

## Steve Emma Botany Bio

I am presently the President of the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters, Inc. and I would be happy to give a talk on plant fossils of the Carboniferous Period, particularly those found in this area of the country (New England).

I have been collecting plant fossils for a number of years and I have an extensive collection of several hundred catalogued specimens collected from throughout Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts, as well as specimens self-collected from Pennsylvania. My talk focuses on the Carboniferous Period, that period in geological history, about 300 million years ago, that was the coal, oil, and gas creating period.

My talk includes a powerpoint presentation as well as a little bit of lecture along with ample specimen samples of the different plants that grew during this period. It is an easy going non-technical talk geared to both those who have little knowledge of the subject but want to learn about plant fossils and those who may be more familiar with plant fossils. The presentation last about an hour followed by a question an answer period. Children are very much welcomed. Please contact me at: [steve@steveemma.com](mailto:steve@steveemma.com) or call **401-751-5215** for more information.

My educational background is in Horticulture and Botany (degree in Horticulture/Natural Resources – URI) having taught several semesters as an adjunct professor of Botany at URI's College of Continuing Education downtown Providence. For over 16 years prior to teaching I had an exterior and later an interior landscaping business. I also give talks and walks on invasive plants species in Rhode Island.