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"IF IT'S WRITTEN IN *"THE AGATE"*, IT'S WRITTEN IN STONE"

Regular meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the clubhouse in Trowin Industries, 737 Herbert St, Chippewa Falls

Directions: North on J by the Avalon Hotel. Left on Garden Street. Right on Herbert. Park in the lot by the house/building. Use the **FRONT DOOR**.

Bring a snack to share!

Meetings & Workshops

The next meeting will be March 12.

Paul will host February workshops on Saturday, Mar 17 from 11am-3pm and Sunday, Mar 18 from 12pm-4pm. It'll be St. Patrick's Day! There should be some green stones floating around!

The workshops are suitable for all ages and open to club members and their guests. Rough rock, equipment, and instruction are provided. Donations are accepted and additional rough rock may be purchased.

Upcoming Events!!

55th ANNUAL CVGMS SPRING SHOW

It's the 55th anniversary of the show this year.

- Saturday, April 21st 9am-5pm
- Sunday, April 22nd 10am-4pm

Volunteers Wanted: Please check the show volunteer sheet and see where you can help. Besides help on Saturday and Sunday running show tables, we also need help setting up Friday afternoon and taking down Sunday afternoon. There's something for everyone to do and it's a great way to help the club!

Donations: The club is looking for mineral donation for the silent auction as well as any other saleable stone, mineral, or rock/jeweler/collecting/polishing items.

Show Flyers: There are show flyers available. You can pick them up at the meeting or email us and we'll get you some. The more places we can advertise - store bulletin boards, public event calendars - the better turnout we'll have and the more money the club makes. Grab a stack of flyers and carry them with you.



The 9th Annual Banbury Art Crawl was a great time. Several of us worked the club booth on Friday night and again on Saturday. We met a lot of wonderful people, picked up a few new members, and sold some items. Overall, it was a good way to introduce people to the club and show off our wares!

Consider lending a bit of time to help out the club next year. We'd love to have you!

2018 Banbury Art Crawl Booth

February Wrap up

We had a great turnout for the February workshops and met some of our new members! Thanks for coming!

Roy Wickman donated some great cabbing material and everyone had a good time. Can't wait to see what March will bring.

The 9th Annual Banbury Art Crawl was another good exposure event for the club. (See the photo on page 1)

Upcoming Shows

For those of you with cabin fever, the show season is starting to ramp up. Here's what we know...

Fox Rocks Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show

March 3-4, 2018 (10am-5pm, 10am-4pm)
\$2 adult admission, kids under 12 free
Weis Earth Science Museum
1478 Midway Rd, Menasha, WI
<http://weismuseum.org> for details

56th Annual Kettle Moraine Geologic Society Show

March 10-11, 2018 (10am-5pm, 10am-4pm)
\$3 adult admission, kids under 12 free
Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
3000 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend, WI
<http://kmgrocks.com> for details

Facebook Pages to Check Out

Wisconsin Rockhounds (Wis rockhound chat)
The Rock Shop (sells refurb equipment)
Lake Superior Agate Auction House (buy LS agates)

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Dave Stevens 1 year

48th Annual Badger Lapidary & Geological Society's Rock, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

March 24 - 25, 2018 (9am-5pm, 9am-4pm)
Free Show - Free Parking
Rock County Fairgrounds, Craig Center Bldg.
1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI 53545.

Ten dealers, excellent speakers, many beautiful club displays, lapidary demonstrations, club sales table, hourly door prizes, and educational films. Activities for kids - fishpond, spinner game, scavenger hunt, quarry quest, educational craft projects, and roving rock wizard.

Full food menu

Show Contact: Deb Wehinger jdrules3@gmail.com

Website: www.badgerrockclub.org

You can find the Midwest Federation Newsletters each month on our facebook page in the files section.

Check out the additional pages for show flyers for other clubs. We'll try to include as many as we can in the PDF version so you can print them if you'd like. If you know of upcoming shows, send the flyers or information to CVGMS2017@gmail.com and we'll add them to the next month's newsletter.

We'll also include the Rough & Tumble Times from the Cameron Rock Club as often as we have space.



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Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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NEXT MEETING...

THURSDAY – March 15th 2018

March - Round Robin Catch up & Planning for 2018

Business Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, March – November

<http://www.cameronamericanlegion.org/rockclub.html>





The President's Pen...

President's Message for March 15th, 2018

Hello fellow Rock Hounds,

Well, it's getting close to the end of February, I'm glad it is a short month. The way it sounds, spring may be arriving late this year. Let's hope they are wrong. I definitely have the itch to get back out in the field. I can hear those artifacts and agates calling me, really I can. Occasionally I dream about being in the fields, and in my dreams, I am often times successful. They help the winter go faster.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new Club Officers on board. They are Vice President Paul Tubbs, and Newsletter Co-Editors Anita Smith and Kristi Kringle. Thanks you so much for stepping up and contributing to the success and continuation of our club. It's always good to change things up a bit with new brains with fresh ideas.

As club members we would all appreciate it if each of you would commit to writing a story for the newsletter. It doesn't have to be long, or technical, with perfect grammar. The editors will help with that, but it does need to be about our hobby, like a favorite collecting trip, tips for finding specimens, or lapidary techniques, getting kids or grandkids involved or a review of a rock book that you found useful. Photographs with captions would be wonderful. You decide. The idea is to make this newsletter about us and for us. Your story should answer these questions: who? what? when? where and how? If you need writing tips, let us know.

Our first meeting of the year will take place on March 15th, 2018 at the American Legion Post in beautiful downtown Cameron. The doors open at 7:00 (but not before, because a Boy Scout Troop meets immediately before us and gets done at 7:00). The business meeting starts at 7:30. This month we will be doing a round robin with everyone telling what they have been up to since our last meeting in November. Examples of any work you may have done or specimens that you have found would be great. Last year everyone contributed ideas of what we want to do to make this a better club, so we will be talking about that. Any new ideas would also be welcome. And don't forget to bring a treat to share. Yeah.....first meeting = spring.

Peace,
Dave

67th Annual

MINERAL, GEM & JEWELRY SHOW

2018 Saturday April 14 9-5 pm
Sunday April 15 10-4 pm

At the Lester Building at Progress City, North of Richland College
4140 E. 2nd Progress St • Decatur IL 62521

Admission

good both days

\$5.00

Adults

Seniors

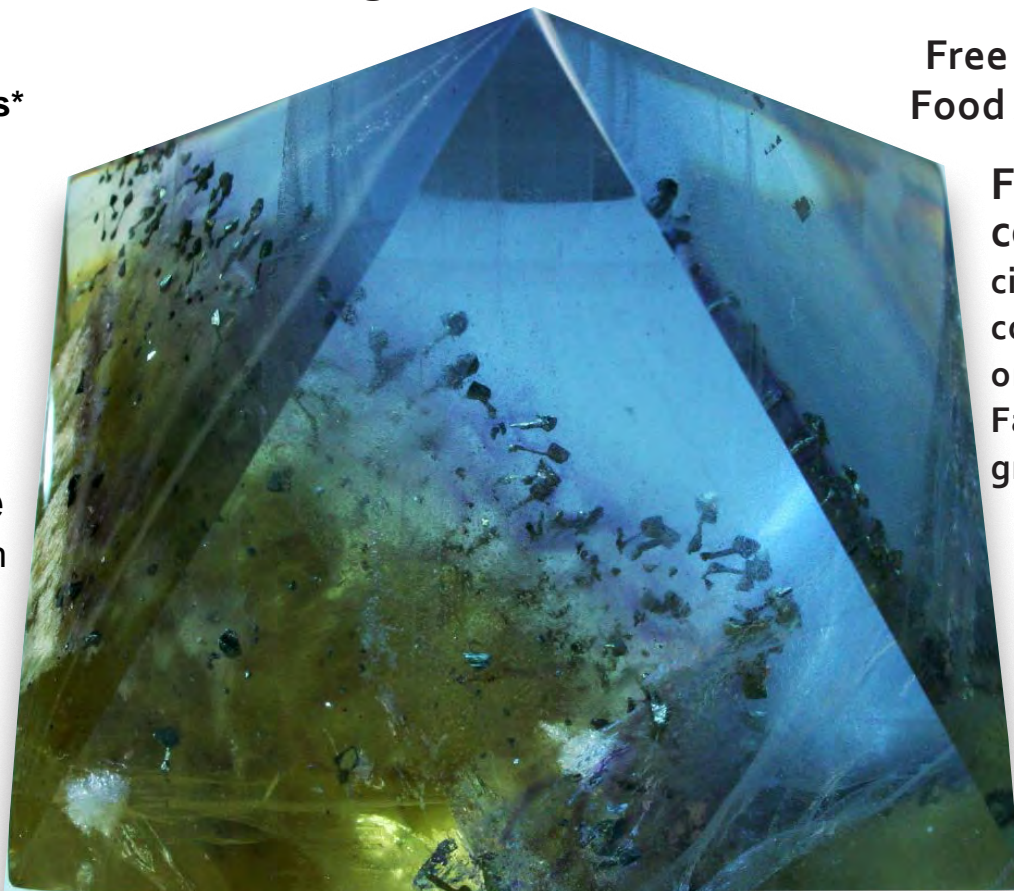
\$3.00

Kids 15 & under Free

Free admission
for Military,
Scouts in
uniform
and Scout
chaperones

Free Parking
Food Available

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- ◆ jewelry ◆ meteorites ◆ silversmith ◆
- ◆ beads ◆ fossils ◆ geodes ◆
- ◆ door prizes ◆ kids area ◆
- ◆ silent auctions ◆



DECATUR'S CENTRAL ILLINOIS GEM & MINERAL CLUB

GEODELAND EARTH SCIENCE CLUBS, INC., presents:

38th
Annual

Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show

Sat.
10 - 6

March 10 & 11, 2018

Sun.
10 - 5

FREE
Admission!
(Donations
Appreciated)

FREE
Parking!

◇ Dealers in Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Jewelry, Meteorites

◇ Displays of Crystals, Fossils & Fluorescent Minerals

◇ Kids: Spin-N-Win, Touch-N-Feel, Fossil Dig

◇ Geode Cracking ◇ Demonstrations

◇ Door Prizes ◇ Silent Auction

◇ Live & Recorded Programs

Digging The Past!

*Fossils from around
the World*



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