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Next Club Meeting

Friday, May 29, 2009
 8 pm, doors open at 7:00
 The Abbey
 407 W. St Charles Rd
 Elmhurst, IL 60126

Next Board Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2009
 meeting starts at 7:30
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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, Jose Ponce.

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. Applications 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 residence. Contact information for all Board 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 member ship dues are \$17 per household/family. Dues are due January 1, delinquent January 31.

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CGMA Alternate: Lynn Dempsey	The OPAL: Mary Prosek	Field Trip: June 2009 trip-Kim Sundblom
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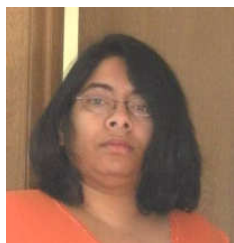


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President's Message - by Joanne Samuel

Hi everyone! Hope everyone is doing great. It is already May. I cannot believe this is our last meeting and Opal before the summer. Time does fly when you are having fun. Well, I want to first remind you of all the activities that will be going on during the summer.



There are a few good events that the club participates in and would love to see fellow club members attend. The Elmhurst Park District festival on June 20th and Grau Mill on Aug 9th. We are thinking of selling items for the club's benefit. If you have any ideas please let the board know. They are great events. We also have the returning Midwest Faceter's Guild Seminar which is August 15 and 16th. It is a great event and if you have the time or interest to learn faceting you should try to take advantage of this great opportunity. I wasn't able to participate last year but am making a point to sign up for the beginner's class this year. Last year's presenter they had was great. It was Dalan Hargrave. He does some amazing complex cutting.

I would like to thank everyone who helped or stopped by at Art in the Park. The Club did really good on the kid's activity and surprisingly did quite well with the bug pendants. Tony Gass even made some wrap rings that

went on the spin game. The weather seemed to cooperate on both days. It was exhausting, but to see the smiles on the kid's faces when they spun the wheel and won some rocks was just too fun.

The stone of the month for May is "Agate". There are a very wide variety of agates. Agates are commonly classified as a form of chalcedony. Chalcedony is one of the varieties of quartz. If you have ever tried to slab a piece of agate you know it could take you a while this is due to its hardness. On the mohs scale agate is rated at a 7. Agates can also come in an wide variety of colors. The German agates commonly found in Idar-Oberstein are found to have reds and blues. Then there are the agates that are used in Cameo carving. Idar-Oberstein is the location where one can find the best Cameo carvers. I am sure you all know what type of agate our Opal editor Mary likes? If you don't, look through the Opal and you will find out.

It cannot be overstressed that while the Club Board members provide much of the planning and organization of these events for your enjoyment, none of it would be possible without the participation of the club as a whole group. If you have any special skills, knowledge, resources or even just some spare time to volunteer, please contact a board member and let us know. *Happy Creating! - Joanne*

MAY PROGRAM

Naica Crystal Cave

The WSLC's own Rich Dillon will present a slide show of the Naica Crystal Cave in Chihuahua, Mexico. The presentation consists of beautiful photographs of this recently discovered cave which was found in April of 2000 by 2 brothers while mining. The 2 caves are located amongst a silver and zinc mine and are thought to contain the largest crystal formations in the world. Reaching lengths of 50 feet, the clear, faceted crystals are composed of selenite, a crystalline form of the mineral gypsum.

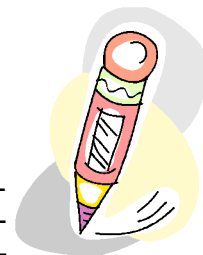
STONE OF THE MONTH - Agates

The stone-of-the-month for May is Agates. There are many different kinds of agates. They can be found in all parts of the world and are identified by their specific traits, colors and banding, which are usually exclusive to their origins.

There are Banded Agates, Montana Agates, Botswana Agates, Laguna Agates, Turitella Shell Agates, Petoskey Stones, Lake Superior Agates, Brazilian Agates, Blue Lace Agate, Plume Agates, Mexican Crazy Lace Agates, etc, etc, etc.

Please bring your specimens that might include rough, slabs, cabs and jewelry to share with the others at the next meeting. Be sure to properly mark your pieces to avoid loss.

Minutes from the Board Meeting held April 3, 2009 - by Arlene Blaha



The April 3 Board Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Club President Joanne Samuel. Those in attendance included: Joanne Samuel, Arlene Blaha, Don Shore, Barb Petry, Lee Herrera and Ed Gallagher. Barb motioned and Ed seconded to accept the prior meeting minutes as published in the OPAL. Motion carried.

There was no Treasurer's report due to Jose being out of town. A report will be given at the next General Meeting.

Midwest Federation Report: Lee presented the MWF report and said that a copy would be available at the next General Meeting for review. MWF reported the loss of another member Deanne Slater who was very active in the organization. The report also included an article by President Rose Blue regarding the annual convention and a suggestion to resurrect a past tradition with a "Hall of States" display area. A section in the newsletter is dedicated to What's Happening which lists the April and May shows and conventions in the Midwest area. Please see Lee for additional information.

Webmaster Report: Webmaster Don Shore reports nothing new right now. He did mention for anyone who needs visual aid for a presentation to see him or Ed prior to the meeting and through the wonders of modern technology they can provide some pretty amazing "stuff". For those of you who have not visited his handy work, log onto www.westsuburbanlapidaryclub.com and see for yourself.

Previous Business: General Meeting Review: Dr. Willard R. Smith III, shared his thoughts on design with the club and I for one came away from the presentation with a better idea of using a "viewfinder" to develop a design concept. He also handed out some "hands on" material the group was able to use to find their own special design.

The Audit and cost accounting has been completed for 2007 and 2008 is almost finished.

April's stone of the month Ocean Jasper and it was mentioned there might be a hands on project.

Joanne thanked everyone again for their contributions to the silent mini-auction

The 50th Anniversary project is in the works and anyone who has a decorating idea for the general meetings please let one of the Board Members know or bring in your special 50th anniversary pro-

ject.

New Business: There are several upcoming events for 2009 that West Suburban Lapidary has been asked to participate in. Ed motioned and Lee seconded the motion to consider participating in the events. Motion carried.

Art in the Park - May 2nd and 3rd - This is a selling opportunity for the Club and usually wire wrapped "bug" pins are made. This year we will change the pins to pendants and consider doing request work for a slightly higher fee. Ed said he would be able to bring tables, canopy etc. for set up Sat. at 8:00am

MWF - May 16 - 17th, 41st Annual show and MWF Convention in Berea, OH. Lee Hererra is planning to attend.

EPD Festival - June 20th. Elmhurst Park District will send us additional information about the festival.

Field Trip to Cedarburg, Wisconsin - June 27th -28th to coincide with the Strawberry Festival. 10% discount offered by The Gem Shop.

Grau Mill - Aug 9th Located in Hinsdale. This is another selling opportunity for the Club. More to come on this event

Midwest Faceter's Guild - August 15 & 16

Extra meeting dates are needed for the Constitution and April 15 from 7-9pm was one of the suggested dates.

The Wellness list - phone tree was tabled until the next meeting.

No further business appearing Barb motioned and Ed seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

May team - Topaz

Team members: please remember to come early for set up and stay after the meeting for take down. If you have questions about the team you are on,

Blake, Jim & Jimmy	Jonikas, Al & Zivi
Dempsey, Lynn & Brian Musker	Kaplan, James
Dillon, Rich & Linda	Reisner, Virginia
Gass, Tony	Strickert, Larry & Gloria
Gianonni, Ed	



Minutes of the General Meeting, April 24, 2009 - by Barb Freeman

The general meeting of WSLC was called to order by President, Joanne Samuel, at 8:04 PM at The Abbey, Elmhurst, IL.

Minutes of the March meeting, as published in the Opal, were approved following a motion by Ed Gallagher and second by Virginia Reisner.

Treasurer's report: Jose Ponce provided the current status of CD's and checking account. See Jose if you want to purchase a durable name badge.

Membership: 30 members signed in, and one guest was introduced.

Library report: Gwyn Roland reported that several new books are added to the library. Topics include: jewelry making techniques, wire art, metal smith, and creative beading. A special thank you to Max and Alberta Shultz, and Eva Martinez, who donated books. Remember to return past due items to the library especially since May is the last meeting before summer break when books/journals may be easily misplaced.

Lapidary school. Karen Dave reported that classes continue. Summer sessions include

wire wrap, silversmith and stone cutting & polishing.

Midwest Federation: Midwest Federation Liaison Lee Herrera noted that a lot of MWF & AFMS information is printed in the Opal. In addition, Lee has compiled a 3 ring binder for paper copies of the Midwest newsletter. The binder is available at each meeting for your review. This informative newsletter contains a wealth of pertinent and educational topics. Their website also is a valuable resource. Remember to submit digital pictures or see Lee about contributing to the virtual museum. This is an opportunity to share your specimens with the world wide community.

CGMA: Our representative, Rich Dillon, gave a report highlighting the upcoming 33rd annual Gem and Mineral show over the Memorial Day weekend at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. Volunteers are sought for set-up and also for the admission table. Some members are demonstrating their various artistic skills which is a wonderful way to generate interest in the lapidary arts. Contact Rich if you want to be involved.

Old Business: The December holiday party

restaurant reservations are confirmed at the same location. More information will be provided in the Fall.

New Business: Teams who are arranging speakers need to contact Don Shore if audio-visual equipment is needed for the presentation.

Art in the Park will be held May 2 and 3. Volunteers are requested and appreciated.

M.G.A.G.S (Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society) are planning their annual Rockhound Seminar for June 13 and 14 in Webberville, Michigan. This seminar has outstanding hands-on classes for a very nominal fee. It is well worth the travel for a fun and learning weekend.

Information about lapidary related activities are included in the Opal, for your review. Also, see our website for links to additional information.

Big News: A field trip is planned for June 27th to Cedarburg, WI to explore the Gem Shop and participate in the Strawberry Festival. There is a sign-up and a fee is required for bus transportation. Thank you to Kim Sundblom for coordinating this event.

Stone of the Month: Samples of Ocean Jas-

per were provided by Joanne Samuel and Eric Spande. Thank you for sharing these with the membership.

Next General Meeting is May 29th which is the fifth Friday of the month. The change occurs annually to accommodate the CGMA show and the WSLC members that participate in that weekend show which generates publicity and interest in our club as well.

Split the Pot: Congratulations to Ed Gallagher who won half of the contributions this month. Thanks you to all who contributed, the remaining half the collection stays with the club.

Mini-Auction: There were over twenty items which included slabs, books, and rough. The lucky winners got their preferred item at a very reasonable price.

Joanne Samuel introduced our guest speaker, Eugene Mueller. He presented slides and commentary on his mining expeditions for agates. This was indeed an informative program that addressed the process and challenges of exploration and mining.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM following a motion by Lee Herrera and second by Don Shore. Thanks to this month's team for providing a wide variety of tasty treats.

April Program Review - by Barb Freeman

Our club was fortunate to have Eugene Mueller give a presentation on Mining for Agates. He is also the owner and proprietor of the Gem Shop in Cedarburg, WI. We heard first hand about the exploration and challenges of searching for and mining agates.

The presentation was well organized to show slides of each of five areas where he mined which included sections both in the U.S. and Mexico. The mining took place over the past 20 years. Eugene has a wealth of information. He spoke of each mining area and the type and quantity of finds in each area. Challenges of the area were also discussed. The challenges were many, including taking years to obtain agreement that he could mine on the owner's property and develop a negotiated contract. In the US restrictive mining laws are a hindrance to the small miner. Some areas have differing regulations based on location and history where determining boundaries is difficult.

Another challenge is in the mining itself in such a barren area. Roads have to be built, sometimes for miles at a time. Threats of rock slides are present and in a remote area. The locale may be very steep, and existing roads are bumpy and rugged, some never had heavy equipment on them. Yet, it is stunning to realize how pristine the land is.

The outcome of the mining event is unknown at the start. The rocks may not be of good quality, or of so limited volume that the work is financially risky. At other times he may leave with a ton of good quality stones.

A visitor to his store can now better appreciate the adventure and risk he takes to obtain the agates. Thus when viewing the beauty of the agates, one can also marvel at the tenacity of the miner.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ALL WSLC MEMBERS, PLEASE READ

by Mary Prosek

Mini-Silent Auction Etiquette: Here are a few guidelines that all participants in these auctions should follow in order to make the event fun for all: 1) **Do not stand in front of the bid sheet and item**, preventing anyone else from bidding 2) **Do not send children to put their name on an item you want** in hopes that no one will bid against a youngster 3) **Do not change prices on ANY item**. Doing so will exclude you from all future auctions 4) **Be courteous to your fellow bidders** 5) **Do not write in any bids after the allotted time is up** 6) Please pay the club Treasurer for your purchases immediately after the auction. 7) **Do not take your items off the table**. All winning bids and items will be given to the club Treasurer. You may pick them up after you pay for them. ******Program Speaker Etiquette:** Out of courtesy to the presenter and fellow club members, refrain from talking while the program is being presented.

Midwest Federation - submitted by Lee Herrera



BITS & PIECES: The MWF has a new editor for their newsletter.

The MWF has a new treasurer for their club.

Highlights of the committee reports included the following:

- MWF is looking for a club to host the 2010 MWF Convention.

- MWF is urging members to keep contacting their congressman about the Omnibus Lands Act Bill that the U.S. Senate had passed, but the Congress had defeated.

- The Silent Auction Chairman is soliciting materials for the silent auction to be held during the convention in Berea, Ohio. Items most commonly donated are related to the lapidary arts. (Think ROCKS). Proceeds from the sale go to the MWF Endowment Fund. To submit donations, you can give them to your delegate who will be attending the convention and show, or mail them.

Web Site report: WSLC received a Certificate of Participation and Appreciation in the AFMS web site contest.

Mineralogy News: Summer is the time for collecting. Remember to take your camera on field trips so you can record specimens which you are unable to collect. Sometimes specimens are too fragile to remove without being damaged. Using your camera will be a great way to add to the historical record. Photographing before you attempt to remove such specimens will preserve them, in a picture, just in case they are damaged during removal. By photographing first, you won't have to tell the story of "the one that got away". Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

AFMS Update - submitted by Don Shore

An article in the June/July 2009 AFMS newsletter warns of new and inconsistent rules and regulations one must heed if visiting a National Forest this year. Even information on their websites or in their brochures are confusing and sometimes differ from how the local park authorities interpret them.

There are several “horror” stories of collectors who were criminally charged and fined for gathering in places that had long been open to the hobbyists. One couple was approached by a park official who had been filming them in their activities. Their tools, specimens and belongings were confiscated, the couple separated, read their Miranda rights and ultimately arrested. They were asked if they would allow Federal Agents to search their home. When he told the official “no”, they tried to obtain a search warrant but was unsuccessful. The end result was several tickets which totaled over \$2000.

Unfortunately, each individual Forest Service can now make the rules (on acquired land) dictating the rules for rock hounding.

If you are vacationing this year, please be sure to check the local laws, and more specifically, the rules and laws of the property you are on to avoid problems and possible prosecution.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: How to Cook Agate

Ever wonder how those dealers at shows get those beautifully colored agate slices?

To bring out the bright color of an otherwise drab slab of Brazilian Agate, place the slab in an oven and bring the temperature to 550 degrees Fahrenheit. Do this gradually over a 2 hour period. Hold it at 550 degrees F for 1/2 hour and allow it to cool overnight.

Do not open the oven while the slab is hot or it will fracture. It is recommended to leave the oven closed overnight, so the slab will suffer no sudden change of temperature. Some exchange bulletins suggest that the slabs be placed in sand, in a baking pan, to help keep the temperature even.

Editors Note: Please follow all instructions carefully and proceed with caution. The WSLC accepts no responsibility for any accidents or mishaps resulting in this procedure. This article is provided for informational purposes only. Reprinted from The Rock Sac, May 2008 edition

LIZZADRO MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

compiled by Mary Prosek

June 6: “Gemstone & Mineral Hunting” - This hands on activity allows children and adults to search for gemstones and mineral specimens among more common rocks and minerals. Learn the difference between rocks and minerals and how to distinguish between them. Each rock or mineral found is identified and can be taken home. Ages 5 yrs to Adult. 50 minutes - 2 pm. \$4 per person, Museum members free

June 9 to September 6: Special Exhibit “Worldwide Agates” . See the fascinating diversity of agates found around the world. A geography activity for children accompany this exhibit.

June 20: “Geode Collecting Field Trip” - Collect geodes near the Mississippi River in Illinois. A hilltop quarry yields abundant and fascinating geodes. A geode cracker will be on hand to open geodes in the quarry. Other minerals and fossils are available to collect. Trip fees include tour guides, collecting and cracking fees and motorcoach. Ages 8 yrs to Adult. 7 am to 9 pm. Fee TBA. Reservations Required

Museum Information: The museum is located at 220 Cottage Hill Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (near Wilder Park & across from Elmhurst College) tel: 630-833-1616. Web: www.lizzadromuseum.org email: info@lizzadromuseum.org
Admission: Adults \$4, Seniors \$3. Students & teenagers \$2, children 7 to 12 \$1, under 7 free. Friday is a free day

The permanent collection is great to see and will inspire you!

OTHER THINGS

TEAM LIST: Please take a look at the new teams for September 2009 through May 2010 on page 9. WSLC Vice-President Don Shore is responsible to update and maintain this list. If there is a reason you need your assigned team month changed, please contact Don who will make every effort to accommodate.

MEMBER DIRECTORY: I will be sending out the WSLC member directory in the September 2009 issue of The Opal. If for some reason you do not want your address, phone number or email shared with other members, please let me know. Drop me an email, send me a snail mail, or give me a call.

Thanks and have a great summer—Mary Prosek, Editor

MONTANA AGATE—The “other” man in my life - by Mary Prosek

I'm not sure when my love affair with Montana Agate started. It might have been the time when I was 14 years old and my Mom stuffed 6 kids (my 2 older sisters were smart, they stayed home), my then new sister-in-law and herself in a station wagon and took us on a road trip which included Mexico City with the ultimate destination Lake Mead, Arizona to see some property she had acquired. We stopped at all the usual tourist traps along the way and it was at one of those places that I picked up my first piece of Montana



A beautifully polished specimen from the Harman's website

Agate. A beautiful brown, opaque and orange rock. Oddly shaped, but polished like a mirror. I still have it in my piece of Native American pottery that I picked up on that trip along with a bevy of other polished stones. That trip, by the way, was laden with one disaster or mishap after another and ended with a car wreck near Flagstaff, AZ. No one was hurt badly, thank goodness. That trip is a whole other story, or book, in itself.

As time went on, I acquired a rock polisher. And much to the chagrin of my brothers and sisters, kept it humming in the upstairs bathroom for months. My interests turned to other things as happens with most teenagers and my polisher got packed away, but my love of rocks was always there.

I later found the West Suburban Lapidary Club while browsing the International Jewelry Show in Rosemont. I attended a meeting, decided to join, and never looked back. I been through some pretty rough spots in my life, and the club and activities I join in has helped me stay grounded. I could have the worse day at work (and trust me, I have some doozies), and I get to the school to set up. I'm not sure if it's the hum of the machines or just the pure good feeling of cutting stone, but the tension seems to leave my neck and shoulders and whatever happened to me that day just goes away. Quite therapeutic.

Through the various programs and the vast library the WSLC has, my knowledge of rocks and gems exploded. For some reason, I was always drawn to agates. There is something mesmerizing about the bands and rings and beautiful colors displayed in these rocks. Then there are Montana Ag-

ates. They aren't banded, but dotted and streaked with the most beautiful colors of orange, yellow and black. Sometimes it looks like someone took a paint brush and sprayed the stone. The matrix is usually an opaque milky white chalcedony. The prettiest stones, in my opinion, are almost but not quite clear. Maybe it's the spontaneity of the design in the stone that draws me. Each one is different.

Montana Agates are found in the river bed and surrounding areas of the Yellowstone River. The Yellowstone River is one of ten rivers in the world that run North. It is also referred to as Montana Moss Agate and consists of chalcedony and is usually spotted or streaked. Slabbing these specimens takes patience in order to capitalize on the unique designs.

I was once at Curry's Auction with Karen Dave'. For some reason, we decided to bid on each flat of Montana Agate. I wound up going home with 300 pounds of the stuff in my old Buick. Afraid to tell my husband about it, I left it in the trunk of my car, which, by the way, creaked and groaned around every corner with all the weight in it. He asked me why my car was leaning to the right. Now, my husband is very intuitive. He put Auction + Leaning Car together and he figured it equaled Trouble. He made me open the trunk and couldn't believe I bought that much. After a bit, he just laughed and said I could have worse habits, which I suppose it true.

Then there is my Australian Cattle Dog, Sandy. Sandy has the most beautiful markings. She is the color of a manila folder, spotted with German Sheppard brown, and certain spots tinged with black. She has a larger spot on her side, which looks like a piece of Montana Agate. I never made the connection until I was putzing around in my workshop and she came down to guard me like she is so fond of doing. As she was laying there on her side, I had some Montana out and noticed the resemblance. She brings as much joy in to my life as Montana Agate do.

Some of the most amazing Montana Agates I've ever seen can be found at www.harmons.net. Tom Harmon and son Jim have been long time Montana Agate cutters and collectors. I plan on visiting their store in Savage, MT this August when I get to fulfill a long time dream of collecting my own Montana Agate on a field trip in conjunction with the AFMS Show in Billings. My husband isn't quite sure why I need to add to my "pile", but there is a big difference when you collect your own versus buying it. I hope to report back on my trip.

**WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB
TEAM LIST SEPTEMBER 2009 THROUGH MAY 2010**

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 also needed to greet members and guests as they sign in prior to the meeting.

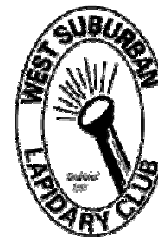
Refreshments: The refreshments will be discussed at the team meeting and each team member will contribute an item. Any team member who cannot attend the team's program should arrange to send a refreshment or donation of money (that will be used to purchase an item). All team members should lend a hand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

September & December	October – Garnet	Nov – Amethyst	Jan - Aquamarine
	Gallagher, Ed	Dempsey, Lynn & Brian Musker	Abrell, Gary & Lorel
	Gass, Tony	Giannoni, Ed	Ballesteros, Isidro & Rosalua
The official board	Housman, Carl & Gloria	Muskus, Meryl	Johnson, Kim & Jim
will be responsible	Lundin, Bruce & Lillian	Petry, Leroy & Barbara	Kaplan, James
for the program and	Maple, James & Marion	Prosek, Mary	Licko, Erv & Terry
refreshments	Munoz-Martinez, Evangelina	Quail, Mary	Herrera, Lee & Jeannette DeVane
	Phipps, Jean	Roland, Gwyn & Randy Bultman	Simon, Rob & Kathleen
	Piche, Ione	Sobczak, Bernie & Irene	Spande, Erik
	Schultz, Max & Alberta	Wilson, Susan	

February – Diamond	March – Emerald	April – Opal	May - Topaz
Bryant, Fred	Blake, Jim & Jimmy	Backus, Lyle & Lucy	Dave', Karen
Cronauer, Don	DePesa, Art & Sandy	Blaha, Arlene	Dillon, Rich & Linda
Cooper, Caroline	Feistamel, Doug	Davis, Clete	Freeman, Barb
Jonikas, Al & Zivi	Gadeke, Russ & Marion	Flynn, Tom	Pavesich, Paul & Ruth
Keck, Lillian	Koko, Pat	Netecke, Bill	Maher, Jack & Lorraine
Ponce, Jose & Lydia	Moustakas, Luke	Norton, Betty	Peterson, Judee
Shore, Don	Penny, Monica & Melissa	O'Connell, Chuck & Marlene	Reisner, Virginia
Sterling, Kurt & Amy	Samuel, Joanne Ashani	Shannon, Tony & Jill Quas	Roman, Mark & Ianna
Walter, George	Strickert, Larry & Gloria	`	Rupp, Bob



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>June 13 & 14: Webberville, MI</u>	Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society in conjunction with the Midwest Faceters Guild: 35th Annual Rockhound Seminar-Webberville High/Middle School-309 W. Grand River (12 miles east of Lansing). A weekend full of hands on classes, demonstrations, illustrated lectures covering Lapidary, Dichroic glass, beadmaking, silversmithing, faceting, wirewrap, beading, flintknapping and much more. Purchase a weekend pass and attend the activities of your choice. \$25 in advance for both days. \$30 at the door, \$5 per day for high school students. For a class schedule and advance tickets, contact Bill Hapiuk at 313-937-3228 or Neil Snapp at 517-339-2863. A complete schedule will be available some time in April at their website: www.mgags.org
<u>June 27: Cedarburg, WI</u>	WSLC - Field Trip to The Gem Shop and Strawberry Festival in Cedarburg, WI.
<u>Aug 2 to 7: Houghton, MI</u>	A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum - Copper Country Mineral Retreat. A fun filled week full of various field trips and related activities. The week starts off on Sunday the 2nd with a sale at the Museum's Gift Shop, a mineral I.D. and a featured speaker. Field trips throughout the week include surface mineral collecting and prepared surface mineral collecting at various mines located in the area. There is also a mineral show before and after the retreat hosted by nearby clubs. A complete list of field trips and events can be found at the Museum's website: www.museum.mtu.edu/copper_country or by calling (906) 487-2572, or via email at tjb@mtu.edu .
<u>Aug 15—17: St Louis, MO</u>	The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs' 16th Annual Show; Machinist Hall Auditorium, West St. Louis County, MO; Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; exhibits, demonstrators, swap area, food, free parking. Contact Robert Morse, Show Chairman (636) 462-4423.
<u>Aug 15 & 16: Elmhurst, IL</u>	Midwest Faceter's Guild Seminar (in conjunction with the West Suburban Lapidary Club). The Abbey-407 St Charles Rd-Elmhurst, IL Advanced and beginning faceting classes. Dichroic glass and beading classes also included. Space is limited. For further information, please contact John Zaborowski (440) 949-8242, or visit the website at www.midwestfacetersguild.org
	Please show your support of other clubs by attending their shows



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