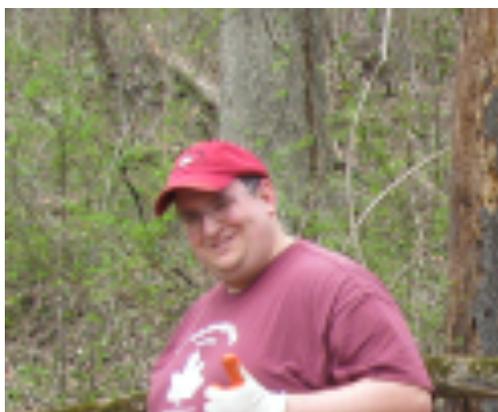
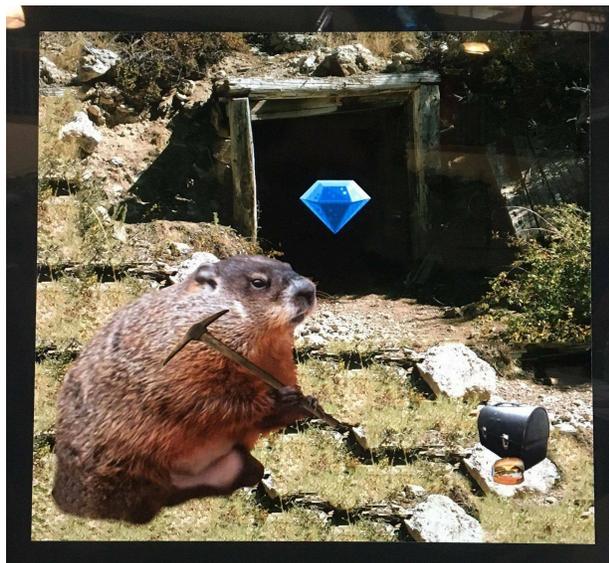


## Editors Unite 1<sup>st</sup> Interview

by Alison Pacut, Editor, Orange County MS (NY)

On 2/2/21, when “The Groundhog” saw his shadow, did the weather prediction come true? We interviewed him that very same day. No, not Punxsutawney Phil, but Freehold Dave, Dave Shapiro. Many of you know Groundhog and his exploits as the Field Guy in New Jersey and beyond. Below, you are going to learn more about this interesting animal who loves to dig.

We certainly did!



At our 3<sup>rd</sup> Editors Unite Roundtable, we held a Mystery Guest Interview. A mystery to us, the Editors Unite participants, and our guest who didn't know he was about to be “Roasted!” That's what we told him. Kidding aside, we only planned to just interview him this year and perhaps Roast him next year if he agreed. He did. Mark your calendar for 2022!

The evening was all in good plain fun!

*The following interview was adapted from an article by Editor, Diane Legg published in “Rocks in my Pockets,” of the Kanawha R&GC (WV), January, 2021. Original article was an interview by KRGC President Susie Lamb with member Deb Klimek. Editors Unite would like to thank them for the adaptation of their article..*

**The following questions were asked by members of the Editors Unite Group and answered by Groundhog Dave Shapiro (President of Friends of Mineralogy- NJ Chapter / President of North Jersey Mineral Society)**

Q1. What name do you want to be called?

(David Nock- EFMLS/CT)

A1. I'll go with Groundhog for that.

Q2. How did you get your nickname?

(Jody Shaw- Tuscarora LS/PA)

A2. A fellow collector named Mike, a guy from a number of Pennsylvania clubs, questioned me once based on my reluctance to collect in the wintertime. Because I'm one of the people that when it gets too cold out, I prefer to stay on the side of comfort and usually stay indoors. Some people certainly have more of a threshold for collecting in the colder temperatures and you know, I have some people in my clubs that are out collecting now and don't think twice about it. So it's just my way of affirming that I'm of the other type.

## The Groundhog Interview continued...

Q3. What is your favorite food? *(Pam Pollister- Philly MS/PA)*

A3. Without a doubt, that would be pasta, I unfortunately am what they call a carb-a-holic.

Q4. What is your favorite mineral or fossil? *(June Rogier- Presidential G&MS/NH)*

A4. You know I tend to be partial to Spinels. I have a few very nice collecting experiences where I've been able to collect like an amateur in New York. Fossil wise, I'll go with Trilobites.

Q5. Hang gliding or whitewater rafting? *(Dan Imel- Rochester LS/NY)*

A5. Um, that'll be no and no. I'm out of shape for both. I would be more the type to maybe organize a trip to that, but not necessarily for myself.

Q6. Favorite Collecting Locality? *(Teddi Silver- Delaware MS/DE)*

A6. I would have to say that probably my favorite collecting locality was one quarry that unfortunately we lost having a relationship with them recently. It was a collecting spot in New Jersey called Oxford Quarry up in northwestern Jersey and a really unique collecting locality.

Q7. Toilet paper - over or under? *(Lizzie Triano- Danbury MS/CT)*

A7. Say probably over but it's not for any real conventional reason. I know that it is an age old much debated topic. I might say the exact opposite answer each time.

Q8. What is something that most people don't know about you? *(Bill DeLorraine- St Lawrence Co RMC/NY)*

A8. Something that most people don't know about me is, I currently have Stage Three rectal cancer.

Q9. Favorite color? *(Sara Powers- Worcester MC/MA)*

A9. Generally speaking, my favorite color is green and various shades of green.

Q10. What site or collecting locality would you most want to visit? *(Rick Cernak- Worcester MC/MA)*

A10. I think it's in California and part of the Himalayan Mines. I forget if it was called the Candy Mine and second would be the San Benito, the Benitoite Mine.

Q11. What is something that people are obsessed with that you just don't get? *(Diane Burl- CT Valley MC/MA)*

A11. Coupon Clipping

Q12. Did you see your shadow today? *(Richard Simcsak-So MD RMC/MD)*

A12. I will say I believe I saw my shadow. I'm still going to err on the side that I most likely saw it, I couldn't verify for you 100% but.

For more about our group of Society Editors, go to: [EFMLS.org/Editors-United/](http://EFMLS.org/Editors-United/)

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