



THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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The June Meeting will be held on Friday the 3rd 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.

Symposium on 'The Prospect Intrusion. History, Geology & Member's Collecting Experiences.'

The Symposium will present several speakers including Peter Williams, Brian England, Ross Pogson, John Smedley and Arthur Roffey who will speak on aspects of the Prospect deposit including the Geology, Mineralogy, History and Collecting Experiences.

The Speakers at the Symposium will be referring to a number of Prospect minerals which they will bring in to display, as well as a large number of images, but any Society members who may have **Prospect minerals** in their collections are invited to bring in these to display also. Please make sure your specimens are securely labeled. At some stage in the program members will be invited if they wish to offer any information of their own to the Meeting about the Prospect deposit and their collecting specimens from there.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Society Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month through the rest of this year. Subject to circumstances some changes to the following schedule of program subjects and speakers may have to be made in due course.

July 1st: Talk by Professor Peter A. Williams on 'Gazing into the Mineralogical Crystal Ball. Where is it All Going ?' The talk will be followed by a lecture by John Rankin on 'Peeling back History'.

August 5th: A.G.M. and the Memorial Lecture to be given by Paul Carr.

September 2nd: There will be a lecture given by John Tottenham on 'A Prospector's Observations on Victorian Gold'.

October 7th: Lecture by Professor Ken McQueen on 'Cinnabar and Mercury Mining in Australia'.

November 4th : Lecture by Adam McKinnon on 'Establishing a New Mine at Mineral Hill'.

December 2nd : Christmas Social and 'Swap n' Sell'

2011 Society Membership Fees:

Society membership fees were due from January 1st 2011. There are still a few members who have not renewed their subscriptions for this year and the Society will be sending them reminders in due course.

Members may pay their subscriptions by Internet Banking if they wish. Funds should be paid to : -

Account name: Mineralogical Society of NSW Inc

BSB: 06 2016 Account number: 2802 3647

Please put your name(s) in the memo line.

In regard to members applying for **Personal Accident Insurance** for 2011 it should be understood that the insurance year runs from September 1st in the first year to August 31st the following year and a period of grace to pay insurance, and Society membership, up to March 31st within that period has been provided by the insurers. If any members paid subscriptions with insurance premiums which were not received before March 31st 2011 they will not be currently insured. Payments made after that date can be held until the commencement of the next insurance period from September 1st 2011 to August 31st 2012.

Personal Accident Insurance is only valid for members who are currently financial.

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WELCOME

Welcome to new members : - Timothy David Murphy of Yagoona,
Gene Jiang of Campsie
Dylan Hvasanov of Ryde
and Gordon W. Jackson of Melton West in Victoria

The MAY MEETING.

The program at the May General Meeting was taken up almost entirely with the scheduled **Mini-Auction**. Eighty specimens were sold in just under two hours with a little more time at the end of the main auction for members to examine and bid for the silent auction trays. The specimen of wulfenite donated by Peter Williams commanded the highest bid in the auction with the proceeds to be given to the Kids with Cancer charity. The eighty specimens sold for a total amount of a little over \$3,000.

Before the auction commenced there were a few announcements. Arthur Roffey described the recently-held **47th National Gemboree** in Bathurst and commended the Society and members who loaned specimens for and helped set up the display of minerals in the exhibition hall. The Gemboree was well-attended by many near and far local and interstate visitors enjoying generally bright weather in Bathurst over the Easter period.

Graham Ogle announced that the next meeting of the **Micro-Mount Group** would be held on the 4th of June next at Brian England's house in Maitland on the main theme of the Minerals of Kingsgate.

Penny Williamson drew attention at the Meeting to a new publication '**Minerals**' published in the U.S. by **SpiriferMinerals** the organ of the (U.S.) Geological Society. She had brought a copy of Issue #1, 2010 to the Meeting to display and has donated it to the Society Library. The publication is presented as a newspaper in A3 format but on very high-quality gloss paper with a large number of high-definition full-colour photographs. The newspaper can be viewed through the *SpiriferMinerals.org* website or ordered from them.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Canberra Lapidary Club's Winter Gemcraft and Mineral Show

will be held in the Conference Centre, Parkes Room at the EPIC (Exhibition Park) on Northbourne Avenue in Canberra from 10.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of June.

Entry: \$5 adults, \$8 family, \$2 children/concession. Free onsite parking.

"There will be around 20 dealers selling mineral specimens, rough and cut gemstones, jewellery, fossils, opals, crystals, beads, beading supplies, and lapidary equipment. Members of the Canberra Lapidary Club will have their collections on display, and will be demonstrating some of the techniques being taught at the club such as how to grind and polish rock into cabochons, and how to facet a stone into a sparkling gem. There will also be free fossicking and gold detecting sessions, as well as the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to be in the running for an amethyst and diamond ring, drawn on the Sunday."

Enquiries Contact: Norm Menadue Phone: (02) 6258 6631

The WINDSOR JEWELLERY, BEADING, GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, June 18th & 19th 2011

At the Windsor Function Centre on the corner of Dight & Macquarie Streets, Windsor.
Next door to Windsor Public School.

Saturday open from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. & Sunday from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Admission \$5, children \$1. Light refreshments.

Demonstrations including faceting gemstones, wire wrapping stones,
precious metal clay beading and hand made jewellery.

Displays from private collections including mineral specimens, cut & polished stones, carvings & gemstones.
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.

Proudly supported by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club
Inquiries to Peter Beckwith on 0412 333 150.

SALE of the DOUG BALL MINERAL COLLECTION

In Deepwater on the New England Highway between Glenn Innes and Tenterfield.
Saturday July 2nd 2011

The following notice has been provided by Steve Dobos of the Queensland Mineralogical Society.

“As you may know, Doug Ball (*Mr Tumbles*) lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Lesley Ball has decided to sell off the stock in the mineral section of their store at Deepwater, NSW, including specimen boxes, mineral stands, and other related sales and display supplies. In addition, Lesley will be selling off Doug's private mineral collection, on a specimen-by-specimen basis. These are all top-shelf specimens, Australian and International. Some of you may have seen parts of this collection, which were on display in their store in Brisbane some years ago. Doug's collection will go on sale in Lesley's shop, on the New England Highway, in the heart of Deepwater, commencing Saturday 2nd of July 2011. Sales will be strictly cash or credit card, but the price of some of the specimens may be negotiable.”

The Doug and Lesley Ball mineral specimen, lapidary supplies, craft, bead and prospecting equipment shop, ‘Mr Tumbles’, has been operating in Deepwater since about November 2009 after moving from Brisbane. The store is located in the Old Norco Co-Op Building, on the NE corner of the main intersection, New England Highway and Young Street, in the centre of Deepwater, diagonally opposite the Commercial Hotel/Motel.

Whilst the sale is scheduled for July 2nd enquiries could be made beforehand to Lesley Ball at the store,
postal address : - ‘Mr Tumbles’, 34 Young Street, Deepwater, N.S.W. 2371
telephone (02) 6734 5213, mobile 0417 077 842 or e-mail mr_tumbles@hotmail.com
Further information also from the Website : - <http://www.mrtumbles.com/>

BLAXLAND GEM & MINERAL CLUB GEM SHOW

Saturday & Sunday, August 20th and 21st 2011

Displays of lapidary work and gem, mineral and crystal sales.
Refreshments available.

Glenbrook Community Hall

Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW

(Next to Glenbrook Theatre) Just west of Information Centre.

<http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm>

8 am to 4 pm Daily

Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1

CUMBERLAND GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Over Saturday and Sunday the 27th and 28th of August 2011
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.

GEMKHANA 2011

The NSW State Gem Jewellery & Mineral Show

To be held at Cessnock over 1st - 3rd Oct 2011 in the
Cessnock Indoor Sports Centre, Mount View Road, Cessnock
Saturday and Sunday, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Monday 9.00 a.m. to Noon.

Featuring displays of gemstones stones, jewellery, carving, enameling, minerals & fossils.
Dealers. Tailgaters. Displays. Demonstrations. Field trips.

Inquiries to Marilyn and John Behrens Gemkhana Co-ordinators
Telephone (02) 9635 8218 or e-mail : mbehrens@optusnet.com.au

GEMBOREE 2012

AUSTRALIA'S 48TH NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Easter 2012 from the 6th to 9th of April 2012.

In the Bundaberg Showground, Burrum Street, Bundaberg, Queensland.
Hosted by the Bundaberg Gem & Mineral Society Inc on behalf of the
Queensland Gem Clubs Association and AFLACA.

Lapidary traders, tailgating stalls, entertainment, refreshments,
working demonstrations, displays, lectures, tours.

Everyone Welcome

Camping available on site. Booking enquiries to P.O.Box 5886 West Bundberg 4670
or e-mail bundygemboree@yahoo.com.au
