



Newsletter of the London Gem Mineral & Fossil Society London Ontario

December 4th 2025

Club News

Activities for this Meeting

Membership:

All memberships are due at the meeting in September.

Club fees are as follows: Families \$30, Single \$20, Student \$15. Those who have paid at the beginning of

January until the September meeting will not have to pay until September 2026.

The London Gem Mineral & Fossil Society meets on the first Thursday of the following months - February to June & September to December

Annual Club Christmas Potluck & Silent Auction Extravaganza!!

Thursday December 4, 2025

The annual LGMFS Christmas Potluck & Silent Auction social event is coming soon! Our Christmas social will occur during the next meeting – Thursday December 4th. As for past Christmas events, there will be a great selection of food and drink, in addition to **two** rounds of silent auction - plus the “**High Roller**” table. The High Roller table will include:

- Interesting selection of rocks, minerals and fossils
- 6” rock/Lapidary saw
- Geology, mineral collecting and fossil books. Mineralogical Record and Lapidary magazines

Hope to see everyone there – bring family and friends for fun & food & entertainment!

Preview of books and Mineral Specimens: High Roller Table

London Gem Mineral & Fossil Society

Meetings: Usually, 1st Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:30 pm (September to June but not in January)

Meeting Place: Earl Nichols Arena
799 Homeview Place London Ontario

Membership: Single \$20, Family \$30, Student \$15

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6-inch Rock Saw - High Roller Table Another view of the rock saw from Walter and Nancy Marchi, 6" Lortone Lapidary saw with a jug of cutting oil

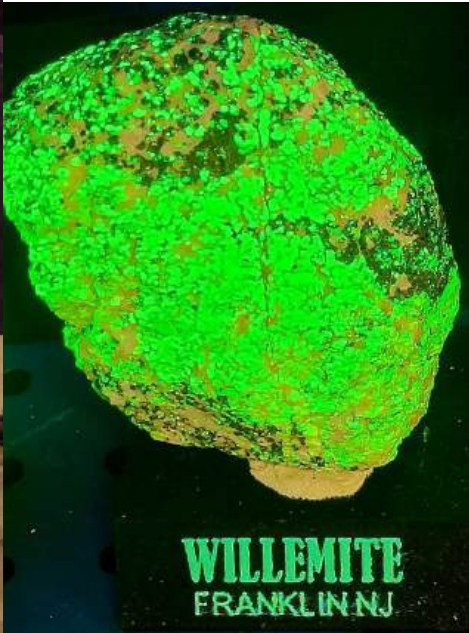
A Message from Bob O'Donnell About Hungry Hollow Visits:

- **The Coordinators are Bob and Tony Petropoulos (bob-carla8@outlook.com).** Tony has a private email address without his name. **Contact Bob to reach Tony.**

Photos from the London Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society Show

The photos were taken by Diane Jaskot-many thx. Good memories for all. The photos had to be trimmed to fit the pages below.







THUNDER EGG
LOCATION UNKNOWN
DONATED BY:
HENRY YOUNG
Western

Thunder Egg
Donated by Henry Young
Which way is up?



Petrified Wood
(On loan from Cam Tsujita)

SILENT AUCTION

KID'S MINE

Enter the bonanza mine & collect 5 specimens

\$3 Entrance

GEM & MINERAL SHOW

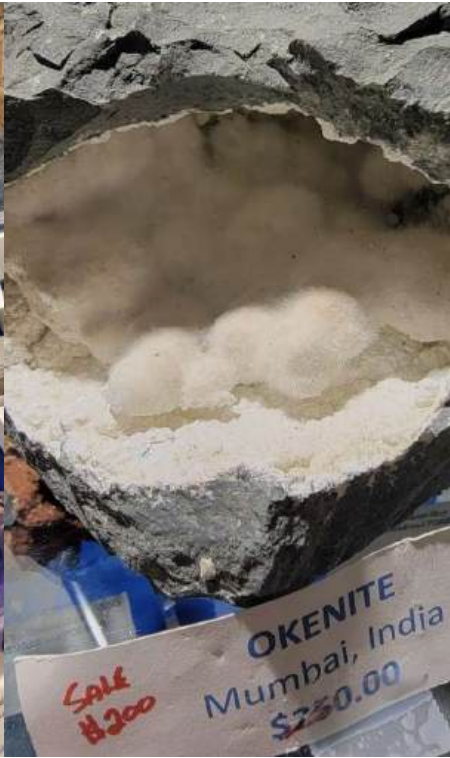
"OUT OF THIS EARTH"

GNEISS GUY
minerals and fossils

gneissguy.ca
FAMILY BUSINESS SINCE 1990

Providing Quality World Wide Minerals & Fossils specializing in Canadian  sourced items

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Judie sure loves these rockhounds. I better start collecting again.





Staurolite
Semiostroye, Keivy,
Kola Peninsula,
Russia



Amethyst Cathedral
Rio De Sul, Brazil
\$520



The Gneiss Guy \$25
MINERALS and FOSSILS
AMMONITE
"Perisphincta"

Emerald

After Philip McCausland's superb presentation at the November club meeting on Canadian Meteorites, I recalled this weird news story from 1954 in one of my

father's encyclopedias (the shelves literally covered 2 of the walls of a bedroom and were all in French – gee thx POP-the only French I knew then were swear words). I have forgotten most of my French but I had to pass a French exam at University-degree requirement for a second language.

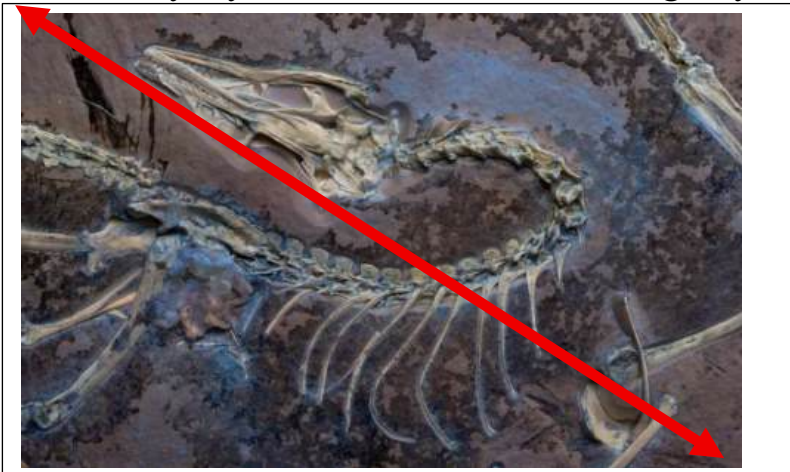
Ann Elizabeth Fowler Hodges



Ann Hodges with the bruise sustained from the [Sylacauga meteorite](#) in November 1954

It smashed a 3-foot hole (0.91 m) in her ceiling while she was napping, and it bounced off a radio and something else before hitting her. She was the first documented person to be hit by a meteorite who survived. Unfortunately, there was a fight about who owned it. She finally got ownership, and it was passed on to a museum later.

For Next Month: An extremely detailed Archaeopteryx Fossil under UV light and with a CT scan. These fossils are usually crushed, but this one was pristine even with soft tissue. This was an important find regarding whether the Archaeopteryx could really fly. The red line blocks usage by others due to copyright infringement.



From the CNN Science Journal by Mindy Weisberger. It was in a private collection until the Field Museum got it and analyzed it. The lead investigator was Dr. Jingmai O'Connor. I could not reach her about the copyright. Mindy answered positively, but I hope I can reach Jingmai for the next newsletter.