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**NEXT CLUB MEETING  
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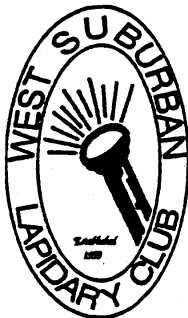


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**THE OPAL**

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**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.**

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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**Silent Auction**  
to be announced

**Field Trip**  
to be announced

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The OPAL is the official publication of the West Suburban Lapidary Club and is issued September through May. It is mailed, one copy per family, without further charge to members of WSLC. Articles may be copied if full credit is given the author and this bulletin. The deadline for material to be published is the fourth Friday of the month (the general meeting night). Our web site is <http://www.compu-classic.com/WSLC>

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

**MEMBER TO MEMBER SALE:** In lieu of a monthly program, The WSLC Board will coordinate the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Member to Member Sale. The event will take place at the first meeting of the 2006-07 year, which will be Friday, September 22<sup>2006</sup>. While WSLC members only are permitted to sell, visitors and guests are welcome to attend and purchase items. Doors will open at 7 pm for those selling to set up.

The event is being organized by WSLC President, Donald Cronauer. Reservations for tables have already been arranged. Members participating are: Don Cronauer, Ed Giannoi, Lil Keck, Terry Licko, Frank Morales, Jack Williams and The Lapidary School. Those who show up on the night of the sale without prior reservations will be turned away.

Items should be in good working order or their condition disclosed to the buyer. The WSLC is not responsible for any sales transactions. Each seller is responsible for their own merchandise and the handling of cash. Items to be sold are limited to those that are related to the lapidary hobby or meet similar criteria.

### STONE-OF-THE-MONTH

The Stone-of-the-Month for September is Geodes. Please bring any specimens or interesting pieces with you to the September General Meeting. Make sure your items are properly marked clearly identifying ownership.

October's stone will "tumbling".

### TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

A complete team listing can be found on page 9 of the September Opal.

#### September :

The WSLC Board Members are responsible for the refreshments and program for September.

#### October:

Bischoff, Vince & Jo Ann

Cooper, Caroline

Davis, Clete

Gallagher, Ed

LevVintre, Jim & Diane

Licko, Terry & Erv

O'Connell, Chuck & Marlene

Piche, Ione

Zaluba, Jim & Kathryn

#### \*\*\*\*Updated-please note -WSLC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION-Updated please note\*\*\*\*

Membership in the WSLC is \$17 per year, per household/family. Dues are payable by January 31<sup>st</sup> for that calendar year regardless of when you join. Please submit a completed application for Board approval to the WSLC Treasurer, Barbara Petry. **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 receive in district rates with the Elmhurst Park District for classes taken at the Lapidary School regardless of their residence

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.

Please contact Opal Editor, Mary Prosek with any articles of interest or notices to be published. Articles should be original works or those where proper credit and previous publication can be referenced.



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Donald Cronauer*

Welcome back from the summer break. I hope that everything is going well. Now we can get back into the activities of the West Suburban Lapidary Club.

The first activity will be the "Member to Member" sale planned for the Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> general meeting. This is a great opportunity for all of the members to pass along some of your rocks, slabs and equipment to others who are becoming more active in the lapidary hobby. It should also be a good time to explain how to best use the available equipment and materials. The requirements for participation are outlined later in this issue of the OPAL. Of particular importance, please phone me at 630-357-6570 to schedule a space for your transactions.

Again, I'd like to thank you for your work to support our club. We are one of the few clubs that continues to grow. We have good monthly programs and good interaction between both "old" members and "new" members who are just joining our hobby. In addition, it is great that we have strong ties with the Elmhurst Park District that provides us with these facilities and the support of the Lapidary School. The school represents significant unrealized opportunities - both as a source of new members and an outlet for us to share our skills, knowledge and enthusiasm for our hobby. See you at the next meeting.

### **GEODON SHOW CANCELLED**

The Geodon Show normally held the weekend of Thanksgiving at the Du Page County Fairgrounds has been cancelled for this year due illness in the family.

### **DONE ANY SHOWS LATELY?**

Doing any art or craft shows in the future? Save a spot on your table to put out flyers and information about the WSLC and the Lapidary School. Please contact Publicity Chairperson Mary Prosek for flyers well in advance of your event so a supply can be sent to you. Contact information for Mary can be found on the inside front cover of this month's Opal.

### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

*by Jose Ponce*

President Don Cronauer Called the meeting to order at 7:32pm at the Abbey. Attendance: Don Cronauer, Don Shore, Barb Petry, Terry Licko, Lorraine Maher, Karen Dave, Ione Piche, Mary Prosek & Jose Ponce. Motion to accept the notes from last month Board Meeting minutes by Lorraine Maher and second by Mary Prosek.

*Treasures report:* The status of the club finances were read by Treasurer Barb Petry. A motion was made to accept the report by Karen Dave and seconded by Don Shore, If you are interested into finding more details please contact Barb and she will print you a copy of the report.

*Midwest Federation:* Nothing to report for May

#### *Business:*

The May 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be at the Wagner Community, information will be printed on the Opal about the change and how to get there. The May program will be in Gem Identification presented by Rich Dillon. Then next board meeting will be on September 8. The member to member sale of items related to the club will be during the September general meeting.

*CGMA:* Club delegate, Sabrina Ugorek is asking for volunteers for the CGMA Show to be held Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers are needed for set-up, ticket sales and teardown.

*Opal editor:* Many members are now receiving their edition via email only.

*Web Master:* Webmaster Don Shore had nothing new to report  
Motion to adjourn by Don Cronauer at 8:45 PM.



**Check it out!**

Check out: [www.eaglelapidary.com](http://www.eaglelapidary.com). There are beautifully cut and photographed cabochons and hand crafted jewelry along with a show schedule.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2006**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

*by Jose Ponce*

President Don Cronauer called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

*Announcements:*

A book memorial will be made to the WSLC library in memory of the late Tom Penny, longtime WSLC member who recently passed away. A motion to accept the minutes as published in The Opal for the April Board and General Meetings was initiated by Virginia Reisner and seconded by Ed Gallagher.

*Treasurer Report* made by Barbara Petry:

Barbara reported the expenses, income and balances on the accounts for the month of April. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the report and would like a copy please contact Barbara Petry. A motion to accept the report for file and audit was initiated by Karen Dave and seconded by Virginia Reisner.

*Business Items:*

Remember to call Don Cronauer by September 15, 2006 to reserve a table for the September Club Members Sale. Tables will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. All items for sale should be clean and in working condition or any know problems should be disclosed to potential buyers. The WSLC is not responsible for any transactions made during this sale.

*Membership Report* by Barbara Petry:

There were 28 members present and no guests. The Club has 68 paid members as of the end of May. Please contact Barb for your Club Member Card. Do not forget to sign in all the time so an accurate count can be had for meetings.

*Library Report:* Gwyn Roland: Nothing new to report

*Stone of the Month/Gem Display:* Nothing new to report

*Lapidary School:* Karen Dave: Summer Classes for Silversmith and Lapidary are scheduled for a 5-week program.

*Field Trip:* A field trip chairperson is still needed

*Midwest Federation:* Terry Licko is attending the MWF Convention and Show at this time

*CGMA:* Sabrina Ugorek: Sabrina requested jewelry/lapidary items for the display cases. There is still a need for volunteers for the kid's corner, ticket sales and take down on Sunday after 6 pm. Potential demonstrators or dealers should contact Sabrina for more information. There is free admission for all volunteers.

*Program:* How to ID Gems by Rich Dillon was presented (review to follow)

Members of the Board will provide the snacks for the Sept meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM



**MAY PROGRAM REVIEW**

*by Jose Ponce*

*HOW TO I.D. GEMS:* Presented by WSLC member Rich Dillon: Rich spoke about Gem Identification for The Hobbyist, otherwise known as The Hanneman Method. He originally learned of this method when he attended a class at the nationally known William Holland Lapidary School 2 years ago taught by Terry Moonagle. He co-taught the class with her in 2005 and planned to do so again in 2006.

Rich introduced himself by talking about his extensive experience and how he came about building the instruments to ID the gems. Included was a large display of equipment made from parts found easily and locally. Gem Id is an element of deduction. One needs to understand the stones, and to ask the right questions: Is the stone natural, synthetic or simulated? Regarding marketing names: Be careful about terms used. One needs to look at the characteristics, size, color, shape, clarity, inclusions, cleavage etc. Optical characteristics such as reflective index are when light enters a crystal and when it goes out it bends again. This index can determine what type of gem it is. The talk was very informative and enjoyable.

## **IN MEMORIUM – Doris Kemp**

*by Mary Prosek*

Former WSLC member Doris Kemp passed away on August 8<sup>th</sup> of a massive stroke in Houston, TX, where she and husband Russ moved several years ago to be near their 3 sons. When I asked members and acquaintances to share memories and information about Doris, each and every person noted how she and Russ always worked together as a team. Both were involved in the American Federation, Midwest Federation, Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, The Lizzadro Museum, the WSLC and countless other endeavors. Both loved to travel the world and photograph interesting places and specimens which in some cases were the subject of a program or lecture. The Kemps were always very generous in the giving of their time and sharing of knowledge with others. As a newcomer to the hobby several years ago, I met Russ and Doris at a WSLC show where I was impressed with their knowledge of identifying rocks and specimens that were being put out for sale. Both took the time to talk with me and furthered my interest in the earth sciences. I thought how wonderful it would be to have that kind of knowledge and be so enthusiastic about the subject.

Doris is survived by her husband of many years Russ, who requested that donations be made to the American Federation Scholarship in Doris' name. Cards and condolences can be sent to Russ at: 12102 Steeple Way Blvd, Houston, TX 77065-4768.



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to the following new members who recently joined the WSLC:

Vince & Jo Ann Bischoff who reside in River Grove. They are also members of ESCONI.

Clete Davis who resides in Elmhurst.

Joanne Ashani Samuel who lives in Naperville. Joanne has taken both the silversmithing class as well as the lapidary one.



## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Terry & Erv Licko went cruising again! The WSLC's Midwest Federation liaison, Terry Licko, is shown posing with a few "older" friends she made while attending the MWF's Annual Show and Convention which was held in Southgate, MI from May 19-21 earlier this year.

Terry will give a full report as well as share more photos at the September general meeting.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING**

The December Christmas meeting will be held Sunday, December 3rd, at The Villa Nova Restaurant, located at 237 W. St Charles Road, Villa Park, IL, tel: 630-832-8430. Doors open at 12 noon. Cocktails (cash bar) from noon until 1 p.m.

The dinner will start with the serving of the entrée at 1 pm. The General Meeting and Election of next year's officers will follow at 2. Ladies (and gentlemen) are encouraged to wear dress hats. The charge should be the same as last year, \$20 per person.. Barbara Petry will confirm the amount.

Please advise WSLC Treasurer, Barbara Petry, as soon as possible if you will be attending. A minimum guarantee is required in order for Villa Nova to keep the reservations. Failure to meet the minimum will result in a cancellation of the event. Payment must be made by the November general meeting. Last year's event was a lot of fun and well attended. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

Musical entertainment will be provided during the meeting and dinner.



### WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

*by Barbara Freeman*

The Rockhound Weekend sponsored by the Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society was a wonderful experience. I highly recommend attendance in the following years if that is possible for you. Some members have attended previously and likely will concur and offer additional insights. This year the event was in Carrolton, Michigan (just across the expressway from Saginaw) on the weekend of June 10 and 11. Next year the location will be in Frankfort, Michigan which looks like a wonderful vacation site as well.

For those who have not attended, I will briefly describe the event and my experience. There were 25 separate classes or workshops, so you could find something to suit every interest. In fact, there just was not enough time to attend all the desired classes; so I will need to return!

The event was held in a school, as it will be next year as well. The entire event was very well organized, from the booklet describing the classes and listing the presenters, to registration, listing of nearby hotels, and signage. Signs along the road led the way, as well as in the school for all the classes. We looked like first day students as we each checked the schedule, carried our belongings, and looked quizzically at the room numbers and hallways, and scurried from class to class. No end of class bells though. In addition, lunch was ordered out each day, and arrangements were made for a group dinner at a nearby buffet. Participants were well cared for, from planning our own seminar schedule, through attendance, and the final auction (with a real auctioneer), and raffle. A group from Ohio rented a bus to attend. Wouldn't that be fun?

Some of the hands-on workshops included silversmithing, making cabochons, toggle wheel earrings and beading. Additional sessions included slate carving, tumbled gem pictures, wire wrap jewelry, spool knit chain, enamel beads, lampwork beads, and scrimshaw. Even more classes were available, and vary year to year. Is that enough to

to find something of interest for you? (I feel as though I am working publicity for the group.)

All of the instructors who I talked with were knowledgeable, friendly, and willing to share information. While I am a novice, others were asking detailed questions, which were answered clearly. I was amazed at how much equipment was gathered and set up for participants to view or use. The presenters made considerable effort to plan their classes and transport all the necessary supplies. Tempers didn't even flare when the glass beads adhered to the holding wire or when someone used a special shiny hammer designed for something else on a hardened punch!, At least four people asked for supervision at about the same time, and others came in and out of presentations to get an idea about the content. Teaching assistants were also available to help us newcomers. There were lots of laughs, compliments, and concentration by students to learn the skills, and motivational statements by the instructors.

I hope this gives you some idea of how we can each participate if we so choose. It was great fun and a learning weekend and inexpensive for the seminar. Participants and sponsoring members were friendly and welcoming and invite each of us to attend at some future date.

### LIZZADRO MUSEM

**September 23 "Fossil Dig"** Learn about the world famous Mazon Creek fossils from Illinois. These Coal Age fossils (350 million years old) are a unique part of Illinois geologic history and the fossil record. Learn where to collect these fossils and search for a Mazon Creek fossil to take home. Ages 6 yrs. to Adult 60 minutes-2:00 p.m.\$3.00 per person, Museum Members Free-Reservations Recommended

**October 7 "1 Day Geode-Collecting Trip"** Collect geodes near the Mississippi River in Hamilton, Illinois. A geode cracker will be on hand to open geodes in the quarry. Other minerals and fossils are also available to collect. Trip fees include tour guides, collecting fee and motor coach. Register early; limited space available. Ages 8 yrs. to Adult - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.\$90.00 per person, Museum members \$85 per person  
Reservations (630) 833-1616

**STONE OF THE MONTH-GEODES**

A geode is a sphere shaped rock which contains a hollow cavity lined with crystals. This cavity can be as little as a pea, or almost as large as the sphere itself. One that is completely filled with small compact crystal formations such as agate, jasper or chalcedony is called a nodule.

Geodes can be found throughout the world. The most concentrated areas are located in deserts, volcanic ash beds, or regions containing limestone. The western U.S. has several famous sites for collecting. In the Midwest, western Illinois and adjacent parts of Iowa and Missouri are noted for their geodes.

Keokuk, Iowa and Hamilton, Illinois are favorite destinations for rockhounds out on a day trip in search of geodes. Geodes from Keokuk contain a variety of minerals, but quartz is dominant in most. Chalcedony layers also encrust the interior walls of many geode cavities covering the surfaces of the quartz crystals in a variety of colors, including gray, white, blue, yellow and orange. Most geodes found in the Midwest range from less than 1 inch to more than 2 feet in diameter with 3 to 5 inches being the average.

Geologists believe that geodes begin as bubbles in volcanic rock or as animal burrows, tree roots or mud balls in sedimentary rock. Over time, the outer shell of the geode hardens, and water containing silica precipitation forms on the inside walls of the hollow cavity within the geode. Over long periods of time (thousands of years) the layers of silica cool, forming crystals of different minerals within the cavity. Amethyst and calcite are also found inside.

Larger geodes are often used as book ends or for other decorative purposes. The largest geode I personally have ever seen was about 4 ½ to 5 feet tall and about 25 inches around. The crust inside the walls was beautiful clear quartz, while the interior was amethyst with brilliant shades of purple and crystals the size of children's blocks. It was at a rock shop in Nevada and was priced at \$25,000. I had left my checkbook at home that day, so had to pass on this purchase. Upon returning the next year, much to my dismay, it was sold. Next time. - *by Mitty Sticha*

**NOTE:** Lizzadro Museum Field Trip on page 7

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

The WSLC, in cooperation with the Elmhurst Park District will be offering classes in the following:

**SILVERSMITHING:**

The beginner silversmith learns the techniques of working with sterling silver including chasing, sawing, filing, soldering and polishing. Each student has the opportunity to complete a bracelet, band ring, and pair of earrings or pendant. The experienced silversmith (after completing two projects to the satisfaction of the instructor) may select projects that would involve the techniques of piercing, fusing, chasing, repose, etc. Students must furnish their own basic tools or purchase them as part of the class fee. Silver and stones must be purchased, as needed, for each project at an additional fee. Students may be permitted to repeat classes provided their activity is consistent with regular class routine. There will be 2 sessions, lasting 5 weeks each. Cost per session is \$55 for residents tools included, \$37 without tools. Non residents is \$67 with tools, \$46 without tools. First session is on Mondays from Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Second session is Oct 16<sup>th</sup> to Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CUTTING AND POLISHING STONES FOR JEWELRY:**

This class is designed for all levels of experience. Beginners will learn to cut and polish various shapes. Returning students who have satisfactorily completed the beginning course requirements may work on other projects with the approval of the instructors. The fee includes a protective apron and stones. Cost is \$90 for residents, \$113 for non residents and runs on Tuesdays for 10 weeks beginning Sept 12<sup>th</sup> to Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WIREWRAPPING:** Learn to wrap copper, silver and gold wire into jewelry shapes. Each student can create a ring, chain, bracelet and earrings. No soldering is involved with this relatively new form of the jewelry making arts. Students can purchase wire, beads and some cabochons in class. Cost for residents \$109 with tools, \$79 without. Non residents \$136 with tools, \$99 without. Classes run on Wednesdays Sept 13<sup>th</sup> to Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

Contact the Elmhurst Park District at 630-993-8989.

website info can be found at: [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

WSLC members enjoy resident rates regardless of where they live. Let the registrant know your status when you sign up

**WEST SUBURBAN LAPIDARY CLUB  
TEAM LIST - SEPTEMBER 2006 THROUGH MAY 2007**

**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 with the team and help if required. If the team is unable to formulate a program, the Vice-President should be consulted as soon as possible.

**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.

<b>September &amp; December</b>	<b>October – Garnet</b>	<b>Nov – Amethyst</b>	<b>Jan - Aquamarine</b>
	Bischoff, Vince & Jo Ann	Lundin, Bruce & Lillian	Anderson, Fred, Florence
	Cooper, Caroline	Maher, John & Lorraine	Bultman, Randy & Roland, Gwyn
The official board will be responsible for the program and refreshments	Davis, Clete	Penny, Monica & Melissa	Cronauer, Don
	Gallagher, Ed	Poineal, Mary	Entwhistle, Gehl, Dianne, Jenni
	LevVintre, Jim & Diane	Ponce, Jose & Lydia	Feistamel, Doug
	Licko, Terry & Erv	Prosek, Mary	Freeman, Barbara
	O'Connell, Chas & Marlene	Quail, Mary & Garrett	Samuel, Joanne Ashani
	Piche, Ione	Richardson, Christine	Shannon, Tony & Jill Quas
	Zaluba, Jim & Kathryn	Simon, Rob & Kathleen	Watanabe, Yo
		Ziemba, Barb & Rhonda	Williams, Jack

<b>February – Diamond</b>	<b>March – Emerald</b>	<b>April – Opal</b>	<b>May - Topaz</b>
Abrell, Gary & Lorel	Backus, Lyle & Lucy	Dave', Karen	Dempsey, Lynn
Keck, Lil	Gadeke, Russell & Marion	Knudsen, Jacueline, Bob	Dewbray, Ed & Ginni
Mac Leon, Mark & Karen	Herrera, Lee & Devane, Jeannete	Morales, Frank & Mary Ann	Dillon, Rich & Linda
Martinelli, Sandy	Maple, James & Marion	Naegel, Barabara	Gass, Tony
Matthew, Robert & Jaqueline	Muskus, Meryl	Quirk, Frances	Giannoni, Ed
Norton, Betty	Pavesich, Paul & Ruth	Rios, Pat & Patty	Kaplan, Jim
Schultz, Max & Alberta	Petry, Leroy & Barbara	Shore, Don	Polley, Joan
Sobczak, Bernard, Irene	Phipps, Jean	Wilson, Susan	Reilley, Lenore
Ugorek, Mike, Sandy & Sabrina	Thode, Kris & Johnson, Lisa	Yankielun, Ed	Reisner, Virginia
Walter, George			Strickert, Larry & Gloria
Wozniak, Charlene			

Any questions or changes regarding the team list should be referred to WSLC Vice President, Don Shore. Contact information for all officer and board members can be found on page 2 of The Opal.

**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, September 22, 2006

**WSLC BOARD MEETINGS:**

The Abbey  
The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, October 6, 2006

**SHOW CALENDAR**

**Sept. 23-24, JOPLIN, MO - Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society.** Rock-A-Thon: 8th Annual Gem and Mineral Expo. Joplin Museum Complex, 504 Schifferdecker Ave. 23rd, 10-6; 24th, 10-5. Chris Wiseman, 417-623-1180, [joplinmuseum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joplinmuseum@sbcglobal.net).

**Sept. 30-Oct.1: SPRINGFIELD, IL - Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society Annual Show,** Illinois Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Sangamon Ave. at 9th St., Springfield, IL Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m. to 5p.m. Show Theme "Jane" the T-Rex and Geodes, Contact John Washburn, 107 Deer Creek Road, Rochester, IL 62563-9220, (217) 4987713, [jrwashburn2@msn.com](mailto:jrwashburn2@msn.com)

**Sept 30–Oct 1: OSHKOSH, WI - Oshkosh Earth Science Club 35th Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show,** Sunny View Exposition Center 625 E County Road Y, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.;Sun 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact Cori Nelson, 920-232-0995 or [cnelson@new.rr.com](mailto:cnelson@new.rr.com)

**Oct. 14, CHICAGO, IL - High End Glass Art.** 1st Annual All Woman’s Torch Off. 3306 N. Knox. Begins at noon. Rose, [rose@highendglassart.com](mailto:rose@highendglassart.com).

**Oct. 20-22, GURNEE, IL - Lake County Gem & Mineral Society.** 41st Annual Show: Wonderland of Gems, Jewelry, Minerals, and Fossils. Holiday Inn, Rte. 132, west of tollway I-94. 20th, 2-7; 21st, 10-6; 22nd, 10-5. Michael Hanley, 847-546-5382, [geodeguy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geodeguy@sbcglobal.net).

**Oct 21 & Oct 22: CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL - The South Suburban Earth Science Club, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fossil, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show,** Prairie State College, 202 S. Halsted St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411, Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Bob Frank @ 708-388-7365, [ssescus@yahoo.com](mailto:ssescus@yahoo.com)

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

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**Quote of the month:** I have never let my schooling interfere with my education – Mark Twain