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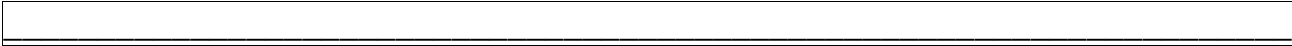
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**THE OPAL**





**WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB  
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

*Mission Statement:*

**To foster the development of the lapidary arts and the jewelry craftsmans  
and to increase public interest in handcrafted  
gems, jewelry, and their materials.**

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Regular meetings of the West Suburban Lapidary Club are held on the fourth Friday of the month, 8:00 pm, with the exception of June, July, August & December, at the Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL. Parking in East and West parking lots. Visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held as announced in the OPAL. Annual Membership Dues: \$17.00 per household/family. Dues are due January 1, delinquent January 31.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS - 2006**

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Board Member	Lorraine Maher
Board Member	Ed Gallagher
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**Silent Auction**  
to be announced

**Field Trip** ▼▼  
wouldn't **Randy Bultman's** ◀  
name look great here? ▲▲ ◀!

**Lapidary School**  
Karen Dave'

**Instructors**  
Tony Gass  
Lyle Backus  
Frank Morales  
Max Schultz

**Assistants**  
Lucy Backus  
Mary Prosek  
Alberta Schultz  
Don Shore  
Jose' Ponce

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### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The program for February will be "Purchasing Gems on the International Market", presented by the WSLC's own Charles O'Connell. Charles, or Chuck as some know him, is a seasoned traveler to many exotic locations and is an accomplished gem dealer. He will share some of his experiences and provide some guidelines to those who may want to purchase gemstones on their overseas trips or provide some insight to those who are interested.

### STONE-OF-THE-MONTH

Garnet is the stone-of-the-month for February. The most popular and well known color of garnet is red. As you may or may not know, there are many different color variations of the stone that are known by various names. Wear your garnet pieces or bring in your rough to share with fellow club members. Please see the article on page 8 of The Opal.

### TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

#### February (Diamond):

Abrell, Gary & Lorel	Matthew, Robert & Jacqueline	Walter, George
Bergman, Dave & Sheila	Norton, Betty	Wozniak, Charlene
Keck, Lil	Schultz, Alberta & Max	
Mac Leon, Mark & Karen	Sobczak, Bernie & Irene	
Martinelli, Sandy	Ugorek, Sabrina	

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#### March (Emerald):

Backus, Lyle & Lucy	Herrera, Lee & Jeanette Devane	Petry, Leroy & Barbara
Brunsen, Catherine	Maple, James & Marion	Phipps, Jean
Gadeke, Russell & Marion	Muskus, Meryl	Thode, Kris & Lisa Johnson
Gibbons, Ronald	Pavesich, Paul & Ruth	Zink, Paul & Kathy

### WSLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership in the WSLC is \$17 per year, per household/family. Dues should be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> for that year. Please submit them along with your name, that of your spouse, your address and phone number to the WSLC Treasurer, Barbara Petry. This can be done at any General Meeting or by mailing the same to her at: 1N480 Swift Road, Lombard, IL 60147. Tel: 630-627-3245

Members of the WSLC receive in district rates with the Elmhurst Park District for classes taken at the Lapidary School regardless of their residence

### WSLC BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to all members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club. The schedule of meetings is provided on page 10 of The Opal.

Articles appearing in The Opal may be reprinted provided they are done so exactly the way they are originally printed and full credit is given to both the author and reference is made to the WSLC and The Opal publication and its date.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

*by Don Cronauer*

It’s now entering the somewhat quiet period of the year, and we hope that everyone is getting along well.

Yes, now is the time to cut stones and prepare jewelry to show off during the spring and summer! The February Stone-of-the-Month is garnet, and the February program will be “Purchasing Gems on the International Market”. In addition, the Lapidary School will be opening soon. All of this activity should lead us to starting and completing some of those delayed lapidary projects. Pretty stones make the winter seem brighter.

Then follows spring and early summer, which is the time for shows and auctions. I’d like to point out the ESCONI show of March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and the CGMA show that occurs at the end of May. We are members of CGMA, and we will participate in the demonstrations and show.

Best wishes, and see you at the next meeting.  
*Don Cronauer*

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

*by Jose Ponce’*

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Don Cronauer. The following board members were in attendance: Don Cronauer, Don Shore, Barbara Petry, Terry Licko, Lorraine Maher, Karen Dave, Ed Gallagher & Jose Ponce.

*Approval of minutes as published in The Opal:* Since there was no Board Meeting in December, this item was skipped.

*Treasures report:* The status of the club finances were read by Treasurer Barbara Petry. The checkbook is balanced and ready to audit. An audit committee will be formed by the next board meeting.

*Midwest Federation:* No news to report at this time. Terry Licko attended the Rosemont show for the Midwest Federation and collected some names from people that were interested in the club and school.

*Business:*

The Holiday Dinner Meeting was enjoyed by all. Ideas for next years Holiday Meeting are welcome. Any opinions or ideas for a theme please contact Don Shore. The next Holiday Dinner Meeting will be 12/3/06, mark your calendar and start planning. It is never too early.

The Officer slate for 2006 was unanimously accepted and are as follows: President: Don Cronauer, Vice-President: Don Shore, Treasurer: Barbara Petry, Secretary: Jose Ponce, New Board Member: Ed Gallagher

Don Cronauer acknowledged and thanked the nominating committee, which consisted of Karen Dave, Mary Prosek and Lil Keck for such fine work.

Ed Gallagher will take over the kitchen supplies cabinet from Lorraine Maher (thank you for such a great job Lorraine). A discussion was held as to the amount of coffee made at each meeting. It seems most of it gets thrown away. This should be taken into consideration when preparing refreshments prior to a meeting.



**The Board will be accepting applications for the esteemed position of Field Trip Coordinator (please note Randy Bultman). Contact any board member (especially you, Randy Bultman) for more information. (Yes, Randy, you can do it, go for it)**



We will make an announcement regarding the WSLC’s Members to Members sale for the month of September as soon as the arrangements are in place. The event was very successful and well received last year. A hands on demo by club members is also being considered.

The following are the board and club meetings as scheduled by Karen for next year.

January 6	January 27
February 3	February 24
March 3	March 24
April 7	April 28
May 5	May 19 (please note 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month)
September 8	September 22
October 6	October 27
November 3	November 24

*CGMA:* No report, Ione will be replaced by Sabrina to represent the WSLC at the upcoming CGMA meetings

*Opal editor:* No news, Mary Prosek was not present.

*Web Master:* Don Shore, No changes.

Motion to adjourn by Don Cronauer at 8:12 PM. Terry Licko and second by Lorraine Maher.

### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2006 GENERAL MEETING

*by Jose Ponce'*

President Don Cronauer called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

*Announcements:*

Don Cronauer reminded everybody about the mini silent auction that was going on in the back of the room. There are plans for having more of these before the general meetings. Donations for future mini auctions are welcome. Please bring them to the general meetings or make arrangements with Don separately.

Motion to accept the Opal minutes as published in The Opal were made by Leroy Petry and seconded by Chuck O'Connell

*Treasurer Report:*

Treasurer Barb Petry reported 80 paid members as of January 27, 2006; Barbara reported the expenses, income and balances on the accounts. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Barbara or any board members and they will be able to get help you or direct you to the correct individual. A Committee was formed to perform an audit before the next General Meeting. The committee members are: Gary Abrell, Lorraine Maher and Don Cronauer. If you are interested in assisting, please contact any of the committee members.

*Business Items:*

Keep you eyes and ears open to find out about the May general meeting. It will not be at The Abbey. Information will be announced and published in The Opal when it is known. If there anybody interested into taking care of the Gem Display program, please contact Don Cronauer.

*Membership Report* by Barbara Petry:

There were 36 members present and 2 guests. Those attending the General Meetings are encouraged to sign in so an accurate count can be had. The WSLC is in need of a Hospitality person to welcome guests at the meetings and to help explain what the Club is all about. Please contact Don Cronauer if you are interested.

*Library Report* by Gwyn Roland:

There are three new magazines in the library: Art Jewelry, The Craft Report and Jewelry Arts.

*Stone of the Month:*

Tourmaline: There were some excellent stones in the display case.

*Lapidary School* report by Mary Prosek on behalf of Karen Dave.

All classes were canceled for the winter session. A 10-week spring session will be offered starting in April.

*Field Trip:* Current Field Trip Chairperson Mary Poineal was not present. **(Future Field Trip Chairperson, Randy Bultman was there but he is not yet aware that this is his destiny.)**

*Midwest Federation* Report by Terry Licko:

Terry was not present at the meeting.

*CGMA* Sabrina Ugorek was not present

*Program: Fossils in Jewelry* by **Future Field Trip Chairperson, Randy Bultman:**

Randy has been involved with fossils for the last couple of years. He has written articles for the Opal on the subject. Randy had a nice slide show (computer generated) representing the most common types of fossils used for jewelry making, and they are: Shark Teeth, Brachiopods, Copalite (fossilized dung), Crinoids, Dinosaur Bone, Fossilized Wood, Turritella, Coral and Cephalopods.

The presentation was quite interesting and really showed how diverse designers could be using the vast selection of fossils available.

Don Shore read the team lists for February and March. Don Cronauer called a motion for the meeting to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

**THIS IS YOUR FINAL EDITION  
OF THE OPAL**

It could be, if you haven't paid your dues! Please make sure your WSLC dues are paid and current for the year 2006. Calls are being made now to members who have not yet done so in order to confirm their status in the club.

Members who do not renew shortly will be removed from the club roster and Opal mailing list. Don't miss out on a single edition of this exciting and thrilling publication! Please contact WSLC Treasurer, Barbara Petry if special provisions need to be made. Please see page 2 or 3 for contact info.

**FOR SALE**

**Beacon Star Lapidary Combo Unit:** Steel cabinet with a mounted 8" grinder (5 station) and a 10" slab/trim saw. call: 708-562-1737

**Display Case:** Collapsible display case 42" wide by 27" deep by 36" high. Cream colored lining, 2 lights, lock and bolster included. Walnut wood color call: 708-453-8232

Interested in selling something?

For sale advertisements are offered at no charge to WSLC members, space permitting. The Opal will not knowingly print or accept For Sale ads from dealers or business owners. The WSLC cannot confirm the condition or price of any merchandise offered. All transactions must be handled directly between the seller and buyer.

Please contact Opal Editor, Mary Prosek if you are interested in placing an ad. Contact information can be found for her and all board members on page 2 of The Opal or via email: [mitty27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitty27@sbcglobal.net).

**MEMBER TO MEMBER SALE**

Last September's member to member sale was quite popular and well received. For those of you who missed it, the event was held at the first meeting of the year, in September 2005.

A similar event for September 2006 is being planned as well, possibly combining a live demonstration consisting of various club members' talents and techniques. More info to follow, so stay tuned!

**RANDY BULTMAN ACCEPTS  
POSITION OF FIELD TRIP  
CHAIRPERSON FOR WSLC**

Randy Bultman has accepted the position of Field Trip Chairperson for the WSLC. This prestigious position has been vacant for several years and has been sought after by many, but few have what it takes to fill these Michael Jordan sized shoes.

Randy has been a WSLC member for several years and has recently contributed articles to The Opal and presented a wonderful program on "Fossils in Jewelry" at the January 2006 meeting.

His main interests are fossils and the earth sciences. We wish him well and know that he will do an excellent job in organizing interesting field trips for years to come.

***THE OPAL EDITOR WOULD LIKE  
TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE ABOVE  
STORY:***

I am very sorry to have published the above story so prematurely and regret any inconvenience or embarrassment I have brought to Randy, the WSLC, the Board, my family, my parrot Perry, my dog Sandy and the brotherhood of newsletter editors everywhere.

This story has not yet happened and should have been printed in the March 2006 edition of The Opal, after we talk Randy in to the job. By the time I realized this, the February edition was already in print.

I take full responsibility for my actions and will accept any and all punishment which the WSLC wishes to bestow upon me for these indiscretions. I am at your mercy.....How about it, Randy?

*.Mary Prosek*

**HOW DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR OPAL?**

Many WSLC members are receiving their Opal via email. By doing so, this method cuts down on the cost of printing and mailing. If you would like to receive your Opal via email, please drop me a line or let me know at the next meeting. My email address is: [mitty27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitty27@sbcglobal.net). Some members receive both regular mail as well as email. The choice is yours! *Opal Editor – Mary Prosek*

**LIZZADRO MUSEM****February 25 “Rock & Mineral Identification”**

Learn how to make a basic mineral test kit. Hands on identification procedures

include observation skills and tests such as hardness, streak, and cleavage. All materials are provided.

Activity - Ages 8 yrs. to Adult

75 minutes - 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per person, Museum Members \$3.

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

**March 11: “American Fresh Water Pearls”**

Bob Keast, tour guide for the largest fresh water pearl farm in the United States located on Kentucky Lake, Tennessee presents the multi million dollar industry that supplies the majority of mussel shells to the cultured pearl industry. Learn why these mussels are so important and how the industry has developed and changed over the years. See unique creations made from American fresh water pearls. Special one day exhibit features freshwater pearls.

Lecture - Adult - 60 minutes - 2:00 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended

**March 25 : “Mazon Creek Fossil Collecting Field Trip”**

Join Jim Fairchild of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois on a trip to Braidwood, Illinois to collect Mazon Creek fossils at the world famous site Pit 11 and other locations. Learn what to look for when collecting these special fossils and how to open them. Travel by motor coach, bring a sack lunch and get ready to collect. Make reservations early this field trip fills up fast!

Field Trip - 9 yrs. to Adult

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - \$25.00 per person

Museum Members \$20.00 per person

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

**editor’s note:** This Mazon Creek trip is fun, fun, fun and very interesting. I went on this one last summer and really enjoyed it. I would highly recommend it to anyone – *Mary Prosek*

Visit the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art – 220 Cottage Hill – Elmhurst, IL 60126 tel: 630-833-1616 or online at: [www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

Friday is free admission to everyone!

**2006 MWF CONVENTION & SHOW**

The 2006 Midwest Federation Show and Convention will be held May 19-21, 2006 at the Southgate Arena in Southgate, Michigan. The host club is the Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society.

One of the features of this years’ Show will be the resurrection of “The Hall of States”. In years past, it was the responsibility of each State Director to provide, or arrange for, an exhibit representing their state. The exhibit may be a mixed one of material from all over the state. It may be of one material, or material from one area that the state is known for. It can be minerals, lapidary items, fossils, artifacts, or any of these. State Directors have in the past brought their own material, borrowed material from one or many people in the state, or arranged for someone else to bring the exhibit. The Hall of States was very popular at past conventions. The MWF hopes that all 12 states that belong to the MWF are well represented.

Information packets, or questions regarding the show, including activities, lodging and schedules can be obtained by contacting: Cecilia Duluk, 6700 Amboy, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3966, tel: 313-278-9109 or via email: [ceduluk@wowway.com](mailto:ceduluk@wowway.com).

**PAID PROGRAM PRESENTERS**

Please note that approval for all paid program presenters must be passed by the WSLC Board prior to making a commitment. Please contact Vice President Don Shore should approval be needed.

**NEW USE FOR NEEDLE NOSED PLIERS**

I found a great use for my extra long needle nosed pliers. My daughter has very long hair which has a tendency to gather in large amounts in the drain of the shower, bathroom sink, kitchen sink and anywhere else that water flows.

I don’t like using harsh cleaning chemicals in my house unless absolutely necessary. I noticed one day that the drain was slow and saw that a clump of hair was keeping the water from flowing freely, but I couldn’t reach it. I used the needle nosed pliers to do the job and keep my hands from going in places they shouldn’t go. Make sure to rinse and dry the pliers thoroughly when finished. *Mary Prosek*

## GARNETS

by Mary Prosek

The stone-of-the-month for February is Garnet. Most of us think of garnets as the deep red gemstones which are the birthstone of January. Although red is the most frequently occurring color for garnets, few people realize that garnets can actually be many different brilliant shades.

The word garnet comes from the Latin word, "granatus" which translates in to "grain" or "the grainy". There are several different species of garnet as well as varieties. Garnets have an excellent hardness of 7 to 7.5 on the Mohs' scale and are quite sturdy and resistant to everyday wear and tear, as well as abundant, making them an excellent and sometimes inexpensive choice to use in jewelry making. They also have a high refraction of light when faceted, making them very brilliant.

Garnets are found in great abundance in Africa but can also be found in India, Russia, some parts of the U.S. and Eastern Europe.

Some species of garnet include:

*Pyrope Garnet*-The word "Pyrope" comes from the Greek word meaning "fire like". The colors are very deep dark red. One popular chrome pyrope is found in Arizona, where ants bring them to the surface. These stones are nicknamed "ant hills garnets". These stones are usually faceted in sizes less than a carat due to their dark tones.

*Almandine Garnet*-These types of garnets are very common and are found world wide, thus their value is low. Some almandine garnets from Idaho and India will have asbestos fiber inclusions which produce a "star" when properly cut. When this fingerprint of nature occurs, these stones are very rare and prized by collectors.

*Spessartite Garnet*-These rare stones are found in Ramona, CA and Amelia, VA. The colors range from a reddish to red brown with the highest spessartite content being light orange. The most valuable spessartites are a bright, orangish red and are just gorgeous. Some spessartites are also referred to as Mandarin Garnets, depending on the color.

*Andradite Garnet*-These are the rarest and sought after garnets. Only small deposits found in very few places in the world. Its dispersion is much higher than any other garnet and even much higher than a diamond. The variety demantoid is an andradite that is colored green by chromium.

*Grossular Garnet*-These stones are rarely red or dark. They come in every color except blue and are sometimes colorless.

*Hydrogrossular Garnet*-These garnets are never transparent but are translucent to opaque. Most are bluish green but can also be pink, white and gray. This type of garnet is often used as a jade substitute. Large pieces can be found making this a favorite for those who enjoy carving.

*Ultraviolet Garnet*-This is the rarest of the garnet family and is always a deep, rich green. This garnet gets its color from chromium. The crystals do not lend themselves to being faceted into large pieces due to the fact that only the small corners of larger crystals have the transparency needed to achieve a good cut.

Some varieties of garnets include:

*Rhodolite*-These stones are usually a dark pinkish reddish color.

*Demantoid*-The name means "diamond-like" in Dutch and are typically green, although yellowish and brownish green with a golden glow have also been discovered. Like a diamond, demantoids have incomparable brilliance and fire. Once cut, most specimens are small in size, under a carat. Larger stones are very rare and much sought after by gem lovers. Demantoids were originally discovered in Russia in the late 1800's and only recently a new source in Namibia, Africa was found. The most coveted stones from Russia have "horsetail" inclusions. These are golden brown crystal threads of chrysotile, mostly appearing to radiate out from the center of the stone. The find in Namibia seems to lack this desired feature making it easier for collectors to identify the origin of their stones.

*Tsavorite*-This variety was only discovered in the mid 60's and is named after Tsavo Valley in Kenya, the only known place where this gem can be found besides remote areas of Tanzania.

This deep green stone was unknown to the gem world until the mid 70's when Tiffany's started a special promotion campaign making tsavorite well known in all the USA in only a short period of time. Soon the popularity spread to other countries as well. The stone is quite brilliant and is quite durable making it a good choice for jewelry.

While doing research for this article, I was quite amazed at the many different types and colors of garnets there are. I had seen the Namibian Demantoids advertised on one of the home shopping channels. My local satellite television service has several channels devoted to nothing but gemstones and jewelry. Although I never buy anything from these shows, I enjoy seeing the different stones and styles of jewelry for sale. The host of the one particular show with the Namibian Demantoids went on and on about what a rare stone it was and never once mentioned that it was in the garnet family. I only made this discovery after doing some research. Perhaps the producers of these shows felt that "garnet" was too ordinary a name to use. I also found that some places will embellish the name with more marketable words like "Montana Ruby Garnet" or "Champagne Garnet" or "Cognac Garnet".

After reading up on the subject, I have a new respect for the many different types and varieties of garnets. If you ever get a chance, check out the spessartite garnets up close and live. They are spectacular! **And for those of you who may know or see my husband, Rich, please let him know that a spessartite piece of jewelry would make an excellent gift to his lovely and devoted bride!**

I'm sure I only scratched the proverbial surface of the garnet subject. Volumes can be written and found about the different types and origins where they are found.

### **FIELD TRIP CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

The WSLC is in need of a Field Trip Chairperson. The ideal candidate should be someone with the initials R.B. They should also be of the male gender, have a significant other named Gwyn, and be involved with other clubs in the area. The age criteria is between 30 and 40 years of age and medium in stature. Love of fossils is a plus. Please apply in person at the next general meeting, Randy. **We need you, Randy Bultman.....**

### **PROPER HAND TOOL SELECTION**

We all know how important it is to have the proper materials to create our next masterpiece, but did you know that selecting the correct size hand tool is just as crucial to the outcome of your work?

This checklist from Cal/OSHA and NIOSH will help you select hand tools that fit your hand and the job you are doing.

If you have two pliers and want to select the better of the two, compare each tool against the features on the checklist. The more "Yes" answers the tool has, the better the tool.

- For single-handle tools used for power tasks: Does the tool feel comfortable and have a handle diameter between 1 1/4 inches and 2 inches?
- For single-handle tools used for precision tasks: Is the handle diameter between 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch?
- For double-handle tools used for power tasks: Is the grip span at least 2 inches when closed and no more than 3 1/2 inches when open?
- For double-handle tools used for precision tasks: Is the grip span no less than 1-inch when closed and no more than 3 inches when open?
- For double-handle tools: Is the handle spring-loaded?
- Is the tool handle without sharp edges or finger grooves?
- Is the tool handle coated with soft material?
- Can the tool be used while keeping your wrist straight?
- Can the tool be used with your dominant hand or with either hand?
- For high-force tasks: Is the handle longer than the widest part of your hand (usually 4 inches to 6 inches)?
- Does the tool handle have a non-slip surface?

The complete guide, "Easy Ergonomics: A Guide to Selecting Non-Powered Hand Tools," is available at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-164/pdfs/2004-164.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-164/pdfs/2004-164.pdf).

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**WSLC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

THE ABBEY; 407 West St. Charles Road; Elmhurst, IL  
Abbey Public Phone: 630-530-9874

**GENERAL MEETINGS:**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, February 24, 2006

**WSLC BOARD MEETINGS:**

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 3, 2006

**Scheduled Board Meetings - 2006**

January 6; February 3; March 3; April 7; May 5; September 8; October 6; November 3; December 1

**Scheduled General Meetings – 2006**

January 27; February 24; March 24; April 28; May 19; September 22; October 27; November 24

**SHOW CALENDAR**

**March 11 – CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:** Chicago Rocks and Minerals: Silent Auction, Salvation Army, 4065 N. Pulaski Ave, Chicago, IL 5:30 to 10 p.m. For info contact Ron Gutkowski @ 773-775-9549

**March 11-12 – MACOMB, ILLINOIS:** Geodeland Earth Science Society – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, WIU Student Union, Murray Street, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. For info contact Dean Stone at 900 Willard St, Galesburg, IL 60141 or tel: 309-342-7132 email: stonerocks@hotmail.com

**March 25-26 – DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS:** Des Plaines Valley Geological Society – Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show, Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street, Saturday 9:30 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. For info contact Paul Okolowicz at 847-215-7345 email: [minerals411@comcast.net](mailto:minerals411@comcast.net) or visit the club’s website at: [www.desplainesgeologyclub.org](http://www.desplainesgeologyclub.org)

**Week of April 10<sup>th</sup> – Elmhurst, Illinois:** The WSLC in cooperation with the Elmhurst Park District will offer classes in Silversmithing, Lapidary, Wire Wrapping and Cutting & Polishing Opals. Keep your eyes open for future announcements!

Please show your support of the local clubs and societies by attending their shows, auctions and sales.



Quotes of the Month:



If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular? *Author unknown*

It is astonishing how little one feels alone when one loves. *John Bulwer*

