



THE NUGGET



Upcoming Club Events

- Our next membership meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 21st at 12pm** at Garvies.
- Rebecca LaBarca from the Suffolk Gem and Mineral Club, will be presenting a lecture on how to identify minerals. Rebecca is certified in Earth science, biology and business, and has been teaching for 16 years. This lecture will be held at the club, **Saturday April 11th, 11am to 1pm**. Cost to attend is \$10 dollars and will include a testing kit. Please let Diane know if you would like to attend so we can have kits available for everyone.

Club Member Celebrated!

The elder statesman of our club, 100 year old Joe Austin, was celebrated with a party in Freeport earlier this month. Many club members attended and a great time was had by all.



NMC Facebook Page

Hello Nassau Mineral Club Members!

I'm Amanda Tripple, and I'm thrilled to announce that I've taken over the reins of our official Facebook page! A little about me: my passion for rock tumbling started at a young age, and I've dabbled in jewelry making with my beloved tumbled stones. Lately, I've developed an obsession with cabochons, turning them into beautiful necklaces that I can't wait to showcase.

In addition to my love for rocks, I'm also a collector of Godzilla figures and retro horror toys—yes, you can call me the "Godzilla Girl!" You'll often find me

wandering around during our club activities, capturing photos and videos to bring our events to life online. Don't worry; I'll make sure no faces or identities will be revealed; I'll focus on showcasing your hands as you work with stones and metal.

I'm excited about using this platform to connect with other clubs across the country, trade ideas, and maybe even set up some stone exchanges. If you have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to share!

You can check out our Facebook page here: [Nassau Mineral Club](#). Let's make our club's presence known and grow our community together.

Stay tuned for some exciting content, and I look forward to sharing this journey with all of you!

Wire-Wrapped Bead Link Class



Back in November, Amy gave a great class on how to make wire wrapped bead links. The group got to make chain with beads for various projects and got practice with their wire-wrapping skills.

Upcoming Shows & Swaps

(From EFMLS)

- April 4, 2026 West Friendship, MD – 35th Annual Chesapeake Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show, Saturday, April 4, 2026 10 AM – 4 PM, Howard County Fairgrounds. 2210 Fairgrounds Rd. West Friendship, Md 21794, Free Admission and Parking, Minerals, Original Jewelry, Fossils, Rough & Cut Gemstones, Silent Auctions, Door Prizes, Activities for Kids, www.chesapeakegemandmineral.org

- April 11-12, 2026 – North Haven CT – New Haven Mineral Club 50th Annual Show Gems Minerals Fossils April 11 – 12, 2026 Clarion Inn 201 Washington Avenue North Haven CT 06473 Saturday 9:30AM – 5PM Sunday 10AM – 4:30PM Admission 6.00 Children under 12 FREE Info: newhavenmineralclub.org
- April 11 & 12, 2026 – Midland Park, NJ – 36th Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; Midland Park High School, 250 Prospect St, Midland Park, NJ 07432; Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4 Food truck on site, door prizes, show is inside so rain or shine.
- May 2-3, 2026 – Topsfield, MA: 2026--Annual show; North Shore Rock & Mineral Club; Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Road, Rt. 1; Sat May 2nd 9-5, Sun. 10-4; General admission \$7; \$6 with copy of ad/coupon; Children under 12 free; free parking; Website: www.northshorerock.org
- May 11-17, 2026 – Little Switzerland, NC: EFMLS Wildacres Workshop – Spring Session at Little Switzerland, NC. For information about the workshops and registration, visit www.efmls.org/wildacres
- May 16-17, 2026 – Mays Landing, NJ – Cape Atlantic Rockhounds. May 16-17 from 10-4. The show location: 3210 US Rt. 50, Mays Landing, NJ (Atlantic County 4-H Fairgrounds.)

Please Welcome New Members

Kaela Brunner

Samantha Colt

Olivia Eichenstein

Rona Hoffman

Nancy Huang

John Jen

Noelle Orquera

Bea Paladino-Sussman

Terrienne Polk

Cynthia Rutigliano

Elizabeth Williams

Note from the Editor

Just wanted to note that this newsletter is a combination of the Winter and Spring newsletters - mostly because we didn't have a lot of content for the last edition. If you'd like to submit a short article for the next newsletter, please just reply to this email. Thanks!

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