



# Voice of the Dinosaur

## Newsletter of the Kawartha Rock & Fossil Club

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### LAST MONTH'S REGULAR MEETING

Mar 10, 2020

Minutes from Steve Wesley:

Twenty-one people attended.

We had a few new faces attending the meeting, so George started the meeting by having each person introduce themselves.

A silent auction was started at the beginning of the meeting by Tom.

George gave a brief presentation on fluorescents.

Ken Lyon discussed the geology, characteristics and occurrences of Peridotite. See attached Notes on Peridotite and computer scan from the book on Rock and Gem by Bonewitz (2008).

Jacque Wilson gave a very interesting presentation on the Schickler fluorite occurrence near Wilberforce. See attached presentation notes. Jacquie who is also the field trip leader for the Bancroft club will be organizing a trip to the property sometime later in the year. She will keep us up to date about date and time.

Following this the silent auction concluded and the meeting was adjourned.

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### NEXT MONTH'S REGULAR MEETING

Cancelled

Further to our email in March to all members, all future meetings are cancelled until further notice. We will monitor health advisories and directives and future re-opening of the Riverview Park and Zoo and keep you posted.

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### APRIL ROCK/FOSSIL/MINERAL OF THE MONTH

Just because meetings are cancelled, it doesn't mean that we can't showcase a rock/fossil/mineral of the month. Your Newsletter Editor hopes to keep putting out a monthly newsletter regardless of meeting cancellations.

My suggestion is that we rotate a category every month - rock, fossil and mineral. Last month was a rock (peridotite), so this month will be a fossil followed by a mineral in May.

For something a bit different, this month's fossil is actually a group of fossils, Pleistocene megafauna. Send me any photos of specimens that you have plus references or links to interesting articles and resources and I will compile them to share with everyone in the next newsletter. Maybe Byron can find something for us on YouTube.

George Thompson, do you want to suggest a mineral for May?

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## KRFC 2020 ANNUAL SHOW - BEST COLLECTED SPECIMENS

Thanks to Kevin Kidd for taking these photos of the best collected specimens in 2019 as voted on at our recent annual Club show. Congratulations to the winners and to all who entered.



Alpine Quartz with Chamosite. Collected by Robert Montgomery in September 2019 at Warwick, Quebec. This was a close competition. The specimen won by one vote.



Eldredgeops rana trilobite. Collected by Kevin Kidd in September 2019 at the Penn-Dixie park in Hamburg, NY. Won by acclamation. A beautiful specimen, but someone needs to give Kevin a run for his money in this year's competition.

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## IN THE NEWS AND OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Huge Amethyst Crystal Cluster Found in Thunder Bay Area Late Last Year

Thanks to Byron Berwick for sharing this YouTube link with us. The link will take you to a video showing a spectacular amethyst crystal cluster that was found late last year in the Thunder Bay area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUVqasywGSM>

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## GRAHAM WILSON'S ROCK OF THE MONTH

Graham Wilson of Turnstone Geological Services Ltd. in Campbellford, ON maintains a fascinating website with rock, mineral and other geology topics. Current and upcoming featured rocks of the month are:

- April: Camerina, Eocene foraminifera from Java, Indonesia
- May: Guenie, Holbrook, meteorite showers and micrometeorites

Check out these and many archived articles here:

[www.turnstone.ca/turnmap.htm#Tyndall](http://www.turnstone.ca/turnmap.htm#Tyndall)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## ONGOING EVENTS

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S CORNER

I hope to keep our monthly newsletter going during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to share notes and photos from a collecting trip or anything else of interest, please pass it along to me and I will put it in the next newsletter.

Steve Wesley has sent me a couple of photos from a field trip the Club did at the Dufferin quarry at Brechin many years ago, which I will put into a new Newsletter section called "Down Memory Lane". Do other Club members have old photos to share?

Wishing all the best for you and your families,

Ken Lyon



Gros Morne National Park, NL

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