

# Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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**October Meeting**  
**October 21, 7:00 pm**  
**Best Finds**

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



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## The President's Pen for October 2021...

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

First of all I have to let you know that the field trip planned for the Fulsenemeer Areas is on hold. Yesterday I talked to Bruce Ward, who was going to lead the hike into the Fulsenemeer, said that the heart doctors who were scheduled to do his procedure have changed their thoughts about what needs to be done. The time schedule has also changed. He was supposed to have it done on Oct 16th have also changed it to Oct 21st. Bruce and I decided that with the uncertainty, it is best to cancel it for this year and try again next year. Please keep Bruce in your thoughts.

Our October meeting topic is best finds; well it's a bit more than that. It also includes things that you have personally made, or polished, or wire wrapped. The key is that it involves things that you have either 'personally found or made' and it must be from 'this year'. Here are the categories: **LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE** – your favorite Lake Superior agate that you found this year. **MINERAL** – your favorite mineral (copper, silver, etc.) that you found this year. **SLABBING MATERIAL** – favorite material that you used for slabbing this year. **FOSSIL** – favorite fossil that you found this year. **ARTIFACT** – favorite artifact that you found this year. **SPECIMEN** – just about any rock or mineral that you really like and that you found this year. **METAL DETECTOR FIND** – your most interesting find of this year. **CABOCHON** – you had to make this yourself. **FACET GEMSTONE** – you had to make this yourself. **CARVING** – you had to make this yourself. **POLISHING-TUMBLED** – you had to do this yourself. **POLISHING – FLAT** – you had to make this yourself. **METALSMITHING** – you had to make this yourself. **WIRE WRAPPING** – wrapped by you. **CRAFT ITEM** – anything you made (rock related, of course). **JEWELRY PURCHASED FINDINGS** – the stone has to be done by the person and use findings to make it. **OPEN LAPIDARY** – sphere, grinding, etc. done by you. **COLLECTION / DISPLAY**- collection of rock related items that you found and in an attractive display. Anyway, it's all fun and helps to show us what you've been up to, while receiving recognition for your efforts and skills.

I had hoped that the Covid situation would have gone away by now, but it's not and we are into a forth wave. Barron and Polk Countys are currently in the top quarter of all the countys in Wisconsin for Covid infections. The solution is simple, get vaccinated. If everyone did, this would go away. This is the most intensely studied vaccine in history. It is proven to be safe and more importantly effective. When I was a kid, one of my brothers caught polio. Like now, it was a scary time, many people died or suffered life long affects. When a polio vaccine became available people were lined up to get it. They trusted science and it worked. The only difference between then and now is that it has become politicized. Trust science, trust your own doctor and get vaccinated. I personally know people who have died from Covid. I don't know anyone who has died from getting the shot. I know most of you have gotten the shot, but we all know people who haven't. Encourage them to do the right thing and help us end this nightmare. Sorry for the rant. I value your friendship and want all of you be be around.

Peace,  
Dave

**1961 – 2021 OUR CLUB IS 60 YEARS OLD!!**

**OUR SUNSHINE PERSON:**



**Laura Finley**

If you know anyone that has been ill or could use some sunshine in their lives – please contact us.

Dirt



Devils

**MEETING TIME -- postponed**

**Dirt Devils Chairpersons:**

**meeting.**

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**Message from the editor:**

**Can you believe this weather? No frost yet into October? My garden is still producing ripe tomatoes! Such another beautiful time of the year in Wisconsin. Don't forget to bring in your "best finds" to the meeting.**



**What do  
mummies listen  
to on Halloween?  
Wrap music.**

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 DUES NOW  
THANK YOU.***

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ PH \_\_\_\_\_

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# Word Search!

A G A T E R K M H R F H R M K Z D E V C V W P G M  
H M B N T M E J F E W Q L M Y A O F E C K A D O E  
S I H F I O S H L C W C X I E P W T V D A M V L G  
V L J A R E D D P K X Q R H H N S P P O E E B D W  
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**Find the word in the puzzle.**

*Words can go in any direction.*

**Words can share letters as they cross over each other.**

AGATE  
AQUAMARINE  
CHRYSOPRASE  
EMERALD  
FLINT  
GOLD  
LAPIS  
OBSIDIAN  
SHALED

AMBER  
ARROWHEAD  
COPPER  
EPIDOTE  
GABBRO  
GRANITE  
LEAD  
QUARTZ  
SULPHER

AMETHYST  
BASALT  
DIAMOND  
FELDSPAR  
GARNET  
LABRADORITE  
NICKEL  
RHYOLITE  
TOURMALINE