



**Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society**  
**1001 Kingwood Street**  
**Suite B-40**  
**Brainerd, MN 56401**

January, 2017

Greetings Rockhounds!

As the president of the Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society, I would like to welcome you to the Brainerd Lakes Area of Minnesota for the 77th Annual Convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. Our vibrant club of over 110 households is very excited to be hosting this event. Our two day show has been very successful, especially since we moved it to Brainerd several years ago. Last year the total attendance was over 3,000 with 2,100 on Saturday! There is a wide variety of inside vendors from the upper Midwest, and a tailgate section that is always full of surprises.

The Brainerd Lakes Area is a popular vacation location. Visit Paul and Babe (the Blue Ox) at Paul Bunyan Land, do a little pan fishing at a local lake, or check out a nearby golf course. The town of Crosby, about a 10 minute drive from Brainerd, is known as the Antique Capital of the Lakes Area. And, don't forget that there are many stores that sell items with an up-north theme to decorate your home or cabin.

We hope that the weather cooperates for a rock field trip or two, but the temperature could be 30 or 80 degrees.

If you have any special requests, please make sure you contact me.

We look forward to sharing central Minnesota with you!

Sincerely,

Ed Opatz

Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society President  
320-250-1363  
opatz1@att.net

## General Information

### Background:

The Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society was located in Crosby, 14 miles NE of Brainerd until recently when a new clubhouse had to be found.

The name "Cuyuna" is unique because it derives from a man by the name of Cuyler Adams. Story has it that Mrs. Adams coined the name "Cuyuna" using part of Cuyler's name and that of his dog Una. Mr. Adams discovered iron ore in the area, and the Cuyuna Iron Range was established.

There is no active mining in the area at this time, but the pits have filled with water and been stocked with trout. "Locals" spend a lot of time fishing (with great success) for trout, northern pike, bass, crappies and sunfish. The mines are now part of a state park.

If you are interested, it is possible to drive to the top of one of the dumps for a bird's eye view of the Crosby area. Please e-mail Marge at [marjen@crosbyironton.net](mailto:marjen@crosbyironton.net) if you would like more information. It's only about 3 or 4 miles from Crosby. This could probably be done sometime on the Friday before the show – depending on weather.

Previously, many rockhounds collected specimens of binghamite and silkstone from the mining dumps. It is said to be the only place binghamite is found. (Be sure to attend the meetings on May 6 – it's possible you might just be the lucky door prize winner of a specimen of binghamite or silkstone.)

### Rules for Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibits:

If you are entering an exhibit at the Show, please check the AFMS website at: [http://www.amfed.org/rules/AFMS\\_Rules\\_2016\\_Updates.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/rules/AFMS_Rules_2016_Updates.pdf). This will help you find the right Division, Class and Group for your Exhibit. The MWF will furnish judges.

### Food at the Show

A caterer has been hired as a food vendor at the show. This vendor will also be preparing the meal for the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

### Speakers

At the Awards Banquet a junior member of the local club will be a speaker. He made an interesting "find" this past summer and will share the details with us.

### Things to Do

As mentioned before, check in with [www.brainerdlakes.com](http://www.brainerdlakes.com) for great ideas. A suggestion is the Crow Wing County Historical Society Museum on Laurel Street in Brainerd - next door to the historic courthouse.

Some suggestions in the Crosby area are:

The old Soo Line Railroad Depot. It is now a museum and houses, among lots of other things, a small rock collection of Cuyler Adams.

The Milford Mine is about 4 miles north of Crosby. The worst mining disaster in the State of Minnesota happened here in 1924. It is a park now.

We are hoping to be able to tour the Croft Underground Mine area. Updates on this and other possible events – field trips, etc. will appear in the Convention news articles in the upcoming MWF Newsletters. Minnesota's weather will play a part in some of the activities.

15th Annual

# Cuyuna Agate & Mineral Show

Sat. May 6 & Sun. May 7, 2017

Vendors \* Exhibits  
Crafts \* Art \* Jewelry  
Demonstrations \* Displays  
Rock Cutting \* Knappers  
Ask the Wizard of Rocks  
Kids' Korner, Crystals,  
FREE Prizes for kids  
Door Prizes \* Silent Auctions  
Great Concessions



Free Lake Superior agate  
given to first 1000 attendees.

OVER 50 Vendors  
Indoors & Outdoors!

Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4 Rain or Shine!

*Admission \$1.00 Donation*

**Crow Wing Co. Fairgrounds**  
2000 SE 13th St., Brainerd MN

**Hosting the 77th Convention of the  
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies**



*For more information or to reserve space:  
Call Sharon Smith at 218-343-7037 or  
email: Sharon@agatesrock.com*

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**2017 MWF 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Registration Form**  
**Sponsored by Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Crow Wing County Fairgrounds**  
**Curling Club Building**  
**2000 SE 13<sup>th</sup> St., Brainerd MN 56401**  
**Saturday, May 6 & Sunday, May 7, 2017**  
**Saturday 9 – 5      Sunday 10 – 4**

(All MWF meetings to be held Saturday at the clubhouse location, Lower Level, Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401. Banquet on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm, as well as the Meet 'n Greet on Friday evening to be held in the Curling Club Building at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. The Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society will furnish a light meal from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday for AFMS & MWF board member and delegates.)

Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club & Region \_\_\_\_\_

AFMS Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

MWF Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

One Day Show Pass      \$1.00 (per person)      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Two Day Show Pass      \$2.00 (per person)      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*NOTE: Service Personnel w/ID, Law Enforcement, Scouts in Uniform & Children 13 & under are free.**

RV Camping at fairgrounds, # of Days \_\_\_\_\_ Elec only \$27./Day, Dump station avail. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 License Plate # of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: Box Lunch -- \$10.00 per person      x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of people)      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Orders will be taken Saturday before 10 AM for delivery to meeting site.)

Saturday: Awards Banquet Dinner  
 \$20.00 per person      x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of people)      = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail completed registration with payment in full to *Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society*  
 no later than **April 15, 2017**, to:

**Kevin Martini**  
**Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society**  
**1001 Kingwood Street, Suite B-40**  
**Brainerd, MN 56401**

**IF YOU ARE ENTERING A COMPETITIVE DISPLAY, CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_\_**

Questions: E-mail [marjen@crosbyironton.net](mailto:marjen@crosbyironton.net) or, call Convention Coordinator, Marge Jensen 218-838-8477.

## 77th MWF Convention Lodging Arrangements

A block of rooms is reserved at two different locations for four nights, Thursday May 4 through Sunday May 7, for those of you who may want to remain an extra day or so and explore our area.

Super 8 Brainerd/Baxter MN, 14341 Edgewood Dr, Baxter MN 56425, 218-828-4288, is located about 3 miles from the meeting site and approximately 5 miles from the show site. The block will be held until April 4 so make your reservations early. Cost per night is \$89.88 plus tax. Complimentary breakfast served from 6:00 am to 9:30 am daily. Please ask for the block reserved by Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society.

The Grand Casino Mille Lacs Hotel is located right on US Highway 169 about 9 miles south of Garrison. It is about 32 miles from Brainerd. The distance is farther from the show and/or meeting sites, but the amenities might interest you. The rate is \$59 for Thursday and Sunday nights and \$69 for Friday and Saturday, plus tax. No continental breakfast. However, there are a couple of restaurants on the premises. These rooms will be held until April 13, 2017. Please be certain to identify the name of the group Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Society or use Confirmation Code MID0504. Phone 1-800-468-3517 and press 1 for reservations.

RV camping is available at the show site – Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Electric is furnished and there is a dump station on premises. Cost is \$27 per day. If you plan to camp there, please complete the appropriate section on the Registration Form and include the fee with that payment. A camping pass will be issued to you when you arrive. If you are arriving on Thursday, it will be necessary to call Marge Jensen at 218-838-8477 or Ed Opatz at 320-250-1363 so arrangements can be made to let you on the grounds.

There are also many other hotels, resorts and campgrounds in the area. A few of them are:

Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes  
arrowwoodbrainerd.com  
6967 Lake Forest Road, Baxter MN 56425  
877-687-5634

Baymont Inn and Suites  
baymontinns.com/hotel/30823  
7208 Fairview Road, Baxter MN 56425  
218-822-1133

Comfort Suites/Rapid River Lodge & Water Park  
rapidriverlodge.com  
7376 Woida Road, Baxter MN 56425  
877-543-8938

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson  
countryinns.com/baxtermn  
15058 Dellwood Drive, Baxter MN 56425  
800-456-4000

Country Inn Deerwood  
countryinndeerwood.com  
23884 Front Street, Deerwood MN 56444  
877-534-3303

Days Inn and Suites – Baxt  
daysinn.com  
14466 Dellwood Dr., Baxter MN 56425  
800-634-3444

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites–Baxter Campground  
brainerdhi.com  
15739 Audubon Way, Baxter MN 56425  
888-824-3232

Camp Holiday Resort & Campground  
campholiday.com  
27406 Round Lake Rd, Deerwood MN 56444  
800-450-2495

As a suggestion, you may want to touch base with the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce by calling 800-450-2838 to request tourism publications. They have a wealth of information and will mail them out to you or you can check them out on-line at [www.explorebrainerdlakes.com](http://www.explorebrainerdlakes.com)

### Arriving by Air

The Crow Wing County Airport is located about five miles from the show site. There is taxi service available in Brainerd:

Grab -A- Cab  
421 1/2 S 9th St, Baxter, MN 56425  
(218) 270-2992

Lakes Luxury Limos  
8105 Lost Lake Rd, Nisswa, MN 56468  
(612) 859-6739

Brainerd Area Taxi & Delivery  
709 Charles St, Brainerd, MN 56401  
(218) 828-1111

If you are flying into the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, Executive Express, a shuttle service, makes up to 14 trips daily to the airport in Brainerd. This service can be reached at 320-253-2226 or 888-522-9899 or executiveexpress.biz. It is suggested that you make a reservation.

**Rental car companies:**

Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
14695 Edgewood Dr  
Baxter MN 56425  
218-828-0200

Hertz Local Edition  
16384 Airport Rd  
Brainerd MN 56401  
218-829-1832

Tanner Nissan  
308 NW 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Brainerd MN 56401

National Car Rental  
16384 Airport Rd, Ste. 2  
Brainerd MN 563401

**Restaurants**

Brainerd has the usual array of food and beverage establishments. There are many independent restaurants, as well as the chain eating places. Several supper clubs and fine dining, too. Take your pick – American, Chinese, Japanese and others.

**Hospital**

Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center is located at 523 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Brainerd. Telephone 218-829-2861.

**FRANKLIN ARTS CENTER – CLUBHOUSE**

The former Franklin School is now occupied by Crossing Arts Alliance, so there are many small shops in the building – one artisan even uses agates and stones to craft beautiful items. Stop and browse the shops while you are there. The Clubhouse is located in the lower level of this building. For those of you who have difficulty with stairs, if you drive to the back of the building and phone Marge at 218-838-8477, someone will open the back door for you.

**Other**

Water-oriented activities abound, and there are lots of golf courses. Also, a zip line, and numerous trails for hiking and bicycling. Crosby is one of the premier mountain biking areas in the US – those mine dumps are good for lots of things.

**MWF 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION SHOW SCHEDULE  
MAY 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**SPONSORED BY THE CUYUNA ROCK, GEM & MINERAL  
SOCIETY**

**Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 13<sup>th</sup> St, SE, Brainerd MN 56401**

**(Show, Meet 'n Greet, Banquet and Silent Auction(s) will be held at the Curling Club Building at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. MWF Meetings will be held at the clubhouse, Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood Street, Brainerd.)**

**FRIDAY, May 5**

**12:00 Noon Show Set-up**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM Light meal provided by Cuyuna Rock Club  
Meet 'n Greet to follow**

**SATURDAY, May 6**

**8:00 AM State Directors Meeting**

**9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting**

**9:00 AM Show Opens**

**11:30 AM Lunch at clubhouse – orders taken at 10:00 AM**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM Delegate Registration**

**1:00 PM Council of Delegates Meeting**

**5:00 PM Show Closes**

**7:00 PM Awards Banquet**

**SUNDAY, May 7**

**10:00 AM Show Opens**

**4:00 PM Show Closes**

**Competitive Exhibit Application**  
**Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Show in conjunction with**  
**The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Society**  
**Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, Brainerd, MN**  
**May 6 & 7, 2017**

Please fill out ONE(1) application form per exhibit case. Copy this form for additional cases.

**Please type or print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**All exhibits must be hobby related (agates, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology or lapidary).**

**COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT CASE Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ If Junior, provide birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Group:      Master \_\_\_\_\_      Advanced \_\_\_\_\_      Novice \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Junior \_\_\_\_\_      Society \_\_\_\_\_      Jr. Society \_\_\_\_\_

**(Exhibitor is responsible for choosing proper DIVISION, CLASS AND GROUP)**

Exhibit Case Size:      \_\_\_\_\_ Standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high  
                                  \_\_\_\_\_ Please bring your own case, if possible - Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Wide, \_\_\_\_\_ Deep, \_\_\_\_\_ High

**(The club has a few cases available on a first-come basis, no guarantee.)**

Do you need electricity? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Indicate total watts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case)  
**(Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock – Please use CFL or LED lights.)**

Undersigned exhibitor agrees to abide by AFMS Uniform Rules, Current Edition and those rules set by the Show.

Exhibitor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor's Society: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of the Society and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Certification for Society (group) and Junior Society (group) I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the materials and/or workmanship exhibited are the property of this Society or the personal property of at least 5 members of the Society and no more than 20% of the material or workmanship exhibited are the property of any one member, and that the lapidary and jewelry exhibited are entirely (except for minor findings or where otherwise allowed by rules) the work of members of this Society. It is agreed that the exhibit will remain on display until the show closes on Sunday May 7, 2017.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form no later than **April 10, 2017** to:

Kevin Martini – COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT  
 Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society  
 1001 Kingwood Street, Suite B-40  
 Brainerd, MN 56401  
 Questions: Mage Jensen, 218-838-8477



# Non-Competitive Exhibit Application

Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Club Show in conjunction with the  
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Society  
Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, Brainerd, MN  
May 6th & 7th, 2017

Please fill out ONE (1) application form per TWO (2) exhibit cases. Copy this form for additional cases.  
Please type or print \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**All exhibits must be hobby related (agates, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archeology or lapidary.)**

EXHIBIT CASE #1 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your exhibit or display: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Case Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bring your own case, if possible-Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Wide, \_\_\_\_\_ Deep, \_\_\_\_\_ High

**(\*\*\*\* The Club has a few cases available on a first-come basis, no guarantee.)**

Do you need electricity? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate total watts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case.)

**(Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock - Please use CFL or LED lights.)**

EXHIBIT CASE #2 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your exhibit or display: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Case Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard case: 4' wide, 2' deep, 2' high

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bring your own case, if possible-Describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Wide, \_\_\_\_\_ Deep, \_\_\_\_\_ High

**(\*\*\*\* The Club has a few cases available on a first-come basis, no guarantee.)**

Do you need electricity? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate total watts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cannot exceed 100 watts per case.)

**(Exhibitors must furnish risers, backdrop and lock - Please use CFL or LED lights.)**

I agree to comply with the conditions set by the Show and will follow the Show Rules. I will remove any items deemed inappropriate, if so requested:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form no later than April 10, 2017, to:

Kevin Martini - NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society

1001 Kingwood Street, Suite B-40, Brainerd MN 56401

Questions: Marge Jensen, 218-838-8477

Thank you for your participation.

**MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DELEGATE REGISTRATION  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Midwest Federation's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual 2017 show of the Cuyuna Agate and Mineral Society, from the 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017. The show will be held at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 S. E. 13<sup>th</sup> St, Brainerd MN 56401. The Council of Delegates Meeting will be held at the clubhouse location, Lower Level, Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd, MN 56401. Each member club/society is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one \*(1) Alternate to represent them.

The MWF Council of Delegates Meeting will convene on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m., with delegate registrations beginning at 12:00 p.m at the clubhouse location, Lower Level, Franklin Arts Center, 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401. The delegate appointed by your club or society will represent your interests, and may bring up pertinent discussions and proposals. However, in order to expedite matters, if your society intends to have its delegate present any special motion at the meeting, please notify the Midwest President, Tom Whitlatch, and the Secretary, Donna Moore, as to the nature of the subject so that it may be placed on the agenda. This needs to be presented in written form. This should be done at least one month prior to the meeting.

\*Each club is entitled to one vote. An alternate may vote in the absence of the delegate. Guests are invited but will not be able to vote.

**Please fill out this form and return it to the  
CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN  
Tony Kapta  
1483 E Wood St, Decatur IL 62521  
217-233-1164, e-mail cigmc@comcast.net  
BEFORE April 15, 2017.**

**(DO NOT send this form to the show registration committee)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS**

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**MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE TO AVOID ERRORS**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of your club on this line

OF \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State on this line

**HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING DELEGATE TO THE 77th ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE MIDWEST FEDERATION**

**DELEGATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_, **CLUB PRESIDENT**