

Field Trip Report to the Herkimer Diamond Mines May 9-14, 2010

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This was our annual trip to the Herkimer Diamond Mines. Tom and Cobb Allison, Harry and Tina League, Sallie Rush and I were joined by our friends Tom and Pat Copeland from Oswego New York.



On Monday morning we met at Donna's Diner for a nice breakfast and to discuss our strategy.

We decided to search in the new area that was opened in the fall of 2008. We had heard that the rock was fractured making it easier to split and search for crystals.

At 9 am we paid our \$10 fee and went straight to the new spot and found an area that had been cleared by the previous miners. It was large enough for all of us to work.





With almost no effort at all, Tina began to move rock. Her and Harry started finding crystals almost immediately. By the end of the first day they had filled a small jar. The rest of us had also found crystals, many in matrix.



Tuesday was about the same. We all found crystals and were happy at the end of the day. However, on Wednesday it rained. Everyone except Harry and Tina decided to take the day off. They were determined not to let a little rain stop them. It turned out to be their best day. They found sever crystals over an inch long.



Wednesday evening we met at Fat Cats, a great seafood place to discuss how the day went.

On Thursday another miner beat us to our spot and decided to work in the area where I had been working. I didn't object because that area had begun to dry up. As it turned out he found almost nothing and I found quite a few in my new spot.

On Friday we decided to leave because more rain was coming into the area. But we didn't mind. It was a successful trip and we all had a good time.

