

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**EVENT:** Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society **46th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show:  
Dinosaurs: Featuring a 33' Duckbill Dinosaur Skeleton**

**DATES:** March 20- 21, 2010

**PLACE:** Teamsters Union Hall, 5000 J St. SW, Cedar Rapids

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**ADMISSION:** Requested donations for admission are:

Adults \$2.00

Students (12-18) \$1.00

Children (under 12 with adult) and Youth Groups (with adult) Free. Children must be supervised by an adult.

**BENEFITS:** Proceeds are used for scholarships for geology students at the University of Iowa and Cornell College.

**SHOW THEME FEATURES:**

**Special Exhibit: 33' Duckbill Dinosaur Skeleton, courtesy of Michael & Barbara Sincak, Hollsopple, PA**

**PROGRAMS:**

Bill Desmarais:

“Track'em Down and Dig'em Up,” a program that will detail expeditions to Alberta, Canada, to work on dinosaur footprint trackways and to dig for bones at the famous Barnum Brown Albertosaurus site – 10:00 and 1:00 Sat

“A Tale of Two Pachyrhinosaurus: A New Species from Alberta, Canada” – 10:30 and 2:30 Sun

Don Johnson, “The Fossil Guy”:

“Beast Foot! Predatory Dinosaurs Large and Small” – 11:30 Sat.

“Duck-billed Dinosaurs: Pretty Faces of the Cretaceous” – 2:30 Sat & 12:30 Sun.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:**

Making Dinosaur Footprint Casts

A Pebble Pit with special low-prices on specimens

Fossil Hunt

**OTHER FEATURES:**

Additional exhibits include gems, minerals, fossils, agates, petrified wood, and lapidary arts

Demonstrations of rock polishing, geode cracking, flint knapping, glass bead making, silversmithing, faceting, cabbing, wire wrapping, and beading.

Petrified bone hunt courtesy of Michael and Barbara Sincak, with proceeds going to the Big Brothers Big Sisters, who will run the hunt

The show also includes many items available from dealers, a silent auction, and frequent door prize drawings.

**Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for the purpose of studying the sciences of mineralogy, geology, and paleontology and the arts of lapidary and gemology.**