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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Catherine Clevenz, MWF President

Hello, everyone! Spring has sprung, the gardens are planted and my rock garden has been established on one side of the house. I truly enjoyed hardscaping with rocks and had created a design in my rock garden. I even have enough rocks to make another rock garden in the back yard. The best part of this is that now I have enough room to collect more rocks! It can't get much better than that for a rockhound!



We have a major vacancy to fill, and quickly! Our longtime Treasurer, Sandy Fuller, has decided to retire from this position and is willing to help her replacement. If you know of someone who is or may be interested in filling this position, please contact Sandy herself, mwftreas@rock-biz.biz, or Donna Moore, the MWF secretary, mwfsecretary@gmail.com.

The next newsletter will be for September, and by then, I hope that the club delegates have made

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CONVENTION CAN BE A MINI-VACATION

Amy Hinkler, President

Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society (MO)

The Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society is excited to be hosting the Midwest Federation Convention this year in Springfield, Missouri. Our show, along with the Convention, will be held at the Springfield Expo Center in downtown Springfield. The show is October 22nd and 23rd. The Convention events will be held mainly on October 22nd, with silent auction events on Sunday, October 23rd. We are anxious to see what the Federation brings to the auction table for everyone to enjoy!

The show has 18-plus vendors bringing great finds ranging from rough rock, slabs, minerals, display specimens, jewelry, geode cracking, and much more. We have a kid's corner section for the kids to learn more about the rock and mineral world and join in some fun events. We have field trips planned, for local fossils and Fantastic Caverns, that all ages can enjoy.

Our local host hotel is right across the street from the Expo Center, with nicely reduced rates for our guests. This is a perfect opportunity for members and

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DEADLINE CALENDAR

Deadline to register as a delegate or just an attendee at the annual **MWF Convention** is **Sept. 15, 2022**; in order to get a discounted rate at the host hotel, the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, reservations must be made by **Sept. 10th**. The convention itself will be held **Oct. 22-23, 2022**, in Springfield, Missouri, hosted by the Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society. See the articles on pages 1 and 6.

Rockhound of the Year Awards may be submitted at any time for certificates and a mention in the MWF News. Contact Jeanine Mielecki, jaynine9@aol.com.

SOLDIER, POLICEMAN, POLISHER OF STONE: THE LIFE AND COLLECTION OF THEODORE SCHULTZ

Susan Satchwill, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN)

From the March 2022, Strata Data

In a quiet corner of the South Whitley, Indiana Public Library, one can find a lapidary treasure trove. Display cases along the wall hold trays full of a thousand polished stones. Their collector, Theodore Schultz, donated them to the library in 1990, contributing not only the stones, but funds for an addition to house them as well. Guests to the library today can view an award-winning collection that has traveled to eight different states and contains stones from every continent.



Photos from the Schultz collection by Susan Satchwill.

Theodore Schultz was born in Minnesota in 1897. He served in World War I in France and, upon his return to the States, moved to Washington, D.C. There he began a 20-year career as a White House police officer – a position later known as the Secret

Service. Through this job, Schultz met ambassadors from around the world. Some brought him bags of stones from their countries, like jade (which was not a stone that could be exported) and lapis lazuli.

Around 1951, Schultz began working with a diamond cutter, reselling his gems. One of his buyers at a company called Collins & Sherrer asked Schultz, given his intense interest in lapidary art and stones, if he'd heard of the local Washington Gem & Lapidary Society. He attended a club meeting with his wife, Mildred Ward – a South Whitley, Indiana native – and thus began a 30-year-long hobby of polishing stone. Three of the 2,000-plus cabochons Schultz hand-polished even made their way to the Smithsonian: a Vistaite jasper from Oregon, a jasper from India, and a Domeykite from Michigan.



Presenters Jim Hayes and Nick Smith recently walked attendees from our society through the extraordinary life and collection of Theodore Schultz. Some of the trays were passed

around, including Australian Opals and Chrysoprase, Japanese jade, Siberian charoite, Congolese malachite, and corundum in zoisite from North Carolina. A Helenite gem, forged from the ash of the Mt. St. Helen's eruption, was also circulated.

HELP OUR CONVENTION HOSTS WITH CASES

Linda Plowman
Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society (MO)

My club is in need of new show cases. We would like to get plans for making cases, or suggestions about where to look for premade cases. We cannot find anyone in our area that would do this.

Can you recommend any options? My email address is lgplowman@yahoo.com. Thanks!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

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reservations for the MWF Convention in October. It will take place October 21st through 23rd, hosted by the Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society at the Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis Street in Springfield, Missouri.

Look for registration forms in this issue and on our website, www.MWFed.org, for more details.

Until next time, stay safe, and happy rockhounding!

CONVENTION CAN BE MINI-VACATION, CONT.

their families to have a mini-vacation, from Bass Pro Shop's Wonders of Wildlife and Aquarium for a day of entertainment to other local attractions. Branson is only a short hop down the freeway for all kinds of family entertainment, lake fun and golfing. Silver Dollar City has amusement rides along with a Ozark old-time theme, specialty shops, and lots of things to see for a day of fun. Branson has local shows galore, shops to fit everyone's interest, restaurants, The Branson Belle (dinner show on a paddle boat), fun parks, and much more.

Please join us this year for a lot of local enjoyment for a relaxing getaway. The nice fall air will be cooler than our warm summers and generally quite pleasant for outdoor activities along with our indoor show. Come meet our club members as we present Springfield to you with our local hospitality. Start planning now, as October will be here before you know it. **If you want the discounted rate, your hotel reservation must be in by Sept 10th.**

NW WISCONSIN HONORS ROY WICKMAN

The **Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society** (NWGMS) of Cameron, Wisconsin is honoring **Roy Wickman** as the 2022 Rockhound of the Year. Roy joined the NWGMS while in his teens, and has continued on through his working retirement.

Currently the club treasurer, Roy has held all the club officer positions, including president, and has served as show chairman for many years. He is the glue that holds this club together and the grease that makes everything work smoothly.

Roy has a vast knowledge of rocks, minerals and gems and turns this into displays and works of art. He freely shares his knowledge and time in assisting longtime members, and welcomes new members and anyone seeking to have specimens identified or learn about lapidary techniques or the many other aspects of our hobby. Roy is also the Education Committee Chair for the MWF.



Roy Wickman shows off his big find while walking a field — with the owner's permission, of course — looking for agates and Native American artifacts with fellow club member David Skrupky, who took this photo.

Roy actively promotes the NWGMS, and does double the duty as the show chairman for the Indianhead Rock, Gem & Mineral Club of Luck, Wisconsin. Roy goes above and beyond to help his neighbors as well as club members when they need assistance with tornado cleanup, setting up estate sales, and more. Roy is everything a good member should be and much more. He has the deep gratitude of his fellow rockhounds and club members. Thank you, Roy Wickman, for all you do!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Organization	Place	Contact
May 28-29 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association	County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall, St. Charles, IL	Connie Lavin, nival48@hotmail.com
June 3-5 Fri noon-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4	State Line Gem & Mineral Society	Junior Fair Bldg., County Fairgrounds, 8514 State Route 108, Wauseon, OH	Sherman Kardatzke, sakardatzke@gmail.com
June 4 Sat, 10-5	Gem City Rock Club	Boudreaux Visitor Center, Mark Twain Lake, Monroe City, MO	Brad Fanning, bfanning58@yahoo.com
June 4-5 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Coulee Rock Club of La Crosse	Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Road, Onalaska, WI	Allison Conrad, rockinbabe@acegroup.cc
June 11 Sat, 9-noon	Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club	Woodland Drive-In Church, 2600 Breton SE, Grand Rapids, MI	Kreigh Tomaszewski, kreigh@gmail.com
June 11 Sat, 9-4	Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club rock auction	Main Shelter, Lake Zorinsky, 156 th and F Street, Omaha, NE	Tammy Jeanneret, tjeanneret@hughes.net
June 11-12 Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Mid-Ohio Mineral & Fossil Club	Fairhaven Hall, County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road, Mansfield, OH	Tom Kottyan, themineralhouse@ netzero.net
June 24-26 Fri 10-6:30, Sat 9-6:30, Sun 10-4	Lawrence County Rock Club	County Fairgrounds, 11261 US Highway 50W, Bedford, IN	Kathy Shaffer, 812-671-8704
June 24-26 Fri 2-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-3	Osage Rock & Mineral Club	Community Center, 309 E. 2 nd Street, Eldon, MO	Steve Rudloff, srudloff@fastmail.com
June 25-26 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4	Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club rock swap	Beer Family Farm, 18701 Ashland Road, Ashland, NE	Jayne Beer, jbeer60070@aol.com
July 15-16 Fri 10-6, Sat 9-5	Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club	Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Highway 70, Minocqua, WI	Ron Zimmer, rzimmer@charter.net
July 16-17 Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3	Carlton County Gem & Mineral Club Agate Days	Riverside Arena, 20 Earl Ellens Drive, Moose Lake, MN	Lynn Svercl, DanLynnSunriseFarm@ yahoo.com
July 23-24 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Indianhead Rock & Mineral Society	Frederic High School, 1437 Clam Falls Drive, Frederic, WI	Roy Wickman, rktswick@chibardun.net
July 30 Sat, 10-5	Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society	Bethany Reformed Church, 702 W. 7 th Street, Canton, SD	Harlan Hoogeterp, rockswap@segams.org
Aug. 8-14	Copper County Rock & Mineral Club	Keeweenaw Week includes show, field trips to copper mine piles	George Schriver, pres@ccrmc.info
Aug. 19-21 Fri 3-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs	Auditorium, Machinists Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO	Jerry Kubat, gkubat7911@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

Date and Time	Organization	Place	Contact
Aug. 20 Sat 10-5	Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society	Lot by Dunham Sports, 5601 US Hwy 10-E, Stevens Point, WI	Sandy Brandl, stonez@tds.net
Aug. 20-21 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society	Expo Bldg., County Fairgrounds, Highway 48 North, Rice Lake, WI	Roy Wickman, rktswick@chibardun.net
Aug. 27 Sat 10-5	Racine Geological Society	Bartlett Youth Foundation, 1120 N. Stuart Road, Mt. Pleasant, WI	John Lowman, 262-989-9193
Aug. 27-28 Sat & Sun, 8-4	Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society rock swap	Town of Wheat lower pavilion and field, 6303 County Highway X, Chippewa Falls, WI	Paul Tubbs, bizpam1@gmail.com
Aug. 27-28 Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5	Peoria Academy of Science Geology Section	Eastside Center, 1 Eastside Drive, East Peoria, IL	Jim Travis, boatnick@aol.com
Sept. 9-11 Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	500 Earth Sciences Club of Indianapolis	County 4-H Fairgrounds, 620 Apple Street, Greenfield, IN	Tom Odom, tomodom650@gmail.com
Sept. 9-11 Fri noon-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5	Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club	Pratt Pavilion, County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green, OH	Jerri Heer, jheerx6@aol.com
Sept. 10 Sat 9-3	Coulee Rock Club of LaCrosse rock swap	Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Road, Onalaska, WI	Apryl Denny, aldenny@viterbo.edu
Sept. 16-18 Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3	Mozarkite Society of Lincoln	Mike Hare Memorial Field, Highway 65 under the water tower, Lincoln, MO	John "Kelly" Blum, mozarkiterocks@gmail.com
Sept. 16-18 Fri 10-8, Sat 10-7, Sun 11-5	Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club	Soccer Stop Sportsplex, 5 River Hills Drive, Holland, MI	Michelle Bennett, bennettm@bryne.com
Sept. 17 Sat 9-3	Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society tailgate sale	Parking lot, St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7211 Oakland, Portage, MI	Bruce Atherton, fireball19207.ba@gmail.com
Sept. 17-18 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Livingston Gem & Mineral Society	Hartland Education Support, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI	Ed Oller, 810-241-8801
Sept. 23-25 Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3	Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society	Joplin Historical & Mineral Museum, 504 S. Schifferdecker, Joplin, MO	Chris Wiseman, jmc-wiseman@sbcglobal.net

*September Issue Submission Deadline Is August 3rd!
Have a safe and rock-filled summer!*

WHO ATTENDS WHICH CONVENTION MEETINGS, AND WHICH FORMS SHOULD THEY FILL OUT?

Donna Moore, MWF Secretary

The MWF Officers are hoping that every club in the MWF will send a delegate to the 2022 MWF Convention in Springfield, Missouri, October 21-23. The Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society is really rolling out the red carpet for us, so we need to take advantage of the arrangements they have made.

The fun will start on Friday, October 21 with a fossil-hunting field trip. Those who say that we never get to go hunting anymore need to take advantage of this opportunity. The group will leave from the University Plaza Hotel Lobby at 11:30 a.m.

That evening there will be a meet-and-greet in the hotel lounge for all MWF members and their guests. Be sure to sign up for both of these events if you can attend.

Saturday morning, October 22, the MWF State Directors meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Expo Center where the show will be held. This is the start of the Executive Committee Meeting. All MWF State Directors, officers, and committee chairs are expected to be at these meetings, and any members of any clubs are more than welcome to attend. A box lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m., or as soon as the Executive Committee Meeting is finished.

At 1:00 p.m., the MWF Council of Delegates Meeting will take place. This includes all the of the Executive Committee members, as well as delegates from every club in the MWF. This is where the club members see what is going on in the MWF and have input if there is something that needs to be discussed.

Then at 6:00 pm on Saturday is the MWF Awards Banquet. Anyone is welcome to pay to attend this banquet, and we encourage club members as well as delegates to join us for this evening.

The MWF will be holding our silent auction on Sunday at the Ozark Mountain club's show. Susan Stanforth needs you to donate specimens for the auction as well as some time to help with the auction. If you can assist Susan for an hour or two on Sunday, that would be much appreciated.

Also on Sunday, arrangements have been made for a Fantastic Caverns Field Trip starting at 10:30 a.m. If we can get 20 or more people to sign up and pay for the excursion, the cost is only \$18.50 per person.

There are also other things to see and do in the Springfield area if you have any extra time to spend there. This should be a very nice time, weather-wise, to visit the area.

Advance registration is required for most of the activities, so be sure to **fill out the relevant forms and return them with your payment by September 15, 2022. Four forms are on the following pages:** the two-page registration form and the one-page meal order form, which everyone attending should fill out; the delegate registration form, for a person attending as the voting delegate of an MWF member club; and the competitive exhibit form, for those wishing to show off their beautiful rock displays.

The annual MWF Convention is like a “rocky” family reunion each year. Lifelong friendships develop among the people who attend each year. So it is not only a business meeting, but a social event also.

The Springfield Expo Center, where the annual show of the Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society will be held during the MWF Convention Oct. 21-23. Photo via eventective.com.



CONVENTION — REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL ATTENDEES, PAGE 1

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

Annual Show and Convention - October 21 - 23, 2022
Hosted by the Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society
Show: October 22-23 at the Springfield Expo Center
635 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO 65714

Advance Registration Form - ** Deadline September 15, 2022 **

Please Print Clearly your name and title as you want them to appear on your name badge

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

List ALL Registrants, including the above. Please print clearly & check the appropriate boxes/categories (Please add more pages if needed for more registrants). Be sure to include both pages.

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CONVENTION — REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL ATTENDEES, PAGE 2

Midwest Federation Convention Activities	Quantity	Amount Per Person	Total Amount
Friday, October 21 University Plaza Hotel			
11:30 AM - Fossil Field Trip - Leaves from the University Plaza Hotel Lobby		By Donation	
7:00 PM - Meet and Greet (Hosted by OMGMS) at the University Plaza Hotel snacks just outside the Lounge		Free	
Saturday, October 22 Springfield Expo Center			
08:30 AM - State Director's Meeting			
09:00 AM - Executive Committee Meeting			
11:30 AM - Lunch (See the attached Meal Order Form - one form per person please)		\$10.00	
1:00 PM - Council of Delegates Meeting			
6:00 PM - Awards Banquet (See the Meal Order Form to sign up) - Held at Big Whiskey's American Restaurant and Bar - Social / Buffet Dinner (See the Awards Banquet Flyer for details)		\$22.00	
Sunday, October 23 Springfield Expo Center - Rock Identification Booth			
10:30 AM Fantastic Caverns Field Trip - Price dependant on # of participants - lower rate for 20+ participants		\$18.50/\$30.00	
Show Passes - Saturday is free admission		Free	
- 2 Day Pass is \$5.00		\$5.00	
Any Questions? Please contact Amy Hinkler (Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society) Phone: 208-599-5809 or email: omgms.57@gmail.com	Total Amount Enclosed		\$
Make checks payable to: OMGMS (Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society)			
Send (1) Meal Order Form (s), (2) This Advanced Registration Form, and (3) Payment by September 15, 2022 to:			
OMGMS - Federation Event			
404 W. South Street			
PO Box 2291			
Nixa, MO 65714-9998			



CONVENTION — MEAL ORDER FORM

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

Annual Show and Convention - October 21 - 23, 2022

Meal Order Form — ** Deadline Sept. 15, 2022 **

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Menu Choices - Please fill out one form per person with meal choices .

Box Lunch provided by Hy-Vee Catering on Saturday- Served at 11:30 a.m. (or as soon as the Executive Committee Meeting has completed, but not before 11:30) in the same meeting room. **Box lunches are \$10 each** and must be paid no later than Sept 15, 2022.

QTY	Bread/Wrap Choice	Sandwich Selection
	Croissant	Chicken Salad
	Flatbread	Tuna Salad
	Wheatberry	Club (ham/turkey/bacon & Peperjack
	Marble Rye	Ham & Swiss
	Harvester Bread	Roast Beef & Colby Jack
	White Hogue	Smoked Turkey & Cheddar
	Wheat Hogue	Vegetarian

Select the type of bread and sandwich wanted. Assorted chips, whole fruit and cookie are included with each meal, along with a napkin, mustard and mayo packet. Drinks (water, Dr. Pepper, Coke and Sprite) provided by the Ozarks Gem and Mineral Society.

Awards Banquet will be 6:30 PM Saturday. The banquet will be held at Big Whiskey's American Restaurant & Bar, a local restaurant within walking distance from the show and hotel or just a short drive up the street. **Address:** 311 Park Central E, Springfield, MO 65806. **Health & safety:** Staff required to disinfect surfaces between visits.

This restaurant has an upstairs dining area reserved for our Federation Banquet. There will be a buffet to cover a range of tastes, including barbecue-glazed grilled chicken, chicken Ranch Alfredo, glazed steak tips, and a specialty salad option, as well as green beans, steamed broccoli, rice pilaf, or mashed potatoes.

I will be attending the Banquet at Big Whiskey's @ \$22 per person plus beverage cost	Y N
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The buffet cost is \$22. Drinks and individual appetizers, meals or desserts can be ordered separately at menu prices. Come for the socialization, listen to what the Federation does for the rock clubs, and recognize some key people.

**** This is in an upstairs room accessible only by stairs - there is no elevator at this venue. Please keep that in mind as you sign up.**



MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

Executive Meeting and Council of Delegates Meeting, October 22, 2022

Delegate Registration Form — ** Deadline Sept. 15, 2022 **

The Midwest Federation's annual Council of Delegates meeting will be held at the Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, Missouri. Each member club is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate to represent them. Each club is entitled to one vote. An alternate may vote only in the absence of a Delegate. Guests are invited to attend the meeting, but are ineligible to vote.

The Delegates meeting will convene on Saturday, October 22nd, at 1 p.m., with the delegate registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. The delegate appointed by your club or society will represent your interests, and may bring up pertinent discussions and proposals. However, in order to expedite matters, if your society intends to have its delegate present any special motion at the meeting, please notify MWF President Catherine Clevenz (clevenz@gmail.com) and MWF Secretary Donna Moore (mwfsecretary@gmail.com) as to the nature of the subject, so that it may be placed on the agenda. This needs to be presented in written form, and should be done at least one month prior to the meeting.

Please fill out this form and return it to the Credentials Chairman, SIGNED BY THE CLUB PRESIDENT, before Sept. 15th:

David Root
1051 Meadow Lane, Jenison, MI 49428
616-498-4699; d-root@comcast.net

DO NOT send this form to the show registration committee. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO COMPLETE THE ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND IT TO THE OZARK MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY.

MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE TO AVOID ERRORS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (name of club) _____

of (city and state) _____

HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING DELEGATE TO THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MWF:

DELEGATE: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS _____

ALTERNATE: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATED: _____ SIGNED: _____, Club President



The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

Annual Show and Convention - October 21 - 23, 2022

Hosted by the Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society

October 22-23 at the Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form — ** Deadline September 15, 2022 **

The completed form must be signed and dated. Mail the completed form to:

J C Moore
25235 N. Illinois Highway 97
Cuba, IL 61427

or email the completed form to jcmoore3rd@gmail.com.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of Club/Society: _____

Exhibitor Group: Master____ Advanced____ Novice____ Junior____ Society____ Junior Society____

Division: _____ Exhibitor Class: _____

Exhibit Setup Time: Friday October 21, 2022, 9 am to 6 pm. There will be 24-hour building security. However, neither the MWF nor its affiliates assumes any responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBIT CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION

I will use my own case: Yes____ No____

If I will use my own case, its dimensions are: Width_____ Height_____ Depth_____

Do you need a case provided? Yes____ No____

All cases will be assigned space . Bring your own risers if needed. If your case has its own stand, please let us know. _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the current AFMS Uniform Rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that Competitive Exhibitors are to be Society members in good standing and eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the Rules. The Rules are available at www.amfed.org/rules. I agree to leave my exhibit on display until 4:30 p.m. Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

If Junior Entry, date of birth: _____

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UNEXPECTED ASBESTOS MINERAL FOUND IN WISCONSIN PARK

Mike Reinke
Badger Lapidary and Geological Society (WI)
From the November, 2021, Badger Diggin's

A "something different" from the beach at Alford Park, north side of Kenosha – something I wasn't expecting. This vein, if you look closely, is parallel fibers, somewhat shiny. It is an asbestos mineral, probably chrysotile. Don't panic, it won't kill you, just don't grind it and snort it regularly, okay?

This is how chrysotile is found, developing in cracks in rocks. Being a fibrous rock, it can be woven into gloves and clothing that won't burn, along with many other uses.

There are websites that let you know wave heights forecast for Lake Michigan each time the waves get big. Afterwards, there is new inventory to consider. Still, in six years of rockhounding after a day of strong east wind from over the lake, I don't remember finding a vein of chrysotile before.

There is/was a giant asbestos mine west of Toronto in Canada (Google "Jeffrey Mine"), so it is certainly possible, through past geologic events, that

some made it into the Great Lakes. It is not rare stuff. Magnesium is common in the Earth (think electrolytes in your Gatorade, and it's in the green plants, in chlorophyll) and when it's with oxygen, silicon and water in the right circumstances, chrysotile forms.



Don't worry, it hasn't hurt the lake. Human-made pollutants are far worse. (But that is a "thread" for another place.)

"Always something new" is a sales slogan of a prominent mineral dealer. It is also the experience of a rockhound on the Lake Michigan beach, and really, anyone appreciating the natural world.