meriden. Check [Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central Connecticut on Facebook](#) for details.
- Don't forget to visit www.bristolgem.org. Posted here are club meetings, link to the Lapidary Center site, Club library information, Club show info, etc.
- Club Display Cases. They can be used by Bristol members at our show and other Club-related events. Contact Mike Zagielski for more details.
- Facebook – find us at “Bristol Gem and Mineral Club”
- Fonda, NY Herkimer Diamond Claims – The club shares two private mining claims with the Meriden Club. They are open to use by Club members only. Details are usually published in the April *Down-In-the-Dumps*. Or contact Bob & Judy Schuster for details.

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Organized in 1972, the Bristol Gem and Mineral Club, Inc is a non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-profit 501(c)(3) group dedicated to the promotion, study, and encouragement of interest in rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary arts through lecture, discussions, and field trips. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in gems, minerals, and fossils. The Club meets monthly (usually) on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM, in the cafeteria at Beals Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT The public is welcome.

Annual Dues: \$15 single, \$20 family/household.

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