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## Message From the President

Finally the long hot summer is over and we have now entered into my favorite time of the year, FALL. The very hot and very dry summer made for poor collecting conditions plus the lack of rain resulted in very dusty conditions in the quarries. That's why it was so ironic that on our last field trip we ended up collecting in the rain for a good part of the day. Many nice fossils and some minerals were found but it sure was muddy and slippery.

We are almost a month removed from another successful auction. As usual there was a wide variety of items for sale with prices ranging from a dollar to over \$300. The main story of the auction though was all the help that we had both in the preparation for the auction and the auction itself. This was also true for the weeks leading up to the auction. It is also really gratifying to see new people getting involved in helping with the auction. It is also a great way to get to know new members of the club. I can't thank everyone enough for all your help in putting on the auction and making it another very successful auction. The proof of our success is that next year's auction is almost fully booked.

The one area where I would like to see better participation is our monthly meetings. We have already had one meeting and a very low attendance. Bill has put together many very good programs so it would be nice if we had a good attendance. I understand that our meetings sometimes may go a little late so we have our programs early in the meeting so if you could make it for the program that would be great. Bill has lined up Ray Anderson as our speaker for the October meeting. Ray is a great speaker and always has very interesting programs so I encourage everyone to attend. Let's have a very nice attendance so we can show our speakers that we truly appreciate the time they spend to put together the programs and come and speak to us.

Remember that we have a field trip on Sunday, October 14. Hope you can make it to the field trip and please try to make it to this month's meeting.

Thanks  
Marv Houg

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Please visit the website for the latest news and updates:

[www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org](http://www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org)



***Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Society Monthly Meeting  
September 18, 2012  
Dell and Dale hosts***

Call to order: 7:25 p.m. by Marv Houg, President.

**Introduction of new members or guests** - Travis Vivian, member first member

Minutes of last meeting reviewed. Corrections to minutes include one typo and incorrect city of Milwaukee to Minnetonka, MN Motion to approve as corrected by Tom second by AJ. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's report by Dale**-Checking account total \$209.90. Dale reported preliminary auction sales. Motion made to approve minutes without the auction figures made by Tom, second by AJ. Treasurer's report approved.

**Monthly Program**

**Bill Desmarais**

**Dinosaur digs in Waugh Quarry and a report of his Hawaiian trip**

**Door Prize**

Travis Vivian

**Old Business**

Auction report by Marv. A successful auction over all. Final figures not yet compiled. A thank you note from Milo was read and will be included in next newsletter. Thank yous expressed to the many volunteers who helped this year. A special thank you to AJ for nighttime security.

Show report-**March 16-17, 2013** Fossils from Iowa with title of "Fabulous Fossil Finds of Iowa". Flyers are printed and ready for distribution.

Marv had a sample of the pamphlet showing various specimens put together by Paul Garvin. \$10.00 each.

The Chicago Field trip scheduled for October 14 has been cancelled. Bill Desmarais emphasized that it was not because of lack of interest, but the increasing gas prices that makes it impractical.

**New Business**

A field trip to Conklin Quarry in conjunction with MAPS this Sunday, October 14. Meet at 8:30 at the gate. Usual rules apply.

**Other business**

Dell asked for input regarding t-shirts. Any ideas for colors let her know. She will bring some samples at next meeting.

Host/hostesses signup sheet available. Next month will be Toby and Julie. There are still many vacancies.

Ray Anderson will speak at next meeting. Subject to be announced.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by AJ, second by Tom. Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dell James, Sec.

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## New Members and Old Friends — Welcome!

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### We Welcome the Following New Members:

**Jim & Vanessa Sayers**

1421 77th St. Trail

Belle Plaine, IA 52208

vwsayers@yahoo.com

**Children:** Drew & Ben

**Main Interests:** All (Main participant would be 12 yr. old Drew)

**Other Hobbies:** 4H, cows, sports, reading

**JJ Buchholz, Kim Hanna, Ceo Arthur**

6475 205th Ave

Anamosa, IA 52205

319-530-7680

**Main Interests:** Fossil collecting, jewelry making

### Renewals

◆ **Andie Burns**

◆ **Blane Phillips**

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## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes — October 2, 2012

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Members Present: Marv Houg, Bill Desmarais, Dale Stout, Tom Whitlatch, Toby Jordan

Call to order: 7:25 PM by Marv, President

**Auction Report** — An estimated profit of \$4500 was presented by Dale Stout. Tom suggested that transportation of "lots" should be burdened by the seller. Marv will check previous meeting minutes to determine the consensus of this discussion. Next year the RV Park's fees will increase from \$850 to \$1050. Marv asked if there was any chance of moving the auction date up so it does not conflict with the Denver show. Dale will check to see if an earlier show date is possible.

**MSHA Training** — Marv stated that Deb had an interest in attending the next session. A larger location should be considered to support a larger possible attendance. The Marion Public Library and Hills Bank on Blairs Ferry were suggested as alternate locations to the Cedar Rapids Public Library in Westdale Mall. More information to follow.

**Upcoming Show** — Dale will talk to Cornell to see if they are coming. Items and theme for the show are to be coordinated between Tiffany and Ray. Marv is concerned that the interest in the Silent Auction is going down because of its current location. Need to investigate possible move or relocation for more visibility.

**Other Business** — Dale will apply for a permit that will allow the club to do raffles. Tom asked if we needed to vote for dealers, or 1) Continue with the same dealers unless someone drops out, 2) Vote if a change occurs, 3) Add an electric surcharge. Marv will discuss this with Sharon. Bill asked if elections for November are needed for the Director positions. It was stated that officer elections happen every two years. Leonard Moellers is up for election. The nominating committee will be appointed in the November meeting. Dale received a brochure from Allegra offering to donate \$5 in our name to a nonprofit organization for an order of \$100 or more. Toby will mention brochure and ask if this applies to e-mail orders since this is how the newsletter is sent to them. The top two candidates are the CR Science Center and the Indian Creek Nature Center. Dale is trying to see if the club is willing to offer \$50 to the Cedar Rapids' kids that found the Bison Bone then donate it. Bill motioned to spend \$50 to the bison head for donation. Tom seconded the motion. Dale will follow up with the \$50 offer. See related story on page 7.

**Club Library** — It still needs a new home. It will be discussed at the club meeting to decide whether to dispose via a silent auction or by donating it.

**Upcoming Field Trips** — Conklin Quarry Oct. 14. Dale to check on possible trips to Keota and Coughan. The Basic Materials open house is this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM by Marv.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Jordan, Acting Secretary

## Local Calendar of Events — Provided by Dale Stout

- 1) Mon. Oct. 1 - 7 p.m. Connections program. Kirkwood Ballantyne auditorium The Decorah Eagle Cam
- 2) Thurs. Oct. 4 - reservations due for History Center fundraiser (Oct.11) - flyer on Page 8
- 3) Sun. Oct. 7 - BMC Aggregates Annual Open House at the Quarry, Morgan Quarry, Waterloo
- 4) Place your orders for the 2013 Gem Shop Calendars
- 5) Wanted: Someone in town to take over club library.

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### 1) Mon. Oct. 1 - 7 p.m. Connections program. Kirkwood Ballantyne auditorium

The Decorah Eagle Cam

<http://linncountyconservation.wordpress.com/2012/09/21/global-internet-sensation-to-land-at-kirkwood/>

#### Global Internet Sensation to Land at Kirkwood

*The man behind the Decorah Eagle Cam is scheduled to speak at free public event.*

You've seen them from before they were born. Now, hear their story. Bob Anderson, the director of the Raptor Research Project, will speak about the world famous Decorah, Iowa, Bald Eagle Cam, in a free presentation at Kirkwood Community College, on Monday, October 1, at 7 p.m. in Ballantyne Auditorium.

Anderson will share insights from the young eagles in Decorah, growing from newly hatched babies to fledglings on the wing. He will address new insights into eagle behavior and talk about solar-powered satellite transmitters placed on young eagles and other birds across the country.

In 2011, over 200 million viewers from 184 countries watched the eagle cam.

An avid falconer, Anderson trapped his first raptor, a Red-tailed hawk, in 1960, then started working with raptors in 1971, while employed at the Science Museum of Minnesota. At that time, many species were in decline and several, including the Peregrine falcon and Bald eagle, were threatened with extinction. Anderson began breeding Peregrine falcons for release and recovery efforts, producing many of the first Peregrine falcons to be released in the Midwest.

Anderson pioneered a program to attract falcons to utility company stacks, launched a controversial breeding and release program to return falcons to Mississippi river cliffs, and lead a team of volunteer observers and climbers to monitor and band birds of prey on stacks, cliffs, water towers and other high places.

Anderson's future plans include a pilot kestrel recovery program, the addition of more cliff-mounted nest boxes along the Mississippi river, and five more bird cams: two peregrine cams, a turkey vulture cam, a Red-tailed hawk cam and a Screech owl cam. Although Anderson has expanded far beyond his original intent of breeding and releasing Peregrine falcons, he remains dedicated to telling its story. "The peregrine's near extinction and recovery sends a message that we can make a difference. I can't imagine a more important message to give people, especially young people, today," Anderson said.

This free event is sponsored by Linn County Connections. Connections is a consortium of natural science departments from Cornell College, Coe College, Mount Mercy University, Kirkwood Community College, Kennedy High School and the United Nations, plus a number of natural resource and environmental groups from Linn County.

**NOTE:** CVRMS helps sponsor the Connections programs

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## Local Calendar of Events — Continued

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### 2) Thurs. Oct. 4 - Reservations are due for History Center Fundraiser on Oct.11 (Brochure on page 8)

<http://www.historycenter.org/>

Rock Club members, For those of you into Jazz and a fun time this is something to attend. A lot of nice things to bid on. They would like reservations by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks

Marv

### 3) Sun. Oct. 7 - BMC Aggregates Annual Open House at the Quarry, Morgan Quarry

BMC Aggregates Annual Open House Sunday at the Quarry, Morgan Quarry, Oct 7th

Sunday At the Quarry program for 2012, to be held on October 7, 2012, at the BMC Aggregates Morgan Quarry located on East Donald Road (west of Dewar, IA) and just east of the intersection of Elk Run Road and East Donald Road.

The event is open from 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday, 10/7/12.

The Black Hawk Gem and Mineral Society will be assisting with Collecting Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils - Lots Of Volunteers needed - it is a LOT of fun.

Youth Groups, the General Public, and everyone interested in learning more about the Earth Sciences is invited to this Event.

We will need lots of club volunteers so please mark your calendar and reply back letting me know what times you have available. One hour, two, all day, we will use what you have. We will set up between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Needed will be people to setup and man our club display table; distribution of flyers and materials; hand out of hard hats, glasses, and hammers; rock pile supervision and assisting children and adults collecting minerals and fossils; crowd and traffic control. In the past we have helped with parking; loading of the tour bus into the quarry; safety and guidance (keeping people away from walls etc.) down in the quarry; as well as a number of other activities.

Please reply back letting us know the time you can volunteer.

Thank You,

Glen Rocca  
BHGMS Field Trip Coordinator  
319-269-8168

### 4) Place your orders for the 2013 Gem Shop Calendars

I will try to get the calendars ordered a little earlier this year. Let me know if you want any at the next meeting (October 16) or email me ([dhstout55@aol.com](mailto:dhstout55@aol.com)). The cost is dependent on the number of orders but it will probably be about \$7.50.

### 5) WANTED: Someone in town to take over club library.

Leslie Blin has been our long time librarian but she is unable to make it to the meetings anymore and would like to pass on the library to someone else - someone preferably in the Cedar Rapids metropolitan area that has room for it. If you are interested - let one of the board members know. (You will make her son very happy because he would like to reclaim the space)



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## Local Calendar of Events — Continued

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Remember, next week is a field trip! and the October meeting

### 6) Sun. Oct 14 - 9:00 - ? - Joint MAPS/ CVRMS field trip to Conklin Quarry, Coralville

FIELD TRIP TO CONKLIN QUARRY SUNDAY, Oct.14

Meet at the main entrance to Conklin at 8:45 to sign in and get safety instructions. Enter the quarry at 9:00. This is a lock-in quarry; that is, the gate is locked behind us and no one can enter or leave (except in an emergency) until noon, when a group will be let out. Others can come in at that time if they are waiting at the gate. The rest of the group will leave at about 4:00.

This is a "hard-rock" working quarry. All field trippers should have the appropriate safety equipment, such as hard hat, eye protection and steel-toed or other sturdy shoes. All children should be closely supervised. Possible finds include: millerite, coral heads, horn corals, brachiopods, bryozoans, trilobites, crinoids and maybe cephalopods, fish parts, and blastoids. Useful tools include: rock hammers, cold chisels, sledges and pry bars. Bring your own water and lunch.

**NOTE:** You must be a member of CVRMS or MAPS to attend this field trip but you can join at the gate.

To save time, download and fill out the club liability waiver at [www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org](http://www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org)

Travel to I-80 in Iowa City/Coralville. The quarry entrance is just north of I-80 at exit #242 (1st Ave), across the street from the Hampton Inn parking lot. Contact Marv with questions: [m\\_houg@yahoo.com](mailto:m_houg@yahoo.com)

### 7) Tue. Oct. 16 - 7:15 October meeting of CVRMS - Rockwell Collins 35th St. Cafeteria - check newsletter or website for more details. (Ray Anderson will be the speaker!)

## 5,000 Year-Old Bison Skull Found in Downtown Cedar Rapids

As reported by

## The Gazette

A 5,000-year-old bison skull was found in downtown Cedar Rapids by some teenagers while fishing near the 5 in 1, or rolling, Dam. Sixteen-year-old Cody Sprague, of Cedar Rapids, says he and his friends were using a net to catch some minnows when the net got snagged. One of the teens went into the water and found that the net had gotten caught on the skull.

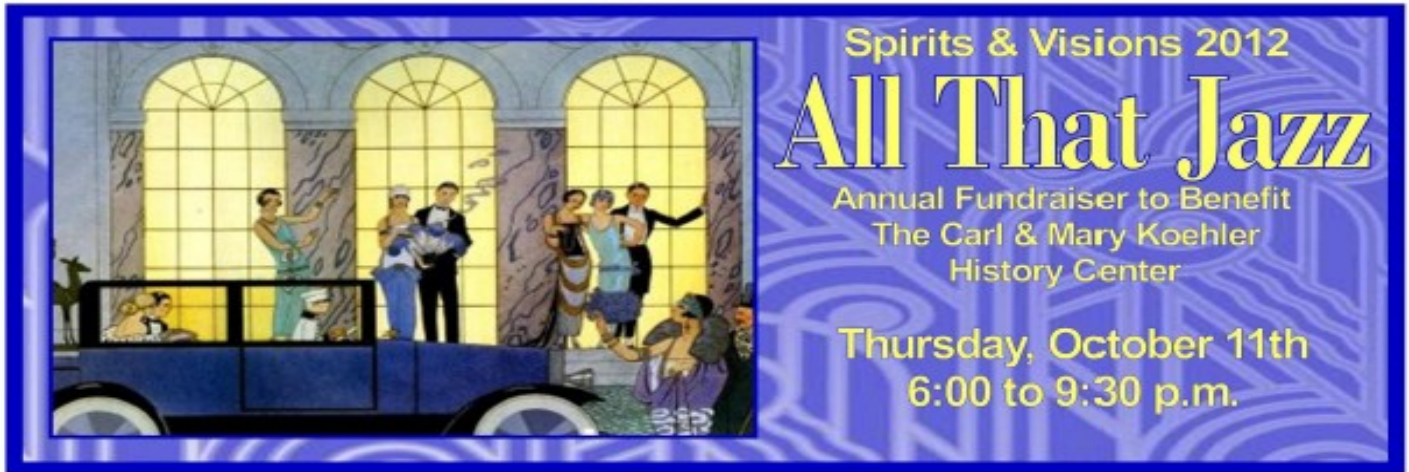


Noah Ruzicka, 15, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, holds a male bison skull that was estimated to be 5,000 years old in a laboratory in Iowa Hall at the University of Iowa on Sept. 19, 2012, in Iowa City, Iowa. The skull was found by Cody Sprague, 16, while he and Noah were trying to catch minnows and shad as bait in the Cedar River in downtown Cedar Rapids.

University of Iowa professor emeritus Holmes Semken says bison roamed the area thousands of years ago, but he said it's rare to find some of their remains. He said the skull likely went into the river during the 2008 flooding. Sprague is undecided on whether to keep the skull, sell it, or donate it.



U of I Professor Emeritus Holmes Semken touches a male bison skull that he estimated to be 5,000 years old in a laboratory at the University of Iowa on Sept. 19, 2012. Semken estimated the age by measuring the spread of the rack.



Event held at the

**National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library**

1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids



**6:00 - 6:45pm**

**Cocktail Reception • Mingle with 1920's "Spirits" •  
Bid on Silent Auction Items**

**7:00pm**

**Sumptuous Dinner Buffet by Winifred's**

**7:45pm**

**Dessert • Jazz Stylings of the Eddie Piccard Quartet**

**8:30pm**

**Close of Silent Auction**

***\$45 for History Center Members / \$50 for Non-Members***

For more information, call (319) 362-1501 ext. 11 or email  
[office@historycenter.org](mailto:office@historycenter.org)



## Photo Gallery from the September 2012 Auction

Provided by Dell James  
Captions provided by Sharon Sonleitner



Michelle Johnson, Dale Stout — Clerk, Marv Houg — Auctioneer, Tom Whitlatch & Matthew Halfman — Spotters



Marv, Bob, Tom & Andrew Halfman with the auction in full swing.



A good crowd gathered and stayed for the whole auction.



Hot food was available both days.

## Calendar of Events for Oct./Nov. — Courtesy of MWF

### OCTOBER

**6-7: JACKSONVILLE, AR.** Central Arkansas Gem, Mineral & Geology Society's 40th Annual Show; Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Dr.; Sat. & Sun. 9-5; CONTACT: David Murray, 218 Old Hwy. 11 S., Hazen, AR 72064, 870.255.3679, david-mur99@hotmail.com.

**6-7: JEFFERSON, WI.** The Rock River Valley Geological Society's 39th Annual Gem and Mineral Show; Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson St., south of I-94 off of WI-26 & US-18; Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-4; CONTACT: Bill Jeske at 608.757.1166 or imaginationboundless@yahoo.com, or Steven Streich, 608.655.1011 between 1 & 5 p.m.

**6-7: SPRINGFIELD, IL.** Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society's Annual Show; Illinois Bldg., Illinois State Fairgrounds; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: John Washburn, 107 Deer Creek Rd., Rochester, IL 62563, 217.498.7713, jrwashburn3@att.net.

**12-14: WARREN, MI.** Michigan Mineralogical Society's Annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show; Macomb Sports & Expo Center on the South Macomb CC Campus, Building P, Hayes Rd. between 11½ & 12 Mile; Fri. 11-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; CONTACT: Stan Woollams, 3443 Daleview, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, 734.994.3048, wwooll@comcast.net.

**13: CLARKSVILLE, IN.** The Falls of the Ohio State Park and the Falls of the Ohio Foundation's Earth Discovery Day; Falls of the Ohio State Park, 201 West Riverside Drive, Clarksville, IN; Sat 9:30-5:30; CONTACT: Alan Goldstein at agoldstein@dnr.in.gov, 812-280-9970 ext. 403.

**13-14: ROSEVILLE, MN.** Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club's Fall Show; Har Mar Mall, 2100 Snelling; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; CONTACT: Martha Miss, 651-459-0343, info@rock-biz.biz.

**16: WYOMING, MI.** Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club's Annual Silent Auction Sale; Wesley Park United Methodist Church, 1150 32nd Street SW; Tues. 7-9 p.m.; CONTACT: Ed Krzeminski, 616.530.9571, www.indianmoundsrockclub.com.

**19-21: FORT WAYNE, IN.** Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society's 51st Annual Show; Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd.; Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5; CONTACT: Michele Yamanaka, 4336 Charter Ln., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815, 260.424.5070, yamanakam@cs.com.

**20-21: CHICAGO HTS, IL.** South Suburban Earth Science Club's 43rd Annual Show; Prairie State College, 202 S. Halsted St.; Sat. & Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: Jan Podbielski, P.O. Box 911, Peotone, IL 60450, 708.258.3791, ssescus@yahoo.com.

**20-21: CLIO, MI.** The Flint Rock & Gem Club's 45th Annual Gem - Jewelry - Mineral Show and Sale; Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr.; Sat. & Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: Ed Hearn, 810.687.2339, www.flintrockandgem.org.

**20-21: COTTAGE GROVE, MN.** Minnesota Mineral Club's Annual Show; National Guard Training & Community Center, 8180 Belden Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10 - 4; CONTACT: Sandy, info@minnesotamineralclub.org, or Phil 763.717.1641.

**20-21: DES MOINES, IA.** Des Moines Lapidary Society's Annual Show; William Knapp Animal Learning Center; Iowa State Fairgrounds, E. University Ave. Gate; Sat. 9-7, Sun. 9-5; CONTACT: Steve Cunningham, 6752 SE 32nd Ave., Pleasant Hill, IA, 515.262.4578, steverv@mchsi.com.

**20-21: OZARK, MO.** Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society's Gem & Jewelry Show; Expo Center; CONTACT: Eddie Maples, 417.725.3001.

**21: ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI.** Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society's Jewel, Gem & Bead Blast; Lakeshore K of C Hall, 25003 Little Mack Ave.; Sat. 9-4; CONTACT: Sue Jansen, 313.527.7001 or Ron Rolfe, 586.726.1578, yrrdfe2@wowway.com.

**27-28: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH.** Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society's Fall Gemboree; Emidio's Party Center, 48 E. Bath Rd.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: Bob Powers, 440.237.6170, AkronMineralNews@aol.com.

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## Calendar of Events for Oct./Nov. — Courtesy of MWF (Continued)

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**27-28: DAVENPORT, IA.** Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Club's Fall Show; Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W. Locust St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-3:30; CONTACT: 563.445.3034. **27-28: EVANSVILLE, IN.** Evansville Lapidary Society's 46th Annual Show; Washington Square Mall, 1138 Washington Square Mall; CONTACT: Ruth Reisinger, 5012 Harvest Ct., Evansville, IN 47711 812.424.7618, rrrdr@wowway.com.

### NOVEMBER

**2-4: CLEVELAND, OH.** Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Micromineral Symposium; Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle; Fri. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; CONTACT: Dick Green, 1745 13th St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, 330.929.2395, jgreen2@neo.rr.com.

**3: TAYLOR, MI.** Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society's Annual Auction; Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd.; Sat. 10-5; CONTACT: Leonard Swischer, 30 Orchard, River Rouge, MI 48218, 313 .84 1 .160 6 , skyhook1932@aol.com.

**3-4: MIDLAND, MI.** Mid-Michigan Rock Club's Annual Show, Midland Convention Center, 1500 W. Wackerly St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; CONTACT: Deb Acord, 55 Star Rd., Sanford, MI 48657, 989.689.4840, jackdanred1@aol.com.

**3-4: STURTEVANT, WI.** Racine Geological Society's Annual Show; Fountain Banquet Hall, 8505 Durand; Sat. & Sun. 10-5; CONTACT: John Lowman, 3223 Spruce St., Racine, WI 53403, 262.554.5370.

## Lost Items



Two large spoons with curved handles went missing at the Geode Cracking Picnic on July 17. If found, please return to Julie Whitlatch.

## Submission of Articles

Please send submissions for publication in the Cedar Valley Gem newsletter to the Editor no later than the first day of the previous month. For example, August 1 for the September issue. Advance items are appreciated.

Material may be e-mailed to Toby Jordan at [rejjordan79@msn.com](mailto:rejjordan79@msn.com), or submitted via the U.S. Mail:

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Acceptable e-mail formats include:

Microsoft Word (.DOC & DOCX), Adobe (.PDF), rich text format (.RTF), or plain text (.TXT). Pictures must be in png, jpg, tiff, or gif format. If e-mailing an article, it may be included within the body of the e-mail message or sent as an attachment.

**Looking forward to receiving an article from you!**

**TOBY JORDAN, EDITOR**

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October 2012

Postage  
Required

**Ray Anderson, PhD, The University of Iowa**

Will Present at the Oct. 16th Meeting:  
"The Billion Year-Old Midcontinent Rift System"  
Be sure to attend this exciting presentation!



Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society was organized for the purpose of studying the sciences of mineralogy, geology, and the arts of lapidary 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 on the web at:  
[www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org](http://www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org)

The club meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through November and from January through May at 7:15 PM 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 6:30 PM at area parks on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.