Herkimer Diamonds by: Tina League



May 13th- 18th we went on our annual trip to Herkimer, New York for Herkimer Diamonds. Bob was unable to attend this spring, however Joe, Harry and Tina from SMRMC and Jeff from the Richmond Club made the trek to Herkimer in search of Herkimer Diamonds.



We were faced with 3 days of rain, but were undaunted by the task at hand. We put on our rain gear and went to work with the sledges and chisels. Several nice specimens were found by all, even though the rain made it hard to see them.

Joe had an unfortunate incident with his sledge and was unable to continue just as the sun came out. He was able to enjoy some delicious seafood and ice cream from Fat Cats before he had to head back home.



Jeff found some nice specimens and moved a lot of rock during the last two sunny days. Our New York friend Tom showed us some of the spectacular specimens he'd collected at the mine over the years. We all enjoyed watching Paul open up his "pockets" near the wall he had been working all week. He had bountiful buckets of beautiful crystals. It was a good week, and we shall return.