

MGMC Meeting
October 23, 2018

Lab Update: one class ending this week and another starting next week

Show Update: Need about four more security volunteers, contact Bob T. for yard signs and consignment packets

Show & Tell: Bob, Scot, Rebecca

Christmas Party: December 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm at 2010 Wenona Drive

Competition: Precious Opal - *must show fire*

1st: Black Opal - Australia (Bernie)

2nd: Ethiopian Opal (Marsha Z.)

Speaker: Scot Moss

Herkimer Diamonds

From Herkimer County - *his hometown*

How they are formed:

- found in rock formation called Little Falls Dolomite
- some sandy layers in the dolomite
- Slow growth
- affected by decomposition of the stromatolite

Collecting

Where are the mines? I-90, RT 28 NY

- Middleville
 - Ace of Diamonds: \$10 fee, tools available to rent
 - Herkimer Diamond Mines
- Little Falls
 - Treasure Mountain
- St. Johnsvilles
 - Crystal Groves
- Fonda
 - Diamond Acres

Ways to Collect

- Working the Wall
- Collecting from loose rock
- Collecting from the dirt
- Collecting at Shows (like the Syracuse Show)

Other Minerals and mineraloids found in Herkimer mines

- dolomite
- calcite
- anthraxolite
- pyrite
- marcasite
- sphalerite