



THE AMMONITE

Affiliated with RMFMS & AFMS

Next meeting:

6:00 p.m.

January 11, 2024

Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center

Rapid City, SD 57701

It is always rock hunting time!

The Purpose of our Non-Profit Club is to promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, to sponsor and promote the coordination of work efforts between groups and individuals





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Western Dakota Gem and Mineral Society

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Meetings: Second Thursday of each Month (except August) at 6:00 PM (times can change)

At: Minneluzahan Senior Citizen Center, 315 North 4th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

ANY SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE IN BY THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH

Any questions about the material found in the Ammonite please contact the editor:

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If you change your address, email address or have a problem receiving a newsletter:

Please Contact the Treasure at westdakota.rocks@gmail.com

Dues: \$15.00 per person - \$20 per family with children under 18 years – Includes 12 newsletters by e-mail. If you chose to receive the newsletter by mail, there is an additional \$10.00 fee. Dues cover the RMFMS insurance and an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Send dues to Treasurer, PO Box 1954, Rapid City, SD 57709-1954

December Minutes

Before the 2023 Holiday party began the WDGMS held a brief meeting.

Meeting called to order by Kelli at 6:00 pm. There were 20 members and 5 guests in attendance. Welcome new members Mimi Lancsak and Curtis & Beverly Huus.

Kelli asked if there was a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Debbie motioned to approve and Larisa seconded. Motion passed.

Leslie reviewed the treasurer's report. Pete motioned to approve the report and Myesa seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kelli informed the club that a decision was made by the board members for the 2024 Gem and Mineral Show venue. The location will be at the Fairgrounds the Nerdy Nuts Expo Building (former Soule Building). Dates of the show are July 27 & 28, 2024 (Sat. & Sun.) with July 26th (Fri.) as the set up day. The building is twice as large as last year's show. We will be able to have 16 show cases this year. Anyone interested in helping with the show please contact Debbie Vick @ 605-877-6957.

Next meeting in January our guest speaker will be Don Hamm from the Black Hills Prospecting Club. Don's father, Robert Hamm, was a long time member of WDGMS.

On Saturday, January 13, 2024 we will have our first field trip of the new year. We will be visiting the Museum of Geology at SDSMT.

Since the winter is getting into the worst months, here is the policy concerning meetings:

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If the media announces that Rapid City Schools are closed, then the Club will NOT be holding a meeting.
Doors will be locked. Stay home and stay safe.

President's message

Thank you to all that showed up to the Holiday party. Great food and great fun playing Rock Bingo. I would like to thank Deb Bailey for the wonderful door prizes.

The 2024 show has been set for July 27th and 28th at the fairgrounds in the Soule building (Nerdy Nuts). There will be plenty of show cases, if anyone is interested in showing off there rocks or minerals. Please let Deb Vick know if you are interested in a show case or a vendor spot. Happy New Year!
Hope to see all you in the New Year.

Kelli Wold
President

Treasurer/Librarian's Report

All bills are paid through the end of the year. We received thank you letters from the School of Mines Foundation and the AFMS for our Scholarship donations.

The Librarian will be bringing some of the Club books to the meeting and will e-mail the list of library books we own the first week of January.

Events for the upcoming months:

1/11/2024 General Meeting – Guest speaker Don Hamm , VP of the Black Hills Prospecting Club

1/13/2024 Field Trip – SDSMT Geology Museum

2/8/2024 General Meeting – Guest speaker Kayleigh Johnson, SDSMT, Rock Identification

2/11/2024 Field Trip – TBD

3/14/2024 General Meeting – Guest speaker Mickey Snook, Map reading & locations for rock hounding

3/16/2024 Field Trip – TBD

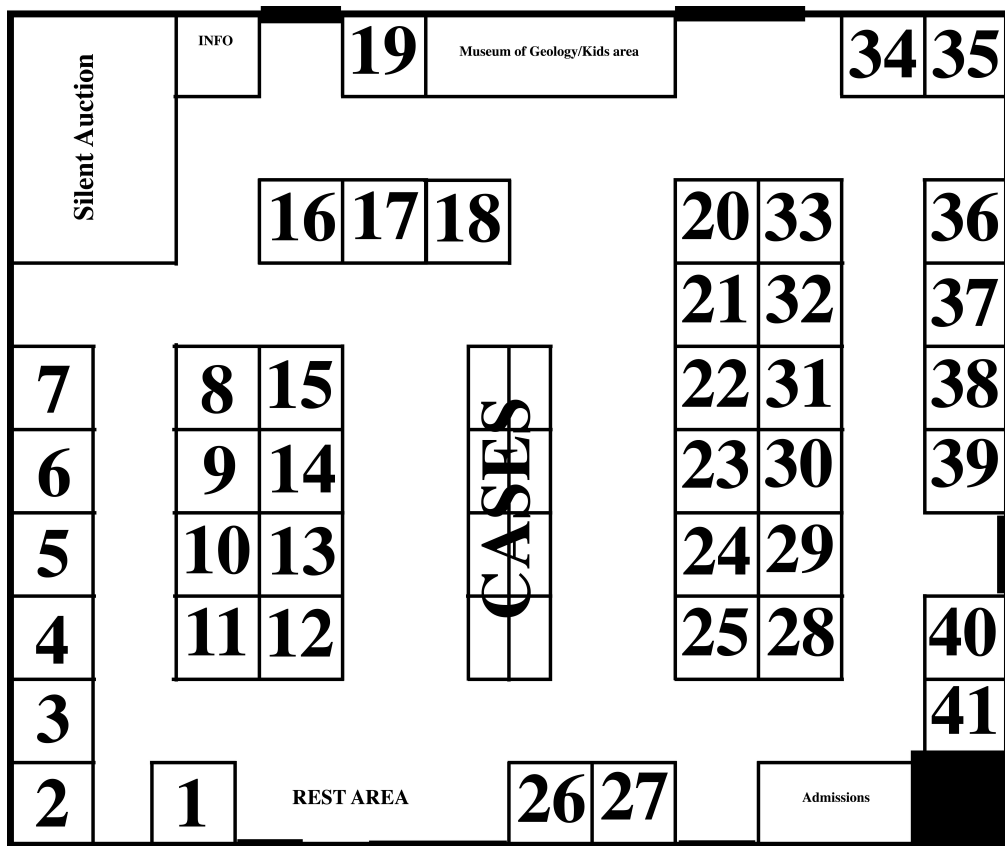
Instead of the customary article in the Ammonite, the updated information on the 2024 WDGMS show will be included.

2024 WDGMS Show

The venue has been chosen. It will be at the Fairgrounds again, but will be located in the Soule/ Nerdy Nuts Expo Hall. Leslie and Debbie Vick measured the inside dimensions and discovered the the venue will be large enough to accomidate lots of vendors, 16 showcases, a large silent ausction area and plenty of room for kid's area, Museum of Geology, and a nice rest area with tables and chairs. If the small addition to the building is completed in time the club may even have guest speakers.

The vendor contract have already been sent out and we are getting a excellent response. Seven vendors have requested spaces including one of the clubs long time members.

Here is the floor plan of venue. Feel free to contact Debbie Vick with any questions or concerns.



Please note: The space between the Information table and the Silent Auction table will be adjusted.

As for committee members, they are as listed:

Debbie Vick: Show Chair and Vendor coordinator

Kelli Wold: Silent Auction

Leslie Lysenko: Treasurer, Publicity

Deb Bailey: Publicity

Rod Woodcock: Show Cases

Upcoming Area Shows

Most of this information was obtained from www.rockandmineralshows.com. Please check the website for other shows across the country and in Canada.

January shows abound, and not just in Tucson. For those heading to Florida, New Jersey, Louisiana, California, Hawai'i, and other locations in Arizona, you'll find shows waiting for you.

H & R Gem Shows St Petersburg Gem Show

Start Date: 1/12/2024 - End Date: 1/14/2024

Hours: 10:00 - 5:00

The Coliseum

535 Fourth Ave N

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Website: <http://hrgemshows.com/>

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society Show

Start Date: 1/20/2024 - End Date: 1/21/2024

Hours: Sat 10:00 - 6:00 Sun 10:00 - 5:00

Volusia County Fairgrounds

3150 E New York Ave

DeLand, FL 32724

Website: <http://tomokagms.org/>

Gila County Gem and Mineral Show

Start Date: 1/12/2024 - End Date: 1/14/2024
Hours: Fri/Sat 9:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00
Gila County Fairgrounds
900 E Fairgrounds Rd
Globe, AZ 85501
Website: <http://www.gilagem.org/>

Flagg Gem & Mineral Show - Their 4th Annual Show

Start Date: 1/5/2024 - End Date: 1/7/2024
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00
Mesa Community College
1833 W Southern Ave
Mesa, AZ 85202
Website: <http://flaggmineralfoundation.org/>

Miners Co-Op Rock Show

Start Date: 1/26/2024 - End Date: 2/11/2024
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00
Mike Jacobs Sports Park
6901 N Casa Grande Hwy
Marana, AZ

Geology Museum Open House & Mineral Sale

Start Date: 1/27/2024 - End Date: 1/27/2024
Hours: 9:00 - 8:00
Rutgers State University, Geology Hall 2nd Floor
85 Somerset St
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Website: <https://geologymuseum.rutgers.edu/annual-open-house>

The Whole Bead Show

Start Date: 1/5/2024 - End Date: 1/6/2024
Hours: 10:00 - 6:00
The Blaisdell Center - Hawaii Suites
777 Ward Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96814
Website: <http://www.wholebead.com/>

New Orleans Bead & Jewelry Show

Start Date: 1/5/2024 - End Date: 1/7/2024
Pontchartrain Center - Hall C
4545 Williams Blve
Kenner, LA 70065
Website: <https://aksshow.com/>

Gem Faire

Start Date: 1/12/2024 - End Date: 1/14/2024
Del Mar Fairgrounds
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd
Del Mar, CA 92014
Website: <https://gemfaire.com/>

January kicks off an array of shows in Quartzsite. If you prefer to camp, hike, mountain bike, rock hound, or do various other kinds of outdoor exploring, Quartzsite is the place for you. Their shows start on New Year's Day and run through the end of February. There are lots of things to see and lots of things to do. The Quartzsite show area is a true adventure.

Desert Gardens Rock, Gem & Mineral Show

Start Date: 1/1/2024 - End Date: 2/29/2024
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 Seven Days a Week
Desert Gardens Show Grounds
1055 Kuehn Rd
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Website: <http://www.desertgardensrockgemandmineralshow.com/>

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

Start Date: 1/5/2024 - End Date: 1/14/2024
Hours: 9-5
Tyson Wells Show Grounds
121 W Kuehn St
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Website: <http://www.tysonwells.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tysonwellsquartzsite>

Quartzsite Miners Coop

Start Date: 1/5/2024 - End Date: 1/21/2024
Hours: 9-5
Tumbleweed RV Park
600 East Kuehn
Quartzsite, AZ
Website: <http://therockminers.com/>

PowWow Gem & Mineral Show

Start Date: 1/17/2024 - End Date: 1/21/2024

Hours: 9:00 - 5:00

QIA Show Grounds

235 E Ironwood

Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Website: <http://www.qiaarizona.org/>

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama Show

Start Date: 1/19/2024 - End Date: 1/28/2024

Hours: 9-5

Tyson Wells Show Grounds

I10 & Hwy 95

Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Website: <http://www.tysonwells.com/>

Now for a lighter side of life as a Rock-hound

Readers look forward to new material in the upcoming months.

As for now have a Happy New Year and stay safe!