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Spring Time Change Changes Meeting Time Monday, April 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Macomb

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It is hard to believe, but another GESCI show has come and gone and it went in a hurry! Even though I only sat down for 40 minutes in the entire two day process (thanks for doing that presentation Dr Hegnamy legs needed it), I enjoyed the show and helping with the silent auction.

It was busy!! Especially on Saturday. I have not seen a line of folks waiting to come in as big as on Saturday morning about 11. When I went out front to grab a show program, there were people as wide as the hallway and as far back towards the Fox room as I could see! That was impressive.

Word had obviously been spread and we had attendees from all over the state as well as from out of state. Thank you to all of the GESCI board for their hard work in arranging the show and the advertising, and thanks to all our members and members of all our clubs who put up signs and fliers in their communities! It was a success and a great group effort.

A couple things learned at this year's show:

- 1) Being broke makes it much easier to unload your car on Sunday night.
- 2) Wayne Frankie is a librarian as well as a geologist.
- 3) We should have arranged for Saturday night's supper to be sponsored by First Alert.

In April for the first time in my twenty or so years with the club, we will NOT hold our annual auction-it will be later in the year at some point.

We will begin at 7pm on April 2nd as we go back to our summer meeting schedule.

Please plan on bringing some of the material you acquired during the show to show the group and explain why you found it fascinating enough to add to your collection.

See you at 7 on 4/2 no foolin'

Rob



The Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club in Raleigh, North Carolina is hosting the AFMS Convention on April 6-8, 2018. The AFMS Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 5, the banquet will be Saturday, April 7. Monday, April 9, a field trip to a fee mine at Hiddenite will be held for several minerals including emeralds. The fee is \$20 per person.

In 2019, the MWF hosts the AFMS in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 16-17, 2019, in conjunction with the MWF Convention and the Cedar Valley show.

News from the Midwest Federation



The MWF spring meeting of the executive committee is being hosted by the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineralogical Society, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on May 5. This club puts on a really nice show. So even if you don't plan to go to the meeting, you could still visit the show.

The 2018 MWF Convention will be hosted by LOESS in Springfield, Illinois, October 5-6. 2018. We hope to see good attendance. Plans are being made for a special field trip to Funk's Prairie Home and Mineral Museum as

News from Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc.



What a successful Geodeland Show! Thank you so much to everyone for helping prepare, put out the word, work at the show and help clean up! Things went smoother than they have for some time.

And, thank you to the Geology Department at WIU for having the Geology Museum open in Tillman Hall both days of the show.

If you have any comments - good or constructive, about the show, be sure to let Deb and George Coursey, Dee Sharf, and J.C. and Donna Moore know your thoughts. The only way things can improve is to let us know what you think.

2018 SHOW CALENDAR

April 2018

5-7: WYOMING, MI Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Thurs & Fri 9:30 am - 9 pm. Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm. Roger's Plaza Town Center, 28th & Clyde Park.

7: LOVES PARK, IL Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society Open House. 10 am - 3 pm. North Suburban Library, 6340 N2d St., Loves Park.

7-8: LINCOLN, NE Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln.

7-8: DES PLAINES, IL Des Plaines Valley Geological Society Annual Show. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St., Des Plaines.

7-8: CANTON, OH Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave, Canton.

7-8: COLUMBUS, OH Columbus Rock & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd, Columbus. Contact: Craig Kramer; (614) 436-4511; show-info@columbusrockandmineralsociety.org

14-15: DECATUR, IL Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Lester Building, Progress City, 4140 E 2nd Progress St., Decatur.

14-15: MARION, IL Southern Illinois Earth Science Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Pavilion of the City of Marion, 1602 Sioux Dr., Marion.

15: WATERLOO, IA Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. 11 am - 5 pm. Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial St.

21-22: EAU CLAIRE, WI Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Eau Claire Expo Center, Lorch Ave, Eau Claire.

21-22: CANTON, IL Fulton County Rockhounds Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Donnelson Center @ Wallace Park, 250 South Avenue D, Canton.

28-29: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH Summit Lapidary Club Semi-Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls.

28-29: TROY, OH Miami County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Miami County Fairgrounds-Duke Lundgard Building, North County Rd. 25-A, Troy.

28-29: FT. DODGE, IA River Valley Rockhounds Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Webster County Fairgrounds, 22770 Old Highway 169, Ft. Dodge 50501

May 2018

4-6: KALAMAZOO, MI Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri 4-8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo.

5: NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society Rock Swap. 9 am - 4 pm. Elder Johnson Pavilion, Burns Park, North Little Rock.

5-6: MARSHFIELD, WI Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Marshfield High School Fieldhouse, 1401 E. Becker Rd., Marshfield.

5-6: BRAINERD, MN Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Crow Wing County Fairgrounds, 2000 SE 13th St., Brainerd.

5-6: SHARONVILLE, OH Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville.

11-13: COLUMBIA, MO Central Missouri Rock & Lapidary Club Annual Show. Fri noon - 7 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2525 N. Stadium Blvd, Columbia.

12: STODDARD, WI Coulee Rock Club Community Day. 10 am - 3 pm. Goose Island LaCrosse County Park, Hwy 35, Stoddard.

12-13: TOLEDO, OH Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Rock/Jewelry Open House. Sat 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sun noon - 4 pm. St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo.

18-20: JOPLIN, MO Tri-State Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri & Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 9 am - 3 pm. Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum, 504 Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin.

19-20: NORTH OMSTED, OH Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show, Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Soccer Sportsplus, 31515 Lorain Rd.

19-20: ST. JOSEPH, MI Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun noon - 6 pm. Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave, St. Joseph.

Minutes from the March 5, 2018 West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club

Those in attendance were: Drew Divers, George and Deb Coursey, Barb Moore, Ron and Dee Sharf, Julie Irish and guest Russell Andrews, Dave and Linda Hess, JC Moore, Missy Lescher, Rob Heath and Jackie Sullivan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting were not available so there was no action taken toward approval.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance on Feb. 1, 2018 - \$674.73

Expenses: \$0

Income: \$30

Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018 \$704.73

George moved to approve the report as given. Missy made the second and the report was approved.

Old Business:

Flyers were available if anyone knew of any other locations to post them or needed more to hand out. Rob reported that he had seen the ad for the show in the Community News Brief publication and on the marquis signs of the Bushnell and Abingdon banks. It was announced that the geology museum in Tillman hall would be open again this year during the Saturday of the show.

Midwest Federation membership cards were handed out.

The t-shirts arrived and were handed out. There will be a few extras (not many though so hurry if you would like one!) and the cost is \$12.

New Business:

April would normally be the annual club auction but due to several members being unable to attend it will be moved to a time to be decided at a later meeting.

Rob mentioned that we should consider whether or not to increase dues but no action was taken at this time.

June 16 will be the annual GESCI picnic. This year's event will be held in Rochester, IL. at the Rochester Park.

George moved to adjourn the meeting. Dee gave the second and meeting was closed.

A program about agates was viewed by several members while enjoying some delicious dessert and fruit.

The next meeting will be held April 2, 2018 in the basement of the Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell St. Macomb, IL. We will be switching back to the 7 pm meeting times for the summer months.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Sullivan – Secretary, WCIRMC

Geodeland Picnic June 16 Rochester, Illinois

Rochester is just east of Springfield on Rte. 29. There is a nice community park there, which is where we will be having our picnic.

Everyone from the club is invited to attend the picnic. Only GESCI club members and their families are invited to the meal at noon. The meat and beverages are provided. Each person/family needs to bring one or more dishes to share, their own table service, and especially any serving utensils needed for the dishes you bring to share. It is a good idea to mark your name on your bowls and your serving utensils if you can.

The GESCI Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. You may sit in on this, but certainly don't have to attend that part. When the board meeting is over, the swap will begin. Only GESCI club members may set up to swap, sell or trade, but the general public is going to be invited to come buy, so there may be more people looking to buy rocks, etc., than normal.

If you have "extra" things in your collection that you would like to sell, this is your opportunity. Bring a card table (or larger folding table if you have one), your material to sell, and your change. You can bet the first person to buy a dollar item will have a twenty dollar bill, so be sure to have change and a box or bag to keep it in.

The picnic is a fun time to visit with the other club members who help put on the show in March. Most of the time at the show, we are too busy to do a lot of visiting.

If you plan to attend the picnic, please send a form or even an e-mail to Tony Kapta to let him know how many to expect. They will need to know how much meat to order. Forms should be at the meeting or were e-mailed to you. Tony's information is Tony Kapta, 1483 E Wood St, Decatur, IL 62521 or cigmc@comcast.net Phone (309)830-6516. He needs to know if you are coming by June 6.

We hope a good number of West Central Illinois Rock and Mineral Club members will try to attend the picnic and swap.

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19-20: WAUWATOSA, WI Wisconsin Geological Society Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm both days. Hart Park-Muellner Building, 7300 Chestnut St., Wauwatosa

26: FAIRFIELD, IA Sac & Fox Lapidary Club Rock & Jewelry Jamboree. 9 am - 5 pm. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 2606 W. Burlington Ave, Fairfield.

26-27: ST. CHARLES, IL Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles.

We still have a few club t-shirts available. See Jackie Sullivan or the Moores if you want one. They are \$12 each.

**Club meeting time
moves to 7:00 p.m. with
the time change.**

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All numbers are in 309 area code.

Meetings

The first Monday of each month (except September, which is the second Monday) at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 123 S. Campbell St., Macomb at 6:00 p.m. (Oct. - March). April through September meetings at 7:00 p.m. May meeting is usually held at Western Illinois University. Call Rob or Donna if you are concerned about weather related cancellations or have other questions about meetings.

Dues (per year)

Individual	\$10.00
Family or individual sponsoring juniors	\$15.00