

EL PASO MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY, Inc.
P.O. Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931
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All Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 2216 East Yandell (The Bridge Club), El Paso TX. Board Meetings will usually be held a half hour prior to the general meeting.

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The Voice

The Voice is the official bulletin of the Society and is published monthly. All articles must be in the editor’s possession by the Thursday following the monthly meeting. Any articles received after that will not be published until the following month. Please note Charlie Christensen’s e-mail address: charlieenos@msn.com. Please e-mail articles to be published. Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Permission is granted to reprint material from other sources provided that credit is properly cited. Ads are accepted from members for publication at no charge for the sale or exchange of items pertaining to the hobby. **A Note from Charlie:** I would like any kind of shop hint, camping hint, or safety tip type input. Or, if you have other tidbits that you think might be of interest to a bunch of crazy rock hounds please do not hesitate to submit. If I have room and it’s pertinent I will input it into the newsletter. My goal is to make this a newsy newsletter.

The El Paso Mineral and Gem Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The purpose of this Society shall be to increase and disseminate knowledge about minerals and other geologic materials; to encourage mineral study, collecting and fashioning as a hobby; to conduct meeting, lectures, displays, field trips, and to sponsor shows for the general edification of the public.

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be 24 Jan 2008 at 6:30 PM. This is an Eatin’ Meeting, Officer Installation and the Club’s Birthday. Everyone bring some goodies to share and help us celebrate our Club’s 61st Birthday.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

This schedule has changed and until I get specific dates and times I can not post this information with any accuracy. **Anyone from the School Board please advise me of your meeting schedule so that I may post it accurately.**

ADDRESS CHANGES

NOTE: Anyone who has a change in mailing address or phone number please send e-mail to Charlie Christensen at charlieenos@msn.com If you do not have e-mail capabilities & can’t get hold of Lydia please send notification addressed to EPM&GS Membership, PO Box 31516, El Paso TX 79931. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello and Happy New Year! I hope all had a good holiday. I am now broke and need something to do. I think I'll go walking around looking for rocks, cutting and polishing them and hanging out with you strange people. Sounds great to me!

Thanks to all who made our 2007 Rock and Mineral Show an outstanding success. Again, our volunteers stepped up and knocked another one out of the park. Great Job Everyone! Our Christmas party was very fattening and some of the gifts were different.

I just got back from an annual trip Linda and I take to Florida every December. As usual it was warm and the beaches were nice and clean. The gulf was still warm enough to go swimming and I could see the Christmas lights as I floated along. This time was different. I had contacted the Tampa Bay Rock Club to find out about the area I was going to. As always, I was a day late and dollar short. That club was going to the Peace River for a fossil hunt on the day I was to land in Florida. There are no rocks in Florida just sand, chert and some calcite. Yet they have a lot of fossils. If you get a chance check out their web page or the Tampa Fossil Club web page for more information. (<http://tampabayrockclub.com/> & <http://www.tampabayfossilclub.com/>).

I did communicate with their President who is their Field Trip Chair too. Poor dude, not to be confused with the one of our members who secret surfer name is Dude. Whose identity shall never be revealed. "What goes on in our field trips stays in our field trip." The president told me about finding fossilized shark teeth not far from where I was staying. Linda and I went to the Venice beach area with sun screen and water wings and low and behold I found small

black shark's teeth estimated to be around three million years old. I was hoping for a "Meglodon Shark" tooth but I was more than happy to find what I did.

Not only did I find fossils, but I've made a new rock hound friend. I also sent out an invitation for their club members to join us when in our area. That's the way I want to start the New Year. Perhaps I'll make their Peace River trip next year.

Just note here on customer service from Barranca Diamond. I sent back a diamond brazed 170 / 220 diamond wheel that developed a bald spot. I got a nice apology letter from the VP of the company stating that the wheel was going to be replaced free of charge. That's kind of rare these days. Now what would really, really be great if they now actually send me my wheel back!

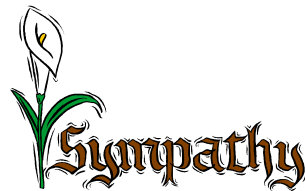
With great sadness and suddenness, member and friend Oscar Lopez passed away December 11. He was a good friend and an enthusiastic lapidarian whose curiosity was a joy to be around.

Thanks Matthew Durning



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

For those of you who are celebrating one or both of these occasions in the month of January Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary.



Our condolences go out to the Family of Oscar Lopez. Oscar was an enthusiastic member of our club and was very active in taking classes at our school. We will miss him.

BIRTHSTONE FOR JANUARY – ROSE QUARTZ

Rose quartz is one of the most desirable varieties of quartz. The pink to rose red color is completely unique, unlike any other pink mineral species. The color is caused by iron and titanium impurities.

Rose quartz is used as an ornamental stone and as a gemstone. Although rose quartz is usually too cloudy to be used as a cut gemstone, a few exceptional pieces are found with enough clarity and color to make fine gems. Most gemmy rose quartz is used as cabochons where the clarity is not as important as the color. Rose quartz is also a very attractive ornamental stone and is carved into popular spheres, pyramids, obelisks, figurines and ornate statues.

Rose quartz is found in Madagascar, India, Germany and several localities in the USA. Much rose quartz was extracted from a famous site near Custer, South Dakota, but now, most of the worlds supply of good carvable rose quartz comes from Brazil.

Brazil is also the only source of true well formed crystals of rose quartz. All rose quartz was believed to be only massive, found primarily in the cores of pegmatites. This lack of crystals is somewhat of a curiosity because quartz crystallizes into well formed crystals in all its other macroscopic varieties. So amazing are the rose quartz crystals that the first ones discovered were dismissed as fakes by mineralogists from around the world.

If **rutile** needles are present in the rose quartz then a star effect or asterism is sometimes seen. The star is best seen when light is viewed through the rose quartz. This is different from asterisms in most other gemstones, such as **ruby** and **sapphire**, where the stars are seen when light is shown on the gems.

Rose quartz is only one of several quartz varieties. Other varieties that form macroscopic (large enough to see) crystals are as follows:

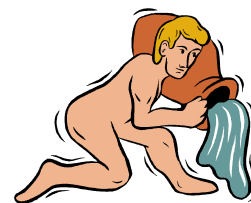
- **Amethyst** is the purple gemstone variety.
- **Citrine** is a yellow to orange gemstone variety that is rare in nature but is often created by heating Amethyst.
- **Milky Quartz** is the cloudy white variety.
- **Prasiolite** is the leek-green variety.
- **Rock crystal** is the clear variety that is also used as a gemstone.
- **Smoky quartz** is the brown to gray variety.
Source: <http://mineral.galleries.com>

(Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

(Jan. 21.- Feb. 19)



Capricorn
Saturn



Aquarius
Uranus

HINTS, TIPS, AND STUFF

EDITORS NOTES: The source of these tips, hints, and stuff are other club bulletins. Be careful when trying out any new idea. They have not been tried by this editor.

NO HINTS OR TIPS THIS MONTH – JUST STUFF

THE CLUB NOW HAS A WEBSITE:

www.epmgs.org. There's still more work to be done. We hope to have pictures of field trips, the show, officers, etc, included at some point in the future. Please take a look at it and if you have any suggestions please feel free to let our Web Master, Laura Spencer, or me know. You can reach Laura at kestrel@zianet.com or by phone 575-635-7719. You all know how to contact me.

A PLEA FROM YOUR EDITOR FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

In order to cut down on the cost of mailing out The Voice every month we would like **ANYONE** who has an e-mail address let us know so that we may send your monthly issue via e-mail in lieu of the postal service. This will save the club a considerable amount of money per year. I currently have approximately 78 copies going out in the mail. Postage at .41 equals approximately \$32 a month. Plus the cost of printing those copies runs around \$30 a month. Using e-mails will save the Club approximately \$744 a year. Please if you have an e-mail address let us know by sending me an e-mail at charlieenos@msn.com. Thank you, Charlie

ANNUAL MESILLA VALLEY BALLOON RALLY

Las Cruces will be having their annual Balloon Rally on 19-20 Jan 2008. They put on a good show. You can check the website: <http://www.mvbr.com/>. Directions to location of Rally: **From I-25:**

- Take the N. Main St. (U.S. Hwy 70) exit and head west.

- Stay in the middle lane and go through the first traffic light at the Elks Dr./Triviz intersection.
- The middle lane will now turn into the right-hand lane. The next intersection will be El Camino Real. Turn right.
- Go through the 4-way stop and continue traveling down El Camino Real for about 1.2 miles. The field will be on the right-hand side of the street.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD SCENARIOS

I thought the below was important enough to include in this month's newsletter.

Scene 1:

A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker. After the workout and a shower he came out saw the locker open and thought to himself, "Funny, I thought I locked the locker." He dressed and just flipped the wallet to make sure all was in order. Everything looked ok – all cards were in place. A few weeks later his credit card bill came – a whopping bill of \$14,000. He called the credit card company and started yelling at them, saying that he did not make the transactions. Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen. "No", he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit cards, and yep – you guessed it – a switch had been made. An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet. The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

Verdict:

The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them. How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy? \$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped? Small amounts rarely trigger a "warning bell" with some credit card companies. It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to a big one!

Scene 2:

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal with his credit card. The bill for the meal came, he signed it, and the waitress folded the receipt and passed the credit card along. Usually he would just take it and place it in his wallet or pocket. Funny enough, though, he actually took a look at the card and, lo and behold, it was the expired card of another person. He called the waitress and she looked perplexed. She took it back, apologized, and hurried back to the counter under the watchful eye of the man. All the

waitress did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, and the counter cashier immediately looked down and took out the real card. No exchange of words – nothing! She took it and came back to the man with an apology.

Verdict:

Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours. Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away for even a short period of time. Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, "assuming" that it has to be theirs.

Scene 3:

Yesterday I went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order that I had called in. I paid by using my VISA Check Card which, of course, is linked directly to my checking account. The young man behind the counter took my card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval, which is pretty standard procedure. While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started dialing. I noticed the phone because it is the same model I have, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then I heard a click that sounded like my phone sounds when I take a picture. He then gave me back my card but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. Meanwhile, I'm thinking: I wonder what he is taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. It then dawned on me: the only thing there was my credit card. So now I'm paying close attention to what he is doing. He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved. Now I'm standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of my credit card. Yes, he played it off well, because had we not had the same kind of phone, I probably would never have known what happened. Needless to say, I immediately cancelled that card as I was walking out of the pizza parlor.

All I am saying is be aware of your surroundings at all times. Whenever you are using your credit cards, take caution and don't be careless. Notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of phones because many have a camera phone these days. When you are in a restaurant and the waiter/waitress brings your card and receipt for you to sign, make sure you scratch the number off. Some restaurants are using only the last four digits, but a lot of them are still putting the whole thing on there.

Source: E-mail from friends

Submitted by Dick Young

Our petrified forests are generally of three types. The first type has been showered and completely covered by volcanic ash leaving the trees standing in an upright position. The Petrified Forest of Yellowstone National Park is an example of this type. The trees are standing in their original state where they grew many millions of years ago. The forest of Yellowstone covers more than 40 square miles which is the largest area known. Another unusual feature of the Yellowstone Petrified forests is that many thousands of fossilized leaves, needles, cones, and seeds of over one hundred different kinds of trees and shrubs have been found there. It is the only place in the world where twenty-seven successive layers of petrified forms can be seen.

The story behind the Yellowstone Petrified Forest is that an old volcano began to erupt and continued for some twenty years. Mineral bearing waters had began to petrify the once living forest. In the span of a couple of hundred years, a new forest began to appear and grew for the next five hundred years. Then, the old volcano erupted again. This process reoccurred twenty-seven times as twenty-seven distinct layers of buried forest have been exposed in the Fossil Forest on the south side of Lamar River Valley. An example of a well-preserved stump can be seen a few feet from the highway along "The Petrified Road". Along the northern slopes of Specimen Ridge there are many layers of petrified tree trunks. About two thirds of the way up on the eastern edge is a group of upright standing trunks of unusual beauty and size just as they grew many millions of years ago. The largest of these petrified stumps is a redwood over five feet in diameter and believed to be approximately one thousand years old when buried by volcanic debris.

A second type of Petrified Forest is believed to be the result of logs jamming at the mouth of a river, sinking into the mud and becoming petrified. The Petrified Forest of Arizona is an example of this type. Driftwood may be deposited on the shore by the winds. Generally fossil wood which at one time was driftwood does not have bark. This fact may account for the lack of bark on the wood in Arizona. The Arizona forests are between one hundred and two hundred million years old. One stone log, twenty feet wide and forty feet thick flung across a ravine forms a natural bridge – the famed Agate Bridge. The Arizona Petrified forests are composed of different forests varying in coloring. The Rainbow forest is a multiplicity of colors; the Blue Forest is mostly carbonized sections; and the Black Forest is brilliantly black. Many logs of white, some almost transparent, make up the Second Forest, while the Third Forest displays large specimens as long as one

hundred sixty feet. The fossil wood is of three general types: 1. Jasperized wood predominately bright red, some translucent and variegated with a riot of colorless quartz; 2. Small amounts of bright red wood are found often with areas of nearly colorless quartz; 3. Sections of dark or nearly black wood.

The opalized wood forests of central Washington run a close second to the famed forests of Arizona. An outstanding feature in Washington is the only fossilized ginkgo trees known in the world are found there. The well known Ginkgo Petrified Forest is of the driftwood type. Of the ten thousand fossilized trees in this forest, only six have been identified as Ginkgo trees. The Ginkgo is one of our oldest and most primitive types of trees, a direct ancestor of our modern tree, and is remarkable in that it has survived through millions of years while other species have died out.

Nevada boasts of the largest petrified tree known in the world. It is fourteen feet in diameter and nearly three hundred feet long. Another distinction in Nevada is the woods of Virgin Valley are fully opalized with the "fire" of the fire opal.

A third type is that of scattered woods may be covered in some manner, to become solidified later. For instance, rising waters in a lake may completely cover a forest and protect it from decay. Later on petrification may preserve the trees permanently. Some of the woods in California, Nevada, Oregon, and central Washington have this origin.

Sources: The Clackameste Gem 9/00 via Golden Spike News 7/01 via Rock Chips 9/01 via Scribe CD 2007 via The Pineywoods Rooter 11/07, & Rolling Stones Beacon 12/07

OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008

President	Mike Chrisman
Vice President	Marie Murphy
Secretary	Judy Herd
Treasurer	Shirley Snare
Membership	Lydia Mueller
Historian	Marty Gaugler
Field Trip	Matt Durning
Hostess	Monique Ortega



Acrylic Display and Fabrication Business For Sale.

More than \$50,000 worth of acrylic when made into finished products. All processes, jigs, tools needed to make a wide variety of products and how to sell them

is included with extensive training, books, videos and help. Call Harry Bruntz, 915-539-2022 for more information and details.

USED EQUIPMENT FOR SALE – Steve Travis Carlsbad, NM

All this came from the EJ Rock shop in Hobbs.

1 Frantom 18" saw cleaned & rebuilt works great, with a 16" blade \$800 this saw looks like it might take a 20 " blade

1 Lortone 6" combo unit 6"saw, silicon carbide wheel and expando drum also comes with a polishing pad that will clamp on the end but I'd recommend putting a 1/2 nut on it and it would screw on the threaded end of the arbor. \$275

1 large Star Diamond C-10 Combo unit 10' saw and 8" wheels. This has split drum sanders and it comes with 30 new sanding belts course med and fine. It has used grinding wheels and a 6' blade, also a polishing wheel/pad on the end. \$500 (I saw one just like it go on Ebay for \$760). An option is I have at least one new silicon carbide wheel for \$40 if they want it. I'd put on diamond.

1 TS* 8" Lortone saw completely refurbished with new bearings mounts and top. No motor \$170

1 Hilquest adjustable 8 to 10" Saw good running condition. No motor \$150.

1 10" Star Diamond TS10 Rebuilt new bearings shaft etc. all internal parts new. No motor \$275.

2 large 36" Vibro flat laps. Need motors and ? \$200 ea. AS IS

Poly arbor 8" \$100

Grinder w/2 wheels runs great \$125.

Large about 3' vertical sander top bearing great, bottom bearing (turns) probably just needs oil. No motor or belt \$150

There is a little bit more but that ought to give the Idea and I haven't fixed or rebuilt the rest yet. If you like projects you may want to check with him about the items he hasn't rebuilt.

For more information call Steve Travis at 575-885-1622 home 575-234-8127 work.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting of the El Paso Mineral and Gem Society was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Matt Durning. There were no visitors. The election of officers proceeded as nominated. Oscar Lopez passed away this week, and we had a moment

of silence for all those we lost this year. The show results appear to be good, but with Harry and Jeanette not at the meeting, we will have to wait till next month for a show report. No Treasurer's report was given. Officers will be installed at the next meeting. We had five nominations for lifetime honorary members: Eddie Davis, Tom Smith, Tom Ellison, and Dorris and Rusty Brown. The motion passed with a majority vote.

January's field trip will be to Carlsbad for alabaster. They are doing road construction so there is lots to be gotten. We will meet at 9am at the rest stop on the right hand side of the road after crossing the NM state line.

We adjourned for refreshments and then reconvened for the Scrooge Christmas Party.

NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Paula Hardin

Blanca M. Moran

Barbara Weddle

Cheryl Holmes

Romana Saenz Hawkins

Eugene Boroff

Juan Garza

Norma Placchi

Linda Taylor

Tessa Hill

Alice Baumann

Bill Kopp

Jim Iholts

Welcome to our club and we hope to see you at the meetings and our Field Trips.



FIELD TRIPS

Note from Your Field Trip Coordinator: Any and all Clubs and their members are cordially invited to join us on any of our Field Trips. If you need more information call Matt at (915)833-3500 or e-mail madtex@swbell.net.

JANUARY 2008 FIELD TRIP

This month we will be hunting for Alabaster along Hwy 180 leading to White City and Carlsbad NM. We will meet on 12 Jan 2008 at 9 AM at the rest stop shortly after crossing the TX/NM state line.

The field trip for this month has not been determined at this time. The new Field Trip Leader will inform us of his plans at the next meeting and I will post it in the February 2008 Newsletter.

FEBRUARY 2008 FIELD TRIP

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND CLASS ENROLLMENT

Call 915-562-4268 for information and to enroll in Lapidary and Jewelry-craft classes. The Instructors are volunteers from the school committee of the Society and are not paid in any way by the Society or the students. If you want to enroll in one of the classes, all you have to do is sign up at the Memorial Park Senior Center which is located at 1800 Byron Street, El Paso TX. It is important that you register early because a minimum of three students is needed for a "Go" with a maximum of six students per class. Sign up well in advance as there are usually waiting lists. Each Class has a \$20 fee plus any material costs. The \$20 fee payment is to be made on the first day of the class. All other material purchases should be paid for at the time of purchase or delivery.

Active Member Instructors:

Tony De La Cruz	Rosa Cruz	Dorris Brown	Pete Beltran
Robert Bates	Redgie Medlock	Sid Sheppard	Miguel Chrisman
Butch Weckel	Ted Swander	Peggy Fontaine	Troy West
Ken Raab	Norman Ballou	Elizabeth Kosturakis	

Class Schedule: (Classes run from 9 AM to 12 Noon unless otherwise noted)

Monday & Wednesday	Lapidary		10-29-2007 thru 12-12-2007 01-07-2008 thru 02-13-2008
Monday & Wednesday	Silversmith	Beginning Beginning Advanced	10-29-2007 thru 12-12-2007 01-07-2008 thru 02-13-2008 02-25-2008 thru 04-02-2008
Tuesday & Thursday	Casting & Faceting Classes		10-30-2007 thru 12-13-2007 01-08-2008 thru 02-14-2008
Monday thru Friday (see note below)	(NEW) ADVANCED WORKSHOP 12:00 – 3:00 PM		All the time
Friday	Beading		Held from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Fee \$3.00. Bring your own materials.

NOTE: ADVANCED WORKSHOP IS FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS. THERE WILL BE NO MATERIAL SALES DURING THIS WORKSHOP. YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS.

Wire Wrapping is scheduled when there are enough students interested in attending – we must have 3 or more interested and signed up. The shop at the Memorial Senior Center is open for anyone's use on Friday's from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The shop fee for every session is \$3.00.

SHOW DATES

JANUARY 2008:

5-6 - BIG SPRING, TEXAS: Annual show; Big Spring Prospector Club; Howard County Fair Barn, behind the Rodeo Arena; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; free admission; displays, jewelry repair, stone setting, glass bead and cabbing demonstrations, spinning wheel, hourly door prizes, kids' rocks, dealers; contact Lola Lamb, 2200 Cecillic, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 263-3340; e-mail: rockhound11@yahoo.com

1-27- LAUGHLIN, NEVADA: Annual show; Cloud's Jamboree; Avi Resort & Casino, 10,000 Aja Macav Pkwy.; 7-6 each day; free admission; indoor and outdoor vendors; contact Dick Cloud, P.O. Box 1917, Quartzsite, AZ 85346,

(866) 558-7719; e-mail: Cloudsjamboree@tds.net; Web site: www.cloudsjamboree.com

4-6--MESA, ARIZONA: 36th annual show, "Flagg Gem & Mineral Show"; Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation; Mesa Community College, Dobson Rd. and U.S. Hwy. 60; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; kids' activities, free samples for children and teachers, more than 80 vendors, minerals, fossils, gem and lapidary materials, special exhibits, Peralta Stones; contact AMMMF, P.O. Box 41834, Mesa, AZ 85274, (480) 987-8958; e-mail: dminerals@yahoo.com

18-20--GLOBE, ARIZONA: 51st annual show; Gila County Gem & Mineral Society; Gila County Fairgrounds, U.S. Hwy. 60; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; adults \$2, high school students with ID and children with parents free; dealers, demonstrators, lapidary equipment, jewelry, books, tools, minerals, slabs, fossils, glass blowing, wirecraft, jewelry making, bead making, door prizes; contact Bill Morrow, (928) 812-0561, or Andy Clark, (928) 473-3042

19-20--FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS: 39th annual show; The Fredericksburg Rockhounds; Pioneer Pavilion, Lady Bird Johnson Park; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; hourly door prizes, raffle prizes, gold panning, fossils, gems, jewelry, exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, tame geologists, Rolling Rockhounds meeting; contact Jeff Smith, 208 Castle Pines Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028, (830) 895-9630; e-mail: jeffbrenda@kctc.com; Web site: www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org

23-27--QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA: 42nd annual show, "QIA Pow Wow"; Quartzsite Improvement Association; 235 E. Ironwood Dr.; Wed. 9-5, Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; more than 400 vendors, rocks, gems, minerals, beads, wire wrap supplies, jewelry, fossils, lapidary, field trips, displays, demonstrations; contact Diane Abbott, P.O. Box 881, Quartzsite, AZ 85346-0881, (928) 927-6325; e-mail: powwow@qiaaz.org; Web site: www.qiaaz.org

26-27--TYLER, TEXAS: Show, "Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Showcase"; East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Rose Garden Center, 420 S. Rose Park Dr.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, students and children \$1; rock food table display, Wheel of Fortune, silent auction, fluorescent mineral display; contact Keith Harmon, 8316 Oxford Dr., Tyler, TX 75703, (903) 581-4068; e-mail: kharmon1219@sbcglobal.net

FEBRUARY 2008:

2-16--TUCSON, ARIZONA: Annual show, "Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show"; Martin Zinn Expositions; The InnSuites Hotel, 475 N. Granada; 10-6 daily, 10-5 last day; free admission; more than 400 dealers from all over the world, artists' gallery; free shuttle to other Zinn shows; contact Regina Aumente, P.O. Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mz0955@aol.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

For more information regarding the Tucson Annual Show go to website:

http://www.tucsonshowguide.com/tsg/show_index.cfm. This includes maps regarding where certain vendors will be located and shuttles between different locations. Some vendors and locations are indicated as Wholesale Only. If you do not have a business license you can not go to these locations.

14-17 – Tucson Gem and Mineral Show: Annual show; Tucson Gem & Mineral Society; Tucson Convention Center. Entrance on Church Street & Granada Ave – 260 S. Church Street. More information: TGMS (520)322-5773; fax (520)322-6031; e-mail tgms@tgms.org; Web Site www.tgms.org.

16-17--PLAINVIEW, TEXAS: 46th annual show; Hi Plains Gem & Mineral Club; Ollie Liner Center, I-27S; adults \$2, students \$1; dealers, kids' wheel, silent auction, show cases, hourly door prizes; contact Mildred Matlock, 701 Zephyr, Plainview, TX 79072, (806) 293-3476

16-17--SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: 42nd Presidents' Gemboree; West Seattle Rock Club; Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave. SW; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; contact Audrey Vogelpohl, (206) 932-3292; e-mail: avogelpohl@comcast.net

23-24--ALBANY, NEW YORK: 15th annual show, "James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale"; New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; New York State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; admission \$6; contact Mike Hawkins, (518) 486-2011; e-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

23-24--BOISE, IDAHO: Annual show; Idaho Gem Club; Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood; Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; silent auction, demonstrations, display cases, black-light exhibit, kids' activities, retail dealers; contact Charlie Smith, (208) 628-4002

23-24--EVERETT, WASHINGTON: 55th annual show; Everett Rock & Gem Club; Washington National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Fritz Mack, P.O. Box 1615, Everett, WA 98206, (425) 232-0809

23-24--MESA, ARIZONA: Show, "2008...Rocks are Great"; Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club; Skyline High School, 840 S. Crismon Rd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$3, students \$1; dealers, silent auction, door prizes, raffle prizes, activity table; contact John Frary, 659 W. 5th Ave., Apache Junction, AZ 85220, (480) 452-4870; e-mail: lswany2@iglide.net; site: www.apachejunctionrockclub.org

23-24--PASADENA, TEXAS: Show; Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society; Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students 12-18 \$1, children free; 30 dealers, jewelry, fossils, minerals, lapidary materials and tools, children's activities, demonstrations; contact Mike Reves, 218 Lazy Hollow Dr., League City, TX 77573, (281) 282-6117; e-mail: demmikeer@hotmail.com; Web site: www.ghg.net/gpenning/index.htm

