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The Fushimi Yagura Temple in Tokyo, Japan

Photo by Public Domain

Next Meeting: *Friday February 15, 2019*

Speaker : Gabriella Gevaert

Topic: Mysterious Japan

Location: ***Mountainview Church
Glendale Avenue, St.Catharines***

Meetings are *usually* held every third Friday Sept-June at Brock University
Department of Earth Sciences, Room D-309 at 7:30 PM.

Visit us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1392693367698780/> our Show page is:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/NPGS-Gem-Mineral-Fossil-Show-Sale/549387778513135>



**THE NIAGARA PENINSULA
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The **Niagara Peninsula Geological Society** (N.P.G.S.) was established as a non-profit organization in 1962 to promote the study of earth sciences, the hobbies of mineral and fossil collecting, and the lapidary arts.

Our focus is on collecting minerals, fossils, crystals and jewellery making. Collecting trips to quarries and other locations throughout Ontario and the U.S.A. are arranged several times during the year.

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month, September to June, Room D-309, Department of Earth Science, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. Regular meetings begin at 7:30 PM with workshops starting at 7:00 PM. Each meeting usually consists of a discussion on club business followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. Children's workshops are hands-on educational modules about some aspect of earth science and are geared toward junior members ranging in age from 3 to 12.

Each year the N.P.G.S. hosts GEO-VENTURE, our annual gem, mineral and fossil show. The show consists of several regional gem, mineral, or fossil vendors along with N.P.G.S. member displays and demonstrations. The general public is invited to attend GEO-VENTURE to purchase items of interest from the vendors and learn a little bit more about earth science and the hobbies of lapidary arts and mineral and fossil collecting.

New members and guests are welcome any time.

Individual memberships are \$15

Family memberships are \$20.

More information about the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society is available at www.ccfms.ca/Clubs/NPGS/ Questions or comments are welcomed at npgs@ccfms.ca.

THE PINK DOLOMITE SADDLE BULLETIN

The Pink Dolomite Saddle is the "official" newsletter of the N.P.G.S. The Saddle is geared toward keeping N.P.G.S. members informed of club

activities, regional events and other items of general interest to the N.P.G.S.

Members are requested to submit articles or reports of interest regarding earth science or the hobbies of lapidary arts and mineral and fossil collecting. **All articles should be submitted to The Editor no later than the 1st of each month**

The Pink Dolomite Saddle is published ten times per year and is distributed to members of the N.P.G.S. as part of their annual membership dues. Non-members may receive the Pink Dolomite Saddle on a subscription basis of \$10.00 per year. There is a nominal charge for business advertisements.

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NPGS Club President Dave Baker

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February 2019

This month's meeting is the annual meeting for the club. It is also a potluck dinner. Like most potlucks the food is fabulous and lots to go around. I do hope you all will be out with your special dishes to delight the club.

It also is when the executive of the club are chosen. As a volunteer organization we always need your help in running the club. Without leadership the club will decline. We are in need of a secretary, director and permanent social director. I believe we have a kids director once we clear a plan with Brock

university. So please step forward. You will find the benefits very rewarding.

I write this after having been to a presentation this morning regarding the proposed GeoPark for Niagara. I will have more info at the meeting.

See you all there.
Cheers,
Dave

**MINUTES OF THE
NPGS GENERAL MEETING**

January 18, 2019

Dave welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. We welcomed **Darren Platakis**, who will talk to us later in the meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as written from the December meeting was moved by Gabi and seconded by John Tordiff and carried by the membership

Reports from the board

VP- Gabi Gabi will be speaking at the February meeting

Secretary – Dave will do the recording tonight

Treasurer - N/A. Dave reminded all who have not paid their membership, IT IS NOW DUE.

Director- Darlene Feb 18 is family day and the club will be at Heartland Forest 11-5, promoting the club. If you want to join us you are welcome. Please bring some specimens to give away.

Director –Roman There are some books for sale from the library

Director- Kevin N/A

Show Chair- Hannah Her first report on the show was given. She has a lot of ideas that are going to make the show better than ever. Stay Tuned

Bulletin – John indicated that he would like more articles for the bulletin

Trip Director – Ashley. N/A

Pres -Dave – don't forget to send the attendance book. **Parking is free Friday nights in Zone 1 of the parking lot east of the complex where we meet.**

Motion to accept the previous reports, Moved by Jim Glen and seconded by Darlene, and carried by the membership

New business – Darren Platakis spoke to the club about a project called "Ohnia:kara Aspiring Geopark". The executive will look into this to see how we might be part of it.

The 50/50 draw was made and Roman won \$ 16.00

We then had our break and remember the auction is still on.

Our speaker tonight will be your President. Dave talked about his trip to Churchill Manitoba to see polar bears in the wild.

Our next meeting will be the annual meeting with a potluck supper at the Mountainview Church on Glendale Ave. Help to set up is 6 with dinner at 6:30.

Next executive meeting will be in early February.

Motion to adjourn, Darlene and seconded by Patti.

Brad's Bench Tips

Brad's Bench Tips will return next month.

Discover New Jewelry Skills With Brad's "How To Do It" Books

<http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

WinterFest at Heartland Forest

On Family Day (Feb. 18th) the NPGS will have a table inside the building. Anyone that wishes to come and talk to people would be a great help. Please bring any item to give out to our Feb.

potluck and we can organize it from there.
Everyone likes to get something for free.
Contact Darlene for more information.

NPGS Field Trip to the ROM

ROM - either Saturday or Sunday, March 23rd or 24th (We'll take a vote at our Fri, Feb 15th monthly meeting - which is also our AGM & potluck dinner.) - our 3rd time to ROM - once every 5 years!! - kid-friendly - numerous mineral, meteorite, & fossil galleries - special exhibition on ZUUL - a horned dinosaur - plus all kinds of amazing veggiesaurus dinos as well as TRex & raptor-type "big meanie" dinos (apparently, they also have an interactive TRex - ooooooh) - both minerals & meteorite exhibits are to die for - you'll be astounded - special gallery of gemstones - full of huge surprises - fluorescents display - Burgess Shale & early life fossils - I've been on both our previous ROM trips - there just isn't enough time to see everything - and it doesn't matter that you've seen specimens before - ROM does not fail to WOW you again or with a new discovery. - <https://www.rom.on.ca/en> (you can see all that ROM offers - way more than minerals, meteorites, & fossils) - open to all CCFMS club members & guests - **please contact Ashley Pollock**

- ROM admission along with ZUUL: Life of an Armoured Dinosaur - ROM Group Rates (minimum of 20 paid guests): - Adults - \$25.00; Seniors - \$20.50; Students & Youth - \$20.00; Children - \$16.00 - Not required to wait in line when a group -

N.P.G.S. Schedule 2018 -2019

(some re-scheduling may take place to accommodate speakers)

Feb 15 N.P.G.S. Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Gabriella Gevaert

Topic: Mysterious Japan

Location: Mountainview Church, Glendale Avenue, St.Catharines

Mar 15 N.P.G.S. Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Bob O'Donnell

Topic: Some of My Favourite Fossils (theme)

Location: Brock University

immediate admission. - **Payable in advance** since ROM requires that we book 2 weeks ahead of our trip; - therefore, please pay at the Feb 15th meeting or by Feb 28th, at the latest. - ROM Rates (if we're not able to get 20 people to attend & includes ZUUL): - Adults - \$29.00; Seniors - \$24.00; Students & Youth - \$23.50; Children - \$19.00 - We will have to wait in line with this admission. - You can pay online or you can pay when we arrive. - transportation will be direct from St Catharines - we'll be car pooling (hence, gas will also be a shared cost) - parking rates for weekends (3 close-by lots range from \$7 to \$14 & accept bills, coins, & credit cards) - however, on the weekend, street parking is free in Toronto (if you can find a spot).

Apr 26 N.P.G.S. Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Michael Bainbridge
Topic: Dazzling Mineral Photography (theme)
Location: Brock University

May 17 N.P.G.S. Annual Club Auction

Auctioneer: Brian Pihack
Topic: Adoption Clinic for New and Needy Specimens
Location: Brock University

Jun 9 N.P.G.S. 53rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Time: 10am to 5 pm
Cost: \$3 (children's under 12 free)
Location: Fireman's Park, Niagara Falls
Volunteers needed. Show Director Hannah Lamanes

Jun ?? N.P.G.S. Annual Picnic Barbeque

Menu: Always Yummy
Time: Noon to 5 pm
Location: Heartland Forest (subject to confirmation)

Regional Events 2018 - 2019

(Courtesy of The Nickel Basin Rockhound)

March 2-3 26th Annual Kawartha Rock & Fossil Club Show, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough ON. Adults \$4.00, 12 and under free Contact: 705-740-4530, or go to: <http://kawartharockandfossilclub.com/>

Mar. 23 – 24 Buffalo Geological Society 51st Annual Show, Sat. and Sun. Mar. 23 and 24, 2019, Market Grange, and State Police Bldgs, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY, Sat. 10 AM to 6 PM, Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM, Admission is \$6 (or two days for \$9). This year's theme is Herkimer Diamonds. <https://bgsny.org/annual-show/>

April 6-7 Brantford Gem and Mineral Club presents the 47th annual Paris Show. 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and Sunday, 139 Silver Street, Paris, Ontario. Adults \$6, 12 and under free.

May 3-5 28th Anniversary Toronto Gem & Mineral Show, Fri. 4pm-9pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Don Mills Civitan Arena, 1030 Don Mills Road, Toronto, ON. Adults \$8.00, 15 and under free Go to: www.torontogemshow.com

May 4 Kitchener-Waterloo Gem and Mineral Show, Saturday only, 10am-4pm Button Factory Arts, 25 Regina St. S., Waterloo ON. Free admission

Jun 8 N.P.G.S. 55th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, 10am to 5pm. Cost \$3.00 (children under 12 free). Fireman's Park, 2275 Dorchester Road, Niagara Falls *Show Director Hannah Lamanes*

July 19-21 37th Annual Sudbury Gem and Mineral Show, Fri. 5pm-9pm, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, ON. Adults \$5.00, Seniors (60+) \$3.00, Children 6-12 \$1.00 Contact 705-522-5140 or go to: <http://ccfms.ca/clubs/Sudbury/Show.php>

The NPGS/CCFMS Combined 2018 Field Trip Schedule **Soon to be Updated – Spring is Coming**

Other Club Field Trips

Updates will be posted here

Please note that all CCFMS club members throughout Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec are welcome on any of our NPGS field trips and, as can be seen, many more of our Ontario clubs are letting us know their field trip schedules as well.

You will be asked that you show proof of current membership on all field trips.

You will be asked to sign a Liability Waiver (+sign-in/sign-out) on all field trips.

You will need to contact to register and confirm with the various Trip Leaders.

Please don't forget to look at our **Field Trips webpage** for all kinds of info about field trips in general + specific info about the sites that the NPGS visits.

<http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/trips.htm>

NIAGARA PENINSULA GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2018 - AUGUST 2019 DUES

Bring to a meeting or mail along with cheque payable to:

Please check one:

Family Membership \$20.00

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Interests and/or Suggestions: _____

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Membership term is from September 1st until August 31st. Membership fees are due in September.