



APRIL 2019 ROCK PICKINGS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,

Hip, hip, hooray, spring is here, finally.....

It seems like it has been so long since we had our show. With great volunteerism from our members, we had a great and exciting show again this year. We couldn't do it without you. Our members are the backbone of our club. From painting and fixing our building; sorting rocks in the garage; teaching classes; cleaning the rock lab, and show duties, we would be lost without you. Thank you so much.

The weather is getting nice finally and that means outside work on our clubhouse. We have quite a few things on the list this year for our building. Our board is working on the ones we can accomplish this year. Work needs to be completed on our metal roof; gutters to be fixed; hydraulic cement around our cellar door; tuck point work on our east wall; and paint or stain the meeting room floor. Wow, I'm exhausted already. ☹️ We have Saturday work days set-up for the next few months. They are May 11th, June 5th, Aug 24th, Sept 28th, Oct 12th, and Nov 9th. We work from 10:00 – 2:00 on these days. As the saying goes "Many hands make lite work". We can always use many hands.

May 3rd, 4th and 5th, Warm Glow Candle is having their Spring Event and has invited the club to set up a table telling about the club and showing some examples of what is done in the workshop. Would love some volunteers even if it's for a couple of hours (this will be inside of the building) at Warm Glow 9am-7pm all 3 days. Please let Angie Shaffer or Mona Jones know if and when you can graciously volunteer your time. Club would greatly appreciate it (so will Mona and Angie). Also on May 21st at 6 PM the club will be doing an equipment refresher course for all members. John Morse will be doing the refresher on the saws, Dave Straw will be on the flat lap, and I will be the one to do the Genie wheels. This is a refresher that is required yearly. Just a reminder that July 11th is the club picnic at 6pm. There will be a sign up sheet on the work shop bulletin board for what you would like to bring. The club will supply the main course, drinks and table service. I look forward to seeing you all every week at the club. If you ever have a question, feel free to contact me.

See you soon,

Deb Chagares :)

EIGGS Monthly Meeting Update

MEETING MINUTES:

Mona Jones, EIGGS Secretary

April 4, 2019 ~ 6:30 pm

Members present:

Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Jim Fritz

Peggy Fritz
Mona Jones
Faithe Jones

Naomi Jones
John Morse
Mary Ann Morse

Angie Shaffer
Hailee Shaffer
Danny Spurgeon

Dave Straw

OLD BUSINESS:

Checking with Sign Graphics on quotes for the sign out front. Also checking with the county to see if they are willing or able to help with a new sign.

Thank you to all who worked at the rock show! Volunteers are important to the show and we could not do it without you.

Taking a long-term look at the building and where we need to go. We are looking at attempting to get a grant to help with the work that needs to be done on the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tuesday, May 21st, 6:00 p.m. – Refresher course at the club for all members. This refresher course is required yearly. John Morse will provide information about the saws. Dave Straw will talk about the flat lap. Deb Chagares will talk about the wheels.

Thursday, July 11th, 6:00 p.m. – Club Picnic! There will be a sign up sheet on the workshop bulletin board to sign up for what you'd like to bring.

Friday, May 3rd, Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th – Warm Glow Candle Open House – Warm Glow is having their spring event and has invited the club to set up a table to talk about the club and have some examples of what is done in the workshop. We'll be set up inside the building all three days from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We'd love to have some volunteers, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Please let Angie Shaffer or Mona Jones know if and when you can graciously volunteer your time. The club would greatly appreciate it (so would Mona and Angie).

There will be a sign-up sheet for people to open and close the club workshop on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. This is so some of the same people are not always responsible for opening and closing the club and gives those people a chance to take time off and still have the club workshop open.

Gentle Reminder: Club fees are due in December so members can stay in good standing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WORK DAYS

These dates are all on a Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM.
(no work day in July)

May 11	Sept 28
June 5	Oct 12
Aug 24	Nov 9

Ocean Jasper

OTHER BUSINESS :

Next year the at Gem Show the silent auction will feature Fluorescent fossils! There will be a table set up for the fossils with black lights.

Lisa Morris set up a questionnaire on Facebook regarding the March Gem Show. If you have not already participated please do so- this helps the club know areas that are liked and areas that need improvement. Located on the EIGGS public site

John Morse worked on several of the machines, changing wheels, and working on the spitters. John reports there is a need to go through all the machines and clean them up. 4-5 machines have new wheels so heads up! On the new wheels do not work a soft stone

on them till they have been worked on with a hard stone to work the newness out.

Jim Fritz - Special request: please clean up around your area when you are done working on a project, this leaves it nice for the next person. Thank you

Deb Chagares is looking into quotes for some of the others projects that need repaired I.e. east wall, painting of the meeting room floor.

Naomi Jones has made a request for next year's March event for the children's area. She would like some supplies like black lights for the minerals. Club is going to provide the items on the list.

Congratulations to Lisa Morris!!!

Our EIGGS webmaster and former newsletter editor earned national recognition from the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The website, EIGGS.weebly.com earned 1st place in the Midwest and 3rd in the nation. The Facebook page for the club placed 3rd....again. Thank you Lisa for all your hard work! And thank you for the awesome job on the EIGGS window decals - they look great!

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Angie Shaffer, Treasurer

March expenses were \$2636

EVENT REPORT:

Judy Burton, Show Chairman

Judy reported about the March rock show - the club has 69 members and we had 47 volunteers at the show! That's a great turnout of volunteers. Thank you very much to everyone that volunteered at the event!

Next Year - We're planning on having two wheels of fortune in the children's area. The board is also discussing having three-day passes for adults and seniors. Age 60 and above are considered seniors. Judy is also asking for some ideas for the future raffle items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm by Peggy Fritz (1st) Angie Shaffer (2nd)



Ocean Jasper



It is amazing to see just how rich the history of this building is. It has been used as many things since being built in the 1840's and I wanted to share a brief timeline with everyone. As stated before the home was built in the 1840's by the Estab family. It was owned by the Estab family from 1840 until 1893. One thing to note is that it was used as a grocery and provisions store in 1859 according to the Wayne county directory. The next step on the time line is in 1907 till 1931 it was listed as the Terra Haute to Indianapolis Interurban rail stop. Then from 1931 until 1941 it was used as an Indiana rail road stop. In 1941 an article in the Old Trails Echo noted that an underground tunnel from the north side to the south side of the road was used for runaway slaves during the Civil War.

The next stop for the building was from 1961 to 1971 when it was used as the Blue Jay restaurant. One unique thing was the fact that not only in 1966 but again in 1970 the building had a rock thrown through the window of the building. Some may call it irony but who knows maybe it was destiny. Not long after the rock was thrown through the window a second time the diner closed. In 1972 it was known as Blue Jay Furniture and Appliance store. From 1985 until 1991 the building was used for a multitude of things including electrical services, trading post, machine tool shop and even as Tropical Island Tanning.

In May of 1994 the building caught fire and the cause is still unknown. After the fire the building sat empty until 1998. That year it was listed as owned by the Wayne County Commissioners. On April 8, 1999 a Quit-Claim Deed was listed for a purchase price of \$1 to EIGGS. From 1999 to present EIGGS owns and operates at this location. So over the last 179 years you can tell it has been used for a variety of things and I may be biased but I think the best use of the building was for EIGGS. I hope you all find this as interesting as I did.

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ May 2019

3-5—KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN: Annual show; Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society; Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street; Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4, free for children 12 and under ; 60th show, occupying 40,000 sq. ft. of space, hands on activities, lectures and demonstrations ; contact Writton Graham, (269) 615-7073; Email: KGMSvendors@gmail.com; Website: KalamazooRockClub.org

4-5—CINCINNATI, OHIO: Annual show; Cincinnati Mineral Society, Cincinnati Dry Dredgers; Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Road; Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$9, \$12 two-day pass; \$3 for children. Free admission for scouts in uniform and teachers with ID with one paid adult admission. ; contact Terry Huizing, 5341 Thrasher Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45247, (513) 574-7142; Email: tehuizing@fuse.net; Website: www.geofair.com

4-5—MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN: Annual show; The Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society; Marshfield High School Fieldhouse, 1401 Becker Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free; dealers, displays, speakers, continuous silent auctions, and activities for children ; contact Cynthia Kelman, 1403 N Broadway Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449; Email: kelman@tznet.com; Website: heartofwisconsinrocks.com

4-5—BILLINGS, MONTANA: Billings Gem and Fossil Show; Billings Gem and Mineral Club; Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium, 1125 Broadwater Avenue; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3, free admission for children under 12 ; vendors offering gems, minerals, fossils, artifacts, agates, and jewelry, demonstrations, exhibitions, silent auctions, and activities for children; contact Doug True, (406) 670-0506; Email: dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

4-5—PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Mineralogical Society of N.E. Pennsylvania; Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Highway 315; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, free admission for youth under 13 and all scouts in uniform; contact George Walko, 319 Main Street, Swoyersville, PA 18704, (570) 200-5987; Email: Anthracitecoin@gmail.com; Website: <http://msnepa.org/>

8-12—FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA: Annual show; Echo Valley Gem Show ; Echo Valley Gem Show (across from GLW), 6456 Sylva Rd. ; Wed. 9-6, Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; free; dealers from around the world selling minerals, fossils, rough rock, slabs, cabochons, jewelry, beads, crystals, gems, and

geodes Sunday open 9-5pm ; contact Damian w/ Bellpoint ; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointinc.com

9-11—LOGAN, UTAH: Annual show; Cache Rock and Gem Club presents 2019 A Rock Odyssey; Cache County Event Center, 490 S 500 W.; Thu. 10-8, Fri. 10-8, Sat. 9-6; free admission; a new venue with a hearty selection of rocks, minerals, fossils, and jewelry; demonstrations, displays, and activities for children; contact LuAnn, Willmore; Email: momouse@gmail.com; Website: cacherockgemclub.weebly.com

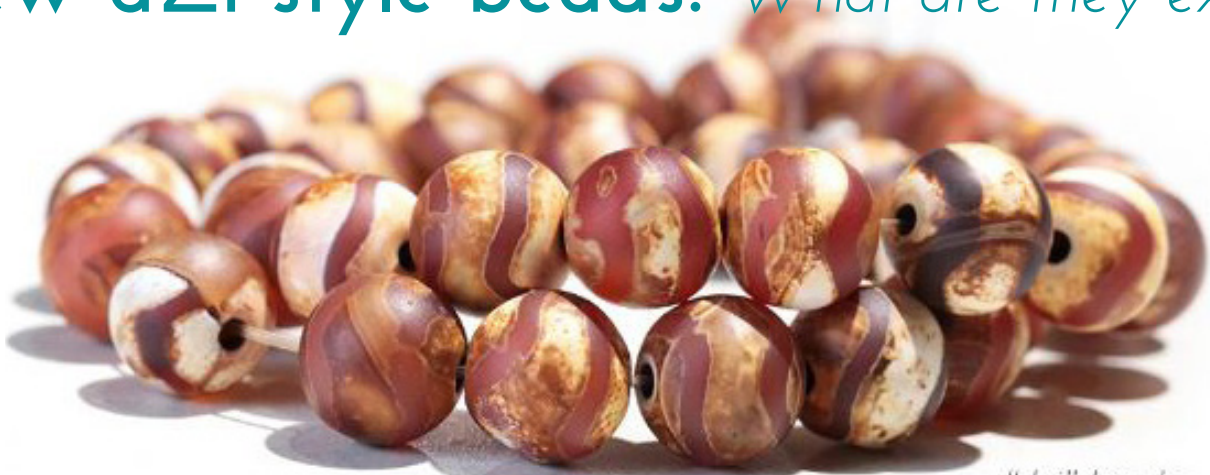
10-12—COLUMBIA, MISSOURI: Annual show; Central Missouri Rock and Lapidary Club; Knights of Columbus-1529, 2525 N Stadium Blvd. (Route E) ; Fri. 12-7, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; 3-day pass adults \$6, seniors (60+) and youth (12-18) \$3, free admission for children children 11 and under; Dealers offering agates, crystals, cabochons, slabs, beads, fossils, petrified wood, geode cracking, 'Kidz mine'; contact Mary Wozny, 404 W. Leslie Ln., Columbia, MO 65202; Email: LMWOZ@msn.com; Website: cmrlc.org

17-19—JOPLIN, MISSOURI: Annual show; TriState Gem & Mineral Society; Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum, 504 S. Schifferdecker Ave.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; free admission; contact Christopher Wiseman, 504 S. Schifferdecker Ave., Joplin, MO 64801, (417) 623-1180; Email: joplinmuseum@sbc-global.net

18-18—FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, Inc.; Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Rd.; Sat. 9-3; \$2 donation, free admission for children 12 and under; Earth Science Show & Sale, rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary arts, and jewelry; contact Brian Schwab, 539 Sycamore Ave., Croydon, PA 19021; Email: holschw2@aol.com; Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lowerbucksparocks/home> pvs@wi.rr.com



New dZi style beads! *What are they exactly?*



"dzi" beads

dZi beads (pronounced- "zee"; alternative spelling: gzi) have a long, rich history. dZi are stone beads of uncertain origin but in several cultures, most commonly in Tibetan culture, the bead is believed to provide positive spiritual benefits. The most valuable dZi beads are several thousand years old and made of natural agate. The original source of these beads is a mystery. While the traditional, ancient beads are greatly preferred, new modern-made dZi are gaining popularity, especially among Tibetans.

The great mystery of ancient dZi is how they managed to get the colors and markings on the surface without breaking or cracking the stone. The Silica family of stones, which includes agate, is particularly susceptible to heat, which will crack or even shatter the stone. The modern technique of heating the stone without damaging it was discovered relatively recently, using technology which heats the stone in a vacuum.

Since agate is porous, it contains air and moisture within the stone which when heated,

expands and causes the stone to crack. In a vacuum the air has been removed which greatly reduces the chance of cracking. This technology was not available 100 years ago in remote Tibet. It certainly was not around thousands of years ago, hence the mystery of how they were made.

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