

# ARKANSAS ROCKHOUND NEWS



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society is dedicated to promoting interest in mineralogy and the related sciences, interest in lapidary and the related arts; to encourage field trips and the enjoyment of collecting and preserving minerals as they occur in nature, and the study of geological formations, especially those of our Natural State of Arkansas.

We are a small group of people that enjoy getting together to share our common interests.

Regular meetings are at the Terry Library 6:30 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except December)

Terry Library is located at:

2015 Napa Valley Dr.  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
72212

MARCH 2016

## *From the president...*



Spring has sprung, as the warm weather comes our way it is a great opportunity to head out and enjoy Rock Hounding in Arkansas. I hope that each of you makes a point to get out and enjoy the many wonders around us. Please do not forget to keep safety in mind.

Our meeting was a great opportunity for people to visit and enjoy some pizza at a reasonable price. I want to thank Mike Howard for the interesting presentation on metal detecting. It was very interesting and a great opportunity to learn more about the tools and equipment that is needed to participate in this activity.

We will be back at Terry Library in March and it will be AUCTION time. Please take some time to look around your collections and bring some specimens, minerals, gems, tools, findings, crafts or other rock related items that could move to a new owner to enjoy. With that, don't forget to bring your allowance. There is something for everyone!

The Rock Swap is just around the corner, please mark your calendars, it is a fun day at Burns Park and a good place to pick up some nice specimens and/or crafts. Tables are first come and there is no cost to you for the space.

\*We are still in need a Program Coordinator: someone to arrange and organize programs for our meetings: Please consider helping out OR If you would like to present a program please let myself or Lenora Murray know and we can make sure that you are put on the schedule.

See you at the Dig!

Barbara

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## Meeting minutes...

**February 23, 2016**

**Submitted by Lenora Murray, secretary**

The February meeting was held at Larry's Pizza on Cantrell. Quite a few members arrived early to have a great pizza buffet and quality socializing time with other members. President Barbara Champagne called the regular meeting to order at 6:30. We had 25 members and guests, including four pebble pups. The minutes were approved as posted. The treasurer reported some checks are still outstanding. Our books for 2015 were audited by Virginia Wilhelm and Pat Kissire. Since our librarian and field trip chairs were not present, we didn't have those formal reports. But some members relayed they had a great time digging for quartz in February, and brought a few nice points for show and tell.

No field trip is yet planned, but we hopefully can plan one for March. Check this newsletter and your email for details. The Spring Swap is set for April 9. Mike Austin reported that Virginia Wilhelm is getting out local advertising for this show. Tom Sharp gave an update on the fall show—of the 22 dealers from last year, 16 already have sent signed contracts for this year. The Boy Scout Merit Badge Day is May 7. Volunteers are needed to help that morning with the Mining in Society Badge. The Memphis show is April 23 and 24. Again, we need volunteers to help staff our booth. Barbara mentioned she is setting up a Board Meeting for a Tuesday evening in March, before our regular meeting. Details will be elsewhere in the newsletter. All club members are invited to share ideas at this meeting. And, we will meet at the Terry Library for our regular monthly meeting on March 22. This will be an AUCTION meeting, so bring up to 5 items if you wish to sell any rock-related items. (Secretary's note:- we still need a Program Chair for the rest of 2016.—just 9 programs to arrange. Get involved, give it a try!)

George Gray-Major had updated membership lists for everyone. Thanks again George. Michael DeAngelis reported the UALR show case is not yet complete. Since John Schoeneman was not present, Connie ((and Lenora) will get a

group together to set up the display. Nikki Heck is setting up a rock display at the state Capitol dealing with Arkansas Natural Resources. She also needs help and some samples for this display—on loan-- as are the samples at UALR. If you can share some of your 'best' for either display please do so. This is really good publicity for our club! There being no further business, the formal meeting was closed. The raffle was held quickly to give time for our speaker.

Mike Howard, our recently retired geologist, gave an informative talk about his new hobby "Metal Detection" He reminded us that, just like rock hounding, this is an outdoor activity that allows one to enjoy nature while finding hidden 'treasures'. He gave a history of metal detecting, complete with handouts about how magnetic induction works, and a short description of the evolution of Geiger counters. The first practical use was in WW2 for finding buried land mines. Transistors, then micro circuitry have changed the looks and weight of them But today they are found in airport scanners, government agencies, and even at home as 'stud finders' for carpenters. Mike is part of an on-line group of metal detector buffs, and has even earned a new nickname: "King Tots a Lot"—because he goes to a lot of playgrounds metal detecting for buried coins.

Mike demonstrated 3 different Geiger Counters, and explained how they work, their cost, and various uses. He mentioned American —made is always best, and discussed costs of various counters. He brought his travel bag, which held the equipment he uses in the field, including digging tools, gloves, a 'kneeling pad' and a surprisingly cheap 'nail finder' that helps narrow his search. He passed around some display cases of coins and jewelry he found, and explained how he keeps track on computer of where and when things were located. He also had pictures of the more valuable jewelry he found. And, as always, Mike had fascinating stories of unusual finds, and interesting places he's searched. IF you missed the meeting, just ask him about Metal Detection and be prepared to be entertained! Mike is always an informative, enthusiastic speaker Thanks again for a great program! Metal Detection or Rock Hounding—it's always fun to get out and about in the great

outdoors!

The restaurant closed and 8:00 so we all reluctantly left. It was nice to socialize and have a great meal, but this secretary will be happy that we'll be back at Terry Library in March. See you then.

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### *From the editor...*

Well, here we are at March, and warmer weather is just around the corner. Soon it'll be Spring Break, then summer break! Are you already making plans for summer vacations? I know we are in my house. Our summer vacations usually consist of long roadtrips. This year will be no different, we are hoping to make the long trek to California, a state neither my husband or I have traveled to. Of course there will be rockhounding along the way! We'll pass through all of our favorite states and will stop as much as we can! In the news recently some of the lands in southern California (specifically the Cady mountains) were named as national monuments. I am unsure as to the future of this popular rockhounding area and have been searching the internet trying to determine the status. Currently the BLM site still lists rockhounding as an activity, hopefully it will remain that way.

Along with our regular news, in this issue you'll find the conclusion to Doug Stone's trip to Alaska. And what an awesome trip it was Doug! Thank you for sharing with us. I have also included an article about Aquaprase. Have you heard about it yet? So, I learned about it sometime late last year. I follow Mr. Melas on Instagram and he has been posting teaser photos up until just recently. It is a beautiful stone and I'm sure you will agree-- now we just need to figure out how to get ahold of some!

A few reminders... our next meeting is the auction, please bring some items and some money! Also, our swap is coming up on April 9th. This is the same weekend as the NW Arkansas show so you can spend Saturday at the swap and Sunday in NWA. And the Memphis show is April 24th!

## Upcoming fieldtrip...

### March field trip

**When:** March 19, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Where:** Bauxite Historical Museum, 6707 Benton Rd, Bauxite, AR

Come see the “Bauxite Teeth”!

Directions: I-30 exit 123. Drive south on Hwy 183 for 5 miles to the Bauxite post office on the left. Turn left @ the museum sign onto School Street Drive one block & the museum is on the right.

Free admission but donations are accepted.

**Time:** 11:00 – 12:30

**Where:** Bauxite mine (less than a mile from the museum.) We will be surface collecting for bauxite. It is about a ¼ mile hike to the quarry but if you need a ride we can arrange one. We will have someone to drive our buckets out to our vehicles & you can collect as much as you want. We do not have to wear our safety gear because the mine is closed but no open toe shoes & if you are going to dig you must wear safety glasses. You may want to bring some water. We will have access to the office after the hike for restrooms & some cool stuff!

After we have finished come join us for some Whole Hog Bar-b-que on Hwy 5/Stagecoach Rd for some rock talk & fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Any questions please contact Stephanie Blandin 501-590-5760.

ps: wish David Hodge a speedy recovery from his surgery!!!

### Join Us!

Membership Dues - \$15 Individual,  
\$25 Family (Yearly)

Visit [www.centralarrockhound.org](http://www.centralarrockhound.org)  
to learn more!

## Mineral News...

### The Story Behind the New Gemstone: Aquaprase

The gem that stumped even a noted gem lab is all new and all natural

*Rob Bates, February 25, 2016, Cutting Remarks, JCK magazine, reprinted with permission of JCK (Photos courtesy of Yianni Melas)*



Two years ago, veteran gem explorer Yianni Melas was doing some work at an African location—he doesn't want to say where, so the area is not overrun. Geologists had dismissed the locale, convinced it held only some few stray opals. Locals didn't think much of it either, but

when Melas went to a friend's hut, he saw an interesting specimen on a shelf that looked like he nothing he had ever seen before.

“I knew it was something unusual,” he said. “The stone was in really bad shape, and you could only see a little bit of blue-green inside. But when I put my light to it, it changed color. It went from blue-green to yellow-green. I thought: Where does this come from?”

“I couldn't explain why I thought it was different,” he adds. “It is like a third eye. I have seen thousands of stones and you get that feeling. When I picked up the stone, I had the chills, a funny feeling. That feeling is something you have to follow.”

When he dug a trench in the area, he saw it held a lot of this type of this gem (as well as opal). But nobody knew what the gem was—including

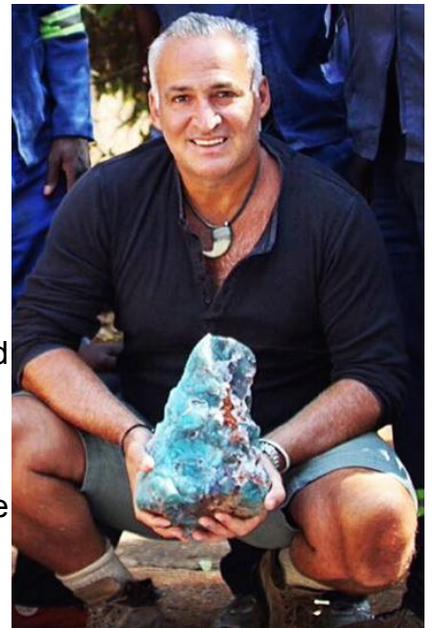


So for the final word, he sent it to the Gemological Institute of America.

“I heard nothing for three months,” he says. “Then I got a phone call that said we found something incredible. It’s not a chrysoprase. It is not a chrysocola. It’s a chalcedony that has never been discovered.”

“That is when I started jumping up and down,” Melas says. “It wasn’t just because it was a new gemstone. It took so long for us to get it truly identified. This material had stayed secret for the centuries. It was like, it wanted to be discovered but stayed elusive.”

The GIA’s report dubbed it a “bluish-green chalcedony” and concluded that it was “a new and welcome addition to the gem trade.” It was so new, in fact, it didn’t have a name. Melas settled on “aquaprase”— aqua for the blue sea, which the stone evokes; prase for the green.



GIA did a lot of testing to make sure the gem was not treated or chemically altered in any way. Melas plans to sell it that way.

“I want to keep it natural, so it is not full of treatments, not even a drop of oil inside,” he says. “We don’t even put wax on the final polish. Our industry needs a breath of fresh air. It needs something that is completely made by God.”

He has since set up an actual mine to excavate the material, which, as far as he knows, has never been discovered anywhere else. He has identified two different types: One that is blue-green and translucent and the other that is more “baby blue” but changes color and has clouds. He adds that while gem dealers typically buy the

other gem experts. Some called it a blue-green opal. Most said it chrysoprase. Others dubbed it chrysocola. He was convinced it was neither.

So he sent it to a noted gem lab. After several months of examination, the verdict came back: chrysoprase. It was now Melas’ words against the experts’.

“There is a difference between laboratory guys and people who work in the field,” he says. “Each has their strength. But I stood my ground. I usually accept what people tell me. But I knew I was right, even though my friends started laughing at me.”

“I recall my African and Indian partners watching me perform a passionate Greek fit of anger insisting [the lab] was wrong,” he wrote on Instagram. “Chrysoprase [comes from] a Greek word meaning yellow-green. And this gem was a strong blue green.... I said, ‘Listen I’m Greek and [the lab] doesn’t understand Greek naming of gems. We named the damn things. And we would never call a blue-green stone chrysoprase [which means golden-green].”





top 5 percent of mine production, he has opted for a more miner-friendly policy. He now purchases all the gems that came out of the ground.

“When I first showed it to

the gem dealers, they said, What are we going to do with the material with matrix [parts of the surrounding rock]?” he says. “But there is a market for turquoise with matrix. The color of aquaprase is like a more transparent turquoise. And, in fact, when I gave my friends a choice between the clean material, which is absolutely gemmy, and stuff with the matrix, they chose the stuff with the matrix. They felt it had more character. It looked more natural.”

He believes the matrix material will have a market.

“This is an experiment, saying you don’t have to cream the material, you can find a market,” he says. “We took one gem crystal and instead of trying to match it after we cut it, we sliced in half so both sides are a mirror image. The matrix on one side matches the matrix on the other. It’s very, very good for earring sets. The matching matrix actually adds to the beauty. Everything today is dyed and homogeneously. But people know immediately this material is natural because each piece is unique. Every piece is unusual.”



“This gem is almost like a savior,” he adds. “It is coming at a time when the industry needs some romance. There are so many articles about treated this and treated this. I consider this

finding a blessing for the industry.”

The material costs between 85 cents per ct. to \$20 per ct. for the highest grades, Melas says. The average price is less than \$5 per ct. As far as quantity, “there is enough to make a project out of it,” he says. Melas says he expects his partner-manufacturer to exhibit the gem in Las Vegas in June.

He believes this discovery justifies his old-school way of looking for gems.

“I was taught by the famous Greek explorers, the Papas brothers,” he adds. “They never studied geology, but they were legends of exploration in Africa. They told me the geologist always had to depend on the local people, that the locals knew more about the lands than geologists do. They have walked over that land for centuries. What do you when you are herding your sheep or cows? You are constantly looking down. You learn the ground inside and out. The locals are always the greatest explorers.”

Melas’ Instagram feed is full of pictures of his new discovery, with him posing with the gem like a proud father.

“It is not often in a man’s life that he can be credited with the discovery of a new gem,” he writes. “After all, this planet has been combed and dug up by explorers for the last few thousand years. Yet that’s exactly what happened. [This is a] miracle reminding us that nature will only shed its secrets when she is ready to do so.”

Check out a new series on The National Geographic channel called “Mine Hunters.” It’s on at 9:00pm on Tuesday.

## Member feature...

### A Trip to Alaska

by Douglas Stone

*part 4 of the series*

We headed south out of Watson Lake (home of the 'Sign Post Forrest', and yes, we left our 'sign', it is on the entrance post! Along with over 80,000 other signs). The Stewart-Cassiar Highway is where you will find Jade. Cassiar is an interesting ghost town. It is a former asbestos mining town. As they were mining asbestos, when they encountered a jade boulder/rocks, they just pushed it aside. These mines are now under claim for their jade, and you will find the jade for sale on the main highway (Stewart-Cassiar) just to the south of the road to Cassiar.

The road to the Cassiar town site and the mine is in fairly good shape, and fairly scenic. I managed to find some rocks containing asbestos. These are now in plastic bags.

We stopped at the Cassiar Mountain Jade Store, where they have lots of jade for sale. Up to, and including very large boulders! I looked over their table of odds and ends, found several I liked, and the price was very favorable. After returning home, I discovered one of my selected pieces to have asbestos on it. Into a plastic bag it went.



Jade boulders at Jade City.

A note of caution when driving this road, black bears are NUMEROUS! We saw several, at least 15, along the road. Actually had to brake for 2, to keep from hitting them. Anytime you see bear 'sign' along the edge of the road, watch out for them. Someone did not manage to brake in time. Big black mess in the road, and I am sure a totaled vehicle, if not personal injuries. They bears are mostly skiddish, and soon disappear if you slow down.



After visiting the Canadian Rockies, Jasper NP, Banff NP (where we saw the most beautiful jade carving we had ever seen! A pink rhodonite salmon and green jade seaweed, \$8,000,. Kathy wouldn't let me buy it, lol). Yoho NP, Kootenay NP in the same area of the Canadian Rockies are SPECTACULAR!!! It is time to get back in the states, and away from the land of metric and meters.

We headed to Glacier NP in Montana for a second visit. The 'Going to the Sun' road was closed due to washed out from heavy rains two weeks before. But we had gotten to see that beautiful road in 2011. We went to a different part of the park this time. The road less traveled, to say the least. A place called Pole Bridge.

After leaving the park, we stopped at a rock store we had visited on our last trip here. I bought all the Yogo Sapphire ore they had on hand. Prepared to leave, the starter on the van, again.

Had to call and cancel our reservation in St. Marie, ID. I had planned to get star garnets there.

This time the mechanic found the problem! But too late to salvage my plans for star garnets.

But not too late for my next reservation in Philipsburg, Montana. Our third trip to Philipsburg, and it is a town worth going out of the way to visit. It is an old mining area, and many old ghost towns around to prove it. Philipsburg has the best candy store to be found, and they make 80% of what they sell, then ship it world wide. But I was here for sapphires, again.

After visiting a local rock shop, and buying more Yogo Sapphire ore, and some ore from their mine in Melee Gulch, time to go to Gem Mountain Sapphire mine. Again, I bought the bags of concentrate, to be gleaned at home, where I can do a thorough job of finding all of the sapphires. I know there are many, many sapphires missed at their tables, just tossed to the ground.



Off to Helena and the Montana Blue Jewel sapphire mine, located at the Eldorado Bar. You pass some other claims before getting to this mine. But once I located it, I spoke to the owner, and he said he didn't have any concentrate, as he was in the process of putting in a larger concentrator. He offered to let me go into the pit and do my own mining, but I declined due to time... reservation's again. As we chatted, he showed me some fossil mussels by the trailer/office. 3 feet across! WOW. He also showed me some of the sapphires he had, ready to take to Tucson. Made me drool. Then we walked over to his old concentrator, explaining a little about it. He noticed a 5 gallon bucket, about 1/3 full of concentrate, and then swirled his hand in the ore, picked out a beautiful 3 1/2 carat sapphire, didn't notice any more, asked if I wanted the remainder for \$100. I didn't come this far for nothing. Yes. When we got home, I went thru the concentrate,

found one of about 5 1/2 carats, but not near the quality of the one he picked out. Plus, a few more, smaller. Sigh. Note: when going thru Eldorado Bar concentrate, be sure to pan for GOLD also.

This was once a gold mine... and I have found a spec of gold from some concentrate that came from here.



Looking down on the El Dorado sapphire mining area, Montana

Bypassing Yellowstone, we headed to Kemmerer, Wyoming for fish fossils. The quarry is out in the, well, cow pasture. The road is a little(?) rough, but passable. If it is not raining.

We got there kinda late, 2 hours before closing time, but still had time to find several fossils. The rock is easy to split, with the right tools. The operator supplied the wedges, which were made of car spring leaf steel. About 11 or 12 inches long and very thin. Perfect for the job. I had brought some chisels just for this job, which I found to not be effective on this rock. Kathy even enjoyed looking for these fossils. Then, off in the near distance, a summer storm. Of course, it moved our way. And it began to rain. The road out of the quarry, is very steep, and the rock from the mine is a powder, that turns to grease when wet. We got out just in time to keep from spending the night in the quarry. There were several people who had their campers at the quarry, so they did not mind getting caught. They had shown me some of their finds, impressive! I want to go again.

We spent the night in Rawlins, Wyoming, and a most memorable night's stay. Bedbugs. As we were getting ready to leave the next morning, Kathy noticed a little bug, kinda looked like a baby roach. I googled it. Bedbug.

Made a call to my sister, who works for a pest control company. She said don't come home with bedbugs! It cost's at least \$1,100 to rid a house of them. Off to Walmart, to get lots of alcohol, plastic bags, bedbug spray. All of our clothes were in now in plastic bags, our luggage in bags, everything that wasn't nailed down, is now in plastic bags, with a stiff dose of rubbing alcohol in each bag! Once home, they didn't come into the house. They stayed out on the deck, in the sun, for about 2 weeks, in the July sun! It worked!!!

All in all, a great super great trip! Would I do it again? If I had the money.... I would be there now!!!!!!!

I hope you all have enjoyed this little glimpse of our adventure, and that everyone gets to take this trip of a lifetime, to our 49th state, and enjoy it as much as we did!

Warning, allow two months in Alaska as a minimum. We only did one. Did I mention, I LOVE Alaska??? It is AWESOME!!!

I took over 7,000 photos, and Kathy well over 25++ hours of video...

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## *Local news...*

### New COSL exhibit showcases Arkansas mining history

Commissioner of State Lands John Thurston announced a new exhibit in his Capitol office. "We recently hosted an exhibit about the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase Survey," Thurston said. "We're following that up with a new exhibit about the history of mining in Arkansas, and the role this office plays in the extraction of natural resources."

The new exhibit, Mining and Minding Resources, explores several minerals and substances that have been mined in Arkansas over the past two centuries. Visitors can see samples on loan from the Arkansas Geological Survey, Crater of Diamonds State Park, Museum of Natural Resources, and Arkansas State Plant Board.

"It's fascinating to discover how many materials have been found in Arkansas," Thurston said. "From the quartz that Native Americans were using when Hernando De Soto arrived in the sixteenth century, to the saltpeter and lead that were valuable during the Civil War, to vanadium and oil still being processed today, we have a rich history of mining."

The Commissioner of State Lands Office is responsible for granting mining leases to resources located on most state owned lands, including navigable waterways.

The exhibit includes coal, which was mined in several counties from 1848 through the 1950s; gypsum, used in wallboard; zinc, which miners accidentally found while searching for silver; and numerous other rocks and minerals.

A model oil derrick gives visitors a look at the oil fields of southwest Arkansas, and diamonds offer a reminder that Murfreesboro is the only place in the world where civilians can hunt and keep diamonds.

"Arkansas provides a huge number of resources for industries," Thurston said. "Whether it's abrasives from novaculite, or computer components from quartz, or flame retardant from bromine, we influence many fields."

"This is something that visitors of all ages can enjoy and learn from," he added. "I encourage everyone to come by and see this exhibit."

The exhibit is in Suite 109 of the Arkansas State Capitol, 500 Woodlane Avenue in Little Rock. It is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

## Kids Corner...

Brandon Heck is the Assistant Editor of Arkansas Rockhound News. He is 7 years old and has enjoyed rockhounding since he could walk. In each issue he will share information about minerals that he loves and about his adventures in rockhounding.

# Turquoise

Turquoise is found all over the world. In the USA it is mostly found in the Southwest- in New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. Turquoise is found in veins and as nuggets like this:



Physical properties

Color: pale to sky blue or bluish-green

Hardness: 5-6

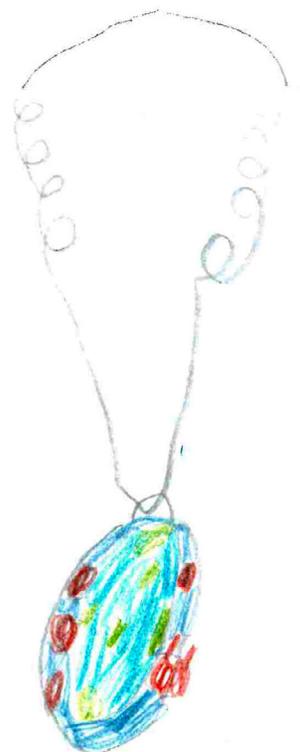
Fracture: conchoidal

Luster: waxy to dull

Crystal System: triclinic

# Jewelry

Turquoise is popular in jewelry. It is shaped and polished and put into bracelets, rings and necklaces. You can put other minerals with it also.



# Upcoming area shows...

## March 2016

**4-6—RICHMOND IN. , INDIANA:** Annual show; Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society, Wayne co Fairgrounds; 861 N. Salisbury Rd.; Fri. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-4:00 pm; \$5.00, \$3.00, \$1.00, under 7 free; Jewelry, Fossils Minerals , Silent Auction, Displays, Demonstrators, Children's Activities, Food Available Over 29 Dealers & Demonstrators, Scouts in uniform -free! Contact Judy Burton, 912 Kent Lane, Troy, OH 45373, (937) 339-1966; e-mail: [jleeburton@woh.rr.com](mailto:jleeburton@woh.rr.com)

**5-6—ROBSTOWN, TEXAS:** Annual show; Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Richard M Borchard Regional Fairgrounds; 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd., Exhibit Hall A; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$5 , Free Admission for children under 12 and uniformed scouts and leaders; 54th annual show. Free parking. Enjoy hourly door prize drawings, raffle, grand Prize drawing, touch table, mineral & gem identification, silent auction, kids wheel of rocks, educational displays, fluorescent rocks, and the rock food table. Visit vendors of rocks, minerals, slabs, cabochons, fossils, rough, gemstones, jewelry, tools, geodes, books, amber, petrified wood, agates, and much more. Contact Linda Simpson, 1302 Annapolis Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78415, 361-877-5820; e-mail: [rockcamp\\_speaker@outlook.com](mailto:rockcamp_speaker@outlook.com); Web site: [www.gcgms.org](http://www.gcgms.org)

**5-6—CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; Intergalactic Bead Show, Cabarrus Arena & Events Center; 4751 NC- 49; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4-\$5, Children free; Do you love great quality and prices? Then shop The Intergalactic Bead Show! Our shows provide attendees with the world's finest and rarest beads, precious stones, gems, freshwater pearls and an exquisite collection of finished jewelry. Shop quality. Contact Shawna Whitson, (888)-729-6904; Web site: <http://beadshows.com>

**5-6—WHEATON, ILLINOIS:** Annual show; ESCONI (Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, DuPage County Fairgrounds Annex Building; 2015 Manchester Rd.; Sat. 10 -5 ; Free Admission; Dealers in gems, minerals, agates, crystals, fossils, jewelry and more, live and silent auctions, demonstrations, museum and member exhibits, book sale, juniors booth, kids' corner, geode splitting, and door prizes. Contact Jeff Lord, (224)-231-7301; e-mail: [jlord83@yahoo.com](mailto:jlord83@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.esconi.org](http://www.esconi.org)

**11-13—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Exhibit Group International, Embassy Suite Hotel; 7750 Briaridge Drive; Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$3 Admission ; Large gem stone beads, jade jewelry, fine jewelry, sterling silver jewelry, beads supply, pewter finding, accessory gift a lot more, beads class available. Contact, 13337 SOUTH ST#633, Cerritos, CA 90703, 2146631740; e-mail: [egi168@hotmail.com](mailto:egi168@hotmail.com); Web site: [www.egishows.com](http://www.egishows.com)

**11-13—AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:** Annual show; Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society and Augusta Gem and Mineral Society, Julian Smith Casino; 2200 Broad St.; Fri. 10-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; \$3 Admission, Children under 12 free; 28th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show - Vendors that offer a wide variety of jewelry, rare fossils and mineral specimens, gems of all colors shapes & sizes, lapidary and much more. Club Member Show Cases, Lapidary Demonstrations, Educational Resources, Membership booth where you can talk about becoming a club member, Grab Bags, Treasure Dig, Geode Cutting and Mineral Panning. Hourly Door Prizes and a Grand Prize that will be awarded at the end of the Show on Sunday. Contact Chris Glass, GA, 706-284-9239; Web site: [www.agams.club](http://www.agams.club) and [www.aikengmfs.org](http://www.aikengmfs.org)

**11-13—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:** Annual show; Exhibit Group International Inc., Embassy Suite Hotel; 7750 Briaridge drive; Fri. 11-06, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$3 Admission; Large selection gem stone beads, sterling silver Jewelry, fine jade, fine diamond, fine jewelry, pewter finding, jewelry making supply, bead's jewelry making class etc. Contact John So, 13337 South street #633, Cerritos, CA 90703, 2146631740; e-mail: [egi168@hotmail.com](mailto:egi168@hotmail.com); Web site: [www.egishows.com](http://www.egishows.com)

**11-13—KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Shows of Integrity, KCI Expo; 11730 Ambassador DR; Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Children ages 5-12 \$3; contact Terry James, 18362 S Hwy 78, Leonard, TX 75452, (903)-815-5957; e-mail: [t\\_james78@hotmail.com](mailto:t_james78@hotmail.com); Web site: [www.kcgemshow.org](http://www.kcgemshow.org)

**12-12—SKOKIE, ILLINOIS:** 67th Annual Silent Auction of Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, and Lapidary Treasures; Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, St. Peter's United Church of Christ gymnasium; 8013 Laramie (across the street from the public library at Oakton); Sat. 6 -9 ; Free Admission; Fun for the entire family! Bid on rocks, minerals, fossils, geodes, handmade jewelry, slabs, cabochons, books, magazines and more. First table closes at 6:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Jeanine N. Mielecki, (312) 623-1554; contact Jeanine N. Mielecki, (773)-774-2054; e-mail: [jaynine9@aol.com](mailto:jaynine9@aol.com); Web site: [www.chicagorocks.org](http://www.chicagorocks.org)

**12-13—SAN ANTONIO , TEXAS:** Annual show; Southwest Gem and Mineral Society, San Antonio Event Center; 8111 Meadow Leaf Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children under 6 free; 55th Annual Fiesta of Gems. 28 dealers with minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, club exhibits, silent auction, children's games, hourly and grand prize. Contact Robert Bowie, 1324 kings point drive, canyon lake, TX 78133, (210)-860 2830; e-mail: [krobotx@gvtc.com](mailto:krobotx@gvtc.com); Web site: [www.swgemandmineral.org](http://www.swgemandmineral.org)

**12-13—MACOMB, ILLINOIS:** Annual show; Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc., Western Illinois University Student Union; Murray Street; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; Gem, mineral, fossil, and jewelry dealers, lapidary & jewelry demonstrations, silent auction, activities for kids. Featuring Calcite from private and dealer collections. Contact J.C. Moore, (309)-231-1952; e-mail: [jcmoore3rd@gmail.com](mailto:jcmoore3rd@gmail.com); Web site: [www.geodeland.com/](http://www.geodeland.com/)

**18-20—ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:** Annual show; M.A.G.M.A., Camp Stephens; Camp Stephens , 28806; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Numerous indoor vendors with a wide selection of gems, minerals and fossils from North Carolina and around the world. The best show in North Carolina! There are also numerous vendors set up outdoors as well, weather permitting. See you there! Contact Richard Jacquot, PO Box 542, Leicester, NC 28748, (828)-779-4501; e-mail: [rick@wncrocks.com](mailto:rick@wncrocks.com); Web site: [www.americanrockhound.com](http://www.americanrockhound.com)

**18-20—ROME, GEORGIA:** Annual show; Rome Georgia Mineral Society, The Forum; 301 Tribune St, 311 E 4th St; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Free Admission; Minerals, gems, fossils, meteorites, jewelry, and Crystals for sale. Lapidary rough. Free mineral and fossil ID, door prizes, and exhibits! Free registration for grand prize – Celestine geode from Madagascar! Contact Jose Santamaria, 311 E 4th St, Rome, GA 30161, (678)-488-9560; e-mail: [rogams.show@gmail.com](mailto:rogams.show@gmail.com); Web site: <http://rogams.wordpress.com/gem-and-mineral-show/>

**19-19—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA:** Festival; Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC), BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center; 10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy.; Sat. 9 -4 ; Adults \$5, Children \$4; Rockin' at the Swamp - connecting people to nature... from the ground up! Join us for our 7th annual Rockin' at the Swamp, a day-long, family-fun celebration of rocks, minerals, gemstones, and fossils. Event components: Rockhound Market - vendors selling rock & mineral specimens, cabs, gemstone jewelry; Rockin' Info Booths - learn about Louisiana geology, stone tools, minerals in our everyday lives, and more; Treasure Trail - take a nature walk while collecting samples of 16 gemstones on a special collectors card; "Gold" Mine - hunt for the perfect pyrite specimen; Rock Climbing Wall - climb to new heights!; Stone Crafts - make & take pet rocks and pebble critters; Geode Cutting Station - take a chance with a pre-cut geode or pick your own to be cut right before your eyes; facepainting; Rock Wall of Fame - learn about the world's most famous rocks; Rock Records display - see examples of the world's rock record holders (oldest, hardest, most common, etc.); food vendors; facepainting; and more! Contact Claire Coco, 10503 N. Oak Hills Pkwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225)-757-8905; e-mail: [ccoco@brec.org](mailto:ccoco@brec.org); Web site: [www.brec.org/swamp](http://www.brec.org/swamp)

**19-20—DOTHAN, ALABAMA:** Annual show; Dothan Gem and Mineral Club, Houston County Farm Center; 1701 East Cottonwood Road; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission ; Minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary rough, beads, and handcrafted items such as jewelry and knapped knives. Door prizes, silent auction, kid grab bags. Contact Jeff DeRoche, 121 W. Crawford St., Dothan, AL 36301, (334)-673-3554; e-mail: [arlambert@comcast.net](mailto:arlambert@comcast.net); Web site: [www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com)

**25-26 - CEDAR RAPIDS, IA:** Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Society Annual Show. Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4400 - 6th St., SW, Sat 8:30-6; Sun 9:30 - 5.

**25-27 - BRIDGETON, MO:** Rock Hobby Club Annual Show. Machinists Hall Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton. Fri 4-9; Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5. Contact Roy Hurlburt, (314) 303-7218; [hurlburts@juno.com](mailto:hurlburts@juno.com)

**28-29 - LEXINGTON, KY:** 1st Annual Lexington Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show (NEW Show), Sponsored by the Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club (BGGMC), in conjunction with the Rockhounds of Central Kentucky (ROCK). Saturday, March 28 10AM - 6PM, Sunday March 29 11AM - 5PM. Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newton Pike, Lexington KY, near Exit 115 on I-75/I-64. ADMISSION: \$2 Adults, \$1 Children, \$5 maximum per family, Scouts in uniform FREE. Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, exhibits, KY agate, Fluorescent display, hourly prizes. For more information: Jane Volk, [lexgemshow@outlook.com](mailto:lexgemshow@outlook.com) or [www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://www.bggamc.homestead.com)

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**1-2—ADA, OKLAHOMA:** Annual show; Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club, Ada, Oklahoma; Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, Main Building 1- N.E. Corner of St. Hwy 99 & Richardson Bypass; Fri. 8 -6 , Sat. 9 -5 ; Free Admission; The Show will feature various demonstrations; displays of fluorescent rocks, minerals and fossils; lapidary and jewelry. Silent auctions of materials, donated by dealers and club members, will be held hourly. Special kids' events; the fossil dig, the petting zoo, the spinning wheel and grab bags. Contact Ed Vermillion, P.O. Box 782, Purcell, OK 73080, 405-527-6431; e-mail: [okieed42@windstream.net](mailto:okieed42@windstream.net); Web site: [www.freewebs.com/agmfc/index.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/agmfc/index.htm)

**1-3—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:** Annual show; Treasures Of The Earth Gem & Jewelry Shows, Indiana State Fairgrounds - Agriculture/Horticulture Building; 1202 East 38th Street; Fri. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$5.00 (Good all 3 days), Children under age 16 Free; Jewelry makers, goldsmiths and silversmiths from all over the U.S. who can reconstruct, repair, design or make original jewelry from customer-selected gems, stones, opals and crystals. Wire wrap, wire sculpture, stone beads, pearls, stone setting, amber, opal, mineral and fossil dealers. Hourly door prizes including a Ring with a precious stone that will be given as a Grand Prize. Contact Van Wimmer - Show Director, 5273 Bradshaw Road, Salem, VA 24153, (650) 384-6047; e-mail: [vawimmer@verizon.net](mailto:vawimmer@verizon.net); Web site: [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com)

**2-3—LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY:** Annual show; Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club, Clarion Hotel; 1950 Newtown Pike; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-5; \$2 Admission , Children \$1 Admission ; Lexington Rock Gem and Jewelry Show sponsored by Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club (BGGMC). Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, exhibits, KY Agate, fluorescent display, prizes, and auctions. Contact Allen Ferrell, 859-277-2469; e-mail: [kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com](mailto:kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://www.bggamc.homestead.com)

**2-3—LINCOLN, NEBRASKA:** Annual show; Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc., Lancaster Event Center; 84th and Havelock Street; Sat. 9 -5, Sun. 10 -5; Adults \$5, Children under 11 free; 58th Annual Gem and Mineral Show "Nature's Glorious Wonders". 16 Dealers, displays, demonstrations, educational items, black light display, free Nebraska Gem Hunt Pile. Contact James Marburger, P.O. Box 64, Hickman, NE 68372, (402)-430-6703; e-mail: [jm24122@windstream.net](mailto:jm24122@windstream.net); Web site: <http://lincolngemmineralclub.org/>

**9-10—SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:** Annual show; Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Community Building; Mt. Olive Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3.00, Free admission for children; Demonstrations, displays, silent auctions, dealers and gem wash. Contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479)-721-1579; e-mail: [hulagrub@aol.com](mailto:hulagrub@aol.com); Web site: [www.nwarockhounds.org](http://www.nwarockhounds.org)

**9-10—MARION, ILLINOIS:** Annual show; Southern Illinois Earth Science Club, Pavilion of the City of Marion; 1602 Sioux Drive; Sat. 10 -6 , Sun. 10 -5 ; Adults/Seniors \$2, Students/Children Free Admission; Exhibits: Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary and Artifacts. Special exhibits from Clement Mineral Museum and the Middle Tenn. Earth Science Museum. Fluorescent light shows, silent auctions, raffle and more. Contact Michael Chontofalsky, (618)-532-0455; e-mail: [chontofalsky@att.net](mailto:chontofalsky@att.net); Web site: [www.siesclub.org](http://www.siesclub.org)

**9-10—DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS:** Annual show; Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center; 2222 Birch St; Sat. 9:30 -5:, Sun. 10-4;; Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Students \$1, Children under 12 free; 51st Annual Rock Gem Jewelry Fossil show. Fine gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry dealers. Kid's room, live demonstrations, educational exhibits, raffles, silent auction and gold panning. For dealer info call: Karen Schuster 773 791-9653 [kschuster921@aol.com](mailto:kschuster921@aol.com)Contact Lois Zima, (847)-298-4653

**9-10—ABILENE, TEXAS:** Annual show; central Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Abilene Civic Center; 600 Pine St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, Students 6-12 \$1.50, Children under 6 free; Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society presents its 2016 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. There will be exhibits, wheel of fortune, fossils, rare minerals, cut and uncut gems, fluorescent display, lapidary supplies and rough, jewelry making equipment, beads, Crack your own Geode, Silent Auction, door prizes, grand prize drawing; proceeds benefit scholarship program. Contact Kay H McDaniel, 3118 Woodglen Cove, Abilene, TX 79606, (325)-668-8558; e-mail: [kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net](mailto:kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net); Web site: [www.calichetimes.com](http://www.calichetimes.com)

**15-17—ALPINE, TEXAS:** Show and sale; Chihuahuan Desert Gem and Mineral Club, Alpine Civic Center; 801 W. Holland (Hwy. 90); Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; Free Admission. Contact Paul Graybeal, PO Box 1111, Alpine, TX 79831, (432)-729-4526; e-mail: [paulgraybeal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulgraybeal@sbcglobal.net)

**16-17—DULUTH, GEORGIA:** Annual show; Intergalactic Bead Show, Gwinnett Center; 6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4-\$5, Children free; Do you love great quality and prices? Then shop The Intergalactic Bead Show! Our shows provide attendees with the world's finest and rarest beads, precious stones, gems, freshwater pearls and an exquisite collection of finished jewelry. Shop quality. Contact Shawna Whitson, (888)-729-6904; Web site: <http://beadshows.com>

**16-17—DECATUR, ILLINOIS:** Annual show; Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club, Lester Building, Progress City; One College Park; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students/Children free ; Merchants will showcase jewelry, gemstones, lapidary, beads, fossils, and mineral specimens from all over the world. Demonstrators will show silver-smithing, fused glass, wire wrap, lamp work and making cabochons. Special 4H Day on Saturday. Hourly and Grand Door Prizes will be awarded! Contact Tony Kapta, 1483 E Wood St, Decatur, IL 62521, (309)-830-6516; e-mail: [cigmc@comcast.net](mailto:cigmc@comcast.net); Web site: <http://cigmc.earthinsync.com/>

**16-17—CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA:** Annual show; Cedar Valley Rocks and Mineral Society, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4400 6th Street SW; Sat. 8:30-6, Sun. 9:30-5; Adults \$3.00, Students \$1, Children under 12 free; 52nd annual show featuring petrified wood and fossil plants. Family and education oriented show with multiple vendors, displays and programs. Demonstrations include tumbling techniques, glass bead making, cabbing, silversmithing, flint knapping, geode cracking plus many other areas of interest. Pebble pit for the kids, sluice, bone dig. Silent auction, door prizes, raffles. Profits go to scholarship fund. Food on site. Contact Marvin Houg, 1820 30th St Dr., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403, (319)-364-2868; e-mail: [m\\_houg@yahoo.com](mailto:m_houg@yahoo.com); Web site: [www.Cedarvalleyrockclub.org](http://www.Cedarvalleyrockclub.org)

**19-21—IRVINE, KENTUCKY:** Annual show; Mountain Mushroom Festival, Estell County Schools Central Office; 253 Main Street; Tue. 9-4, Wed. 9-4, Thu. 9-4; \$10 Admission; Annual all day Kentucky Agate Hunt. Easy or rough-terrain trips each day. Contact Francine Bonny, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut Street, Irvine, KY 40336, (606)-723-1233; e-mail: [mushroom-festival@irvineonline.com](mailto:mushroom-festival@irvineonline.com); Web site: [www.mountainmushroomfestival.com](http://www.mountainmushroomfestival.com)

**22-24—IRVINE, KENTUCKY:** Annual show; Mountain Mushroom Festival, Estell County School's Central Office Gym; 253 Main Street; Fri. 9 -6 , Sat. 9 -6 , Sun. 10 -5 ; Free Admission; Agates, gems, rocks, fossils, minerals, demonstrations, dealers. Contact Francine Bonny, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut Street, Irvine, KY 40336, (606) 723-1233; e-mail: [mushroomfestival@irvineonline.com](mailto:mushroomfestival@irvineonline.com); Web site: [www.mountainmushroomfestival.org](http://www.mountainmushroomfestival.org)

**22-24—WICHITA, KANSAS:** Annual show; Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Cessna Activity Center; 2744 George Washington Blvd.; Fri. 9 -6 , Sat. 10 -6 , Sun. 10 -5 ; Adults \$5 , Ages 12-17 \$1, Children under 12 free ; Hosting the Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies; Education Day program on mineral identification Friday 9 am to 3 pm; program for scouts Saturday; vendor showing gemstones, minerals, fossils, meteorites, beads, jewelry, lapidary supplies; displays and demonstrations; gem hunt; silent auction Saturday and Sunday; for children -- grab bags, junior rock pile, gem wheel. Contact Gene Maggard, 8318 SE Highway 77, LEON, KS 67074, 316 742-3746; e-mail: [gandpmaggard@gmail.com](mailto:gandpmaggard@gmail.com); Web site: [www.wgmsks.org](http://www.wgmsks.org)

**22-24—HOUSTON, TEXAS:** Annual show; Fine Mineral Show, Embassy Suites Hotel; 2911 Sage Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission. Contact Dave Waisman; e-mail: [info@finemineralshow.com](mailto:info@finemineralshow.com); Web site: [www.FineMineralShow.com](http://www.FineMineralShow.com)

**23-24—MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:** Annual show; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society , Memphis International Agricenter; 7777 Walnut Grove Rrd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children over 12 \$2, Children 12 & under free; Rock zone a Kids Area with a gem and fossil dig, "Rocks around the Clock" and Geode Bowling . Grand Door prizes and hourly prizes. Contact WC McDaniel, 2038 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104, (901)-274-7706; e-mail: [w.c.mcd@att.net](mailto:w.c.mcd@att.net); Web site: [www.TheEarthWideOpen.com](http://www.TheEarthWideOpen.com)

**24-24—WATERLOO, IOWA:** Annual show; Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society, Waterloo Center for the Arts; 225 Commercial St; Sun. 12-5; Admission free will donation; Many vendors, demonstrations, and exhibits. Fun and activities for the whole family. The show also includes a silent auction and door prize drawings. contact David Malm, IA, (319)-266-6433

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Send in your:  
stories, articles, tips, photos, suggestions  
or questions!

Submissions due by the 28th of each month.

**YOUTH POSTER CONTEST**  
**MIDWEST FEDERATION YOUTH POSTER CONTEST 2016**  
**“AMAZING AGATES”**

Sponsored by the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio

THEME: “Amazing Agates” A poster illustrating any type of agate, what it looks like, and where it can be found.

ELIGIBILITY:

1st through 8th grade. Each grade will have a winner .

PRIZES:

Ribbons awarded 1st through 4th place, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will also receive a prize.

CONTEST RULES:

1. All entries must be presented on paper 12”x 18”
2. Include name and address, age, and school grade of participant on back of entry.
3. No three-dimensional posters accepted.
4. The title may be on front or back.
5. List the name of the agate, a brief description of what it looks like, and WHY you chose it.
6. Artwork on posters can be pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint, or any other artist’s medium.
7. All entries become the property of MWF and the Summit Lapidary Club.

SCALE OF POINTS:

Originality and Art Work - 30 points

Design - 25 points

Title - 25 points

Listing of Agate type, what it looks like, and where it is from - 20 points

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2016.

SEND TO:

Poster Contest

617 Wooster Rd. W.

Barberton, Ohio 44203

Winners will be announced at the MWF Convention in South Bend, Indiana, August 20, 2016.

If you have questions, e-mail [SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com](mailto:SLC.youth.poster.contest@gmail.com).

For more information, visit the MWF website <http://www.amfed.org/mwf>

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**Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society**  
**Membership Dues: \$15 / year Individual; \$25 / year Family**

Make checks payable to: "Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral and Geology Society".

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Mo. \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: Mo. \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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 Editor notifies members by email, with a link, when the Club Newsletter is Posted on the Web site.

Family Members are considered as all of those living at the above address .

Please list their names, Birthday Mo./Day, if applying for a Family Membership.

Because of limited space, only one name will appear on the newsletter mailing label.

How did you hear about our Club?

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been interested in this hobby? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any equipment? \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would be interested in Attending \_\_\_\_ Hosting \_\_\_\_ work shop in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject)  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ (day of week)

Please circle your club interests:

Mineralogy    Lapidary    Fossils    Field Trips    Geology    Carving  
 Collecting    Jewelry Making    Casting    Silversmithing    Beading    Wire Wrap  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Outside Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

These will be listed in the Membership Directory, so that members can find others with similar interests.

In what areas would you be able to assist the Club:

Social    Publicity/Advertising    Educational    Junior Programs    Membership  
 Annual Show    Committee Work    Newsletter Articles    Mineral Display  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see the club focus on in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my name to appear in the Club Directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ My name and address can appear, but NOT my Phone Number.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do NOT include specifically the following info about me: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to:

**CAGMAGS, c/o Sarah Dodson, P.O. Box 241188, Little Rock, AR 72223**



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Mineral & Geology Society  
PO Box 241188  
Little Rock, AR 72223

**\*Help\***  
We still need a program  
coordinator for our  
meetings! Please consider  
taking this position.

## 2016 Meeting Dates

March 22nd

April 26th

May 24th

June 28th

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

\*\*Note- any changes of meeting  
location will be announced via  
email and phone\*\*

## JOIN US!

### Annual Rock Swap

Saturday, April 9th

9:00am - 4:00pm

Elder Johnson Pavilion at Burns  
Park, North Little Rock, AR  
No setup charge, bring your own  
table or tailgate. Swap is for rock or  
fossil related items only.  
Contact Mike Austen at 501-868-  
4553 or [steelpony@aol.com](mailto:steelpony@aol.com).