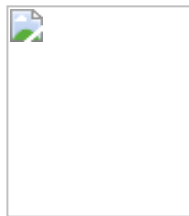


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School Speaker's Program

As part of the NHGS outreach program, the Society will start a school speaker's program this fall. A mailing for the program will be sent to the schools in August. If you are interested in participating in the program please fill out the information form included with this newsletter and return it to Nelson Eby, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA 01854. On the form indicate the type of presentation(s) you would like to give, the appropriate grade levels, the geographic area you are willing to cover, and how an interested teacher can contact you to arrange a visit.

Mineral Raffles and K-12 Earth Science Education

We wish to thank Tim Bower and an anonymous donor for donating the two specimens raffled off at the April meeting. A total of \$47.00 was raised at this meeting. The winners were Russ Wilder of TRC and Walter Carlson of NHDES. First prize, a fine specimen of selenite, was awarded to Russ. A green fluorite sample from the Wise Mine in Westmoreland, NH given as second prize to Walter. The proceeds from these mineral raffles will be used for The Society's public outreach program to benefit a secondary school earth science program. Each year the society will use the funds raised in these mineral raffles to give a monetary grant award to a New Hampshire Earth Science teacher for classroom equipment and/or supplies. Teachers will submit brief proposals detailing how they will use this grant to further earth science education. An awards committee will identify the best proposal. We anticipate that the first grant award will be announced at the October Annual Meeting. We are now actively soliciting donations for an October mineral raffle. For those who wish to donate, please contact Greg Kirby at (603) 271-3624 or Craig Durrett at (508) 680-1980. The size of grants that can be awarded will be determined by the amount of money raised by the mineral raffles, so please give generously of your minerals and your dollars.

1995-1996 Election Nominating Committee

Joanne McLaughlin, Dorothy Richter, and Julie Spencer have generously volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee for the annual elections in October. Nomination forms are included with this the newsletter. Nominations are sought for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-at-Large. Candidates must be a current member of NHGS. Please submit nominations no later than July 31, 1995 to Julie Spencer at Leggette, Brashears and Graham, 547 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH 03063. The nominating committee will contact those who are nominated and solicit short biographies from the candidates. Biographies will be due September 1, 1995, to be published in the September newsletter.

Membership Directory Policy

Recently, the Board of Directors has been asked to provide our Membership Directory for use as a mailing list by other organizations. As most of you are aware, we provide the Membership Directory to you, our members, so that you can make contacts with other members and their organizations or businesses. The information in the Directory can be used at each member's discretion, but at its February 21, 1995 meeting, the Board of Directors decided that Society will not provide mailing labels or membership lists to non-members or other organizations. The Society will gladly publish announcements of upcoming events and other items of interest in our newsletter, The Granite State Geologist, but we will not make special mailings to our members on behalf of other organizations. Other organizations may provide flyers or brochures for distribution at the registrations desk during our quarterly dinner/meetings, if they wish.

NHGS News and Events

Membership Renewals Due! Included with this newsletter is a membership renewal invoice. Please check over the information on the form, make any changes, corrections, additions or deletions necessary, and return with your payment. You must renew by August 15, 1995 in order to guarantee inclusion in the next edition of the Membership Directory.

The **Fifth Annual Family Picnic** of the New Hampshire Geological Society will be held Saturday, July 22, 1995. The event will consist of a morning trip to the Palermo Mine in North Groton for a mineral scavenger hunt and a tour of the mine followed by an afternoon barb-b-que at Wellington Beach State Park at Newfound Lake. We will rendezvous at the traffic circle of Route 3 and 25 in Plymouth, NH at 9:00. The group will have the opportunity to dig at the mine's tailings for specimens of beryl, mica, apatite and a host of other minerals. If you wish to collect, be sure to bring your rock hammers and sample bags. For your safety, please come equipped with safety glasses and a hard hat (if you wish to tour the mine). You may want to bring your own snack for the morning dig.

At 12:00 p.m. we will proceed to the state park at Newfound Lake to arrive by 1:00 for the barb-b-que. Bring your bathing suits!!! Food and beverages will be provided at the park, including beef, chicken and pork Shish-ka-Bobs, Green and Potato Salads, and lots of other goodies. Costs for the picnic will be \$6.00 per person for members \$8.00 for non-members. Children under 12 will be free. We need an accurate head count so we need your reservations no later than July 18, 1995. For more information, contact Greg Kirby at 603-271-3624 or Craig Durrett at 508-680-1980.

The **Fifth Annual Field Trip** will be held on Saturday, August 5, 1995. Peter Thompson, PhD will be leading a trip up Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey. We will assemble at the White Arrow trailhead at the Halfway House Old Toll Road off Route 124 (see enclosed announcement with map) for a hike up the White Arrow Trail and points of interest along the way. A field trip guide will be provided to those who sign up before July 24. There is no charge for the trip, but bring your own lunch and refreshments. Also, you may purchase, at cost, copies of Dr. Thompson's dissertation on The Geology of the Mount Monadnock Quadrangle and/or his colored Geologic Map, published by the University of Massachusetts. See enclosed announcement to order. Your purchases may be picked up at the trailhead.

The **1995 Annual Meeting** will be held October 12. Nominations for Officers and Directors are being solicited (see story on page 1). In 1996, NHGS meetings are scheduled for January 11, April 11, June 8 (tentative), August 3 or 10 (annual field trip and picnic), and October 10 (1996 Annual Meeting). Generally, the Society's meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the months of January, April, June(?) and October; we usually shoot for the first Saturday in August for the field trip.

Hat and Shirt Contest: Craig Durrett (Finance Committee Chairman) is organizing a contest for a NHGS logo, slogan or both to be printed on baseball hats and shirts. For those who wish to submit a design or a slogan please contact Craig at (508) 680-1980. We hope to have the winners determined by the August 1995 field trip and the hats and shirts available by October.

Other Happenings...

The **1995 New England Intercollegiate Geologic Conference (NEIGC)** will take place October 6-8 in Brunswick, Maine, hosted by Art Hussey of Bowdoin College. Anyone planning to attend may want to make lodging reservations early as this is Columbus Day weekend. For more information, contact Art Hussey, Geology Dept., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 04011, or call 207-725-3219, or e-mail: ahussey@polar.bowdoin.edu.

The **1996 NEIGC** will take place on Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29 and will be headquartered in the Gorham-Littleton area of northern New Hampshire, jointly sponsored by Harvard University, the Mount Washington Observatory, and the New Hampshire Geological Society. Anyone interested in leading a field trip or otherwise volunteering to help with this event should contact Mark Van Baalen, Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University, 20 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA 02138; W: 617-495-3237; FAX: 617-495-8839; H: 508-486-4751; e-mail: mvb@harvard.harvard.edu

There's more, but you will have to wait for the next issue of *The Granite State Geologist*! Renew your membership NOW!

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