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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,

Excitement is in the air for our upcoming Gem Show. It's my favorite show of the year and I always find great deals at our show. Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. is our carry-in dinner for our vendors. The club will supply the main course and members are asked to bring a side dish to share. What a wonderful opportunity we have to sit with our vendors, and share fellowship and excitement for the love of rocks. It sounds so simple, however, it's such an amazing feeling. We will have time to walk through the show that evening and scope out some great finds. If you would like to volunteer and have not been contacted, give Judy Burton a call at 937-339-1966 or email her at jleeburton@woh.rr.com. She's looking for volunteers.

On another note, we now have historians at the club, actually two. Mother and son, and wow what historians they have become. At last month's meeting they told us just a little bit of what they've uncovered about the club and the building we currently occupy. We are so blessed to have a club home. I've asked her to write an article for the newsletter. I believe we have very interesting history. Thank you Lisa and Kyle for doing all this work.

I also would like to remind everyone we will have our March meeting on March 7th. It's the first Thursday of the month and hopefully by then we will have some preliminary numbers about the show.

Well, that's it for now. I look forward to seeing you all at the show.

See you soon,

Deb Chagares :)

EIGGS Monthly Meeting Update

MEETING MINUTES:

Feb. 7, 2019 ~ 6:42 pm

Mona Jones, EIGGS Secretary

Members present:

Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Jim Fritz
Peggy Fritz
Emily Gibson

Scott Gibson
Erna Jacobs
Mona Jones
Naomi Jones
Missy Killion

Susan Kuhlman
John LaMont
Mark Lisota
Jim Lucas
Tim Merrill

John Morse
Mary Ann Morse
Kyle Nash
Lisa Nash
Randy Patrick

Angie Shaffer
Hailee Shaffer
David Straw
Linda Straw
Gina Waddle
Renee Doty

BUSINESS :

Jim Lucus: March Gem Show 1st - 3rd, is the main focus from here out till show. Begging letters have been sent out with a copy of the clubs newsletter. Received a decline from Rio Grande due to the high volume of requests the company receives.

Show Update: Everything has been cleaned, bagged and priced so that all you have to do when working the booth is sell. Everything that has to go to the show will be ready to load on the wagon and truck on Wednesday, February 27th. Everything will be located in the meeting room at the club house.

Work Day: Saturday, Feb 9th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Old grab bags will be broke down and the valuable stones will be identified and bagged for the show.

Note to set up and break down crew for the show: Club tables will be identified by the yellow tape on the table legs. At the end of the show the unsold items will be brought back to the club and put up for the 2020 show.

***PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON
THE STONES FOR THE SHOW
WITH PERMANENT MARKERS***

EVENT REPORT:

John LaMont: Needs volunteers for the set up at the Kuhlman Center Wed. Feb 27th at 8am -Noon

Judy Burton: Club will provide the meat and drinks for the dinner Thurs Feb 28th. There is a sign up sheet in the work shop bulletin board for members and their covered dish for the dinner. This is a time to enjoy yourself visiting with other club members and the vendors for the event. The vendors really appreciate the dinner and the time with our members.

Everything is arranged and ready for a great weekend event. Judy will be contacting you to volunteer (but is you already know you would like to help out ... please let Judy know). It's really an enjoyable time.

Mary Ann Morse: School children at the Gem show on Friday March 1st. Homeschool groups, Centerville and Seton schools will be attending.

The Charlene Reidenbach STEM Scholarship Fund:

Lisa Morris has reported that at this time we have 9 applicants for this years scholarship. This is awesome news.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Angie Shaffer, treasurer
Report for the month of January
Incoming funds: \$662.00
Outgoing funds: \$2,700.00

Tee shirts will be at the Gem Show \$14.00



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

NEWS FLASH

Club Historians

We welcome Kyle Nash and Lisa Nash as the new club historians! They have been very busy gathering information regarding the history of the club house. They have some fascinating history already, be sure to ask them about it. Thank you Kyle and Lisa for taking on this very interesting task.

Upcoming events that EIGGS club members will be participants:

5-17—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. Dave Straw, John LaMont

Feb 26th at 8:30 am Renee Doty and Mary Ann Morse will be guest on the Phil Quinn radio show 101.7 on AM station.

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101.7 FM ► 930 AM

***Watch for Updates on the EIGGS
Facebook Page!***

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Burton and seconded by Susan Kuhlman.
Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ March 2019

1-3—SHARONVILLE, OHIO: Annual show; Gem Street USA; Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults and seniors \$7 (good for all three days), free admission for children under 12; vendors offering gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, findings, silver, gold, precious stones, tools, and displays; contact Jane; Email: JaneStrieter1946@gmail.com

1-3—RICHMOND, INDIANA: Annual show; Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society; Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; Adults \$5/ Seniors \$3/ 7-18 \$1/Under 7 Free; contact Judy Burton, 912 Kent Ln., Troy, OH 45373, 937-339-1966; Email: jleeburton@woh.rr.com; Website: EIGGS.weebly.com

8-10—BEREA, OHIO: Annual show; GemStreet USA; Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Bagley Road Entrance; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults & seniors \$7, kids under 12 free, scouts in uniforms free; GemStreet USA show & sale will have gemstones, minerals, fossils, geodes, beads, jewelry, tools, petrified wood, sculptures, gold, silver, turquoise, chains, findings, meteorites and so much more. The ticket is good all three days, plenty of free parking, and hourly door prizes.; contact Jane Smith, PO box 770680, Lakewood, OH 44107, (617) 512-6510; Email: Janestrieter1946@gmail.com; Website: GemstreetUSA.com

9-9—SKOKIE, ILLINOIS: 70th Annual Silent Auction; Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society; St. Peter's United Church of Christ gymnasium, 8013 Laramie (at Oakton); Sat. 6-9; free admission; first table closes at 6:30 p.m., for an evening of fun and bidding on rocks, minerals, fossils, geodes, jewelry, books, magazines and lapidary treasures; contact Jeanine N. Mielecki, (312) 623-1554; Email: jaynine9@aol.com; Website: www.chicagorocks.org

15-17—JACKSON, MICHIGAN: Annual show; Michigan Gem and Mineral Society; Jackson County Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson St.; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$4, Seniors \$2, Students \$1, 5 & Under free; Activities for kids, gems, minerals, fossils, beads, jewelry, demonstrators, raffle, exhibits, displays, lapidary supplies, door prize drawings, and three days of silent auctions. ; contact Sally Hoskin, (517) 522-3396; Email: info@mgmsrockclub.com; Website: http://www.mgmsrockclub.com

22-24—LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY: Annual show; Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club; Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike; Fri. 4-8, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-5; Friday \$10 per person for Rock Party preview (and Friday admission is good for the rest of the show), Sat/Sun - adults \$2, child \$1, and free admission for scouts in uniform; Lexington Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show, with dealers offering minerals, rocks, gems, jewelry, and equipment, along with fluorescent displays and demonstrations; contact Allen Ferrell; Email: kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com; Website: www.bggamc.homestead.com

23-24—WYSOX, PENNSYLVANIA: Show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club; Wysox Vol. Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, free for children under 8; dealers with minerals, fossils, lapidary, special exhibit by Susquehanna River Archaeological Center, and fluorescent programs by UVBob; contact Bob McGuire, 224 Church St., Lopez, PA 18628; Email: uvbob1942@gmail.com; Website: chehannarocks.com

23-24—WHEATON, ILLINOIS: Annual show; Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois (ESCONI); Dupage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; free admission; contact Dianna Lord; Email: esconiclub@gmail.com; Website: www.esconi.org

30-31—CANTON, OHIO: Annual show; Stark County Gem and Mineral Club; Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave. ; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors (55+) \$4, children (6-14) \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform; 52nd annual show with vendors offering minerals, rocks, gems, lapidary art and supplies, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children; contact Jeffrey Storz, 4547 Brunnerdale Avenue NW, Canton, OH 44718, (740) 680-7714; Email: jstorz42@gmail.com; Website: https://www.facebook.com/SCOGMC/

30-31—PLYMOUTH MEETING, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; The Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and The Delaware Valley Paleontological Society; Lu Lu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, kids under 12 \$, free for all Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform ; fossils, minerals, gems, speakers, exhibits and raffles; contact Douglas M Klieger, 26 Cabot Court, Chesterbrook, PA 19087, (610) 316-8052; Email: dklieger@verizon.net; Website: www.philamineralsociety.org

Beryl



A relatively rare silicate mineral found in igneous and metamorphic rocks around the world, Beryl is generally clear, while its variations in color are better known by other names: Emerald (green, due to traces of chromium or vanadium), Heliodor (yellow, due to traces of iron), Aquamarine (blue, due to traces of iron), Morganite (pink, due to traces of manganese), Golden Beryl and Red Beryl. Our Beryl strands include a number of examples of the varieties, including Aquamarine and Morganite.

Used exclusively as a gemstone until the 1920s, some common beryl is processed to recover beryllium, a rare element used in a number of industries. Cheaper sources have been discovered, but beryl mining byproduct is still sometimes used.

Beryl once had another significant use: When the first eyeglasses were constructed in 13th century Italy, the lenses were made of beryl, as glass could not be made clear enough. And while rare, Beryl can be found in massive amounts -- one crystal found in Albany, Maine measured nearly 18 by 4 feet, and weighed approximately 40,000 pounds, but even that one pales in comparison to the crystal found in Madagascar in 1999, which measured 59 by 11 feet and weighed 840,000 pounds.

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