# Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society

## May Midmonth Email

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**You can now RSVP for all the digs at once with Google.**
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***DIG UPDATE* FOR ALL 2026 DIGS**
MEMBERS ONLY ON DIGS (CHECKED AT SITE)
RSVP REQUIRED, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO DIG
NO ADDITIONAL RESERVATION NECESSARY
**To RSVP,** use the Google form for all digs
or email:
Email: digs@foms-nj.us

**DIG: MAY 16, 2026 (SATURDAY)**
**Sterling Hill, open cut**
Meet 8:30 a.m. at Sterling Hill Mining Museum for sign-in.
30 Plant St., Ogdensburg, NJ 07439
Orientation at 8:45 a.m., Dig 9 a.m.–12 noon
All PPE required. Contact us if you need guidance on this.
**Families welcome. Children 10 and up allowed.**
Members join or renew.
**Registration closes Monday night (tonight).**

**MEETING: MAY 16, 2026 (SATURDAY)**
**General Membership Meeting**
1:30–3:00 p.m. Open to members and the public.
Sterling Hill Mining Museum, Pavilion, Ogdensburg, NJ

**Speaker**
**Dr. Charles Merguerian**
**"Exploration and Geology of the Earth's Moon"**
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## Looking Ahead to June Dig and Meeting

**DIG: JUNE 20, 2026 (SATURDAY)**
**Taylor Road Dump**
Meet at Franklin Mineral Museum at 8:30 a.m.
(no bathrooms, closed in the morning) for 9 a.m.–12 noon dig.

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Franklin Mineral Museum 1:30–3:00 p.m.
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## Society Contacts & Websites

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*SHMM-1242,-Unknown--Sterling-mine,-NJ,-16x8x6-cm,-view-2.* Sterling Hill Mining Museum specimen SHMM-1242. Dimensions 16 × 8 × 6 cm. Earl R. Verbeek photo.

## 2026 Shows and Upcoming Events

May 11–17, EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, near Little Switzerland, NC
May 15–17, New England Mineral Conference (NEMC), Newry, ME
May 16–17, Cape Atlantic Rockhounds Spring Show, Mays Landing, NJ

June 6, PESA, Mineralfest, Macungie, PA
June 6, Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science, Kent, CT
June 6, (rain date June 7), NEMA Mineral Tailgate Sale, Poland, ME
June 6–7, GemFest, Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club, Canandaigua, NY
June 12–14, Gem Miner's Spring Show, West Friendship, MD

**FOMS DIGS and MEETINGS 2026**
All FOMS meetings and digs are held on Saturdays.
Members only on digs due to insurance. Join or renew.

***DIG UPDATE***
**RSVP one week ahead is all that is required.**
To RSVP, email digs@foms-nj.us

Not all locations are confirmed. Plan on 8:30 a.m. meetup, 9 a.m.–12 noon dig.
The monthly FOMS meetings are held at Franklin Mineral Museum from 1:30–3 p.m., except for this May.

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May 16, Sterling Hill, open cut / Meeting 1:30–3:00 p.m., Sterling Hill, public invited
June 20, Taylor Road Dump / Meeting 1:30–3:00 p.m., FMM, public invited
September 26, Hamburg Quarry / Meeting 1:30–3:00 p.m., FMM, public invited
October 17, Braen, Lime Crest Quarry / Meeting 1:30–3:00 p.m., FMM, public invited
November 21, Andover Mine / Meeting 1:30–3:00 p.m., FMM, public invited

**FRANKLIN MINERAL MUSEUM DIGS ONLY 2026**
June 6, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
July 18, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
September 5, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
October 3, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
November 7, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.

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July 3–September 6, Summer Mineral Sale
July 18, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
September 5, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
September 18-20, Fall Mineral Sale
September 19-20, Fall Mineral Show (indoor and outdoor sale)
October 3, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.
November 7, Night dig on Buckwheat Dump at FMM, 6:30–10:30 p.m.

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