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Established in

1959in our 52nd year and
still rockin'!

The Opal is published January
thru May; September thru
November

Next Club Meeting

Friday, February 25, 2011

8 pm, doors open at 7:00

The Abbey

407 W. St Charles Rd

Elmhurst, IL 60126

Next Board Meeting

Fri., March 11, 2011

meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Wagner Center

615 Northwest Ave

Elmhurst, IL 60126

Meetings are usually held the 4th Friday of the month, January thru
May, Sept thru November. Please check The Opal for changes.

West Suburban Lapidary Club Membership Info

Membership in the WSLC is \$17 per year, per household/family. Student memberships are available for \$10. Students are identified as 22 years of age and younger and currently enrolled in an accredited school and have a valid school I.D. Dues are payable by January 31st for that calendar year regardless of the date you joined. Please submit a completed application for Board Approval

to the WSLC Treasurer,
Karen Davé.

**This is to be done at
any General Meeting.
Applications will not
be accepted via mail or
at a WSLC function
other than a meeting.**

Visitors are welcome at
all General Meetings.
Members of the WSLC
are expected to serve on

various committee's and
volunteer their time
where needed. Applica-
tions may be found on
the WSLC website (see
pg 2)

Members of the WSLC
receive in district rates
with the Elmhurst Park
District for classes taken
at the Lapidary School,
regardless of their resi-
dence. Contact infor-
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Members are located on
page 2 of 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 craftsman's and to increase public interest in handcrafted gems, jewelry, and their materials

Regular meetings of the West Suburban Lapidary Club are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 8 p.m. with the exception of June, July, August & December at The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, Illinois. Parking in the East and West parking lots. Visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held as announced in The OPAL. Annual membership dues are \$17 per household/family. Dues are due January 1, delinquent January 31.

President	Joanne Samuel	
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Board Member (2nd of 3 year term)	Mary Prosek	
Board Member (1st of 3 year term)	Jose Ponce'	
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Rich Dillon

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Ed Gallagher

Gem of the Month:
Barb Freeman

Historian:
Joanne Samuel

Publicity:
Mary Prosek

Hospitality:
Ed Gallagher

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Pat Koko

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Gwyn Roland

Activities Coordinator:
Karen Dave'

MWF Liaison:
Lee Herrera

Lizzadro Museum Liaison:
Jack Maher

Silent Auction/Club Show:
to be announced

Field Trip:
position open

Webmaster:
Don Shore

Lapidary School:
Karen Dave'

Instructors:
Joanne Samuel

Mary Prosek
Jose Ponce

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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Scott Sucher who was a guest during our 2009 sponsorship of the faceting workshop and who is world famous for his ability to craft replicas of Famous Gems such as the Hope Diamond and the French Blue, recently presented his work on The Hope Diamond and we will screen that program at our meeting. If you missed the live presentation, come see and be amazed by his wonderful work.



President's Message *- by Joanne Samuel*

Hi everyone!

Happy February! We are already one month into the New Year. Hope everyone is using their time well.

Before I start, I would like to thank everyone that came out for the first meeting of 2011. We had a great turnout. The meeting did seem to move along a lot faster this time. I must be getting more efficient. How did everyone like that snow storm we had the beginning of this month. It was crazy wasn't it? It definitely gave me a good reason to create some new items. I took the day I had off from work and created so polymer clay charms/ pendants. I was trying to dabble in steam punk. I still don't get what makes a project "steam punk." I have seen so many different ones, from clothes to jewelry.

I would like to thank Carl for the presentation on his adventures at Quartzite. It was very nice of him to bring all those rocks to share with everyone. It make me wish I could have gone, maybe next year.

There is one show scheduled for the month of March (12-13). It is the GESCI show in Western Illinois University, in Macomb IL. Hopefully the weather will be better by then so some of us can make it to the show. Club shows can be a fun and educational experience.

The stone of the month for February is Pearls. I am sure many of you have some nice pieces or even some great specimen pieces. Remember to bring them to the meeting.

If you have any special skills, knowledge, resources or even just some spare time to volunteer, please contact a board member Let's let our creative juic-

"STONE" OF THE MONTH ***PEARLS***

A pearl is the oldest gem and has myths and symbols associated with it since ancient times and cultures. It was also used for medicinal purposes. There is a mystique and appreciation of pearls that make it perfect for gifts and personal enjoyment.

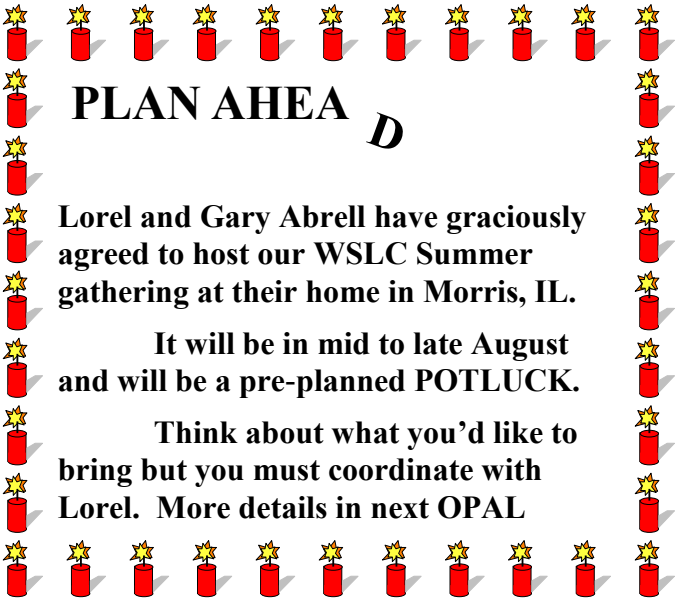


To research information about pearls, I checked at the library in addition to an on-line search. Plus, I expect that members have some familiarity with pearls. While they may not be a favorite, they are easily recognizable, and are well established in the marketplace and in fashion. Over the years, their popularity has peaked, became almost too traditional, and now is in resurgence. Note the large assortment of colors, sizes, and shapes in addition to the classic round, lustrous pearl. Cont'd on page 9



[images from Google—Audrey Hepburn/Louise Brooks]





PLAN AHEAD

Lorel and Gary Abrell have graciously agreed to host our WSLC Summer gathering at their home in Morris, IL.

It will be in mid to late August and will be a pre-planned POTLUCK.

Think about what you'd like to bring but you must coordinate with Lorel. More details in next OPAL

Minutes of the General Meeting, January 28, 2011—by Pat Koko

Joanne Samuel called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

Minutes: Since minutes had not been available for publishing in the November OPAL, the minutes of the October and November meetings as well as the December Annual meeting were considered. Ed Gallagher moved that all minutes be approved. Carl Housman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jose Ponce presented the report. There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit. There were 27 members and one guest registered for the meeting. Rich Dillon has audited the books for 2010. He reported that all was in order.

A final spreadsheet will be prepared. Don Cronauer moved and Lee Herrera seconded the motion to accept the audit report and file it.

Gem of the month: Rob Simon brought a large Citrine specimen and Lee Herrera brought several small ones.

School status: Classes for the 5-week winter classes will start 2 weeks from Monday. Silver classes on Mondays, Cut/Polish on Tuesdays, and Wirewrap on Wednesdays. Members are reminded that they get the Resident rate with membership card. Class details are on Elmhurst Park District website.

MWF Report: MWF newsletter contained mainly details about their Executive Meetings and covered financials. There were long articles about Hunting Bugs in Utah, finding metallic ore in Afghanistan and deposits of Malachite in WISCONSIN! MWF asks all groups to send fli-

Help Wanted! Great benefits!

As the year comes to an end, it is time to elect new officers and board members for the WSLC. **We're looking for:**

SECRETARY; requires attendance at the Board and General meetings. The secretary takes minutes at the meetings (including a write-up of the program) for publication in the Opal, and handles club correspondence. This position can be shared by two people coordinating together.

Members are encouraged to apply regardless of how long you've been in the club or previous experience. A great attitude and positive outlook is all that is needed. Be a part of the decision making and direction the WSLC will take in 2011 and make new friends at the same time!

Board meetings are generally the first Friday of each month that there are regular meetings, with the exceptions of holidays. The meetings take place in the evening at the Wagner Center, which is located north of The Abbey near Lake Street.

Be a part of the excitement that goes with planning club activities and events!

Please contact WSLC President Joanne Samuel with any questions you may have.

ers of their Gem and Mineral shows to them for publication.

ANNOUNCEMENT --- THE WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB NEEDS ONE OR TWO SECRETARY(IES). This position is CRITICAL to the business of our club and we need some person(s) to step up and take the role.

Joanne reminds us to visit the Face Book Page for our WSLC and "Like" us. The next General meeting will be February 25 (Gem of the Month is Pearl) and the Board meeting will be February 4. If you have not paid your DUES...they are OVERDUE! If you choose to receive a paper copy of the OPAL you must notify the editor. Otherwise, if we have your e-mail it will be sent as a PDF. **PCK**

Minutes of the January 7, 2011 Board Meeting - by Pat Koko

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Ed Gallagher. Rich Dillon was welcomed for his first Board Meeting. Joanne Samuel was out of town.

Also present were Karen Dave, Lee Herrera, Pat Koko, Don Shore, Mary Prosek and Jose Ponce.

Lee told us that there were few items in the latest MWF newsletter which Lee had to download from their website. There were articles about finding metallic ore in Afghanistan and Malachite in Wisconsin. Another article is on Hunting Bugs in Utah. MWF asks all clubs to send fliers for their shows to them and they will publish. Club Awards include one competition for Scrapbooks containing club history for 2010. They also have a Facebook Page. Annual dues to MWF are due from member clubs also club contracts and Insurance. Mary Prosek will send contact information to their webmaster.

OPAL: Stones of the Month for 2011 were prepared by Barb Freeman who offered to write an article for each stone. This will be a real help to the editor.

January Meeting: At this time it is hoped that "Cab Man" Carl will present his trip to Quartzite. As a backup Rich will contact Eric Spande to see if he will present a program. We need to request donations from club members for the monthly auctions. A NEW SECRETARY OR SECRETARIES is/are still needed. All other Board Positions are filled except the actual Past President since Ed moved to VP.

Webmaster: Don Shore is still working on our web.

Previous Business: General Meeting review—December Holiday Party indicated that most every one had enjoyed the new venue. We might need to work on more/better raffle items. We especially need to thank Lil Keck for donating so many nice things and for attending in spirit. We need to beef up our first meeting of the year—It is the Board's responsibility to present this meeting and we need a better program.

Teams were determined to finish the Audit of the 2010 books and to develop the Budget for 2011. The meeting will take place at Jose's home on 1/14/11.

Rich will ask new members Mark Gordon and Debbie Ballot to be the alternate delegates to CGMA.

Karen said the school was ready for 5-week session. Mon=Silver/ Tue=Lap/ Wed=Wire. Contract was signed.

Mary asked that membership packets need to be completed to give to the new members. She presented Doris and Steve Leonard as new members. Karen seconded her motion. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20. PCK

Program Review January 28, 2011 • by Pat Koko

Carl and Gloria were fortunate enough to be able to journey south to Arizona and attended the gathering of the "rock folks" in an area 2 hours west of Phoenix called QUARTZITE. Although the town is called Quartzite the gathering has become known by the same name.

Carl narrated the slides they took of the various vendors and their wares. He said that he set a budget of \$1 per slab for himself but did succumb occasionally and paid a bit more if something was great.

Carl and Gloria used the internet to plan their field trip which included going in the back country to find their own "stuff." This included driving over 10 miles into the wilderness over unpaved roads only to learn that the area they wanted to explore was closed and they had to return the next day and go beyond the 10 miles in very rough country....sedans are evidently not the best way to do this. Nonetheless, they found great specimens.

They suggest if one wants to do what they did start at Planetranch.com or seek out the old series called Gem Trails...they were written a "few" years ago and some of the places they suggest may no longer be available. Check with locals as well.

They brought several boxes of rough rocks and made these finds available to all the members at the meeting (Gloria said....take it all...we don't want to take any home!!!)

Specimens included some with malachite, azurite and pyrite as well as some tiger eye and more.

Thank you Carl and Gloria for a great evening and for sharing your finds with all of us.



MID WEST FEDERATION REPORT — by Lee Herrera

PROGRAM COMPETITION RESULTS

by Marge Collins

A program about Iris Agate is the only winner in the 2010 Competition.

Based on the photographic work and notes of Peter (Pete) Rodewald (St. Croix Rockhounds, MWF), Wayne Sukow (Northern Virginia Mineral Club, EFLMS), produced this culmination of Pete's work to find and capture stunning iris images -- what he called "Extreme Iris"-- not only from ordinary sources but unexpected ones as well.

Pete's work has been recognized internationally (including Walter Zenz' book about agates) and he presented a similar program at the Agate Symposium at Menasha, Wisconsin in 2008. But he did not finalize the presentation before his untimely death in 2009. Fortunately, Wayne had been an advisor and close collaborator, which allowed him to fulfill his promise to Pete to complete the project. (Note: this program is not included in the Wide World of Agates DVDs.)

To borrow "Iris Agate" or other programs, contact your Regional Program Library. Details are on Federation websites and in your Federation Directory.

Three other programs were submitted for Competition, one was withdrawn for technical reasons and the other two did not meet judge's objective expectations.

Written for the Mineral News (The Mineral Collector's Newsletter) December 2010, by Mitchell Portnoy

There are two interesting articles in the MWF February newsletter. Go to www.amfed.org/mwf and look for the Newsletter list and find February 2011. One article is entitled:

ADD TO YOUR OWN MINERAL COLLECTING FUN BY BECOMING A MENTOR—This 4

page article is very comprehensive. Written for the Mineral News (The Mineral Collector's Newsletter) December 2010, by Mitchell Portnoy

A second article in that same issue is this one.

FISHING FOR FOSSILS IN WYOMING:

TIPS FOR SUCCESS—Submitted to Rock/Fossil Club Newsletter by Donald Baumgartner November 26, 2010

The individual that wrote this article also wrote last month's article on Hunting Fossil Bugs in Utah.



MEMORIALS

Cecilia Duluk, MWF Paleontology Chairperson submitted the news that, **Roger Pabian** passed away this past December.

One of the few remaining Charter Members of the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club of Holland, Michigan, **Gordon Boone**, died on December 15, 2010. Notice submitted by Julia Sherwood

Full article can be found in the MWF newsletter.

CGMA

(Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association)

DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL

PLAN AHEAD FOR DEMO OR DISPLAY.

Saturday, May 28th 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, May 29th 10 am to 5 pm

Contact: www.chicagolandgemshow.org or

E-mail: CGMA@sbcglobe.net or call: 1-630-377-0197

**WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB
TEAM LIST - MARCH AND APRIL, 2011**

Team Duties: Our programs are a team effort. We depend on and need each other's help to make them work. Each month's team, as listed below, is responsible for the meeting set-up, program, refreshments, and take-down. Out-of-state and honorary members are requested to contribute to any team.

Meeting Set-Up/Take-Down: The team members should arrive early on their program day to help set-up the chairs and tables. They also need to remain after the meeting to clean up and put everything away.

Program: Each team should meet during the two club meetings prior to their program date and plan a program. A team leader will be elected to chair the team meetings during which everyone on the team will contribute ideas for a program. The team leader is not expected to do the program; only coordinate it. The Vice-President will meet each team to confirm and approve the program. If the team is unable to formulate a program, the Vice-President should be consulted as soon as possible. A member from each team is asked to assist Past President, TBD, our Hospitality chair, at the entrance to greet members & guests.

Refreshments: The refreshments will be discussed at the team meeting and each team member will contribute an item. Any team member who cannot attend the team's program should arrange to send a refreshment or donation of money (that will be used to purchase an item). All team members should lend a hand in the kitchen. Serving dishes and utensils will be provided by the team members.

March – Emerald	April – Opal
Blake, Jim & Jimmy	Backus, Lyle & Lucy
Blaha, Arlene	Davis, Clete
DePesa, Art & Sandy	Flynn, Tom
Feistamel, Doug	Keeley, John & judy
Gadeke, Russ & Marion	Netecke, Bill
Koko, Pat	Norton, Betty
Moustakas, Luke	O'Connell, Chuck & Mar-
Penny, Monica & Melissa	Salajka, Kory
Peterson, Judee	Shannon, Tony & Jill Quas
Samuel, Joanne Ashani	Wharton, Donald

 * MEMBER HEALTH NEWS: *
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 * Lil Keck, who so generously sent several
 * items for our Holiday Party raffle fell in
 * January. She is now recovering from her
 * broken hip. A card was sent from those in
 * attendance at the January meeting but if
 * anyone wants to send another card:
 * Lilian Keck
 * Beacon Hill Medical Center
 * Room 17
 * 2400 South Finley Road
 * Lombard, 60148
 *
 * *If other members are ill or hospitalized,*
 * *please notify the editor so we can notify*
 * *our members.*

2011 ESCONI

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

3/19 -3/20

**Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20;
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm**

WHERE: [College of Dupage,](#)

Building K, Commons Room

ADMISSION: Free :)

You can [download the flyer for the 2011 ESCONI
Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show](#)

SCHOOL !!

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB offers several classes. Classes begin again in February. Please see the Elmhurst Park District website for full details. All members of West Suburban Lapidary Club are eligible for "in-district" tuition. You do need a membership card available from the treasurer. Classes will include Monday—Silver Work, Tuesday—Cutting/Polishing, Wednesday — Wire Wrap. <https://secure.epd.org/registration/brochidxregfs.asp> BUT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP RIGHT AWAY FOR THIS ROUND OF CLASSES!

Just a note to help us plan ahead....

STONES/ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTHS AHEAD thanks to

Barb Freeman.

FEBRUARY-Pearls

already planned see articles

MARCH— Peridot

interesting stone

APRIL—Tigereye

Grrrr—and Tiger Iron

MAY—Crystals and the shape of

beads (hmmm, round,)

SEPTEMBER—Arrowheads

this can be really cool

OCTOBER—Steampunk, pendants

and cabs—ideas abound

NOVEMBER—Sodalite

this stone has many shades of blue.

SILENT AUCTION

As you know, we hold a silent auction at every meeting.

The items that appear each month don't just "appear". We rely on our members to donate the items.

If you have something you feel might be an interesting auction item...please talk to Karen or Jose at any meeting. THANKS!

Sincere thanks to Don Cronauer for his donation of a gram scale to be used for our Auction.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members—

Vikki and Ron Peterson from Oak Park

Warm welcome to all new members and we hope you will volunteer for one or more of the many duties that make participation in WSLC more fun! You will be assigned to your team soon and we still need a secretary or two!

"For sale" advertisements are offered at no charge to WSLC members (a policy for the frequency and size of ads will be decided by the Board soon), 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

The pearl, of course, is not mined like most other gemstones. It may take 8 years to create a pearl. The lustrous substance is called nacre and covers the bit of sand that finds its way (or is inserted) into the mollusk. The nacre layers build up slowly to protect the soft interior surface of the mollusk; and thus a pearl is created.

This month we will expand the topic of pearls and review three current books that are available for purchase, or free, via interlibrary loan. The books provide a wealth of information and two feature fantastic photos to better illustrate the written content. One is a historical narrative about pearls over time and the current industry.

Another is a great resource as a buying guide for pearls. Yet another book clearly depicts how pearls can be incorporated in custom fashioned jewelry. Enjoy the resources in detail, at your leisure.



Newman, Renee. *Pearl Buying Guide; How to identify and evaluate pearls and pearl jewelry*. 5th edition with new pearls and jewelry styles. 2010. This comprehensive book has just been updated and is a handy 9x6 size. There are numerous photos, some with magnification, to show examples. The charts and diagrams are especially helpful regarding colors, shapes, and sizes. Completed jewelry pieces are shown to exhibit the versatile uses of pearls. The details include how to tell a fake pearl from a real one, and how to detect treatments that were used. It also guides the reader on how to select pearls of good quality, and also shows examples of antique or collectible jewelry. Terminology is included with thoughtful descriptions. This easy to understand guide includes a wealth of information.

Alden, Nancy. *Simply pearls: Designs for creating perfect pearl jewelry*. 2006. This carefully diagrammed and illustrated book provides guidelines for purchasing pearls and how to use and wear the pearls most effectively. The numerous projects can be relatively easy to construct and yet stunning. Other projects are in the intermediate and advanced skill level. There is helpful information on the basics including stringing, and knotting. Reinventing older pearls to more currently stylish designs is included, along with proper care of pearls throughout the years. Helpful information and diagrams clearly specify design techniques and equipment. While the book is good size, it allows the format to be in two columns, and spacious on the page. There are numerous close-up photos to illustrate the completed projects whether necklaces, bracelets, earrings, or pendants. There are numerous examples for the pearl enthusiast. The 143 pages of the 8 1/2 x 11 glossy soft cover book.

Another current book, and unlike the others, is Stephen G. Bloom's 2009 nonfiction book: *Tears of Mermaids:*

The secret story of pearls. He has a three year research adventure to follow the search for pearls, and witness a pearl through the processes to market and purchase. He clearly documents various areas and historical events related to pearls. At one time, pearls were more expensive than gold or silver. The availability of natural pearls has declined, though the cultured pearls allow a greater supply. The author gained access to China, the Philippines, French Polynesia, and Australia. He interviews main movers in the industry and presents tales of intrigue. The depiction of pearls in famous paintings and fashion are also presented.

This book is a detailed account of the culture of pearls over time. Economic, environmental, social issues are included. Bloom even shows a sense of humor in the quest for material for this publication. This is definitely a worthwhile book to include facts and the human story.

To show the modern day allure of pearls, there is a chapter in Dan Ariely's 2009 book: *Predictably Irrational; the hidden forces that shape our decisions*. He is a behavioral economist who presents experiments about decision making. The pertinent chapter is entitled: The fallacy of supply and demand; Why the price of pearls—and everything else—is up in the air. The example is of finding black pearls which had an unknown value. While increasing the supply, and careful high end marketing, the black pearl now is a valuable and sought after gem in the marketplace.

Lastly, as one becomes more aware of pearls and status at this time, it is noted that in recent events, pearls appear in numerous ads and photos. One photo frequently



and wearing a pearls. This has a rich histo-

Barbara Bush
Jackie Kennedy
Gabby Giffords

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the Arizo-
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shows her
smiling



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Submitted by:
Barb Freeman





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Board and Club dates for 2011 —————

Board Meets:

February 4thMarch 11thApril 8thMay 6th

May 28-29 – CGMA Show

Summer Event

September 9

October 7

October 29 – DEMO DAY

November 4

November 19 LIZZADRO DAY

December 4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ARTS

February 19—"Rock & Mineral Identification"

Activity – Ages 8 yrs. to Adult

75 minutes – classes at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 per person—Members \$3.00 Reservations Required

March 13—"Bundenbach's Golden Fossils"

Lecture – Youth to Adult—60 minutes – 2:00 p.m. Regular Museum Admission—Reservations Recommended

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

220 Cottage Hill Ave. Elmhurst, Illinois

630.833.1616

www.lizzadromuseum.org

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SHOWS AND EVENTS

March 12: Rocks & Minerals Society's 62nd Silent Auction; St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie, IL. Saturday, 6-9; Contact: Jeanine N. Mielecki, (773) 774-2054; jaynine9@aol.com www.chicagorocks.org

March 12-13, 2011—GESCI Show at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL SA: 10-6, SU: 10-5. Guest speaker, special programs, special exhibits, demonstrations, silent auction, door prizes. Free admission and parking. Contact: Jim Travis (309) 645-3609.

March 26-27: Badger Lapidary & Geological Society's 41st Annual Rock, Gem, & Mineral Show; Monroe Senior High School, 1600 26th Street, Monroe, WI. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; CONTACT: Terri Marche, 5415 Lost Woods Ct., Oregon, WI 53575 tmarshe@education.wisc.edu.

April 1-3, 2011—MAPS Fossil Exposition XXXIII. Western Hall Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Fr: 8-5, Sa: 8-5, Su: 8-noon.

April 9-10, 2011—Des Plaines Annual Show. Des Plaines Park district Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St., Des Plaines, IL. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 seniors, \$1 students and children under 12 free with paying adult. Contact: Lois Zima (847) 298-4653.

April 9-10, 2011—Waukesha, WI. Kettle Moraine Geological Society Show, Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd. (exit 294 from I 94). Sa: 10-5 and Su: 10-4.

April 22-24, 2011—Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show at the Macon County Fair Grounds, 3700 N. Westlawn Av., Decatur, IL. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 seniors, kids 15 and under free. Free parking.

May 28-29, 2011—35th Annual CGMA Show

September 9-10, 2011 — MWF Convention in Toledo, OH. Hosted by the Toledo Rock and Mineral Club. Details to come.

Members of:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies,
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies,
Chicagoland Gem and Mineral Association,
and Scribe

