



# Voice of the Dinosaur

## Newsletter of the Kawartha Rock & Fossil Club

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### LAST REGULAR MEETING

**Apr 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President, George Thompson with 16 members in attendance.

Bob Beckett has put in motion the much needed discussion of our Constitution & By-Law reforms.

**Article VII, Amendment to the Constitution & By-Law**

**7.1 Any voting member in good standing may propose amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws as a written motion duly signed by the member and seconder who is also a voting member in good standing. Read upcoming Meeting Minutes for the complete rules. The main reason that this is coming about, is to change the date of the election of officers, with the hope of improving participation. We will be accepting your motion on any matter that would improve the running of our club.**

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### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

**Date: May 10, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Place: New Activity Centre, Peterborough Zoo**

No speaker

Featuring: Minerals from The Beryl Pit (Beryl from Quadeville) and Craigmont Mine (Corundum, from Craigmont), as well as fossils from southern Ontario.

As there are trips planned that will be upon us very soon this is a great opportunity to share with our new members what to expect from these locations. So dust off your favourite and most interesting specimens and come out for an evening of open discussion and socializing.

Time permitting we will run an interesting DVD as well.

Respectfully  
Robert Montgomery  
Secretary KR&FC

# 2016 Fossil Collecting

By Kevin Kidd

Saturday, Apr 16

Between lousy weather and other commitments, my spring collecting has been very slow. I did manage to sneak away to Hungry Hollow, but the collecting was far from great. As usual, I focused my efforts in the South pit. I made what I believed to be one of my most thorough searches of that pit, at least in the Hungry Hollow formation, but most of what I gathered up was pretty common. No trilobites or blastoids this trip, but I think I did manage to add at least one new brachiopod species to my collection. As I was beginning to make my way out, I was able to cross a piece off of my "must find" list. In the clay, likely having rolled down from the higher levels, was a small fragment of a horn coral. I must have seen hundreds if not thousands of similar sized pieces today as they are literally everywhere, but this one was a bit different. It wasn't the coral I cared about, but what was on it –a *Hederella* bryozoan colony that wraps all the way around. It certainly takes a specialist collector to appreciate things like this, and that must be what I am because I was quite happy to find it.



Figure 1 *Hederella* sp. bryozoan. For size reference, the horn coral the bryozoan is on measures about 1cm long.

Not much of a report this month, but hopefully with a spring Bowmanville trip (WOOHOO!!!!), I will have plenty to write about for the next issue.

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Sad news for mineral collectors.

It's official. The Bear Lake Diggings site has been sold and the site is now closed to all collecting.

The Chamber Of Commerce in Bancroft has sold their interest in "Bear Lake Diggings". The people who have bought it are going to build a house on it. NO COLLECTING any more here.

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## 2016 FIELD TRIPS

Field trip list -short version. Specific details will be emailed shortly before each trip.

Two trips, Malone and Tatlock, have been added and there is hope one more will come.

All of these trips are open to KRFC members.

If you have any questions (Registration, tools to bring, location.....) please contact

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**\*\*\* REMEMBER TO REGISTER with the right person/club and BRING YOUR CLUB CARD**

Happy Hunting

## MAY

1st Bowmanville CCFMS (full safety gear)(Kevin Kidd)

7<sup>th</sup> Marmora KRFC (full safety gear) Trip is full

7<sup>th</sup> Beamsville CCFMS (full safety gear)

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28<sup>th</sup> Craigmont with Alf (Kingston club)  
Meet at Princess Sodalite mine parking lot on Highway 28 East of Bancroft at 9 AM.  
Be prepared to sign a release and show me a club card. (Any club affiliated with CCFMS!)

## JUNE

4<sup>th</sup> Beryl Pit (Bob Beckett)  
5<sup>th</sup> James Dick (Kevin Brett) (full safety gear)  
25<sup>th</sup> Marmora KRFC (full safety gear)  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26 Eganville Miller Property (Kingston Club)

## July

16<sup>th</sup> Ore Chimney Mine KRFC /Tweed Office  
23<sup>th</sup> Tory Hill (Kingston Club)

## AUGUST

13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Lake Superior trip NPGS  
21<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Thunder Bay AMETHYST with Alf (Kingston club, bring full safety gear)  
27<sup>th</sup> Malone KRFC

## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Eganville Miller Property (Kingston Club)  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Wollastonite Mine and others NPGS (full safety gear)  
17<sup>th</sup> Marmora KRFC (full safety gear)  
24<sup>th</sup> Beamsville (not yet confirmed) CCFMS (full safety gear)  
24<sup>th</sup> TBA Kingston club

## OCTOBER

15<sup>th</sup> Marmora KRFC (full safety gear)  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Herkimer, NY State (Kingston Club)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Tatlock Quarry KRFC (full safety gear)

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## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Kitchener-Waterloo Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show & Sale 10am to 4pm.  
Waterloo Community Arts Centre, 25 Regina St. South, Waterloo. Free admission

For more info contact Gary Winkler 519-803-4343 or check [www.calaverite.com/kwgmcc/](http://www.calaverite.com/kwgmcc/)

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. 50<sup>th</sup> annual NPGS Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale –a Geo Venture. 10am to 5pm.  
Held at Heartland Forest, 8215 Heartland Forest Rd. Niagara Falls ON. Admission \$3 (\$2 with coupon) Children  
12 and under are free.

For more info contact Ashley Pollock 905-687-6503 or check [www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/](http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/)

Friday-Sunday, Jul 15-17: 34<sup>th</sup> annual Sudbury Gem & Mineral Show. Fri. 5 pm to 9 pm, Sat. 10 am to 6 pm; Sun.  
10 am to 5 pm. Carmichael Arena 1298 Bancroft Dr., across from Minnow Lake, 1 km. south of the Kingsway  
(Hwy. 17E), Sudbury, ON

For more info contact Ed DeBicki at 705-522-5140 or check [www.ccfms.ca/clubs/sudbury.show.htm](http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/sudbury.show.htm)

Sunday, Jul 24: 20th annual Bancroft Gem & Mineral Club Show 10 am to 4 pm. Bancroft Legion Hall, 16 Station St, Bancroft, ON. \$3 Admission to show or \$5 to show and mineral museum. Children 15 yrs or less are free

For more info contact Frank Melanson 613-332-1032

Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> –Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>. 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree. T/F/Sa 10am to 6pm, Sun 10am to 5pm. 2 venues and outdoor area- Bancroft Curling Club, 63 Newkirk Blvd & North Hastings Community Centre, 103 Newkirk Blvd, Bancroft. Admission TBA, children under 7 free

Saturday-Sunday, September 17 & 18 “Wonders of the Earth” –the 47<sup>th</sup> Scarborough Gem & Mineral Club Show. Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm. Don Montgomery Community Centre, 2467 Eglinton Ave. East, Scarborough. Admission adults \$5, children \$1. Discount coupons available

For more info check [www.scarbgemclub.ca](http://www.scarbgemclub.ca)

Saturday-Sunday, September 24 & 25 50<sup>th</sup> OLMC Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show & Sale. Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm. Carleton university Fieldhouse, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa. Admission- 65+ \$5, adults \$8, student \$6 (with ID), 13-17 yrs \$2, 12 and under are free

For more info check Ottawa Lapsmith & Mineral Club website [www.olmc.ca](http://www.olmc.ca)

Friday-Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ancaster Gem, Mineral, Bead & Jewellery Show. Friday 9:30am – 5pm, Sat & Sun 10am – 5pm. Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd, Ancaster. Admission \$8, 2-day pass \$14. Children 12 & under are free

For more info contact 519-448-1236 or 1-800-360-2813

Saturday –Sunday, October 15 & 16. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Kingston Gem Storm. Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 5pm. Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge St, Kingston. Admission \$3, children 12 & under are free.

For more info contact Les Moss 613-384-4439

## Ongoing Events

### Robert Hall Originals Open Houses:

Spring Open House: Friday Apr 29-Sunday May 1  
Giant Jewellery Yard Sale: Friday July 22 & Saturday July 23  
Rockhound Family Day: Saturday August 13  
Annual “12 Days of Christmas” Open House: November 17 – 28  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm, Sat 10am – 4:30pm, closed Sundays  
138 Sugar Maple Rd, St George ON

For more info contact 519-448-1236 or 1-800-360-2813 or check [www.roberthalloriginals.com](http://www.roberthalloriginals.com)

### Rock, Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Meteorite Identification Clinics at the ROM:

Wednesdays, Jun 15, August 17, October 19 & December 7  
Hours: 4pm – 5:30pm

Royal Ontario Museum School Groups Lunchroom, President’s Choice entrance on Queen’s Park, doors nearest Museum subway stop

For more info contact 416-586-5186 or visit museum website at [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

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## EDITOR'S RANT

Well I hate being the bearer of bad news, but another one bites the dust with Bear Lake. All the more reason to join in on some of the field trips. Sites you think will be around forever could be gone in a flash. It took some time, but the CCFMS website was finally updated. As you can see, I added a lot of upcoming shows and events to the newsletter, but you can always check for updates yourself at <http://www.ccfms.ca/Events/events.html>

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