



## **Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society**

### **Invitation to Co-Sponsor the Annual Gem and Mineral Show**

**OVERVIEW:** To provide financial support for area schools so they may attend the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society's Annual Show and Educational Program on "Kid's Days".

**ABOUT US:** The Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society (KGMS) is a 501 (c) (3) educational organization whose main purpose is to further interest in gems, minerals, geology, paleontology, and lapidary arts.

The KGMS also awards geology scholarships every year to student(s) attending Western Michigan University's Geological Sciences Department.

The Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2007 show. The KGMS is also affiliated with non-profit organizations: Mid-West Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**KID'S DAY:** The Friday of the Annual KGMS Show is "Kid's Day" where all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from area counties, are invited to attend. Teachers also leverage the field trip by incorporating quizzes and learning activities around what is presented including a club sponsored program. In past years approximately 1,000 kids have participated. Now, however, attendance has dropped due to the high costs of fuel and the economic impacts on school budgets.

The Annual KGMS Show is designed to cater to kids. There are educational displays, mineral starter kits and a rock specimen table that permits hands-on learning. Also, many people donate their time to demonstrate and teach the hobby such as wire wrapping, gem faceting, slate carving, sphere making, and beading.

**TIME/PLACE:** The KGMS Annual Show in the first weekend in May at the Kalamazoo Expo-Center, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**USE OF CO-** •KGMS allots \$100 fuel subsidies for bussing of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

**SPONSOR FUNDS:** grade school students to the show on Friday's "Kids Day". The teachers are provided curriculum guides and activity sheets in advance, to assist with integrating the visit into class activities.

- Co-Sponsors may earmark their donation for any area such as educational exhibits, displays, bus subsidies, and advertising.
- As Host-Sponsor, all primary and initial contributions come from funds generated by members of the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society.
- Any excess funds will be placed in the Western Michigan University Scholarship fund.

**CO-SPONSOR DONATIONS:** Any donated amount from co-sponsors is appreciated.

**THANK YOU:** As a thank you to KGMS Co-Sponsors, all participants who donate \$100 or more will receive a special gift as well as recognition on our website. Visit us at [www.kalamazoorockclub.org](http://www.kalamazoorockclub.org).

**PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to: Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society. Cash donations are also accepted. A Tax Receipt will be provided upon remittance.

If mailing, please send contributions to:  
Kate Dutrow/Chet Parrow  
5224 Green Pine Lane  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Funds will be held in an account at First Community Federal Credit Union, Portage, MI. The Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society is a registered public charity. Contributions are deductible under Section 170 of 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. Please contact Treasurer, Kate Dutrow or Chet Parrow, at (269) 372-2177 with any questions you may have.

Thanks You!

Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society