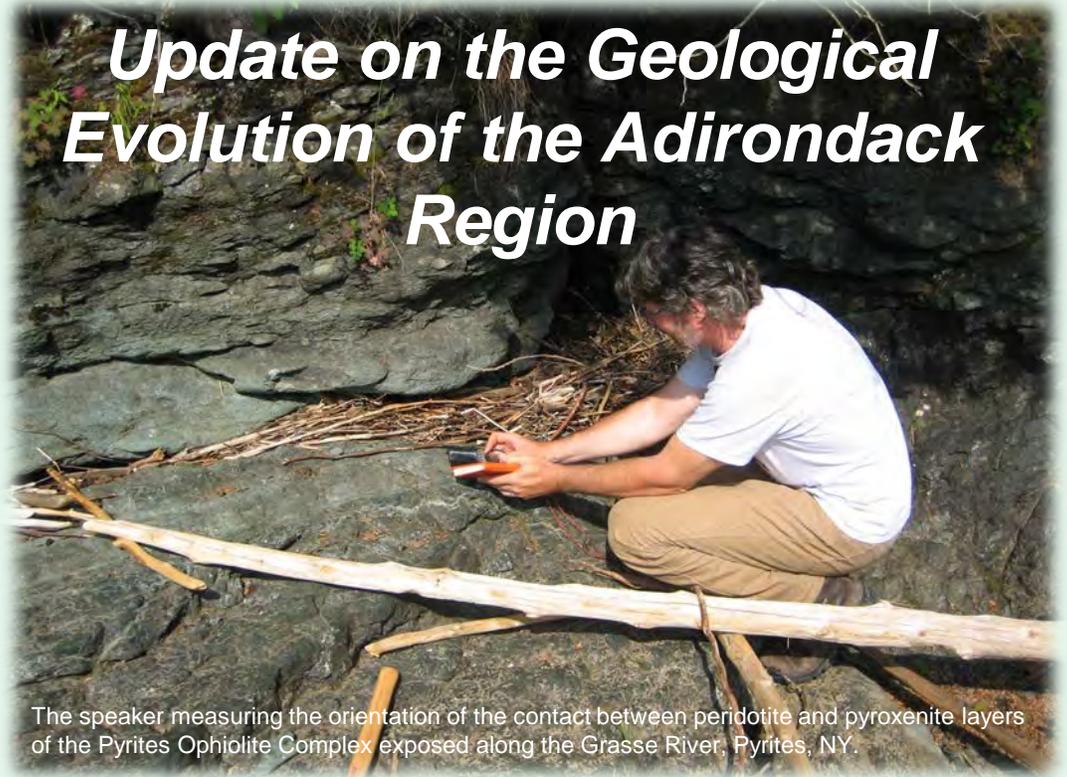


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### *Update on the Geological Evolution of the Adirondack Region*



The speaker measuring the orientation of the contact between peridotite and pyroxenite layers of the Pyrites Ophiolite Complex exposed along the Grasse River, Pyrites, NY.

## March 15, 2017

**Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Chiarenzelli,  
Dept. of Geology, St. Lawrence University**

**Abstract:** New analytical tools and new thinking has drastically changed our understanding of the geological evolution of the Adirondack Region. Formed more than one billion years ago, in the core of a global network of orogenic belts during the assembly of the supercontinent Rodinia, the Adirondack region presents an opportunity to study the response of the deep crust to continental collision. In this talk Jeff will introduce the tectonic history and chronology of the Adirondack Region in the context of the greater Grenville Province. Along the way he will summarize some of the new findings and, hopefully, dispel some long-standing “alternative” facts.

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**About the Presenter:** Jeff is the James Henry Chapin Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. He has worked for the New York State Department of Health, several universities, and was a principal of Flying Hammer Geology, Inc., a company specializing in geological mapping in northern Canada. His work is primarily in Precambrian terranes but he enjoys all types of geology and has had a career-long interest in the Adirondack region. His current field work includes investigation of the Snowbird Tectonic Zone, the 3000 km long boundary between the Rae and Hearne Provinces in arctic Canada and mapping of the Witherbee Quadrangle associated with the magnetite-apatite deposits of the eastern Adirondack iron mining district.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Have a Great Vernal Equinox. I've begun all these messages with seasonal greetings like these, so why stop now? Spring's arrival does bring HMPGA's largest community outreach effort at Howe's Cave. Please see the call for volunteers in this newsletter and your in box. Each year, our members sign up to spend a little over a half a day assisting high school earth science students on their field trip to Howe's Cave and the Cave House Museum.

The students arrive at the Cave House with enthusiasm to learn and your support helps them do just that. They split up to do several modules as they complete their work packets. Their stations include examination of a full outcrop of the Coeymans and Manlius Limestones, study of fresh boulders of over a dozen lithologies from around New York in the rock garden, and a short visit to the museum. They leave their packets and cell phones behind when they explore a short section of Lester Howe's original tourist cave. If time and water levels allow, students get to explore a few narrow passages. Some of the groups take their busses up to the top of the quarry and examine a glacially striated hilltop exposure, a sinkhole, and pebbly glacial till. You need not be an expert on limestone sedimentation or a seasoned caver to volunteer and there is plenty of support available, including a short tutorial session held before the trips. Try it. You'll like it.

I should mention a couple other ways your organization supports local science students. At last month's meeting, the Board of Directors voted to make our annual contribution of \$250 to the Joseph Henry Science Fair, a competition of students in grades 4-8 in Albany city schools to be held at the College of St. Rose on March 17<sup>th</sup>. HMPGA makes this contribution each year in memory of our founding member Bill Cooper, who was a big supporter of HMPGA outreach to schools. Judges are needed for this event. If you can help, please contact [josephhenry@strose.edu](mailto:josephhenry@strose.edu).

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The board also voted to give \$150 to support the Shenendehowa science fair later in the year. The contribution will supply materials for our efforts led by Chris Monaco each year. We will issue a call for volunteers to help Chris soon.

Our March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Century House will shift way back in time from February's Quaternary geology to the much more ancient Precambrian. Dr. Jeff Chiarenzelli will be joining us from St. Lawrence University as the evening's speaker. Jeff promises to take on "alternative science facts" as he discusses the tectonic history of the Adirondacks. I hope to see you there.

Kevin

	
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## Dawn Washo

President of Resource Environmental Management, Montrose, PA

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Dawn and her two children Romey and Emma in Prospect Bay, Nova Scotia

### What is your current position?

I am president at Resource Environmental Management, Inc. in Montrose, PA, but I often tell people I'm an industrial maid.

### Do you have a favorite rock? What is it?

I grew up in Wilkes-Barre and my maiden name is Llewellyn; I'm very partial to anthracite coal.

### What made you decide to pursue this career path?

As described above, circumstances put me on the geology path. I've stayed true to the course because it's very rewarding to undertake and complete cleanup projects knowing your will have a positive effect.

### What other people, interests or activities do you enjoy?

I like to run all year, ski with friends and family in the winter, and garden in the warmer weather. However, in my next life I will have to live closer to the ocean.

### Describe your most memorable experience in your profession?

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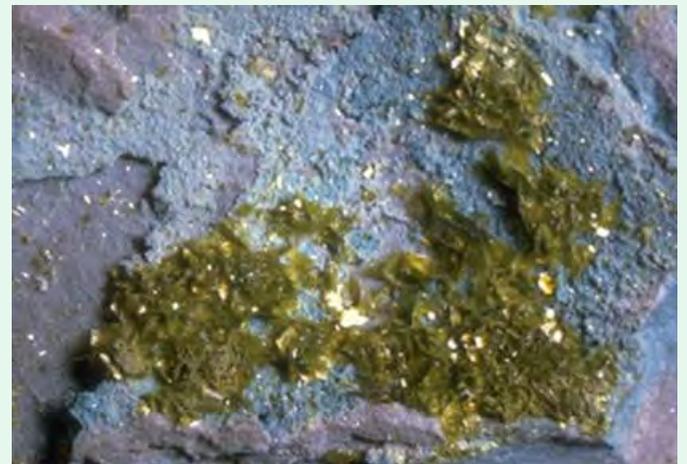
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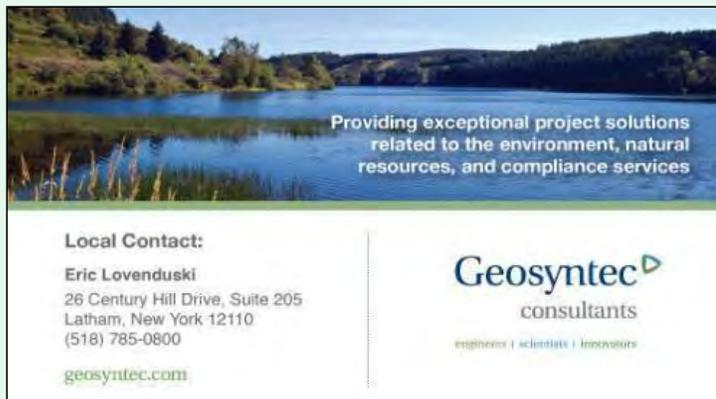
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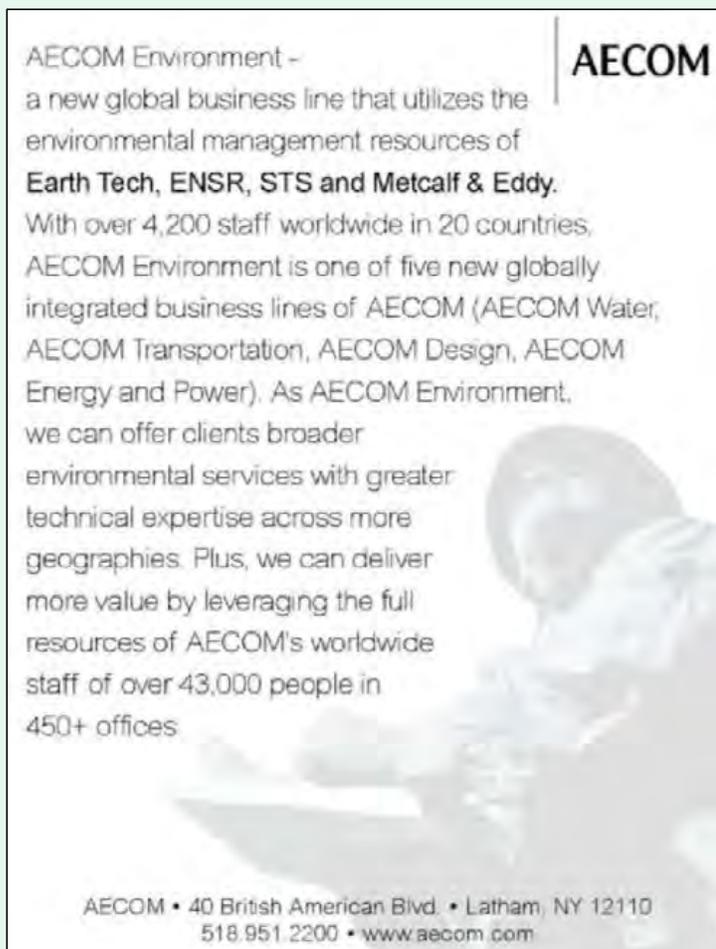
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March 15, 2017	Dr. Jeffrey Chiarenzelli James Henry Chapin Professor of Geology and Mineralogy St. Lawrence University	Update on the geological evolution of the Adirondack Region
April 19, 2017	Dr. Les Hasbargen Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences SUNY College at Oneonta, NY ----- College Student Poster Session	Title TBD - Structure from motion 3D landform modeling ----- College Student Poster Session
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