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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,

I hope this message finds you all dry and safe with all the winter weather that has finally arrived in our area. I missed doing my December message to you all so this will be a little follow-up with you. We had a great December meeting with around 40 attending for our Christmas dinner and gift exchange. A merry time was had by all and a lot of great rock gifts were exchanged with a little bit of business thrown in for good measure. Thanks again go out to all those working on items for the silent auction. These items are much needed and appreciated. Also, a big thank you goes out to Jim and Peggy Fritz. Members in our club for less than a year, however they have embraced our club and helped in many ways. Jim worked in the basement before the mason came in to fix a wall and it saved us lots of money for the club. He also put a ramp into the garage from the meeting room to help people coming in and out, as well as bringing carts of rocks and equipment out of the garage. I've said it many times, however, I truly mean it. Without all of you and the time you spend doing things for the club, we would not be here. You all are the lifeblood of our club. This place will be here for many years, for future rockers, because of you all. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

I'm also excited to remind everyone that we have a show coming up the first weekend in March. I must say that this is my most favorite show of the year. (I'm not showing favoritism) We'll all be working together to make it the best one yet. If you have any questions about the vendors, check with John LaMont, the vendor chairman. If you have any questions about the organization of the show or volunteering, check with Judy, the show chairman. Also, when you see Lisa posting things on our web pages, please share, share, share. She's posted a lot of great information for us to pass around and get interest for the show.

Just a reminder that our next monthly meeting is February 7th. It's important that all of those who can attend, please do so. This will be the last meeting before our show and a lot of information will be disseminated. Also, put it on your calendars about the vendor dinner on the 28th of February. It is a carry-in dinner for the members and the vendors. The club will provide the main course and we bring a side dish. A sign-up sheet will be posted as the time gets closer. This is a great way for you to get to know our vendors and its always great fellowship. Again, just remember, we can't do it without you. Look forward to seeing you next month.

See you soon,

Deb Chagares :)

EIGGS Monthly Meeting Update

MEETING MINUTES:

Mona Jones, EIGGS Secretary

Jan. 3, 2019 ~ 6:30 pm

Members present:

Pam Beneker
Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Jim Fritz

Peggy Fritz
Scott Gibson
Erna Jacob
Mona Jones

John La Mont
John Lucas
Marty Lucas
Mary Ann Morse

John Morse
Joe Muller
Angie Shaffer
Dave Straw

Gina Waddle
Renee Doty

Business :

Jim Lucas reported there was a great turn out at the December meeting/club Christmas dinner. He also reminded everyone that it's time to pay club membership dues. Single membership - \$20 and family - \$30 for the year. Shop fees are now \$4.00.

EIGGS Gem and Mineral Show March 1st to 3rd:

Still have cabs to be buffed and polished for the rock show. This is something members can do at work days and club shop hours through the week. If you're working on items for the show then you do not need to pay the \$4.00 shop fee. Next work day (weather permitting): Saturday, January 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Club House T-Shirts:

Angie Shaffer reported the t-shirts for club members are in. See Angie to get yours if you placed an order. If not - Good News! Angie ordered some extras so if you want a t-shirt let her know or you will have a chance to purchase one at the Gem show.

Club House Maintenance:

Jim Lucas gave kudos to Jim Fritz for the great job he has done on the club house. Jim F. installed the ramp that goes from the meeting room to the garage as well as doing many, many needed repairs.

The club also continues to get estimates for repair of the roof and the replacement of the sign outside by the road.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Angie Shaffer, EIGGS Treasurer

Report for the month of December

Incoming funds: \$1,446

Outgoing funds: \$1,366

****Check our Facebook page for important updates or changes!****

If the club isn't opening due to weather or other reasons or an event is being changed or cancelled we'll post that information on our Facebook page. If you know someone who isn't on Facebook be sure to let them know about cancellations, changes and other important information posted on the Facebook page.



Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society

46th annual

Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry SALE & SHOW

- Friday, March 1, 2019 : 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2, 2019 : 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday, March 3, 2019 : 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kuhlman Center ■ Wayne County Fairgrounds
861 Salisbury Road N ■ Richmond, IN 47374

EVENT REPORT:

Judy Burton reported that the Gem show is being promoted in the Early Bird, the Gad About and on the radio. Please see our Facebook site for dates and further details. Membership renewals will increase as people renew at the Gem show in March. Judy will also be contacting members to volunteer for the Gem show within the next few weeks.

Volunteers Needed for Set Up on Feb. 27th

Volunteers will be needed on February 27th to help set up 110 tables at the Kuhlman Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Club tables will be marked with yellow tape on the leg for easy identification. Scott Gibson and Jim Fritz have volunteered to haul the tables from the club house to the Kuhlman Center.

Vendor Pitch-In on February 28th

February 28th is the dinner for vendors of the show and our club members. This is a great time to get to know the vendors and have a great evening. A sign-up sheet for what you plan to bring will be on the bulletin board in the work shop. Check Facebook for more details.

School Kids at the Gem Show

Mary Ann Morse reported there were 340 school children who attended the Gem show on Friday last year. This year approximately the same amount are expected on Friday (March 1st) including homeschool groups, Centerville, and Seton schools.

Watch for Updates on the EIGGS Facebook Page!

Reminders:

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for the following:

- Snacks for monthly meeting nights
- Pitch-in for the Gem show vendor dinner on February 28th

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Marty Lucas and seconded by John LaMont.

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ February 2019

8-10—MELBOURNE, FLORIDA: Annual show; Frank Cox Productions; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd.; daily 10-5; \$5 / \$4 if you mention this listing; show and sale of gems, jewelry, crystals, minerals, fossils and beads.; contact Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 954-0202; Email: frankcox@comcast.net; Website: <http://www.frankcoxproductions.com>

15-17—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA: Annual show; Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites; Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington Street; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; GeoFest is included with museum admission: \$14.95 for adults, \$13.95 for seniors, \$12.95 for Indiana college students and \$9.95 for children. Group rates are available.; Retail show will include dealers, regional clubs, and adult and kid's activities in a beautiful museum building.; contact Peggy Fisherkeller, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-7172; Email: pfisherkeller@indianamuseum.org; Website: www.indianamuseum.org

15-17—SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Show and sale; Frank Cox Productions; Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami (U.S. 41); daily 10-5; \$5.00 / \$4.00 if you mention this listing.; show and sale of gems, jewelry, crystals, minerals and beads; contact Frank Cox Productions, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 954-02; Email: frankcox@comcast.net; Website: <http://www.frankcoxproductions.com>

23-23—LAKELAND, FLORIDA: Annual show; Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Soc.; First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.; Sat. 9-4:30; \$3, free admission for students, small children, and teachers; vendors offering rocks, minerals, fossils, and jewelry; demonstrations; displays, and activities for children; contact Kim Price, P.O. Box 90631, Lakeland, FL 33804, (863) 412-9156; Email: lbvgmfs@gmail.com; Website: Bonevalley. Net

23-24—JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Annual show; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society ; Mississippi Trade Mart on State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5:30; Adults \$6, students \$3, scouts and leaders in uniform \$2, and free admission for children 5 and under; More than 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more; demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making; exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations; youth activities; hands-on exploration table; displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work; hourly door prizes, and a grand prize drawing ; contact Leslie Lane, 176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720, (601) 344-8171; Website: <http://missgems.org>

23-24—ALBANY, NEW YORK: Annual show; New York State Museum; New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, 222 Madison Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5 and free admission for children under 12; featuring minerals, fossils, gems, and books offered by 30 dealers, and displays and museum tours; contact michael hawkins, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230; Email: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov; Website: <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/>

23-24—BOISE, IDAHO: Annual show; Idaho Gem Club; Expo Idaho Building (County Fairgrounds), 5610 Glenwood; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$4, free admission for children under 12 ; vendors, demonstrations, showcases, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Brent Stewart, (208) 863-9336; Email: rocksbybrent@gmail.com



HOW THESE STRANGE, BEAUTIFUL STONES GOT THEIR NAMES.



Bloodstone is also referred to as Heliotrope in Greek, which simply means "sun turning." Many believed that the sun turns red when this stone is immersed in water.



Dog Teeth Amethyst is a combination of amethyst and white quartz, and is named after a flower, the Dog Tooth Violet, which has a similar color



Phantom quartz is a variety of quartz, or "rock crystal", that forms over pre-existing crystals. The included crystal is visible due to some variation in composition making the boundary of the included crystal visible. Such crystals display the outlines of numerous smaller crystals, known as "phantoms."



Moonstones owe their name to the quality of adularescence -- the diffraction of light as it hits thin layers within the gem.

Dragon Blood Jasper

Local legend in Western Australia, where Dragon Blood Jasper is mined, has it that the stone is the remains of ancient dragons.



Dumortierite is a minor blue gemstone that usually forms as inclusions in Quartz. Its most common color is blue or grayish-blue, though pink and purple colors are also known. "Sunset" may just be a descriptive addition that denote a dark blue color.

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