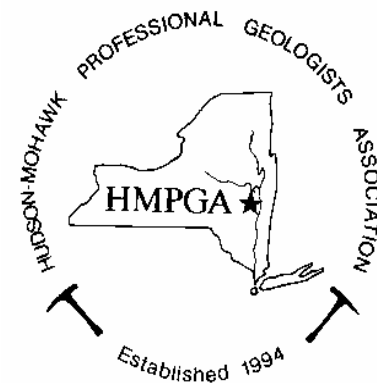


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Join HMPGA and the AIPG – Northeast Section in touring the NYS Museum's popular long term exhibits: "Adirondack Wilderness," "Ancient Life of New York: A Billion Years of Earth History," and "The Minerals of New York." Directions to the Museum's Cultural Education Center are provided on **Page 3** of the Newsletter.

This event is open to all members and interested parties.

SCHEDULE

1:00PM – 3:00PM

Executive Committee Meeting in Meeting Room (to be announced) at NYS Museum, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12230 (518.474.5877). Please arrive before 1:00 pm if you wish to attend the ExCom meeting. All AIPG members are invited to attend.

3:30PM – 5:00PM

Round table discussion of the NYS geology licensure effort - Members Lounge.

5:00PM – 5:30PM Social Hour (cash bar) in the Members Lounge.

5:30PM – 6:30PM Dinner in the Adirondack Wilderness Hall.

6:30PM – 7:30PM After Dinner Presentation: Dr. Sam Gowan, "Movement and control of brine rising from the Retsof Salt mine 12 yrs after the collapse."

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HMPGA sponsors, coordinates, and participates in events to help educate the community and its members with respect to geological or geotechnical issues. Events include regular meetings with evening dinners and guest speakers. Other events include workshops, short courses, or field excursions. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions for our organization, please contact a HMPGA Officer or Board Member.

October's Meeting and Event Information:

When: October 18, 2006

Schedule:

NYS Museum
The Cultural Education Center
Albany, New York

Board Meeting	1:00pm
Social Hour	5:00pm
Dinner	5:30pm
Program (free)	6:30pm

Attendance Cost:

\$25.00 per person

Walk-ins are welcome for the round table discussion, social hour, and after dinner presentation; however, we appreciate prior notice for dinner attendance.

Please send your attendance registration to **Laurie Scheuing** by **Wednesday, October 11, 2006**. For questions, contact Laurie via e-mail at lscheuing@qeallc.com. Make your check payable to NE-AIPG.

Send advance registration checks to:
Laurie Scheuing
46 Homestead Road
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-5808

Thank you and enjoy!

Directions

The [New York State Museum](#) is housed in the Cultural Education Center in the Empire State Plaza across from the State Capitol in Albany, New York. The Cultural Education Center (CEC) is at the south end of the Empire State Plaza, across Madison Avenue (Route 20) from the Plaza (at the opposite end from the Capitol).

From the East: Take I-90 West to I-787 South to exit 3B to US 20 West. Continue on US 20 West (Madison Avenue) to the CEC.

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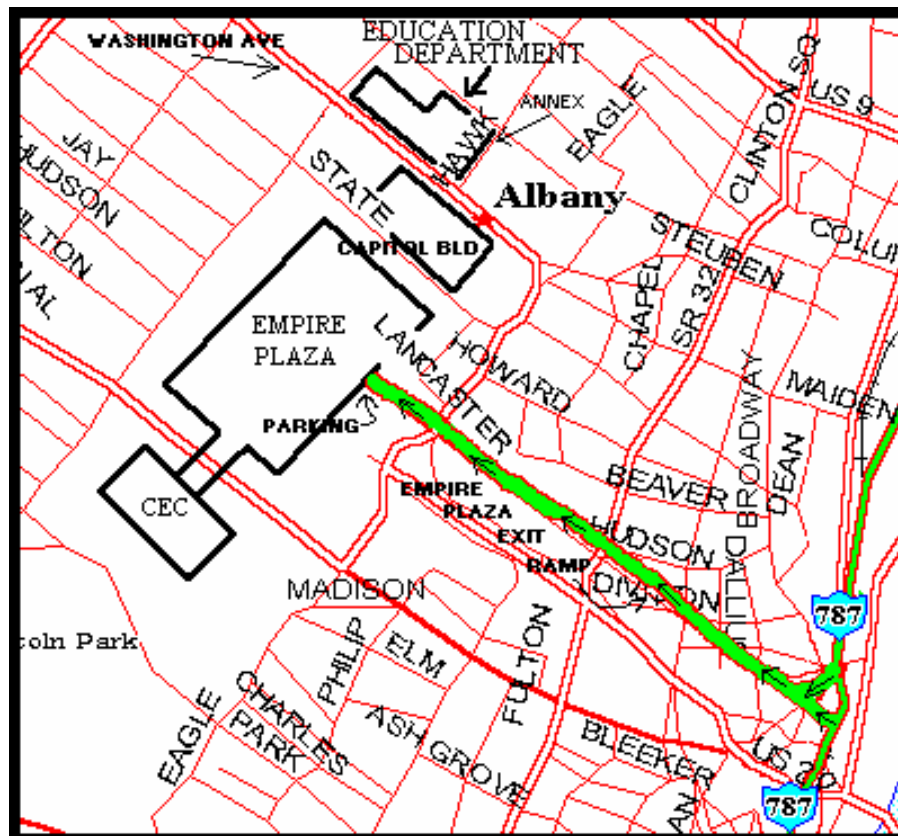
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Alternate Approach from I-787: Follow Empire State Plaza signs, proceed straight under the Plaza, then bear left to loop back under the Plaza. Use one of the underground parking lots or take the P1 exit and go through the arch to Madison Avenue.

Parking

Some visitor parking is available in the **P-3 North level (V Lot)** parking lot, which is under the Empire State Plaza. Outdoor parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot immediately east of the Cultural Education Center, and in the parking lot just west of the building. There will be a fee for parking in these lots any time before 3 p.m. Parking in the Cathedral lot is **free after 3 p.m.**; however, for the Plaza underground lot there is a \$2 flat fee after 2:30 and on special event weekends.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings - as we enter October, there are many exciting things going on with HMPGA, and I'd like to highlight a few of the items on our collective agenda. First, I want to thank **Matt Darcangelo** of **Aztech Technologies** for his presentation at our September meeting. It's always good to see high-tech applications converge for solutions to investigative and remedial field situations. I encourage all HMPGA members to share some of their professional expertise or maybe a project history or two for one of our upcoming meetings. We all toil away in our own professional worlds, and sometimes - I hope not often - think that what may seem pretty mundane to us, is really quite interesting to friends and colleagues - so consider tossing your name in the ring for a future dinner talk!

At the September meeting, we had planned to have a NYSCPG representative fill us in on their renewed efforts to effect licensure for geologists in New York State, but schedule conflicts precluded that from happening. Sam Gowan did provide the HMPGA Board with a brief synopsis of the current landscape, and it appears that the primary logjam exists in Assembly Speaker Silver's office. The topic of licensure will be front-and-center at our October meeting, slated for **October 18, 2006**, which is being held as a joint meeting with the **North East Section - AIPG** at the **New York State Museum** in Albany. Details for this event are at <http://www.ne-aipg.org/>, and the flyer is provided in this issue. I hope you can make it to the Museum on October 18th for what promises to be a great meeting.

As many of you are aware, **Earth Science Week** this year is **October 8 – 14**. General information on this annual event can be found at <http://www.aipg.org/scriptcontent/index.cfm> - select 'Earth Science Week' from the 'Select & Go!' dropdown. In recognition of Earth Science Week, HMPGA is hosting its own (somewhat local) essay and photo contest for K-12 students. Details are provided in this newsletter.

Our November speaker will be **Amanda Stevens** of **NYSERDA** – she'll be giving us an overview of NYSERDA's Energy Program. December's meeting will be our annual Holiday Gathering, to be held at the Calaway Grill in Latham, and the January 2007 meeting will feature Doug Burns of the USGS, who'll be speaking to us about acid rain and its ecosystem effects in New York State.

Please remember to get those membership renewals in if you haven't already done so – **October 1, 2006 is the renewal date for your 2006 -2007 membership**. A current membership form is included in this newsletter and is available on our website. As you'll hear me say again and again, the commitment of our membership is the key to keeping this organization vital and relevant. Along those lines, I'd like to recognize the continuing efforts of my fellow Board Members, and officially welcome Liz Davis as Chair of the Communications Committee. In the near-term, Liz will be handling the Earth Science Week contest; going forward, she'll be concentrating on furthering HMPGA's outreach efforts within the greater Hudson/Mohawk community. Welcome aboard, Liz!

Finally, a reminder to all Board Members that the date for the October Board Meeting has been changed this month to **Tuesday, October 17, 2006** at 5pm, and will be held at the Malt River Brewing Company in Latham.

Hope to see you on October 18th at the New York State Museum!

Ted Loukides

(Ted Loukides is a Mineral Resources Specialist with the NYSDEC's Division of Mineral Resources in Albany)

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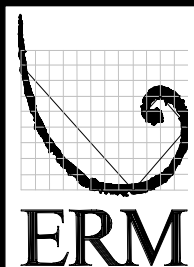
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AGI has chosen as this year's theme for Earth Science Week 2006: **"Be a Citizen Scientist!"** Earth Science Week, **October 8-14**, will engage students and the public in conducting real "citizen science" research and help to spread science literacy.

Earth Science Week 2006 marks the ninth year AGI has sponsored this international event. Learn more at www.earthsciweek.org.



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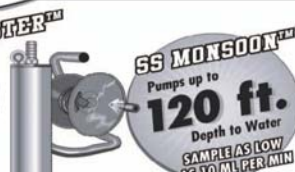
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Get Well Soon Bill Dickerson!

Bill Dickerson, one of our longtime HMPGA members, has suffered a fall at his home. Bill experienced a head injury and was admitted to Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady. At this time, Bill is undergoing physical therapy and will remain at Sunnyview until at least October 6th.

If you would like to visit Bill, or send him your “get well” wishes, his contact information is as follows:



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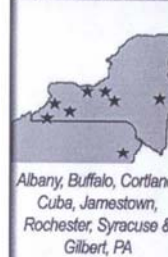
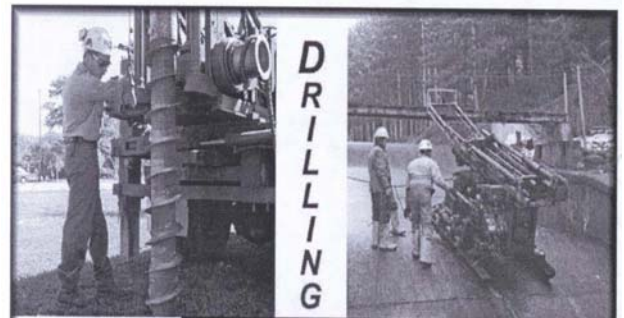
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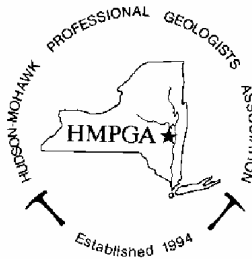
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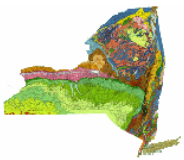
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