



The Buffalo Geological Society

Geoletter

December, 2025

Something to pick at from your President

Happy Holidays to all,

Thank you to everyone who showed up to our December potluck dinner. On top of some many great conversations taking place the food and auction items were great! At our last board meeting we discussed our March show, new and old board members, and upcoming events. This March the BGS was asked to co-sponsor a talk on beasts of the Cambrian. This talk will take place on March 26th, 2026 at 7pm at the Buffalo Museum of Science. The decision to co-sponsor this event was approved by the board. We would like to mention we have two new board members and many returning board members. Please welcome Andrew Monteforte and Ryan Frost who are stepping into the role of directors (Contact information will be updated shortly). Our March 2026 gem and mineral show will be themed "Ancient Life of New York State" and will be held on the 14th and 15th. If you can volunteer to help out please sign up at any of our meetings or reach out to a board member. Lastly, our 2026 banquet will be held on May 1st at Sean Patricks and will cost \$25.00 per member. We will be finalizing the menu and favors in the near future.

Best!

Keith Rowe

President of BGS

Upcoming Trips

- Craig P. our VP has contacted many of the other rock and mineral clubs in NYS. Due to the fact we are all under The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies we are all covered by the same insurance. This means that most clubs have agreed to allow our club members to join in on trips. **That being said if you hear about a trip another club is running let us know and we can add it in the newsletter!**
- We will possibly be planning a trip when the nicer weather hits to Thunder Bay for Amethyst.

Upcoming Speakers/Meetings

(Meetings are the 1st Friday of each month Oct.- April, Doors open at 7pm with the speaker starting at 7:30pm)

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January 2nd, 2026: Speaker will be Dale Russel. More information will be sent regarding the topic covered in the meeting.

Past Trips, Meetings and Events

December 5th: Pot Luck Dinner and Voice Auction (Details in a separate email)

Over the summer and into September we visited our usual spots and a new quarry in Albion, NY. The Eagle Harbor Quarry in Albion, NY was a freshly blasted quarry. While not many specimens other than dog tooth calcite were found it offered a glimpse of something different. This quarry is a sand and gravel quarry. In the quarry you could see the sand layer that sits on top of the bedrock. This sand had lots of treasures inside, gneiss, polished fossil "soup", and other glacial debris was found. A member even found a greenish log which he believed was buried during the ice age. So while not petrified still a cool find. Another notable find was dog tooth calcite covered in natural petroleum. As an added bonus the owner was on sight and gave us a great run down of the geologic layers and history of this newer quarry.

Continuing Education

Crag our VP will be in touch about plans and upcoming topics. Look for his communication as we move further into the fall and winter seasons.

Events and Upcoming Shows

- Buffalo Gem and Mineral Show, March 14th and 15th, 2026 (See information in your email)
- Quartzfest (Finger Lakes Gem and Mineral Club) will be held May 9th and 10th at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center 250 N. Bloomfield Rd Canandaigua, NY. Saturday the show will run from 10am to 6pm and Sunday from 10am to 4pm
- Wayne County Gem and Mineral Show will be the first weekend in June of 2026

Rock Spotlight:

****Each month we will showcase something different from the rock, mineral and fossil world. If you have a suggest please email Ryan Frost at Buffaloryan.716@gmail.com

Financial Update

- Note from the Treasurer: Accounts are balanced/taxes submitted, and checks from vendors for the 2026 Gem show are coming in. Insurance is paid.

History of the BGS

The society was originally formed on February 2nd, 1938 as the Geological Section of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences. Dr. Irving G. Reimann, Curator of Geology at the Buffalo Museum of Science was the first president. Its purpose is to bring people together that enjoy learning, studying, collecting, and sharing in a family atmosphere this common interest of geological sciences and related fields. These fields range from mineralogy and paleontology to lapidary and beyond. This is accomplished by annual shows, meetings, swaps, banquets, field trips, continuing education groups, and many more monthly programs that end or begin with a social hour. Regular meetings occur October through April on the first Friday of every

month. Meetings start at 7:30pm and are free/open to the public. Membership starts at \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for families. We meet at 100 Lee street in Buffalo, NY 14210 in the Heritage Discovery Center. Meetings will not be canceled based on Buffalo Public Schools closing, rather current weather or weather predictions for the area will cause cancellation of meetings/events. If we cancel due to weather we can still meet via ZOOM. Please watch emails, social media, the radio and local news stations for notifications. The BGS is a non for profit organization 501c3 affiliate of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, Inc and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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