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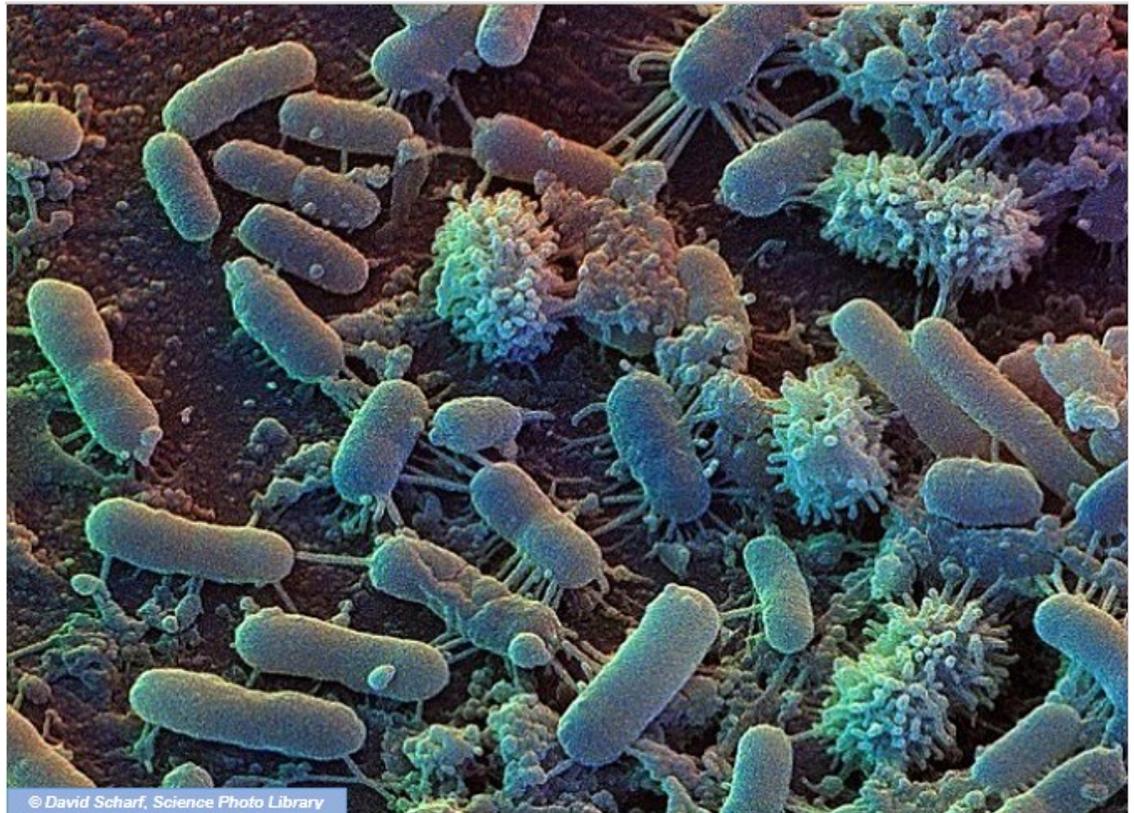
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NPGS Monthly General Meeting

Next Meeting: *Friday Nov 16th, 2018*

Speakers : Ashley Pollock

Topic: Life's First 1.1 Billion Years on Earth

Location: Brock University

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

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**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

November 2018

I hope that no one was too frightened by the ghosts on Halloween and that you have recovered enough to attend the next club meeting on Friday, November 17th. With field collecting almost complete for this year we now have the work of going through all those rocks and seeing exactly what it is that we found. There could be some surprise treasures that we didn't notice when the obvious specimens were collected. Good Luck.

Ashley will be speaking this month about her field trip travels both as a field trip director and a collector. I went on one of her field trips two years

ago and we covered the spectrum from finding gold (but not enough) to finding billion years old fossils. The collecting was likely extraordinary again on her trips this year. In addition, I am sure there will be lots of great pictures to see and lots to talk about afterwards. Come on out and hear her lively presentation.

See you all at the meeting on November 17th at 7:30 at Brock.

Cheers,
Dave

Minutes of the NPGS General Meeting

Friday, Sept 21st, 2018 - 7:30-9:30 pm

Dave welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 18 and May 18 minutes as written was moved by **Darlene** and seconded by **Gabi**. Motion was carried.

REPORTS:

Gabi: V.P. Meetings for Brock and the Church are all set up

Ashley: Sec. Memberships are being received and cards are being

emailed or paper cards sent.

Reminders were also sent.

All correspondence is up to date as is Facebook.

There is a CCFMS meeting October 14th

Ashley: Tres. Audit has been done. The report is available

Darlene: She presented a report on the successful Summer Picnic.

Kevin: N/A

Roman: Received a new *Mineralogical Record* magazine .

Show Dir.: Dave reported on the successful show we had. All dealers were very happy and we had over 400 visitors.

Trip Dir: There are still trips let this year. See the list in the

bulletin. All participants on field trips to Ridgemount

Quarry will need a flashing light on top of their car.

Bulletin Ed: N/A

President: Please sign the attendance book

Motion to accept reports moved by **Ashley**, seconded by **Gabi** and carried.

Business arising from previous meetings/minutes N/A

New business - Since **Dave** and **Monica** have resigned from the Treasurers'

position, an election was held for the position and the only

nominee was **Ashley** so she was acclaimed.

Kevin advised us he has been successful in getting

permission for the club to collect in Walkers Quarry.

50/50 draw- **Dave B.** won the large amount of \$ 8.50

BREAK: remember the silent auction is still on.

PRESENTATION;

Tonight was show and tell on what the collecting members found over the summer. Certainly there were many different minerals found by our members.

Many thanks to **Ashley, Don Lapham, Jim Glen, Brian Dear, and Roman.**

Motion to adjourn **Jim** and **Darlene**

Good night and safe drive home

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the NPGS General Meeting Friday, Oct. 19th, 2018 -7:30-9:30 pm

Dave welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

REPORTS:

Gabi: VP NA
Ashley: as Treasurer N/A
as Secretary N/A

Directors:

Darlene: N/A
Kevin: N/A
Roman: The library is open

Show Director: N/A

Ashley: as Trip Director: N/A

Bulletin Editor: John indicated that a lack of submitted material resulted in a small bulletin in October.

President: Please sign the attendance book

Motion to accept reports moved by **John**, seconded by **Roman** and carried.

Business arising from previous meetings/minutes
N/A

New business - Where is everyone? Only 7 members present at this meeting.

50/50 draw- N/A

BREAK:

PRESENTATION;

We had a DVD presentation from the NPGS library collection this evening

Motion to adjourn **John** and **Geri**

Good night and safe drive home
The meeting was adjourned.

Brad's Bench Tips:

Small Parts Containers

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date, and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if she had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones I have are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They are clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.



Source for Plastic

We often use plastic in our studios, like for a single part die or for a template, so it's handy to have a small supply along with the rest of your sheet, wire,

copper and bronze. But we seldom think to buy and stock any plastic.

The plastics store I go to has a scrap bin out back where they give away their scraps. I usually opt for the 3/8 and 1/2 inch thicknesses for use as forming dies, but there's always a variety of sizes and colors to choose from including thin sheets that are good for templates.

If you can't find a shop with Google or Yellow Pages, do a search on Ebay.com for scrap plastic by the pound.

NEW BENCH TIPS BOOK

If you enjoy these jewelry bench tips, a new volume is available now on Amazon. "More Bench Tips" includes 86 additional ways to save time, avoid frustration and improve quality at the bench. See a sample chapter at <https://amzn.to/2KCygh4>



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

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

Dec 21 N.P.G.S. Seasonal Social Gathering

Speaker: Roman Olszewski
Topic: James D. Dana, American Mineralogist (1813 - 1895)
Location: Mountainview Church, Glendale Avenue, St.Catharines

Jan 18 N.P.G.S. Monthly Meeting

Speaker:
Topic:
Location: Brock University

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

Speaker:
Topic:
Location: Mountainview Church, Glendale Avenue, St.Catharines

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

Speaker:
Topic:
Location: Brock University

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

Speaker:
Topic:
Location: Brock University

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

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

Jun ?? 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 (subject to confirmation)
Volunteers needed.

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

Nov. 9-11 Gem Expo., Fri. 11:30am-8p.m.; Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm Hyatt Regency Toronto, 370 King St. W., Toronto, ON, Adults \$6.00; Children 12 and under free Contact 647-773-9001, Salim@TheGemExpo.com, or go to: <http://www.TheGemExpo.com>

Nov 15-18 Silver Cove’s Rock ’n Gem Show, Thurs. to Sat. – 10am-8pm; Sun 10am-5pm Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, 50 Pim St Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Admission free Go to: <http://canadagemshows.com/saultstemariegemshow.html>

Nov. 16-18 London Gem & Mineral Show, Fri. 3pm-9pm; Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Agriplex Building, Western Fair District, 845 Florence St. London, ON. Adults \$6:00; Children \$3:00 Go to: www.gemandmineral.ca/

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

You must be a member of a CCFMS club to attend.
No late arrivals will be admitted.
This is a working quarry, so no collectors under 16 years old
Full safety gear required- Safety boots, hard hats and vests. Gloves and goggles are recommended

Directions to St Marys are on the CCFMS website.
Pre-registering would be nice, but is not necessary.
Any other questions, please contact Kevin Kidd at kevjenn1998@yahoo.ca

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:

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St. Catharines, ON , L2R 4V9

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Membership term is from September 1st until August 31st.

Membership fees are due in September.