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Monthly Meetings, First Saturday at 9:30 AM

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From the President

We Have some sad news; Mary Thomson has passed away this past Thursday. She was a long time member of our club. We also lost Sue Pysher another long time member. They were both at our Gem show every year to help out. They will be missed very much.

We would like to welcome our two new members,

This Month's Meeting:

This month our meeting will be Saturday, **March 2nd**, 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 club rooms, go in the front revolving door of the building on State Street (just south of the nut shop, which is on the corner), and look for a stairway to the basement on the right-hand side of the lobby right before the small hallway containing the elevators. If you can't take the stairs, the third elevator goes down to the basement level. At the bottom of the stairs or the elevator, you will see the entrance to our space – a door heading into what looks like, well, a restaurant, with a small mirrored lobby.

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 is free to park there on Saturdays!

Dues are Due:

Also, now that we've entered a new Calendar Year, club Dues are due! If you joined at the show last July (2012), your dues are paid through the end of 2013; if not, it's time to pay up again for another year. Dues are as follows:

\$10.00	Junior (under 18 or full-time student)
\$15.00	Individual
\$20.00	Couple (or parent and one child)
\$25.00	Family

The Membership Renewal Form has worked very well in helping your club secretary and treasurer keep track of who paid what for whom, so please do use it again when you mail in your dues or bring it in to the meeting. To remind you, the club address is

Gem City Rock & Mineral Society
P.O. Box 475
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Please try to remember to bring your dues along to the meeting, or mail a check to the club. We will give you a month or two to get your dues in, but those not current on their dues

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will stop getting the newsletter and not be eligible to participate in any club activities! So please help us keep you current by renewing promptly.

Upcoming Shows in the area:

No more shows within day-trip driving distance until spring – but Quartzite has already begun, and Tucson isn't far behind! Plenty of shows in Florida, Texas and California, though, and locally, we can start to look forward to:

February 9-10, Berea, OH – Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show. Cuyahoga Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Rd., Berea, Ohio 44017. <http://beadshows.com/index.jsp> (web site has \$2 coupon)

February 23-24, Pittsburgh, PA – Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show. David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA. <http://beadshows.com/index.jsp> (web site has \$2 coupon)

March 23-24, Sayre, PA -- Annual show; Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club; Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Hall; 211 Herrick Ave.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1, children (under 8) free; museum displays, kids' activities, geode cutting, dealers, minerals, fossils, lapidary, jewelry, UVBob's fluorescent show; contact Inga Wells, 502 Church St., Athens, PA 18810, (570) 731-4396; e-mail: ingawells@yahoo.com; Web site: www.chehannarocks.com

March 23-24, Hamburg, NY – Annual show; Buffalo Geological Society; The Fairgrounds; S. Park Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, children (under 12) free; demonstrations, beads, jewelry, private gem collections, gifts, educational exhibits, drawings; contact Steve Bitz, NY, (716) 773-6386; e-mail: sbirtz@aol.com; Web site: buffalogeological@gmail.com

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