

# Voice of the Dinosaur

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 13 at the Orientation Centre,  
Peterborough Zoo, 7:00 PM

Show and Tell Night

Bring in your recent finds.



**Microcline**

**Glamour Lake Road, Gooderham, Ontario**

Collected by Bob Beckett and George Thompson

# MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2008

## Revision 1 – February 2008

Meeting Date	Special Activity
May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2007	Show and tell: Bring in your early season finds and tell us about your recent collecting trips.
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 Becket & 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 YOUR chance to make a short presentation to the Club on a mineral or Fossil related topic of your choice. 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. Looking forward to hearing from YOU!
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 about them.

### **Marmora, April 27, 2008:**

Several members of the club enjoyed a good day of collecting on the dumps of the old Marmoraton Mine on Sunday April 27. Members of the Kingston Club were also there. Acon has been busy moving their crusher to a new location so have not moved a lot of material since last fall. However, there was still plenty of great boulders available. Members found good specimens of garnet and epidote. I found one excellent garnet rock which promises to produce a few good specimens of black almandine/andradite garnet with crystals to 3 cm. I also helped Pete and Edie Migley take apart a calcite boulder with some good epidote crystals in it. For me, Marmora is the closest mineral collecting site and I always find something worth taking home.

### **The Air Scribe**

The finds from Marmora will give me a chance to try out my new air scribe to prepare specimens. An air scribe is a miniature jackhammer operated by air from a compressor. They come in a variety of sizes but the most popular size is a bit larger than a large pen. Air from the compressor vibrates a stylus, which chips away pieces of matrix. Originally, they were adapted for use in fossil preparation but now mineral collectors are discovering their use in specimen

preparation. Air scribes work best on soft matrix such as calcite. Harder matrix such as quartz can be worked but it is slow and needs a specially sharpened stylus. Tough matrix such as nepheline syenite is almost impossible. For more information, check [paleotools.com](http://paleotools.com)

## COLLECTING TRIPS

**All the early trip dates are currently tentative due to the weather. You MUST advise Fred Hall by phone (705) 742-6108 or by Email at [fred.hall001@sympatico.ca](mailto:fred.hall001@sympatico.ca) if you plan on attending the listed trips. Numbers on many trips are limited so unless you call you will end up not being able to attend the trip. For Trips to the Marmoraton Quarry all members wishing to attend MUST call Bob Beckett at (705) 748 0178 or Email at [rbeckett@cogeco.ca](mailto:rbeckett@cogeco.ca) no earlier than one week prior to the trip date. So call first, don't be disappointed!**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> CCFMS Trip to Nelson Aggregate Quarry (Beamsville Quarry) – Beamsville.**

Meet at the Quarry Gates at Yonge Street no later than 8:30am to sign in with CCFMS Field Trip Leader. You MUST have a current CCFMS Club membership card with you on this trip. Safety Boots, Safety Glasses, Hard Hats and Safety Vests are MANDATORY on this trip.

Collecting potential: Calcite, Celestite, Fluorite, Gypsum, Sphalerite, Galena, Pyrite, Marcasite, Quartz, Dolomite, Chalcopyrite. Some fossils can also be found, crinoids, corals, bryozoa, brachiopods & gastropods.

Note: This is part of a weekend trip arranged by the CCFMS see below (LaFarge Quarry – Dundas) for remainder of the weekend trip. You may attend one or both trips but must register with the Field Trip Leader each day. Detailed directions to the Quarry and accommodation information will be available at the Club meetings

**May 11<sup>th</sup> CCFMS Trip to LaFarge Quarry – Dundas**

Meet at the Quarry Gates at Moxley Road no later than 8:30am to sign in with CCFMS Field Trip Leader. You MUST have a current CCFMS Club membership card with you on this trip. Safety Boots, Safety Glasses, Hard Hats and Safety Vests are MANDATORY on this trip.

Collecting potential: Calcite, Celestite, Fluorite, Gypsum, Sphalerite, Galena, Pyrite, Marcasite, Quartz, Selenite, Strontianite, Dolomite, Chalcopyrite, Pyrrhotite, Aragonite, Melanterite. Some fossils can also be found, crinoids, corals, bryozoa, brachiopods, gastropods and occasionally trilobites.

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**May 18<sup>th</sup> Tait Farm Property, L'Amable.**

Meet at Peterborough Riverview Park & Zoo, Water Street, North Parking Lot.

Trip leaves at 8:00am sharp!

There is a small fee charged for this trip payable at the site.

Collecting potential: Tourmaline (Dravite), Phenakite, Quartz, Pyrite, Actinolite, Diopside

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Marmoraton Quarry, Marmora.**

Meet at Sear Lansdown Street Parking Lot in Peterborough at 8:00am or by 9:00am at the Quarry gates on County Road 14 just a few kilometers south of the main intersection with Hwy 7 in Marmora.

We enter the Quarry as a group at 9:00am. Latecomers will not be accommodated.

Collecting potential: Quartz, Pyrite, Actinolite, Barite, Chalcopyrite, Serpentine, Goethite, Almandine, Andradite, Epidote, Marcasite & a host of other good stuff!

Summer and Fall trips will be added soon.

## Coming Events

(from the CCFMS Website)

### **June 21 GEO-VENTURE: Niagara Peninsula Geological Society Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show**

Sat. 10am - 5 pm.

Beamsville Fairgrounds, Beamsville, ON.

Concurrent with the Beamsville Strawberry Festival

Admission: Free! Donation encouraged.

Website: [www.ccfms.ca/Clubs/NPGS/](http://www.ccfms.ca/Clubs/NPGS/)

### **July 18-20 26th Annual Sudbury Gem and Mineral Show presented by the Sudbury Rock & Lapidary Society**

Fri. 5pm - 9pm, Sat. 10am - 6pm, Sun. 10am - 5pm.

Carmichael Arena on Bancroft Drive, across from Minnow Lake and 1 km. south of the Kingsway (Hwy. 17E), Sudbury, ON.

Features: Dealers; displays; demonstrations; kids activities; and hourly door prizes. Swapping, Sat. 11 am-4pm; field trip Sun. at noon; barbecue. Sat & Sun. Dealers offer mineral, crystal and fossil specimens; meteorites; precious and semi-precious gems; finished jewellery including pearls and amber; and items for crafters including beads, tools, and findings.

Admission: Adults \$4; Seniors \$2; 6-12, \$1, 5 and under free with adult.

Contact: Ed Debicki, tel. (705) 522-5140; E-mail: [ed.debicki@sympatico.ca](mailto:ed.debicki@sympatico.ca)

Website: <http://www.ccfms.ca/Clubs/Sudbury/show.htm>

### **July 25-27 Toronto Gem and Mineral Summer Show presented by 3416798 Canada Inc.**

Fri. 4 pm-9pm, Sat. 10 am-7pm, Sun. 10 am-5pm.

Leaside Gardens 1073 Millwood Road, East York, Toronto, ON

Features: Precious and semi-precious gemstones, fine quality jewellery, amber, stone beads, unique worldwide crystal specimens, tools, and everything to create your own works of art!

Admission: Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, 12-18 \$6, under 12 free with adult

Contact: Ohannes Bedrossian (514) 989-9800 [torontogemshow@gmail.com](mailto:torontogemshow@gmail.com)

Website: [www.torontogemshow.com](http://www.torontogemshow.com)

### **July 27 Bancroft Gem & Mineral Club 12th Annual Gem & Mineral Show**

Sunday 10 am-4pm.

Bancroft Legion Hall, Station St., Bancroft, ON

Features: 25 dealers plus silent and live auctions

Admission: \$2/adult, children & students (18 yrs & under) free.

Contact: Frank Melanson at 613-332-1032

### **July 31 – Aug 3 Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree**

### **Sept 13-14 "Wonders of the Earth" the 39th Scarborough Gem & Mineral Club Show**

Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5.

Mid-Scarborough Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough

Admission: adults \$3, children \$1

Contact: Gem & Mineral Club of Scarborough [scarbgemclub@lycos.com](mailto:scarbgemclub@lycos.com)  
Website: [www.scarbgemclub.ca](http://www.scarbgemclub.ca)

**Sept 27-28 42nd Annual Show & Sale of the Ottawa Lapsmith & Mineral Club**

Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Nepean Sportsplex (Curling Area) 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Ottawa, Ontario.

Features: 60 Dealers and Exhibitors Gemstones, Minerals, Fossils, Jewellery, Crystals, Beads, Equipment, Carvings, Mineral & Gem Identification, Children's Activities

Contact: Karen Lochhead, Show Chair Tel: (819) 827-3071 E-mail: showchair @ olmc.ca Jennifer Latham, Dealer Chair E-mail: dealerchair @ olmc.ca

Website: <http://www.olmc.ca/>

**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 18-19 39th Annual Gem Storm a show and sale sponsored by the Kingston Lapidary and Mineral Club.**

Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge St., Kingston, ON.

Features: Over 30 dealers; Children's mine, Jewellery Workshop

Information: Contact Les Moss, Show Chairman at [emoos@cogeco.ca](mailto:emoos@cogeco.ca)

Website: <http://www.mineralclub.ca>

**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.

Contact: 519-888-4567 x32469

Website: <http://www.openhouse.uwaterloo.ca>

**Nov 14-16 49th Montreal Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show**

Fri. 4 pm-10pm, Sat. 10 am-7pm, Sun. 10 am-5pm. Hippodrome de Montréal / Blue Bonnets

Admission: Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$5, under 12 free with adult

Features: 80 + dealers offering: precious gems, minerals, fossils, carvings, tools, books, beads and beading supplies, jewellery and jewellery supplies.

Website: <http://www.montrealgemmineralclub.ca/pages/AnnualShow.html>

**Nov 15 CMMA Fall Mini-Conference**

The Burlington Arts & Cultural Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, ON