

Sterling Hill Super Dig and Franklin Gem & Mineral Show 2013  
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On April 27, 2013 SMRMC members Jim, Jeff, Joyce, Joe, Paula, Gary, Cindy, Harry and Tina attended the Sterling Hill Mine Super Dig in Ogdensburg, NJ. The weather was perfect- 70's and sunny.

We were there to collect fluorescent mineral specimens from this famous location.

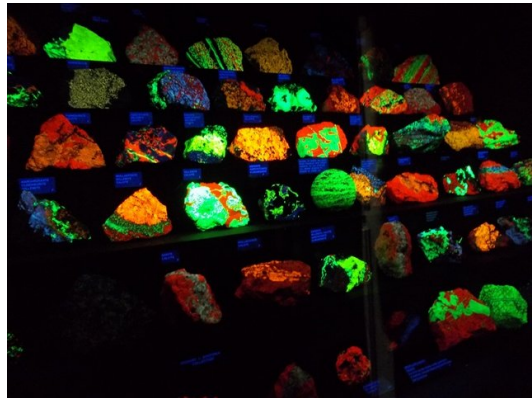


The dig was well organized and had a variety of tours and even a sale to keep everyone entertained for the long day and night. There were well over 300 people in attendance. The daytime collecting was aided by several "dark rooms" and "dark tents" with uv lights to examine our finds during the sunlit hours. After dark the collecting areas were lit up with hundreds of individual uv lights carried around

by the excited "trick or treaters". The tours of the mines and the museum were very informative and interesting.



On the upper mine tour we were able to obtain "piece of history" specimens from the ore mine's conveyor belt that have been sitting there since the mine was shut down for operations in 1986- very cool! There were lots of door prizes and the grand finale lighting of "the wall" during the evening dig was impressive.



On April 28, 2013 we attended the Gem & Mineral Show in Franklin, NJ....which is a "stone's throw" from Ogdensburg. There was a huge variety of beautiful gems, minerals and jewelry to purchase. We spent several hours at the show and then headed home with lighter wallets and heavier cars. A very fun weekend was had by all.