

ROCK BLAST

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Regular Meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August.

Next Meeting - Wed. April 5th, 1967 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 370 Biology Bldg. University of Waterloo.

It will be one of the most important and interesting of the year - a demonstration of lapidary work by Howard Bell from Hanover. Incidentally if anyone is interested in securing cutting or polishing material Howard is the man to buy it from.

Write Mr. Howard Bell, Hanover, Ont.

Our last meeting, the Silent Auction, on March 1st, was a complete success. The bidding for some of the specimens was fast and furious. We really had some beautiful crystals donated for the sale. Thanks to those who were so generous.

Field Trip Season is Coming:

Our club is planning two field trips in May - a day's trip to a local spot and a two day trip to the Madoc area. Anyone who knows good hunting places in the Madoc area please let us know at the April meeting or phone our president Floyd Caesar at - 745-3350. What kind of minerals or crystals can be found in this area? We are counting on you - we need this information to make this trip a success. To keep cost down we are planning sharing travelling expenses. More details and discussion at the April meeting.

Note; The Gem and Mineral Shop, Bayview Ave., Toronto, is selling out and closing shop. Looking for bargains? Here is your chance:

Hardness Tests for Stones for cutting and polishing are determined by the usual hardness indices (see last month's newsletter). Most stones used by amateurs run from 5 through 7. Scratch with the point of a knife and if knife does not scratch the stone it is all right for cutting and polishing.

A teen-ager was rambling on to her father. "And then, Dad," she said "when Bill asked me to go to the dance with him I gave him the geological survey."

"You did what?" asked her father.

"Oh Dad, you're so uninformed. I gave him a stony stare."

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