

# Voice of the Dinosaur

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Next Meeting: Tuesday January 8 at the Orientation Centre,  
Peterborough Zoo, 7:00 PM

## Annual General Meeting / Show and Tell

Due to an ill-timed snowstorm, the December meeting was cancelled. However, as a dairy farmer who grows alfalfa and wheat, and a skier who likes to hit the slopes, I like to see the heavy snow cover. Bring in those goodies that you found last season and show the club.



**Zircon, 3.5 cm crystal**  
**Silver Crater, Cardiff, Ontario**  
**Collected, June 1999**  
George Thompson Collection

# January is Election Month!

All positions on the Board of Directors are open for **YOU** to step in and take a role in running the Club.

Lets have a big turn out for the AGM and support those who put time and effort into keeping the Club going.

## Membership

Membership fees are now due. If you have not paid your membership fees for 2008 please do so as soon as possible.

This will be your Last Newsletter until your 2008 fees have been paid.

To those who have already sent payment, thank you.

We have a great line up of meeting topics for your enjoyment this year and I am sure the Collecting Trips will be plentiful and rewarding.

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### KAWARTHA ROCK AND FOSSIL CLUB Inc.

MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_ APPLICATION OR \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

**PLEASE RENEW NOW! Club memberships are due in September at the Annual General Meeting or as soon after as possible. Members who do not renew before the end of December are dropped from the membership list, will not be able to participate in KRFC or CCFMS field trips, other Club activities and will not receive the Club Newsletter.**

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**Please make all cheques and money orders payable to the KAWARTHA ROCK AND FOSSIL CLUB Inc.  
If paying by mail, send to: The KRFC Treasurer, 1211 Kenneth Avenue, Peterborough, ON K9J 5P8**

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## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2008

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| Meeting Date               | Special Activity  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> 2007   | Annual General Meeting & Elections. This is YOUR chance to take a role on the Board of Directors and give a little more to the Club.  |
| Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | Movie Night   |
| Mar 11 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | George Thompson will give us a presentation on the Pyroxene Group of minerals. George's presentations are always interesting and informative. Don't miss this one.  |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2007 | Kees Morsink will demonstrate and talk to us about the use of a variety of gemological instruments. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear first hand how to use this equipment. This will definitely be an interesting and informative meeting.  |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | GPS Night – Steve Clarke will at the meeting to give a presentation on the use of hand held GPS systems. This meeting will primarily focus on the basic operation of the units. Some practical applications will be demonstrated outside the meeting building. The real fun will come on the following Saturday or Sunday (TBA) when we will go into the field, with Steve's guidance to put our new found knowledge to the test.         |
| June 10 <sup>th</sup> 2007 | Mineral Site Searches on the Internet (TBA)   |
| July & Aug, 2008           | Summer Break – Go mineral and Fossil collecting!!   |
| Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | Mineral Cleaning - Bob Beckett & George Thompson will discuss different methods of cleaning those prize specimens. This session may be followed by a Saturday or Sunday hands on workshop.  |
| Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | Fluorescent Minerals –A brief Power Point presentation on the fluorescent minerals of Franklin & Sterling Hill, New Jersey will be given by Bob Beckett. We also want to have a spectacular display of fluorescent minerals at this meeting so please bring you black light and lots of fluorescent specimens.  |
| Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 2007  | TBA – This is <b>YOUR</b> chance to make a short presentation to the Club on a mineral or Fossil related topic of your choice. If we all did a 10 – 15 minute presentation we would have a really full and interesting meeting!<br><br>If you need a little help putting together a presentation contact any member of the Club's executive, we would be pleased to help where we can.<br><br>Looking forward to hearing from <b>YOU!</b> |
| Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> 2007   | End of year party and bragging session. Bring along your best finds of the year, newly acquired specimens or just a really neat specimen from your collection and tell us all a little about them.  |

## Coming Events

(from the CCFMS Website)

### Mar 1-2 2008

#### **🇨🇦 15th Annual Peterborough Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show.**

Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5.

The Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Ontario.

Admission: \$3.00 for adults, children 12 or under are free & must be accompanied by an adult.

Directions: From Highway 115 at Peterborough, take the Parkway to Lansdowne St., then East 4 blocks to Monaghan Rd., then North 1 block. Or travel West on Highway 7 (Lansdowne St.), into Peterborough, turn right at the 6th traffic light onto Monaghan Rd., then North 1 block.

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### Mar 29 – 30

#### **🇨🇦 36th Annual Brantford Lapidary & Mineral Society Show**

Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5.; Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver Street, Paris, ON.

Features: Dealers from Across Canada, Crystals/Minerals/Faceted Gems, Fossils, Fluorescent Minerals, Hands-on Educational Learning, Gold and Silver Wire Working, Bead Supplies and Demonstrations, Industrial Archeology Exhibits, Jewellery & Giftware, Equipment/Tools & Related Supplies, Silent Auction, Free Parking, Wheel Chair Accessible, Hot Lunch Available

Admission: Adults \$3, Children \$1

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### Oct 10 – 12

#### **🇺🇸 64th Annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewellery Show**

Fri 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-5; South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P, 12 Mile & Hayes, Warren, Michigan.

Features: Over 50 dealers; Exhibits from Museums and Universities; Silent Auction by Carnegie Museum; Lectures, School Trips, Demonstrations, Book Signing

Information: [show@michmin.org](mailto:show@michmin.org)

Website: <http://www.michmin.org>

### Oct 25 – 26

#### **🇨🇦 University of Waterloo Earth Sciences' Annual Gem and Mineral Show**

Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5. University of Waterloo Earth Science Museum, Waterloo, ON.

Features: This years theme is "International Year of Planet Earth". Carvings, minerals, gemstones, rocks, fossils, lapidary, jewellery, etc. As well there are Sunday afternoon lectures and activities for kids.

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