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December 1, Meeting

Annual Pot Luck Dinner & Silent Auction

This month is our annual pot luck dinner and silent auction. We will be starting around 6:15pm, with the set up of tables and chairs for the dinner part of the evening. Food will be set up in the entrance part of the room (where we sign in) and on the various counter spaces. The club will be providing roast beef, rolls, coffee, tea and sodas. Please bring a dish to pass large enough for at least the number of people in your party.

The rules for the silent auction are the same as they have been. When you arrive, pick up a strip of numbers/letter from the treasurer, who will record your name & auction number. Then you can place them on the viewing tables. If you have a minimum amount that you want for the item, please indicate it on the slip along with the description of the item. Each member is allowed to enter up to 10 items for auction. As you view the items, mark the amount & your initials on the slip for it.

After the viewing is over (at the decision of the President) all items with NO bids will be returned to the owners. The other items will then be picked up by the last (highest) bidder and paid for to the treasurer. After all items are paid for, the original owner will be given their earnings. All money paid for the items will be returned to the owners. Be sure to check the items you want offer, as others may outbid you.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE FOR SET-UP, DINER AND AUCTION STARTING!

Set-up of items 6:30pm

Dinner 6:45 – 7:30pm

Viewing 7:30 pm

Auction closing/final bids 8:00pm

Please bring your own place settings, table decorations, and items to be auctioned.

Come early, enjoy good food, good friends, and return with new items for your collection.



Name Badges

Several of our newer members have asked about the name tags that we wear at meetings and shows. Anyone interested in purchasing one, please give your name to Craig Posmantur.

The size is 1 ½" by 3". The cost is \$12.00 per tag and has a magnetic clasp or a pin clasp on the backside.

Current dues are past due

Our membership year runs from May 1st to April 30th. There are currently a number of people that are behind on their current membership. Please make an effort to correct this at the next meeting or by sending a check to Chris Boyd, 3663 Dickersonville Rd. Ransomville, NY 14131. Thank you!

Newsletter

Future copies of the Geoletter will arrive in your e-mail. If you prefer a hard copy instead, please contact the editor (Marilyn Broad, 716-632-8355) and leave a message or let me know at a future meeting.

Also, if you have anything that you would like printed in the newsletter, please let me know. Thank you!



2024 Show

Even though it's only November, it's not too early to start thinking about 2024's Show. The sign up sheets will be out in December for the various jobs (mini-mine, sluice, admission table, club table, etc.) and we would like as many people as possible to volunteer for these jobs.

If you wish to have display case at the show, now is the time to start to plan it. It doesn't have to be fancy, maybe just what you collected over the summer, while on vacation or at the rest stop along the way. Display sheets will be in the January Geoletter.

This year's theme is "Birthstones", which is not as easy to display as some others, but can be done. Just think harder.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



Buffalo Geological Society Fall/Winter Coming Events

Nov. 3 – BGS Meeting 7:30pm – Dr. Thomas Hegna will be our speaker. His topic will be “ Geological Critical Thinking: When does a hypothesis become a conspiracy Theory?”

Nov. 4- “Dino Days” at the Buffalo Museum of Science

Nov. 9 – BGS Board Meeting 7:00 pm – 100 Lee St.

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day! **Remember ALL who served!**

Nov. 29 - - Continuing Education 8:35 am Masonic Hall on Sweethome Rd.

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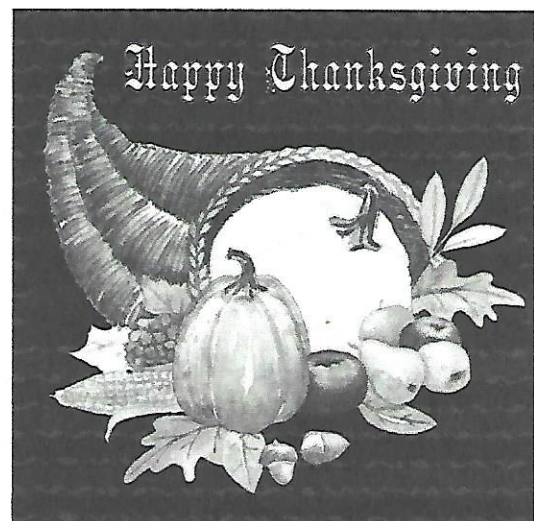
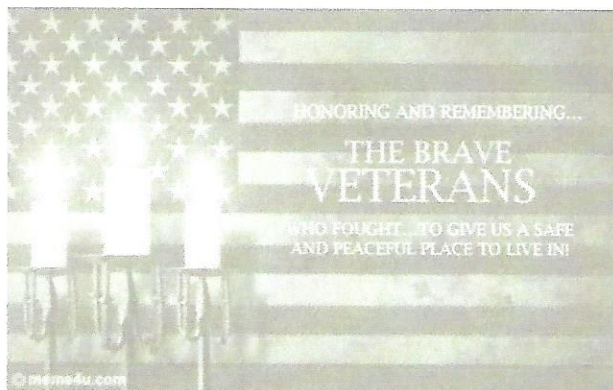
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Continuing Education will not meet during December thru February

Jan. 5 – BGS Meeting 7:30 pm – Members “Show and Tell”

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Report from the Board

Some members of the club have asked "What goes on at the board meetings?" In answer to that, we discuss what has happened since the last meeting, what is coming up at future meetings/activities, if anyone has comments or complaints, etc.

At the last meeting we had 9 people renewed their membership, checks paid out for guest speaker's honorium, cost of newsletter printing and postage to members requesting a hard copy, and cost of refreshments at the meeting. In November, our insurance to EFMLS was paid, and also deposits to the Fairgrounds for the 2024 Show. Deposits from the dealers also started arriving.

Also, discussed the amount of rocks broken up for the mini-mine and if more need to be done. The "grab-bags" were also mentioned.

The membership list was updated, and former members that have NOT paid their dues since 2018 thru 2022 will be dropped from membership.

All board meetings are open to any members wishing to attend. The dates and times are published in the monthly Geoletter.

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Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas

Dec. 26 - Happy Kwanzaa

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