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KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SOCIETY

President's Message

Hello KGMS,

So much for Spring, it sure has felt like summer.

We are in pretty good shape with our planning for the show. However, several things still need to be completed. These include signing up for working at the show and signing up to display your collection at the show. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting, or someone may be calling you in the near future to inquire about your availability to work at the show.

Advertising can be very expensive. With that in mind, please post copies of our flyers around town. Local libraries, schools, churches, grocery stores, work, favorite watering holes, etc. Tell your friends. Get the word out!

Fund raising is a year round job. Please be active in soliciting donations on behalf of the club. You can obtain a copy of our solicitation

letter from Chet, Kate, or me.

Reservations for our annual banquet will be available to be made at our next meeting. The banquet will be held at 6:30 pm on Saturday May 5. It is a nice time to relax after a long day at the show and socialize with other club members. Cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Marylyn Powers at

mpowers@borgwarner.com with any questions.

It has been brought to my attention that about one third of our members have not paid their annual dues for 2012. Please pay up at our next meeting! Remember, only members paid in good standing can attend our field trips.

Several members have brought up the point that they would like to have more activities as our club meeting programs. If you have a lapidary craft or geology related topic you would like to present at one of our meetings, please let Eliza-



bethe or me know. We are always looking for presenters; let's try to help out Elizabethe. It is hard to continually find presentations for our meetings.

Bill Mitchell

KGMS President

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Next Meeting

We will be preparing things for the show. We have egg carton collections to complete and specimen samples for the Kid's Games to bag up. If you have any specimens you would like to donate for the games, we are looking for small rocks

and fossils, please bring them to the meeting with small preprinted labels. We will have plastic bags at the meeting for packaging. Also, sign up sheets will be available for working the stations at the show.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd at the Portage Senior Center. Social time starts at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Junior Members

Our Junior members will be digging for mica and magnetite. So remember to bring a magnet.

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Contacts and Information

President

Bill Mitchell
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Board Members

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Club Dues

Due by December 31st

Family \$15.00/year
Single \$13.50/year
Student \$8.00/year
Senior/Couple \$13.50/
year
Senior/Single \$10.00/year



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Meetings

First Tuesday each month
except for January, July and
August
Work bees/Picnic Dates
TBA in July and August

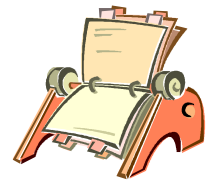
Location

Portage Senior Center
Portage, MI

Annual Show

Weekend before Mother's
Day at the Kalamazoo
County Expo Center ,
Kalamazoo, MI

*Our Purpose: To
further interest and
education in gems,
minerals, geology,
paleontology and
lapidary*



We want to hear
from you!

Midwest Federation Shows

2-3: CANTON, OH, 44th Annual Show, Stark County Gem & Mineral Club, Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave, Sat 10:00- 6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Dave Behringer, 2930 Mason St, SW, Massillon, OH 44646, 330-830-1578

5-7: WYOMING, MI 38th Annual Show, Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club, Rogers Plaza Town Center, 28th St. 1/4 Mile West of US 131, Thurs & Fri 9:30AM-9:00PM, Sat 9:00AM-8:00PM Contact: John Donker, jjredon65@sbcglobal.net, 616-457-0556, info www.indianmoundsrockclub.com

7-8: LINCOLN, NE, 54th Annual Show, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock Ave, Contact: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, PO Box 5342, Lincoln, NE 68505, jna@inetnebr.com, or www.lincolngemmineralclub.org

7-8: COLUMBUS, OH. Dinosaurs, the 38th Annual Central Ohio Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Columbus Rock & Mineral Society. Sat. 10 am-6pm, Sun. 11 am-5pm at Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St. in downtown Columbus. Dealers, exhibits, demonstrations, educational and children's activities. Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State University, will give a talk for children and families on Teeth, Jaws & Claws. Adults \$7 (2-day pass \$12), senior discount, youth 6-16 \$3, under 6 and scouts in uniform free. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Ohio earth science majors. Contact: Ken Harsh karmakenha@aol.com or www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org.

14: NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR; Annual Swap, Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society, Burns Park, Elder Johnson Pavilion, I-40 Exit 150 – Military Drive, Sat, 9:00-5:00, Contact Mike Austin, 14604 Honey Bear Dr, Little Rock, AR 72223, 501-868-4553, steelpony@aol.com

14-15: CANTON, IL Fulton County Rockhounds Annual Show, Wallace Park in Canton Illinois Saturday 9 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 5 with Free parking and a free will donation at the door.

20-22: ROSEVILLE, MI Macomb County/Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show, RosevilleRecreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, Fri 9-7, Sat 10-7, 11-4, Contact Jacquie Swain (313) 469-7868, E-mail jacswain018@aol.com

14-15: DES PLAINES, IL; 47th Annual Show, Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St, Sat 9:30-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Lois Zima, Des Plaines, IL, 847-298-4653, nival42@hotmail.com

14-15: MARION, IL; Annual Show, Southern Illinois Earth Science Club, Williamson County Pavilion, 1602 Sioux Dr, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Mike Chontofalsky, 618-532-0455, chontofalsky@att.net

20-22: ROSEVILLE, MI; 35th Annual Show, Mt Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, Fri 9:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-4:00, Contact Jacquie Swain, 313-469-7868, jacswain018@aol.com

Midwest Federation Shows Cont...

21: LOVES PARK, IL; Rock Club Open House, Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society, North Suburban Library Auditorium, 6340 N 2nd St, Sat 11:00-3:00, Contact William Horschke, 11161 Fyvie Ct, Belvidere, IL 61008, 815-544-2073, whorschke@earthlink.net

20-21: DECATUR, IL 60th Annual Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show, Macon County Fair Grounds, 3700 Westlawn Ave, Decatur. 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and Saturday, 10am to 4pm on Sunday. \$5.00 -good all 3 days. Seniors 59 and over will be \$2.00 Persons in uniform (Scouts or Armed Forces) are free. Children under 15 are FREE. Parking is FREE. Merchants will showcase jewelry, rough gems, finished gemstones, lapidary, beads, findings, and mineral specimens from all over the world. Demonstrators will show how to facet gems, wire wrap, beading and repair jewelry. There will be a Kids Corner where each child under 15 will get a free ticket for the fossil dig. There will be special scout booths on Saturday to earn badges, and Silent Auctions running all weekend.

21-22: DAVENPORT, IA; Spring Show, Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Club, Putnam Museum, 1717 W 12th St, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 11:00-4:00, Contact 563-445-3034

21-22: EAU CLAIRE, WI; 49th Annual Show, Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Eau Claire County Expo Center, Lorch Ave, corner of Hwy. 93 and I-94, Sat. 9:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Mike, CVGMS, 715-456-0664, cvgmsshow@gmail.com

21-22: ROSEVILLE, MN; Spring Show, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club, Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling Ave, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun Noon-5:00, Contact Martha Miss, 651-459-0343, info@rock-biz.biz

22: WATERLOO, IA; Annual Show, Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Society, Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St.

28-29: KETTLE MORAINÉ GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNUAL SHOW: 50th Annual Show, Kettle Moraine Geological Society, Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Larry Christopherson, N493 Erin Rd, Oconomowoc, WI, 53066, 262-443-0365, wmibclc@att.net See attached flyer

28-29, FORT DODGE, IA River Valley Rockhounds, Inc. 2012 Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, Webster County Fairgrounds, 22772 Old Highway 169 Fort Dodge, Iowa. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 11-4, \$1 admission, Contact: Jim Baumer 515-955-6783, jbaum@frontiernet.net, or Robert Wolf 515-955-2818 midnightwriter@frontiernet.net 3521 10th Ave. N. Fort Dodge, IA 50501-2910

28-29: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH; Spring Gemboree Show, Summit Lapidary Club & Akron Mineral Society, Emidio's Party Center, 48 E Bath Rd, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Evelyn Tryon, 2028 Tallmadge Rd, Kent, OH 44240, 330-673-9664, etjrtryon@juno.com, Contact Bob Powers, 18270 Buccaneer Dr, North Royalton, OH 44133, 440-237-6170, akronmineralnews@aol.com

28 -29: BENTON HARBOR, MI The Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society - Rock and Gem Show at Orchard's Mall, 1800 Pipestone Rd., (near I-94) Sat. 10 - 7, Sun. 11 - 4 Contact: Andrew Green, rock_club@comcast.net