

# Rock Pickings

February 2024

Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is around the corner!! I know everyone is ready for some warmer weather to get out there and enjoy the great outdoors. It was great to visit with everyone and have a full house for our meeting. We are happy to welcome Doreen Flannery and Cindy Martin as new members. We love watching the club grow. The show is right around the corner and almost here. Judy will be reaching out for volunteers to get everything locked in. We are doing a pitch in and providing food for the vendors and club members on Thursday, February 29 at 6:00 at the Kuhlman Center. It is a great opportunity to meet the vendors and show them our appreciation for helping us put on a great show every year. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone. The club will be providing the meat. We will open the food lines promptly at 6:00 PM so please show up a few minutes early.

JEANETTE LUNSFORD

### 2024 Board Members

#### **President**

Jeanette Lunsford

#### **Vice President**

Missy Rudicil

#### **Treasurer**

Mary Ann Morse

#### **Secretary**

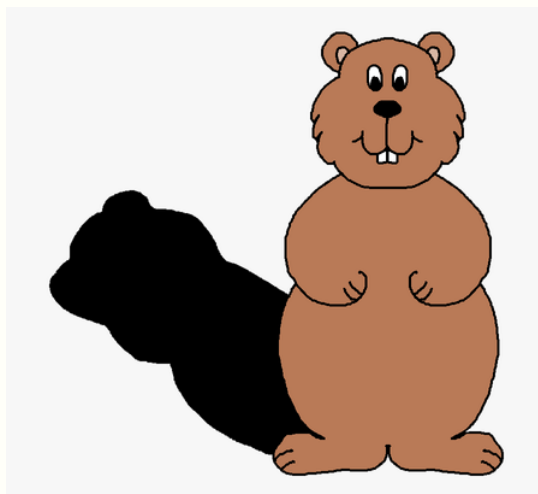
Sally Ellison

#### **Show Chairman**

Judy Lee

#### **Past President**

Naomi Jones



In recognizing club members that have gone above and beyond, I'd like to let everyone know about this month's member:

Dave Straw

Dave has held the following positions on EIGGS' board:

1980 Secretary

1988 Vice President

1990 Vice President

1994 Vice President

1995 President

1996 President

2001 President

2006 Vice President

2007 Vice President

AND

2008-2017 Treasurer

This is a member that has a true passion to make this club a great club!

You can find Dave frequently at the lab working on one of his many pieces or projects.



# Raffle

17" x 9½" Amethyst Cathedral





# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## GeoFest

Indiana State Museum  
Fossil, Gem & Mineral Show  
February 16 10-5  
February 17 10-5  
February 18 10-5  
650 W Washington St  
Indianapolis, IN 46204



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## Indiana Gold & Treasure Show 2024

February 24 10-6  
February 25 10-5  
1300 E County Rd 100 S  
Lebanon, IN



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## EIGGS Spring Sale & Show Wayne County Fairgrounds

March 1 10+6

March 2 10-6

March 3 11-4



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March Club meeting  
March 7 630

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April Club meeting  
April 4 630

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## 40th Annual Rock & Gem Show

April 20 10-6  
April 21 10-4  
Adults \$3  
Students/Children Free  
650 N County Rd 25A  
Troy, OH



## Solar Eclipse

Wayne County

For more information and details, visit the website  
<https://richmondsolareclipse.com/eclipse-events/>

Lots of events planned!



EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/01/24

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by President, Jeanette Lunsford  
24 members in attendance, 2 new members, 1 visitor (member hopeful)

(Show Chair, Judy Lee, passed out the event's postcards for members to help prepare for mailing.)

President, Jeanette Lunsford:

Welcomed & introduced new members, Cindy Martin and Doreen Flannery and a visitor, Jim Shankland.

Several events were mentioned and have been included in the monthly newsletter.

Matt Rudicil brought his new gold sluice that he won and demonstrated how it was used.

Some events that will be coming soon for club members will be a bingo night that will have rocks and specimens as prizes!

Also, a scavenger hunt is being planned for later in the summer.

The Historic National Road Yard Sale (US Hwy 40) will be May 29th – June 2nd this year. Anyone wishing to sell rock/minerals or garage sale items, please get in touch with Missy Rudicil.

Danny Spurgeon will be teaching a wire wrap class on May 5th from 3-6pm. There will be a fee of \$35 which will include a roll of copper wire. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to pay a \$20 deposit by April 4th.

Show Chair, Judy Lee:

Members were reminded that volunteers were still needed in various areas for the upcoming show in March. Please get in touch with as to when you would be available. Volunteers are also needed to load and unload the trailer on Wednesday, February 28th to go to the fairgrounds, then load and unload to return to the clubhouse after the show closes.

It was brought up by a member that in previous years members were not expected to pay to attend the show. Members were reminded that it has been that way for a long time. Members that volunteer for 4 hours or more will be given free admission to the show on the day they volunteer.

Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for the 17" x 9½" amethyst cathedral.

Sally Ellison has been asked to take pictures on Sunday of the presentation of the scholarship check to the Cub/Boy Scout troop that will be working the show this year.

Signage has been made to explain entrance fees better and the location of an ATM at Salisbury Road and US Hwy 40.

The Thursday night dinner on February 29th will start at 6pm. The Club is furnishing pulled pork and members attending are asked to bring a covered dish. This dinner is for members and vendors for the show.

Jim Lucas will be taking donations for the Silent Auction and the Highway 40 Yard sale. They will be kept in separate areas of the back room. It will be announced later the date(s) that donations can be dropped off at the clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/14/2024

This meeting of the EIGGS board met via email to discuss postcard postage:

The following suggestions were made:

Judy Lee – Bulk mail

Sally Ellison – Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM)

Missy Rudicil – Regular postcard postage this year, emails next year

Jeanette Lunsford - Whatever decided, could monies from raffle be used

After discussions, no vote was taken since Show Chair Judy Lee advised that the Indiana Gaming Commission regarding raffles decided that postage for advertising our Spring Show could be paid for out of raffle proceeds.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm with final email from Judy.

EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 01/19/2024

This meeting of the EIGGS board met via email to discuss show volunteers:

It was suggested by Judy Lee, Show Chair, that members not volunteering to help at least 4 hours on either March 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, would have to pay admission fee(s) to enter the show.

(It is noted that Sally Ellison had purchased ID card holders and orange lanyards, has notified Judy, and donated them to the club for this purpose. They will be given to Judy at the next business meeting.)

The board members voted as follows:

Jeanette Lunsford approved  
Missy Rudicil did not respond  
Mary Any Morse approved  
Sally Ellison approved  
Naomi Jones approved  
Judy Lee approved

An email will be sent to all EIGGS members advising them of this decision.

Meeting adjourned on January 23, 2024, at 3pm with one member still not responding.



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