



## A Tour of Chittenango Falls State Park By Ms. Diane Wheelock and Dr. Ernest H. Muller

To take advantage of what will hopefully be glorious spring weather in central New York, our May meeting will be held outdoors at Chittenango Falls State Park. Rich plant and wildlife communities occupy numerous habitats at Chittenango Falls, a geologist's paradise, which was preserved by the wise stewardship of early Central New Yorkers. The main attraction of the park is a breathtaking 167-foot waterfall, created by glacial sculpting over 40 million year-old bedrock. As Chittenango Creek flows north out of Cazenovia Lake, it spills over tiered ledges above the falls and then cascades to the bottom of the 167-foot gorge.

Our talk will begin with Ms. Diane Wheelock, Environmental Educator for Central Region State Parks, providing us with an overview of the park's cultural and natural history as she leads us to areas where we can observe some of the fauna and hopefully birds in migration (Ms. Wheelock says to bring your binoculars because it's a great time to hopefully see many birds). Diane received her M.S. in Environmental Science from SUNY -College of Environmental Science and Forestry and has worked for State Parks for 15 years. Dr. Ernest Muller will then discuss the geology history of the area, or the

"gift of the ice" as he terms it. Dr. Muller was honored at our September 2001 meeting as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Central New York Association of Professional Geologists. He began his career working with the USGS in Alaska, followed by teaching at Cornell University from 1954-1959 and then Syracuse University from 1959 until his retirement in 1988. He has been a mentor to many of us studying geology in the Syracuse area.

The meeting will take place rain or shine on **Wednesday, May 15 beginning with the talk at 6:00 p.m.** Following the talk, we will have dinner in the pavilion catered by Brooklyn Pickle. The cost of dinner is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Please RSVP by Friday, May 10 to Bonnie at Parratt-Wolff via e-mail at [bolney@pwinc.com](mailto:bolney@pwinc.com) or 437-1429.

**Directions:** The park is on Route 13 between Chittenango and Cazenovia. From Syracuse, take Route 5 through Fayetteville to Chittenango, then south on Route 13; or, take Route 92 to Cazenovia, then Route 20 north to Route 13 north. We will meet at the reserved pavilion in the park and the talk will begin promptly at 6 p.m.

## Calendar

Wednesday, May 8, 2002	The Hudson-Mohawk Professional Geologists' Association, day-long workshop on "Practical Site Characterization & Remediation Techniques for DNAPLs and their Associated Dissolved Phase Plumes," Presented By: Dr. John H. Guswa of GeoTrans, Inc. and Dr. Bernard Kueper of Queen's University. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Turf, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, New York. Registration fee - \$130 for members and \$150 for nonmembers (includes lunch). There will be a \$20 late registration fee for registrations received after April 24th. For more information, contact: Laurie Scheuing at 518-373-1200, <a href="mailto:lescheuing@aol.com">lescheuing@aol.com</a> ; Bill Kelly at 518-474-7559, <a href="mailto:wkelly@mail.nysed.gov">wkelly@mail.nysed.gov</a> ; Mike Palleschi at 518-348-6995, <a href="mailto:mpalleschi@alphageoscience.com">mpalleschi@alphageoscience.com</a> or visit our website at <a href="http://members.aol.com/hmpga">http://members.aol.com/hmpga</a> .
Wednesday, May 15, 2002	CNYAPG Monthly Dinner Meeting "A Tour of Chittenango Falls State Park" By Ms. Diane Wheelock and Dr. Ernest H. Muller". The talk will begin at 6 p.m.; followed by dinner catered by the Brooklyn Pickle. Election Ballots Due - please mail completed ballot to CNYAPG by May 14 <sup>th</sup> or bring it with you to the May 15th, CNYAPG meeting.
June 18 and 19, and 20 and 21, 2002	The Midwest GeoSciences Group invites you to the University of Massachusetts for two exciting 2-day short courses: <i>Improving Hydrogeologic Analysis Of Fractured Bedrock Systems</i> , and <i>Advances In Characterizing Ground Water Movement Through Glacial Sequences</i> . For more information see <a href="http://www.midwestgeo.com">www.midwestgeo.com</a>

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