

CEDAR VALLEY GEMS

CEDAR VALLEY ROCKS & MINERALS SOCIETY
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FEBRUARY 18 MEETING — 7:15

Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 18**, at 7:15 pm at **Rockwell Collins 35th St Plant Cafeteria**, 855 35th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA. (The cafeteria entrance is at the inside corner of the complex, and the doors face 35th St.) **Host:** Sharon Sonnleitner

Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 4** at 7:15 pm at the home of Marv and Sue Houg.

Program: The program will be "The Geology of Gold" by Dr. Bill McClelland from the U of I. Bill McClelland will provide an overview of the geological settings in which gold resources occur, from the placer deposits of the Klondike to the deep mines of South Africa. The presentation will be based on his experience as a mineral exploration geologist in industry and a university-based research geologist."

SHOW COMING UP MARCH 15-16

The 2014 Show will be held March 15th-16th, 2014, at Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids. Hours are 8:30am to 6:00pm on Saturday; 9:30am to 5:00pm on Sunday. This is our 50th show. The theme is "All That Glitters ...," The show also featuring a juvenile T-rex, compliments of Michael and Barbara Sincek. Set up will be Friday, the 14th. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Sign-up sheets for committees and displays will be available at the January meeting.

EXPLORERS SEMINAR SERIES: 7 PM - MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, U OF I NEIL BERNSTEIN FROM MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY, (TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED)

<http://www.uiowa.edu/mnh/programs.html>

The University of Iowa Museum of Natural History hosts UI Explorers Seminars Series monthly on Thursday evenings, featuring interdisciplinary public lectures by researchers from the University of Iowa and beyond who explore science, the environment, prehistory, culture and the interactions of such topics. A cross-section of UI departments are represented in the series each semester, including Anthropology, Geoscience, Environmental Science, Geography, Biological Sciences, and Engineering. The seminars take place monthly on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Museum's Biosphere Discovery Hub. Each program involves an approximately 45 minute lecture, followed by discussion and refreshments from Molly's Cupcakes in Iowa City.

FRI- SAT, FEB 21-22 IOWA CITY DARWIN DAYS

<http://iowacitydarwinday.org/events.html>, Kollros Auditorium, Biology Building East, University of Iowa

MAPS EXPO APRIL 4-6

Sharpless Auctions Facility, I-80, Exit 249, Iowa City. www.midamericapaleontology.org. Paleotom234@comcast.net



Dues were due in December: Check your mailing label to see when your dues expire. (If you joined in the last half of 2013, your dues should not expire before Dec. 2014). Dues are \$15 per family. Please pay at a meeting or send dues to Dale Stout. His address is on the back. If your dues are not paid by

April 1, your membership will lapse.

**CLUB MEETINGS TO MOVE
TO THE
NEW SCIENCE CENTER
ON BLAIRS FERRY ROAD
IN MARCH**

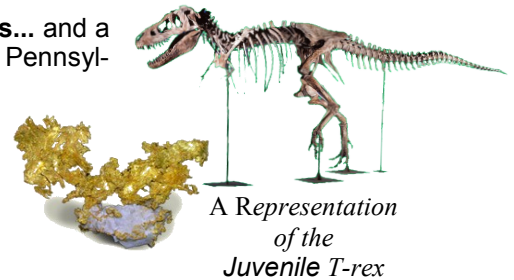
OUR 50TH SHOW IS MARCH 15-16

The countdown is on for our show featuring **Our 50th Show: All That Glitters...** and a special exhibit of a **juvenile T-rex** (courtesy of Michael & Barbara Sincak, Pennsylvania) the weekend of March 15 and 16, with set-up on the 14th.

Door Prizes & Silent Auction: We give out many door prizes each day, and the silent auction runs throughout the show, so we need **LOTS** of rock-related items for both. If you have something to donate, but don't know which is the best place for it, bring it in, and the chairs of the those committees will decide.

Pebble Pit: The Pebble Pit for the children is always a very popular place. If you can go through your collection and do some high-grading, please set aside those specimens which don't quite measure up to your standards. We need **LOTS and LOTS** of material for the Pebble Pit.

Cases: Again this year, we are offering a "community case" - if you don't have enough items to fill a display case, bring a specimen or two (mineral, fossil, jewelry, etc.) with a label and your name and we will put it with others to make a full case.



*A Representation
of the
Juvenile T-rex*

SET-UP DAY FRIDAY—THINGS TO DO AT SET-UP

Starts at 8:30 a.m. March 14

Set chairs in the booths

Put ribbons on Name Tags

Clean glass inside and outside display cases with Windex

Spray inside of display cases with Fabreze, if smelly

Straighten out cloth for case liners

Cover tables when set-up has been checked and electric cords laid out appropriately

Use Wide Paper for skirt & Narrow for top OR the opposite – somebody try it and see which is best - Leave 2" toe-hole at bottom of skirt

Help carry material to pebble pit & silent auction areas

Help set up Bone dig area

Help Dealers move in

POTLUCK FRIDAY NIGHT AT 6:30

Friday night we invite our dealers to be our guests at a pot luck at 6:30. Because we will have extra people eating, plan to bring a large dish or two to share. Drinks will be provided. Our members and dealers always rave about our great pot lucks, so we have a reputation to uphold every year.

CATERED DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT AT 6:15, FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM

HyVee will cater a dinner right after the show closes Saturday. The menu will include beef and chicken, party potatoes, green bean casserole, seven-layer salad; dessert and drinks furnished by the club. Cost is \$11.00. **Please let Marv know if you are planning to attend the dinner (364-2868). Reservations are required.** Following dinner, **Ryan Clark**, from the Iowa Geological and Water Survey Bureau, will present a program on a potential source of billions of dollars of minerals found in NE Iowa. This should be interesting, so plan to attend.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO BRING DESSERTS: To hold down the cost of the catered dinner, we are looking for a few members who can't help in other ways during the show or who just like to cook to bring desserts. We expect 60-70 for the dinner, so 5 or 6 people bringing a dessert should cover it. Please contact Dell James (cycladelics@netins.net; 319-446-7591) if you can help.

MSHA SAFETY TRAINING CLASS MARCH 13

LADD LIBRARY, 3750 WILLIAMS BLVD. SW, CEDAR RAPIDS (OLD TARGET STORE)



The club is paying expenses for John McArdle, Minneapolis, to come a day early for our March show and teach two MSHA-certified safety classes on March 13, the Thursday before our show. Reservations are required for the 2 classes—2:00 and 6:00. Each class lasts 2 hours and ends with a test required for certification. If you are renewing certification, remember to **bring certificate and book to class.**

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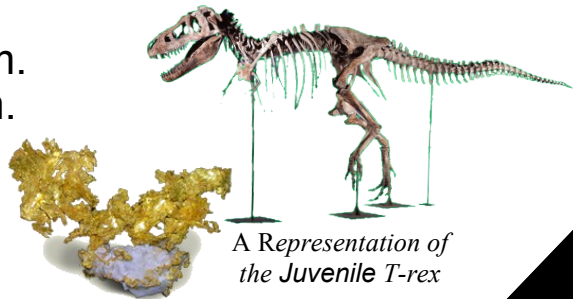
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GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW

Iowa's Largest & Among Midwest's Largest

Saturday March 15 - 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hawkeye Downs Expo Center
4400 6th Street SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa



A Representation of the Juvenile T-rex

OUR 50TH SHOW: ALL THAT GLITTERS...

ALSO FEATURING A JUVENILE T-REX SKELETON

COURTESY OF MICHAEL & BARBARA SINCAK, TREASURES OF THE EARTH

PROGRAMS

Programs on Gold Topics
Call ahead or check our web site for Speakers & Times.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Tumbling
Glass Bead Making
Cabbing, Beading
Silversmithing
Flint Knapping
Geode Cracking

PEBBLE PIT FOR KIDS

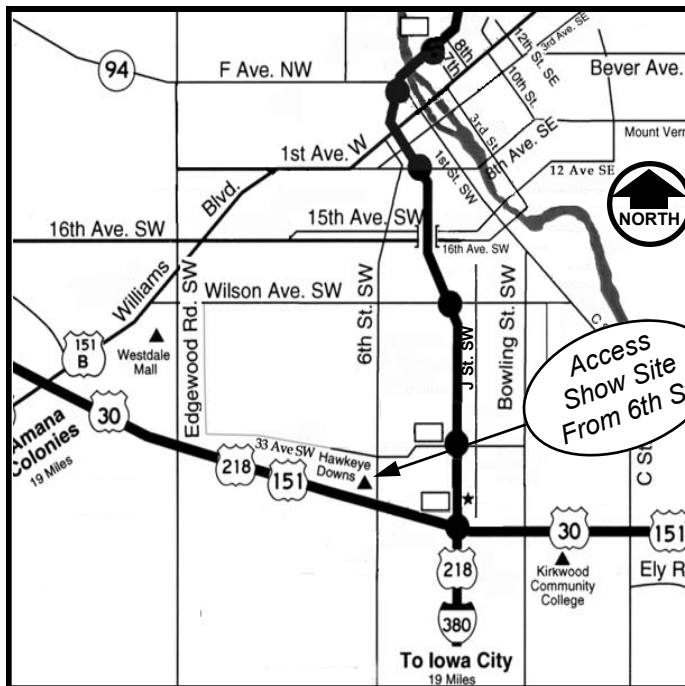
1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, & 50¢ Items
\$1 Rock & Mineral Kits

SILENT AUCTION

Geodes, Minerals, Crystals, etc.

HOT FOOD

PROFITS GO TO
SCHOLARSHIPS



SLUICE FOR GEMS

MANY ITEMS FOR SALE, INCLUDING:

Books	Fossils	Jewelry	Minerals	Book Ends
Opal	Agates	Carvings	Seashells	Petrified Wood
Slabs	Geodes	Crystals	Tumblers	Lapidary Equip.
Gems	Beads	Spheres	Meteorites	Jewelry Findings

DISPLAYS

Gold-Related Displays
Juvenile T-rex
Agates
Minerals
Amethyst
Petrified Wood
Polished Stones
Artifacts
Spheres
Geodes

NOT RESPONSIBLE
FOR ACCIDENTS

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Adults.....\$2.00
Students\$1.00
(12-18)
Children Free
(Under 12)
Youth Groups Free
(w/adult)

CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was organized for the purpose of studying the sciences of mineralogy, geology, and paleontology and the arts of lapidary and gemology. We are members of the Midwest (MWF) and American (AFMS) Federations. Membership is open to anyone who professes an interest in rocks and minerals.

Dues are \$15.00 per family per calendar year and can be sent to Dale Stout, 2237 Meadowbrook Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Visit us at:
www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

The club meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through November and from January through May at 7:15pm at the Rockwell Collins 35th St Plant Cafeteria, Cedar Rapids, IA. The December meeting is a Christmas dinner held on the usual meeting night. June, July, and August meetings are potlucks held at 6:30pm at area parks on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

February Meeting
 Feb. 18 at 7:15



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