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ROCK PICKINGS

Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Rock Hounds,

Hope you're all having a beautiful and productive May... I believe summer is finally here. With the weather finally getting warmer we can attend to some of the outside repairs that need to be completed for our building. Perseponko Painting will be working on the metal roof in June. It's needed to be repaired for a couple of years and we've found someone to address it. Also, Scott, Jim, and Mark are going to work on our west wall and get it repaired. They may need help with this, so if they ask, please be willing to lend a hand.

Just a reminder that we have Saturday work days set-up for the next few months. They are June 5th, Aug 24th, Sept 28th, Oct 12th, and Nov 9th. We will be getting a dumpster for the June 5th work day and do some spring cleaning. We work from 10:00 – 2:00 on these days. Also on June 11th 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. Scott and Emily Gibson have invited us to have our picnic at their home. This gives us an opportunity to see some of Scott's rock gardens and the new shop that Scott built for Emily. When time gets closer, we will send out directions to their home. We will have 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

May 2, 2019 ~ 6:30 pm

Members present:

Judy Burton
Deb Chagares
Amber Gati
Scott Gibson

Erna Jacob
Mona Jones
Missy Killion
John LaMont

Tim Merrill
John Morse
Mary Ann Morse
Kyle Nash

Lisa Nash
Matt Rudicil
Angie Shaffer
Debbi Serrer

David Straw
Linda Straw

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Angie Shaffer, Treasurer

Outgoing Funds: \$596

Incoming Funds: \$459.62

SHOP MAINTENANCE REPORT

John Morse:

New parts will be ordered to fix the first unit with the broken water spitter. Will also be ordering spare parts so they'll be on hand when machines need to be fixed.

Deb Chagares will be looking into a tutorial from Diamond regarding the machines in the club work shop.

CLUB HISTORIAN REPORT:

Lisa and Kyle Nash:

Have been working hard on the history of the club and the club building. This info will be put in a book that everyone will be able to read about all the interesting info they have found.

MANDATORY TRAINING ON EQUIPMENT:

Mandatory training is scheduled for June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Trainers include the following:

- Deb Chagares will train on the Genies
- John Morse will train on the slab and trim saws
- Dave Straw will train on the flat lap

JULY 11TH CLUB PICNIC

Scott and Emily Gibson has graciously offered their home for this evening gathering. 6 pm - ?
Address: 3731 Nolandsfork Road, Richmond.
There will be a sign-up sheet in the work shop, bring your favorite dish and share.

OTHER BUSINESS :

Research into a grant program from REMC is being done to see if the club qualifies for assistance to fix the roof. qualifies for assistance to fix the roof. A grant from REMC.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

WORK DAYS

These dates are all on a Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

(no work day in July)

June 5	Oct 12
Aug 24	Nov 9
Sept 28	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debbi Serrer and Amber Gate.

Angie Shaffer motioned to adjourn, John LaMont seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS ~ June 2019

1-1-MACUNGIE, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Pennsylvania Earth Science Association (PESA); Macungie Memorial Park, 70 Poplar St.; Sat. 8:30am-3pm; admission \$2 for adults, free for children; the Spring Mineralfest features gems, fossils, lapidary and minerals offered by more than 50 dealers situated indoor and outdoors; along with free gold panning and door prizes; contact PESA; Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Pennsylvania-Earth-Sciences-Association-PESA-mineralfest-and-clubs-1555170821375067/>

1-2-SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI: Annual show; Ozark Mountain Gem & Minerals Society; Missouri Institute of Natural Science Museum Grounds, 2327 W Farm Road 190; Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; free; annual outdoor event, with vendors selling rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, and lapidary equipment, with a public auction on June 1; contact Mike Hackeson c/o OMGMS, 2131 West Republic Road, Box #35, Springfield, MO 65807, (417) 501-9690; Email: omgms.57@gmail.com; Website: www.omgms.rocks

1-2-CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK: Annual show; Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club; Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd., ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, free admission for children under 12; 20 vendors, exhibits, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, sluice, UVBob fluorescent mineral program, fossil corner, activities for children; contact Fred Haynes; Email: fredmhaynes55@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.wcgmc.org/>

1-2-MONROE, NEW YORK: Annual show; Orange County Mineral Society of New York and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies; Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M; Sat. 10-4, Tue. 10-4; Adults \$5, seniors \$3, and free admission for children under 12 and scouts in uniform; Annual show also serving as the regional convention of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies, featuring artisans, craftsmen, collectors, dealers, and exhibitors, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children; contact Ron Nelson, 26 McBride Road, Chester, NY 10918; Email: rn33@optimum.net; Website: <http://www.orangecountymineralsocietynewyork.com>

1-2-MARION, KENTUCKY: Annual show; Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum; Historic Fohs Hall, 201 North Walker Street; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-4; free - donations welcome; Vendors with a diverse offering, demonstrations, displays, silent auctions, and activities for children; contact Tina Waker, 205 North Walker Street, P.O. Box 391, Marion, KY 42064, (270) 965-4263; Email: beclement@att.net; Website: clement-mineralmuseum.org

7-9-CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA: Annual show; Bellpoint Gem Show; Clarence Brown Conference Center, 5450 State Route 20; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, and free admission for children under 15 accompanying a paying adult; gem dealers from near and far selling beautiful minerals, fossils, jewelry, healing stones, rocks, cabochons, beads, crystals, gems and geodes; contact Damian w/ Bellpoint, GA; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointinc.com

8-8-KENT, CONNETICUT: Annual show; Danbury Mineralogical Society; Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, 31 Kent Cornwall Rd; Sat. 9am-4pm; free; vendors offering rocks, minerals, fossils, and jewelry, and exhibits in the mining museum, event is a partnership between Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, Inc. and the Danbury Mineralogical Society to benefit the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science; contact John Pawloski, (860) 927-0050; Website: www.ctamachinery.com

8-9-MANSFIELD, OHIO: Annual show; The Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society; Richland County Fairgrounds, Arts and Crafts Building, 750 N. Home Road; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$5, seniors \$4.00, students \$3.00, free admission for scouts in uniform and children under 6; show theme: Fluorites!, more than 10 dealers selling gems, minerals, jewelry, beads, and fossils, along with speakers, demonstrations, displays, and silent auction; contact Tom Kottyan, (419) 562-1152; Email: themineralhouse@netzero.net; Website: WWW.RLLS.WEBS.COM

14-15-QUARRYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA: Annual show; Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club; Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building, 172 South Lime Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4; \$3; seeking vendors of fossils, minerals, jewelry, and Native American artifacts; contact Eric Miller; Email: admin@millersmineralmine.com; Website: <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMineralClub/>

Mining the Facts:

Turkish Blue Chalcedony

Posted by Dakota Stones to Articles

Blue Chalcedony is the oldest trade material from Anatolia of Turkey and has been used in jewelry for thousands of years. The name "chalcedony" is originally "Kalsedon," which comes from the name of ancient Anatolian port named Kalkedon. The name is still used today for any related materials with the same chemical composition.



Ancient chalcedony pieces



In ancient times, most of the stamps or seals in Europe and Middle East were made of chalcedony due to its hardness and durability. Today, they can easily be found in many museums in Europe and Middle East.



Ancient Persian stamps. 3-6th century AD chalcedony seal with hexagonal star engraving.



Chalcedony forms in colors ranging from grayish to purplish blues. It is said this stone is good for blood circulation, balance, memory and speech, and that it helps with learning languages and expression. It is also thought to be connected with the crown, throat and heart chakras. The Romans have called Chalcedony a "lawyer stone," as those who hold it seem to have success in the court.

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