



The PRESQUE ISLE PROSPECTOR



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Monthly Meetings, First Saturday at 9:30 AM

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Last Month's Meeting:

Last month we worked on plans for the Gem Show and the Library Display.

This Month's Meeting:

This month our meeting will be Saturday, **July 11th at 9:30 AM**, at the club room at the **Renaissance Centre building at 1001 State Street in downtown Erie** (southeast corner of 10th and State Streets). To find the clubroom, go in the front revolving door of the building on State Street and look for a stairway to the basement on the right-hand side of the lobby right before the small hallway containing the elevators. At the bottom of the stairs or the elevator, you will see the entrance to our space. There is also a parking ramp on the south side of E. 10th Street just east of the Renaissance Centre building (toward French Street), and it should be free to park there on Saturdays.

This is our last meeting before the Gem Show, and it's only **one week before the Gem Show on July 18th & 19th** -- so we will mostly be finalizing plans and sign-up schedules and getting materials together to prepare for transport. We met with the facilities people at the Arena, so hopefully we will be better able to access the various electrical circuits, and have better airflow for ventilation.

We will have plenty of stuff to haul to the arena Friday, and we'll need a few people to help set up tables and cords and stuff. We voted again to have the Friday Night Pot Luck Dinner – even if you can't help set up on Friday, come to the Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30, and bring a dish to share. We'll need to work out who's bringing what to the dinner; remember last year we had some vegetarians, so while the club will still provide Ox Roast sandwiches, think about whether you have a great meatless casserole or salad to bring, or a dessert or whatever.

We will also be signing up for hours to cover the various work stations we need to cover, like the admissions table and the kid's activities – so if you figure you can spend a couple of hours at the show and would be willing to spend one or two sitting at a table, please sign up. We can always fill in with those of us who are at the show open-to-close both days, but we get spread pretty thin sometimes and knowing which hours someone else will take really helps. Of course, even if you can't commit to a time and just show up at the Show, we'd still let you help! ☺

Federation News:

Both Federation Newsletters are on vacation for the summer, but you can still see the June-July issues online at http://www.amfed.org/news/n2009_06.pdf (American Federation) and <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/efjune09.pdf> (Eastern Federation).

Library Window Display:

The Display is in at the Library, and we are again getting compliments on it! It will stay in through the end of July – so go on down and take a look if you have a chance to get downtown to the Blasco Library. Thank you to all those who contributed, and helped in the set-up. If you haven't seen it, stop by!

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Fall Club Project:

Remember that the Fall Club Project is learning to make Tree of Life Pendants like these, so you'll be wanting to shop for Gemstone Chip strands at the show!



Upcoming Shows in the area:

July 11-12 -- Syracuse, NY: 43rd annual show; The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse; Verizon Center of Progress Bldg., State Fairgrounds, I-690; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$6, kids under 12 free, coupon on Web site; more than 50 retail and wholesale dealers, rough, minerals, gems, beads, beading supplies, jewelry, lapidary supplies, fossils, exhibits, demonstrations, hourly door prizes, grand prizes, kids' activities; contact Carlotta Brown, (315) 458-4636; Web site: www.gmss.us

July 18-19—Erie, PA: 40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show; JMC Ice Arena, 423 W. 38th St, Erie, PA; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, seniors \$2, children under 12 free; dealers, displays, children's activities; contact Bob Gallivan, Erie, PA 16505, 427 Colleen Dr., Erie, PA 16505; (814) 454-6770; e-mail: gallivan@lycos.com; Web site: <http://www.gemcityrockclub.org/show.htm> .

July 22-26--Mansfield, OH: 49th annual show, "Fossils: A Walk Through Geologic Time"; Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society; Kingwood Center, 900 Park Ave. W; Wed. 10-5, Thu. 10-5, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; exhibits, demonstrations, club mineral and jewelry sales, no dealers, silent auction Sat.; contact Jay Medici, P.O. Box 56, Sparta, OH 43350, (419) 768-9128; e-mail: jmedici@bright.net

August 14-16--Lebanon, PA: 12th annual show and sale, "Gem Miner's Jubilee"; Mid-Atlantic Gem & Mineral Association; Lebanon Expo Center, Rte. 72 and Rocherty Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; admission \$6, children under 12 free; gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, beads; contact MAGMA, (301) 565-0487; Web site: www.gem-show.com

September 25-27--Cleveland, OH: Show; GemStreet USA; Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Bagley Rd. entrance, 0.5 mile west of I-71 and Bagley Rd.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; adults \$7, seniors (60+) and students (12-17) \$5, under 12 free, ticket good all weekend; fine gems, jewelry, mineral specimens, fossils, beads, findings, display items, Scout badges, discount coupon on Web site; contact Jane Strieter Smith, (216) 521-GEMS (4367); e-mail: spi@stratos.net; Web site: www.gemstreetusa.com

If you're planning to travel, check out the complete online listings at the Lapidary Journal Calendar (<http://www.lapidaryjournal.com/cal1.cfm>), and especially the Rock and Gem Magazine Calendar (<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/showdates.shtml>). There are lots more shows outside daytrip range!

We will have Work Sessions on some Saturdays, depending on interest. Check the club web site or call me (Harriet) at 868-8422 or Bob Gallivan at 454-6770 to find out about any specific Saturday, or to let us know you're interested.