

All are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the
Nittany Mineralogical Society
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

At a special starting time of **6:00 p.m.**

Our March meeting will be held Wednesday the 19th at a special starting time of 6:00 p.m., in the lobby and room 116 auditorium of Earth & Engineering Sciences Building on the west side of the Penn State campus in State College, PA. Maps and directions are available through our web site, www.nittanymineral.org

6:00 to ~ 7:10 p.m.: Purchasing & cracking geodes in the lobby

about 7:15 p.m.: featured program on geodes in room 116 (smaller auditorium)

The event has free admission and free parking,, and is open to all. No purchase is necessary; you can just watch geode cracking and attend the program. Geode Night is great fun for “kids of all ages,” as they say. Don’t miss it!

Parents/guardians must provide supervision of minors.



A Mexican geode from Geode Night

Photo by D. Glick.



Jeff shows a youngster the inside of his new geode. *Photo by Jim Garthe*

GEODE NIGHT!

presented by Jeff Smith
“The Geode Guy”

NMS is very happy to welcome back Jeff Smith, “the Geode Guy,” to present Geode Night to our club again. Starting at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby, several sizes of whole geodes will be available for purchase at about \$5 and up. After you buy, Jeff will crack them open for you and you’ll be the first person ever to see the crystals inside. If yours turns out to be solid, you can pick another at no charge. Jeff may have some other geodes at a variety of prices.

When the geode cracking is finished, Jeff Smith will present a program on geodes in the room 116 auditorium at about 7:15. He and his family have visited the geode mine in Mexico, and he has slides, good stories and video of the long trip out to the mine and then going underground to mine a few geodes themselves. He will have news of his last visit just a few months ago. It’s fascinating! The program is family friendly and very interesting.

**AND...Register kids now for
Minerals
Junior Education Day
Saturday April 5**

Students in grades 1-8 and their parents learn about minerals, crystals, gemstones, and fossils. At this event, kids get an empty egg carton when they check in, then go to a series of stations, each concerning a different aspect of mineral properties, rocks or fossils. They learn about the topic from a demonstration or discussion, and receive a properly labeled specimen related to the topic, so they gather a whole collection in their egg carton. The whole tour takes 1.5 to 2 hours. \$5 per child, **advance registration required - see the web site:**

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