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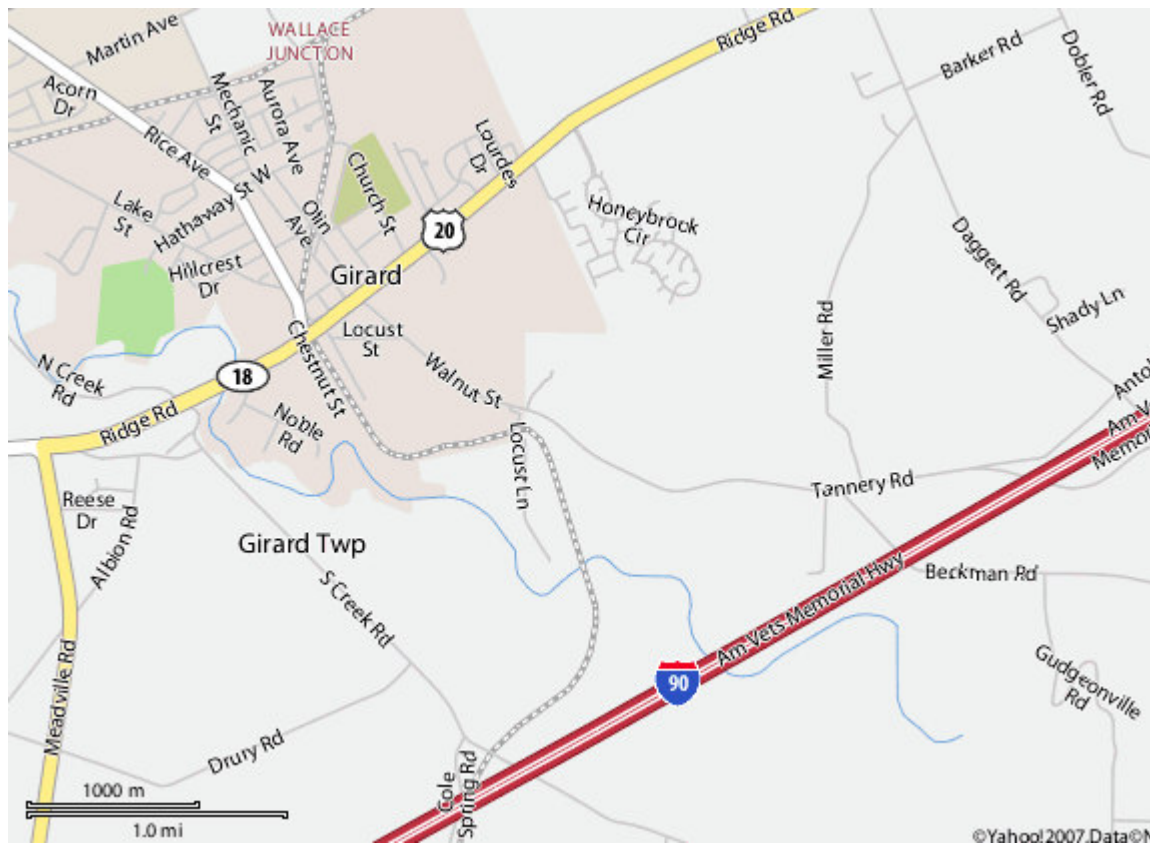


Last Month's Meeting:

Last month we had our annual club picnic, which we had to move down to the clubrooms at the last minute due to the rain. If you didn't RSVP, you didn't get a phone call to tell you about the change; and we're sorry to have missed you, but that's why we need you to let us know you plan on coming. It was a pretty good picnic for all that it was in a basement!

This Month's Meeting:

This month our meeting will be at the site of a potential new home for the club, on Tannery Road in Girard. Kirk says to take Route 20 to Girard, and when you get to the Post Office, turn South (left, if you're coming from Erie) onto Walnut Street, which becomes Tannery Road. Go 1.4 miles. Kirk didn't have an address, and said an address wouldn't help that much since it isn't well marked anyway, but he says, "The tannery is on the right. I'll park my car by the entrance, and watch for people. There isn't much else out there besides trees, so it's not hard to find." So watch your odometer and then watch for Kirk!



We aren't certain whether we will take this place or not – it is smaller than we'd like, and at \$150/month (\$1800/year!) more money than we're accustomed to, it'll be tough to pay for; but since no

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fairy godmother has come forward with a new donated space, it's a serious possibility. We'll have to explore more fundraising ideas!

In any case, we need to start **moving stuff now!** We have lots to move, and only a month to do it in (less by meeting day). We will try to have some stuff lined up to move and a place to move it to by the meeting on the 6th, since you'll all be around anyway, but if we can't get rolling then, we'll definitely have to have moving crews every Saturday in October and maybe Sundays too, maybe other days as people are available. We'll need bodies, and we'll need vehicles, and probably dollies / hand trucks /straps would help. We will probably have to set up schedules to make the most of our time and manpower, so please check your calendars to see when you'll be available to help heft and tote.

Also – we'll probably need more sturdy containers, like plastic milk crates or 5-gallon buckets, or anything else that can carry rocks and hold up well, before we're done. Check your stash!

Federation News:

The October Eastern Federation Newsletter (<http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efoct07.pdf>) has a front-page Safety First article on – ready for it? – Lifting Safety! Just what we all need review on! We've all been told, we all know it, but it helps to review. For instance, I'd been thinking I need to be ready to help move heavy stuff after the meeting if we can get some storage space arranged by then, but I was *not* remembering that this also means bring gloves and wear hard-toe or at least closed-toe shoes! Check out what else you may have forgotten! Since the convention is next weekend, there's no report on it yet.

The American Federation Newsletter (http://www.amfed.org/news/n2007_10.pdf) has an article on further development of the Future Rockhounds of America badge program, adding 6 new badges to the existing 9 for a total (soon) of 15. This is a terrific program, and really would simplify Junior activities -- now, we just need a coordinator, and some junior members.... There is also an article on the 2007 Inductees to the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame.

Rockhound TV This Month:

This column is still in DIY mode:

PBS: www.wqln.org and www.PBS.ORG ;

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

Travel Channel: <http://travel.discovery.com/> ;

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

Upcoming Shows in the area:

Oct. 5-7, Newark, NY - 24th annual Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Convention; Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club; Quality Inn, 125 N. Main St.; Fri. 12-9, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4; registration forms on Web site, annual EFMLS meeting Fri., competitive exhibits, dig Sun., Diamond Dig at Crystal Grove Mon.; contact Andrea Kords, 50 Commercial St., Webster, NY 14580, (585) 872-3900; e-mail: show@americanhobbyshop.com; Web site: www.americanhobbyshop.com/wcgm/efmls_07show/main.html.

Oct. 20-21, Pittsburg, PA - Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show. Raddison Hotel - Pittsburg Expo Mart - West Wing, 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 888-729-6904, ibs@beadshows.com, www.beadshows.com.

Oct. 27-28, Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Summit Lapidary Club & Akron Mineral Society. Gemboree: Mineral, Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show/Sale. Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-6; minerals, rocks, gems, jewelry; contact Warren Salchak, 330-929-3798 or Carl Miller, 330-633-4250, www.lapidaryclubofohio.org.

Oct. 27-28, Rochester, NY - Rochester Lapidary Society & Mineral Section, Rochester Academy of Sciences. Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Monroe County Fairgrounds, Calkins Rd. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; jewelry, beads, fossils, minerals, children's activities; contact Hollis Heinzerling, 585-343-5304, hheinzer@rochester.rr.com, www.rochesterlapidary.org.

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>).

Reminder: We have to move ALL the club's stuff out of our current location by the end of October, and will need lots of help to get it done! We'll be having "Moving Sessions" instead of Work Sessions on Saturdays this month, and if we're lucky we'll be having "Set-Up Sessions" in November in the new space. Call me (Harriet) at 868-8422 or Bob Gallivan at 454-6770 for more specific information.