



# The PRESQUE ISLE PROSPECTOR



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## **Last Month's Meeting:**

Last month Val showed us some things to do with Omni-Gel, a photo transfer medium.

## **This Month's Meeting:**

This month our meeting will be Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Ralph Miller Jewelers (<http://www.ralphmillerjewelers.com/jandan/rmj.htm>), at 28 & 30 West 8th Street, in downtown Erie. Since the store doesn't open until 10:00, and since parking down on 8<sup>th</sup> Street is somewhat limited, we may want to meet at the clubrooms about 9:30 as usual and then walk down the 2 blocks if the weather is good or carpool down if the weather is lousy.

Jan & Dan Niebauer will show us around the store & gallery. We had a great time drooling over – er, *looking at* – all the beautiful jewelry, both new and vintage, giftware and specimens etc. last time we were there, and look forward to seeing all the new things now! Dan said they would also show us some pieces still in process – THAT should be interesting!

Also, they have a Ralph Miller proprietary (patented? copyrighted?) diamond cut, that no one else may sell – and it's a beauty! It's a mixed cut, with some brilliant facets (triangular, like on a regular round brilliant cut) and some step-cut facets (rectangular, like on an emerald cut). Take a look while we're there. Pretty spiffy.

## **Federation News:**

The American Federation newsletter ([http://www.amfed.org/news/n2007\\_05.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2007_05.pdf)) has more on the 2007 AFMS Convention, in Roswell, NM, June 7-10 in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Convention. The Safety article is on mental health, and the maintenance thereof – things we can do to maintain our outlook and memory (what *is* that stupid mineral name?).

The Eastern Federation newsletter (<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efmay07.pdf>) has an article suggesting that if you don't know what your Federation does for you, go to the convention! Since the 2007 EFMLS Convention will be held October 5-7 in Newark, NY (15-20 miles east of Rochester) and is easily within driving distance, and possibly even longish-daytrip-distance, this is a real possibility. For those only interested in the show that always accompanies the convention, it was pointed out that this is generally around the peak of fall color season, for those who'd care to drive out for it. The Fall Wildacres session (September 10-16) still has some spots left. The Safety First article is on vehicle safety, something to review before the start of driving-trip season, and maybe this year actually DO all those things you sorta know you oughta do.

## **Upcoming Field Trips:**

Keep in mind the two Big Field Trips that Ed has planned this year – the first to Arkansas for Quartz Crystals, May 31 to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the second to Bancroft, Ontario for the 44th Annual Rockhound Gemboree, August 2-5, 2007. This is probably the last year we can make this trip

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without springing \$80 or so for a passport. More info on the Gemboree is at

[http://www.bancroftdistrict.com/Tourism/rock\\_hound\\_gem.php](http://www.bancroftdistrict.com/Tourism/rock_hound_gem.php)

<http://www.bancroftontario.com/index.cfm?vNavID=1&vSubNavID=4>

For more info on either trip, talk to Ed at the meetings or email inquiries to the club web site and they'll be forwarded to Ed.

Ed also has several daytrips in mind for this summer – more on those as collecting weather approaches.

### **Rockhound TV This Month:**

This column is still in DIY mode, so here are the web sites for the various channels to look for yourself what will be on in the coming month:

**PBS:** This one is tough, since the local stations do the scheduling and WQLN ( [www.wqln.org](http://www.wqln.org) ) only has the schedule for the next 2 weeks up on the web site. You can go to [www.PBS.ORG](http://www.PBS.ORG) and get info on what the various series are offering to the local stations, but WQLN may or may not show them, and if they do, it may or may not be in Prime Time (you will have noticed how often Nova is on only at 3 or 4 AM). If you are a member of WQLN, you can get a month's worth of Prime-Time listings in their newsletter.

**Discovery Channel:** <http://dsc.discovery.com/>

**Travel Channel:** <http://travel.discovery.com/> Be sure to check out "Cash and Treasures" on Tuesdays at 10:00PM.

**History Channel:** <http://www.history.com/> .

### **Upcoming Shows in the area:**

Spring, and the new Show Season in our area, are approaching:

**May 4-6, Washington County, PA - "Greater Pittsburgh Area Show";** Fair & Balanced Promotions. Jewelry, Bead, Mineral, and Gift Show. Washington County Fairgrounds, I-79 northbound exit 40 or southbound exit 41. Adults \$4, children under 12 free; 4th-5th, 10-6; 6th, 10-5. Franko, 304-825-6845, [frankowrap@juno.com](mailto:frankowrap@juno.com).

**May 11-13, Rochester, NY - GemStreet USA.** Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil, and Bead Show. Monroe Fair & Expo Center, 2695 E. Henrietta Rd. 11th-12th, 10-6; 13th, 11-5. Strieter Productions, Inc., Jane Strieter Smith, 216-521-GEMS, [spi@stratos.net](mailto:spi@stratos.net), [www.gemstreetusa.com](http://www.gemstreetusa.com).

**May 12-13, Canton, OH - Stark County Gem & Mineral Club.** 40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave. Silent auction, demonstrations, displays, rock craft items, jewelry, lapidary supplies, minerals, fossils, national dealers; 12th, 10-6, 13th, 10-5. Dave Behringer, 330-830-1578.

**May 19-20, Berea, OH - Parma Lapidary Club.** 39th Annual Cleveland Area Gem and Mineral Show, "Beautiful World of Rocks and Gems"; Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd., Bagley Rd. Entrance. 19th, 10-7; 20th, 11-5; adults \$5 (both days), Scouts in uniform free, children 12 and under free with adult; gemstones, minerals, crystals, unusual fossils, handcrafted jewelry, working lapidary demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, raffles, hourly door prizes, specimens, tools, supplies, equipment, Kiddie Korner, Treasure Dig. John Zaborowski, 440-949-8242, [jjzabor@adelphia.net](mailto:jjzabor@adelphia.net), [www.parmalapidary.com](http://www.parmalapidary.com).

Of course, as always, if you're planning to travel, check out the complete online listings at the Lapidary Journal Calendar (<http://www.lapidaryjournal.com/cal1.cfm>), and the Rock and Gem Magazine Calendar (<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/showdates.shtml>).

We have been down in the club room many Saturday mornings (which sometimes extend to 2:00-3:00PM), but **check the club web site** at [www.treebeard.net/gemcity](http://www.treebeard.net/gemcity) or call and find out if you would like to join us for any *particular* Saturday. The web site is usually updated with a 'definite' status Friday night or early Saturday morning -- or call me (Harriet) at 218-1774 or Bob Gallivan at 454-6770 to make sure.