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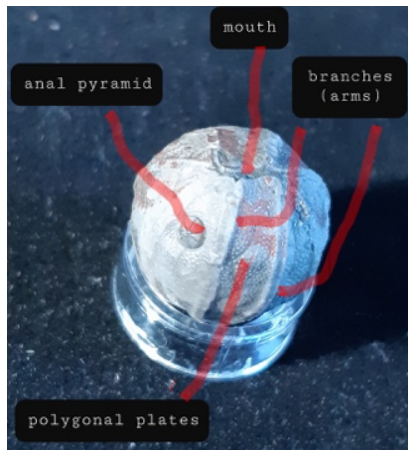
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Feature Article - Malocystites Murchisoni Billings
by Jean-Guy Pellerin and Therese Seguin of Fossiles Plus



News from the Executive Committee - 2021 membership fees waived, March 2021 show cancelled, and more.

Upcoming and Ongoing Events - Walker Mineralogical Club virtual meetings and presentations.

Showcase Cabinets for Sale by Bob Beckett

CLUB REGULAR MEETINGS

Cancelled Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Further to our email in March 2020 to 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.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Club Executive Committee met on November 10, 2020 by teleconference and passes along the following:

- In view of the Covid pandemic and decreased club activities, Club membership fees for 2021 for existing members will be waived. If you are already a member, you will be automatically renewed for 2021.
- In view of the Covid pandemic and because the Peterborough Evinrude Centre is still closed for events and we need to be able to plan ahead, it was regrettably decided to cancel our March 2021 Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.
- The September 2021 Rock Swap has not been cancelled. Health advisories and directives will be monitored with the hope that it will go ahead.
- Ways to engage our members more in 2021, such as by Zoom meetings, are under study. Ideas are welcome.

New members who would like to join the Club should contact Jodie St. John whose contact info is on the first page of this newsletter.

FEATURE ARTICLE - MALOCYSTITES MURCHISONI BILLINGS

by Jean-Guy Pellerin and Therese Seguin

In this issue, our fellow members Jean-Guy Pellerin and Therese Seguin share the attached article about an interesting echinoderm that lived during the middle Ordovician about 460 million years ago. Fossils are found in New York state, Ontario and Quebec. In the Montreal area it is abundant in some limestone shales, where it is a "marker" for the Laval Formation (Chazy Group).

Jean-Guy and Therese own and operate Fossiles Plus, a small business selling reasonably priced fossils, minerals and decor items. You can check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/fossileshow/>

Therese writes: Jean-Guy and I started collecting fossils in the 80's. At first, around Montreal, then in the Saint-Lawrence Lowlands. We expanded our field trips to Ontario, Alberta, USA, France, Belgium, Morocco, even Australia. We are so passionate that every trip and vacation we take includes fossil collecting. After several years we decided to share our love with the crowd. We started small and became what you see nowadays at the annual Peterborough Show. We are always happy to answer questions and help collectors to find what they are looking for. Since the pandemic, things have been slightly different. We have moved on to virtual shows associated with The Gem Expo, for the time being. They are held once a month and give us the opportunity to keep in contact with our customers and keep the flame alive.

IN THE NEWS AND OF GENERAL INTEREST

East Africa Splitting Apart at Triple Tectonic Plate Junction

Byron Berwick has shared this YouTube video link posted by Skywatch Media News on July 22, 2020:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oG3iQSiRBVk>

We've all heard of the East African Rift and the cradle of hominid evolution. What the video shows well is how the region is splitting apart at a plate triple junction and how a new ocean will form in a few million years.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING EVENTS

Ongoing Virtual Mineralogical Club Meetings:

Walker Mineralogical Club

Steve Szilard sent us an email to note that the Walker Club holds regular and special virtual meetings and presentations that we can log in to. The December format is different, but usually Walker Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Check out their Facebook page and Event listings: <https://www.facebook.com/Walker-Mineralogical-Club-119249944916264/>

SHOWCASE CABINETS FOR SALE

Bob Beckett has a pair of nice showcase cabinets for sale. See his flyer attached with photos and dimensions. These kinds of opportunities do not come up often. Bob's contact information is included in the flyer.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S CORNER

I need a feature article for the next Newsletter. Any volunteers? Also, any contributions regarding general news of interest and ongoing and upcoming events are always welcome!

Best regards,
Ken Lyon