

Friends of Mineralogy Inc. Midwest Chapter



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Highlights

- New Year
- New Newsletter Editor
- New Newsletter
- New leadership?
- New dues!

Welcome to 2024

2023 passed to 2024 without much of a bang (unless you include minerals in fireworks) and without snow cover in a large section of our territory. Several of you may have been out rock hunting. Your editor was out hiking and located fossils but no collectible minerals.

The new year is the perfect time to think about and define goals and resolutions. For FM MW this is no different and time critical.

With **Motivation and Inspiration Day** (Jan. 2nd), and **National CanDo Day** (Jan. 4th) in view, the thinned out FM MW leadership team assessed the current status of FM MW. Read about it in the annual membership minutes.

Stop what you are doing and consider and commit to engage with FM MW in a leadership position.

Did you visit Tucson 2024 or another show? Share your report with the members.



DALL-E 3 generated art (Maertens)

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2024 FM Midwest Organizational Pitch

2024 started with many Friends of Mineralogy Midwest unfilled leadership positions. The association operates for and also by our members. Like arms, legs, back and heart are essential parts of a functioning body, it is the body as a whole that makes a substantial difference from its parts. As an association we can obtain required insurance, training, credibility and standing to enjoy and exercise our hobby. Something most individuals cannot achieve. We have open leadership positions to manage the Friends of Mineralogy

Midwest chapter. We need new energy and ideas. I accepted this new challenge as Editor. Expand our community and play a role. Contact an officer (back page) to volunteer.

New Newsletter Editor. Welcome Johan Maertens

When Editor Tom Bolka (read below) asked for relief and new ideas, I agreed to step in, with unanimous approval of the Officers.

I am a self-proclaimed list-aholic with a lifelong pursuit of collecting and organizing things. My passion for minerals, specifically calcite, has led me to invest substantial amounts of money and time in my collection. The value of my collection is not monetary, but rather emotional. It allows me to connect with friends, create and reminisce about good times. I enjoy the thrill of the hunt and consider collecting to be a quest that can never be completed. When I manage my inventory, I experiment with arranging, organizing, and presenting a part of the world. Collecting provides me with a safety zone and a place of refuge from the busy and demanding world.

My passion for earth science activities extends beyond collecting. I enjoy sharing my knowledge and experiences by writing and speaking about them. As past President of The Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association (PESA), I held other executive and chairman positions. I won Eastern Federation and Mid-West Federation awards as Editor of and for contributions to membership bulletins. Speaking for fellow rockhounds is my way to give back to the community and to make more friends. I am always pursuing too many interests and making lists, but I enjoy the fun of learning and sharing my knowledge with others. As an active member in local and regional mineralogical associations, I continue to document localities with an emphasis on crystal habits, especially calcite.



Johan Maertens at Genoa Quarry with celestine crystals

Thank you 10 year FM MW Newsletter Editor Tom Bolka

By Johan Maertens.

Tom, I take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional dedication and invaluable service as the editor of the Friends of Mineralogy Midwest's newsletter for the past ten years.

I have not yet read through 10 years of your newsletters since transferring from the FM-NJ chapter to the FM Midwest chapter. Everyone I read was well done and managed with the content provided to you.

Your unwavering commitment to this role has played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community and connection among all the

members. Your tireless efforts to curate and present content that resonates with our shared passion have not gone unnoticed. The creativity, precision, and attention to detail you have demonstrated in each issue are truly commendable.

Over the course of a decade, you have not only acted as the bearer of information but also as a source of inspiration for countless individuals like myself. Your willingness to volunteer your time and expertise has undoubtedly contributed to the growth and success of our organization. Through your dedication, you've helped create a platform that encourages learning, sharing, and mutual support.

Your tenure as the editor has been marked by consistency, reliability, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Ten years of service is a remarkable milestone, and I am truly impressed by the impact you've made during this time. Your contributions have helped shape the identity of our organization and have left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire future generations of hobby enthusiasts.

As you step down from your role as editor, I want to extend my warmest wishes for your future endeavors. May this new chapter in your life be filled with new experiences, exciting opportunities, and the same level of fulfillment that you've brought to us over the

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Contributions of articles and photos are welcome: Articles may be edited for style, clarity, and length. The newsletter assumes no responsibility for lost material. **SUBMISSION DEADLINES:** the 15th of every even

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Field Trips

Field trips will be listed here.

Pop-up field trips are communicated by email.

Long time Field Trip Chairman and Safety officer Reggie Rose (more about Reggie later), retired from his position.

FM MW is searching to fill the open position of Field Trip Chairperson. Please step up to volunteer for this essential activity position.

To suggest a field trip you can organize, contact a FM MW officer (see cover).

Dues must be current to participate on FM MW activities.

2024 Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) training/ refresher for collectors is under review, with no current scheduled events.

For your education and entertainment watch Mine Safety Training videos by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety on YouTube via URL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEFZw7bXSmk&list=PLB3JRydr2LBWmZ0n54wDrJHqzlsaf4bF0>



Watercolor by Ksenia Levterova

Rock and Mineral Shows, Clubs, Rock Shops, Mineral Museums can be found via www.rockandmineralshows.com and <https://xpopress.com/show/exposearch>

Tom Bolka: 10 years FM MW Newsletters

years.

Thank you, Tom, for your outstanding dedication and the countless hours you've invested in enriching our community. Your contributions will be remembered and cherished for years to come. Please stay in touch, as your presence will be missed but your impact will forever remain.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Tom

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Geofair 2024 May 4 + 5 display invitation

Geofair invites FM MW members to exhibit your minerals, fossils, or lapidary/faceting work on display at Geofair 2024, the 59th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show cosponsored by the Cincinnati Mineral Society and the Dry Dredgers. The show is located at the Sharonville Convention Center in Cincinnati. Show dates are the weekend of May 4 and 5. All displays are eligible for cash prizes. Display applications can be downloaded from the show website

<http://geofair.com/exhibits.htm>

Note the addition of an Ugly Rock Contest again this year.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if you have questions.

Marie Huizing, Exhibits Chair

Email: rocksandminerals@fuse.net

Phone: +1 513 574-7142



| 2023 Financial Statement - 12/31/23 - Unaudited | Amount |
|--|--------------------|
| Beginning Account Balance* | \$10,472.12 |
| INCOME | |
| <i>2023 dues paid in 2023</i> | <i>\$1,278.00</i> |
| <i>2024 dues paid in 2023</i> | <i>\$617.00</i> |
| Total Dues Amt. Received in 2023 | \$1,895.00 |
| <i>Symposium Donations check/cash</i> | <i>\$40.00</i> |
| <i>Symposium Donations PP</i> | <i>\$71.00</i> |
| Total Symposium Donations | \$111.00 |
| <i>General Fund donations check/cash</i> | <i>\$45.00</i> |
| <i>General Fund donations PP</i> | <i>\$137.00</i> |
| Total General Fund Donations | \$182.00 |
| Other Income | \$0.00 |
| Total Non-Dues income | \$293.00 |
| Total Income | \$2,188.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| <i>PayPal expenses - dues</i> | <i>\$37.86</i> |
| <i>PayPal expenses - donations</i> | <i>\$17.32</i> |
| PayPal expenses - Total | \$55.18 |
| Web domain registration and protection, 2 years | \$0.00 |
| Website hosting 1 year | \$107.88 |
| Website Security Certificates 1@ 13.90 | \$13.90 |
| Insurance Premium 2023 | \$650.00 |
| <i>National dues for 4 2022 members</i> | <i>\$16.00</i> |
| <i>National Dues payment 44 2023 members</i> | <i>\$176.00</i> |
| <i>National Dues payment 29 2023 members</i> | <i>\$116.00</i> |
| Total National Dues Paid 2023 for 73 members | \$308.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$1,134.96 |
| <i>2023 National dues still owed - 16 members</i> | <i>\$64.00</i> |
| 2023 adjusted surplus | \$989.04 |
| Total Account Balance USBank & PayPal | \$11,525.16 |
| | |
| 2022 members | 81 |
| 2023 members | 89 |
| 2023 new members | 15 |
| 2022 members re-registered | 74 |
| 2023 membership gain(loss) | 8 |
| 2024 registrations as of 12/31 | 30 |

Treasurer's Report

The Unaudited 2023 Financial Report is exhibited here.

*includes 27 2023 memberships

Since that report an additional 7 members have registered and we have received \$160 in donations.

As of January 14th we have 38 members registered for 2024 including 3 new members.

This brings the treasury total to \$11,759.00. We accumulated funds due to lower expenses such as not having a symposium.

It is important that we fill our leadership positions so that we can resume mission-fulfilling activities.

2024 Dues

Annual dues currently are \$20.

Dues are for calendar year January 1st through December 31st

Dues should be paid by January 15th

Dues must be current to participate on FM MW activities.

To register for 2024 membership you have 2 options for payment.

1. You may print the form and mail it with your \$20.00 payment
2. You may pay on-line (\$21.00) through our website with a credit/debit card or PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to use a credit card. Our website has received security verification and certification.

Jeff Spencer – Treasurer

Access to the forms and payment system via

<https://www.fommidwest.org/registration-forms/>



Annual Business Meeting Minutes- November 18, 2023

Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. Midwest Chapter

Virtual & Teleconference Meeting

Submitted by Frank Konieczki, Secretary

Liaison Officer Randy Marsh, who served as the meeting chair, welcomed those who attended the meeting.

Called to order by Liaison Officer Marsh at 2:04 PM, after declaring a quorum. Five members were present during the meeting. The following officers were present: Randy Marsh, Liaison Officer; Jeff Spencer, Treasurer; Frank Konieczki, Secretary. Additional attending members were, Clyde Spencer, past president, and Craig Kramer.

The following items/topics were presented and discussed:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Liaison Officer Marsh asked if any corrections to the December 11, 2022 meeting minutes that were published in the March-April 2023 newsletter were necessary. No changes to the minutes were suggested or adopted by the attendees. A motion was requested and made to accept the minutes as published, and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. (CSpencer/JSpencer/P).

Approval of Annual Business Meeting Agenda:

The agenda outline was presented to the attendees. Officer Marsh asked if there were any proposals or comments regarding changes to the agenda. No changes were recommended. A motion to approve the agenda was introduced and passed unanimously (CSpencer/JSpencer/P).

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Secretary Frank Konieczki indicated that FM Midwest did not have an educational table at the Detroit show in 2023, but expects that the chapter plans to resume its presence in 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jeff Spencer stated that the most recent edition of the newsletter (November/December 2023) contains an up-to-date summary of the year's financial activities. One significant development has been the addition of 15 new members for 89 total. There have been no complaints or problems reported regarding online membership processing, including the associated \$1.00 PayPal fee. The chapter's account balance by year's end is projected to be \$11,000.

Liaison Officer: Liaison Officer Randy Marsh noted that communications with FM National have been absent during the last few months, save the national newsletter and information concerning California BFM land access. Randy noted that Southern California and Virginia are both very active. Clyde Spencer asked if there are volunteer shortages in National and the NW, since they have been silent. Liaison Marsh provided information regarding

field trips since Field Trips/Safety Officer Reggie Rose was unable to attend the meeting. Randy advised the attendees that Reggie Rose contacted the chapter officers on 11/18 to advise them that he is stepping down from his role and requested that a search for his replacement begin. Clyde Spencer asked about the cancellation of the Williamsport trip. Randy stated that he had attempted to contact quarry management but had not received a reply to date. Liaison Marsh also indicated that the Genoa trip in early November went well, but the plant manager indicated that the Graymont Dolime Quarry will be ceasing operations in January 2025, with no field trips expected in 2024.

Old Business:

Possible recognition for those involved with safety training was discussed. Jeff Spencer asked Craig Kramer if there are any costs that could be reimbursed, and Craig replied that there are no associated fees. Craig also noted that the online training platform has a limit of 300 trainees, with FM Midwest, Columbus and Dayton currently using the platform. There was a proposed motion to present certificates to those who provided for FM members' ability to train online (RMarsh/FKonieczki), but after subsequent discussion, the proposed motion was tabled (CSpencer/JSpencer/P).

New Business:

Annual member dues were discussed and some of those present agreed that the current dues amount of \$20 per individual was appropriate. Clyde Spencer voiced concern over the amount of money in the treasury and proposed an amended motion to reduce dues to \$15 since the organization doesn't need the money. Possible family membership was also discussed. The revised motion to reduce individual dues to \$15 was brought for a vote, but it did not pass (1Y-4N). The original motion to keep membership dues at \$20 per individual (JSpencer/CKramer) was then brought for vote and it passed 4-1.

The agenda also included a proposal to place a significant portion of the treasury into a 12-month CD (JSpencer). Treasurer Jeff Spencer indicated that the typical rate for a 12-month CD now is approximately 4.5%-5.0%. Clyde Spencer raised concerns about the redemption of the CD in case of lack of officers or Chapter dissolution. Craig Kramer indicated that anyone listed on the account can redeem the funds. Jeff Spencer stated the current signatories are he and Clyde Spencer. Discussion ensued about the possible transfer of secondary signatory(ies). Craig Kramer suggested holding a meeting promptly after Jeff's research was completed and Jeff further suggested scheduling a membership meeting in the spring to discuss this issue. Clyde Spencer motioned that the matter of investing organizational funds into a CD be tabled for Treasurer Spencer to obtain further details about the signatories and succession and the motion passed unanimously (CSpencer/CKramer/P).

Another new business agenda item was the proposal to

implement benefits for officer and volunteer roles (RMarsh). Randy noted that FM does not specifically recruit officers and some inducements might help to attract candidates. He suggested having officers and volunteers receive automatic reservations for all field trips and admission reimbursement for mineral show attendance but was open to having the motion amended. Clyde Spencer suggested that the motion be amended to clarify that reimbursement for officers and volunteers only be for out-of-pocket expenses at shows where FM Midwest has a presence. This amended motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously (CSpencer/RMarsh/P).

The nomination and election of officers was discussed. Current officers (Randy Marsh, Jeff Spencer and Frank Konieczki) previously stated they would be willing to continue in their current roles for the coming year. The President and Vice-President are currently open, and now the Field Trips/Safety Officer position will also be vacant unless someone fills that role. Clyde Spencer indicated a primary focus for the coming year would be to have the Executive Committee work on identifying possible replacements. Randy Marsh noted that he has spoken with a number of members, with only one expressing interest in possibly serving as an officer. Both Randy and Clyde agreed that perhaps recruiting outside the club should be explored. Liaison Officer Randy Marsh opened the floor for nomination requests, either to serve or to nominate another member to serve. There were no other floor nominations, so the proposed slate of officers placed on the ballot was: Jeff Spencer, Treasurer; Randy Marsh, Liaison Officer; Frank Konieczki, Secretary. The floor was closed for nominations. A motion was made to elect the list of current officers as the officers for the coming year, and the motion was unanimously approved (CSpencer/RMarsh/P).

For the Good of the Order:

FM Midwest having a Facebook or message board page was discussed. Jeff Spencer indicated that it would have been helpful if Sean Stimac weighed in on this topic. There was subsequent discussion about the possibility of creating a position for Communications Officer. Randy observed that volunteers often are not involved in core organizational activities, whereas an officer would be better able to be integrally involved with them. Jeff Spencer offered that this would modernize the organization's communications model, but not having a president or vice president might hamper the development of a specific vi-

sion. Ultimately, the original motion to create a Communication Officer position did not receive a second, so a motion to table the issue was introduced and passed without opposition (FKonieczki/CSpencer/P).

Randy Marsh commented about the persistent officer vacancies and indicated that we are continuing to run the organization with three members. Clyde Spencer indicated it would be valuable to have succession plans for all officers so that someone is ready to assume the positions' responsibilities when an officer can no longer serve.

Jeff Spencer suggested more frequent board meetings to discuss and refine material that could help streamline upcoming meetings.

Randy Marsh indicated that integrating activities with other clubs might be helpful. Clyde stated Bloomington initially was a focal point of the chapter's academic members and leadership after FM Midwest's inception. The organization continues to prioritize field trips as a valuable activity, but could do more to provide further value to members and the public, such as serving as guest speakers, presenters, etc. Craig noted CGMS is experiencing similar issues.

Liaison Officer Marsh thanked all attendees for attending the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was entered and carried without opposition. (RMarsh/CSpencer/P).

Meeting adjourned: 4:05 PM.



Collecting of loose gravel is permitted.



started mild in the Midwest but then turned very cold for a few days.

Johan Maertens captured pictures of these frost dendrites.



Your picture or story here.

Contributions of articles and photos are welcome. E-mail and clearly state that the submission is intended for publication in the Newsletter; send photos as color, high resolution email attachments.

Send all submissions and suggestions to newsletter@fommidwest.org

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Dr. Carl Brett

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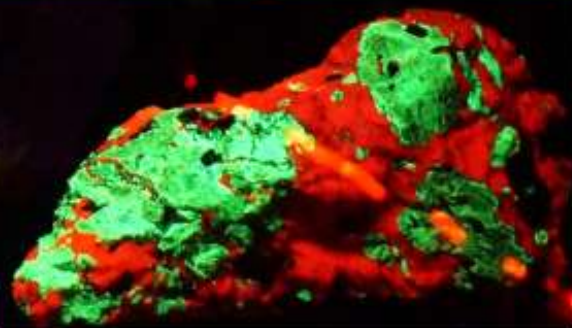
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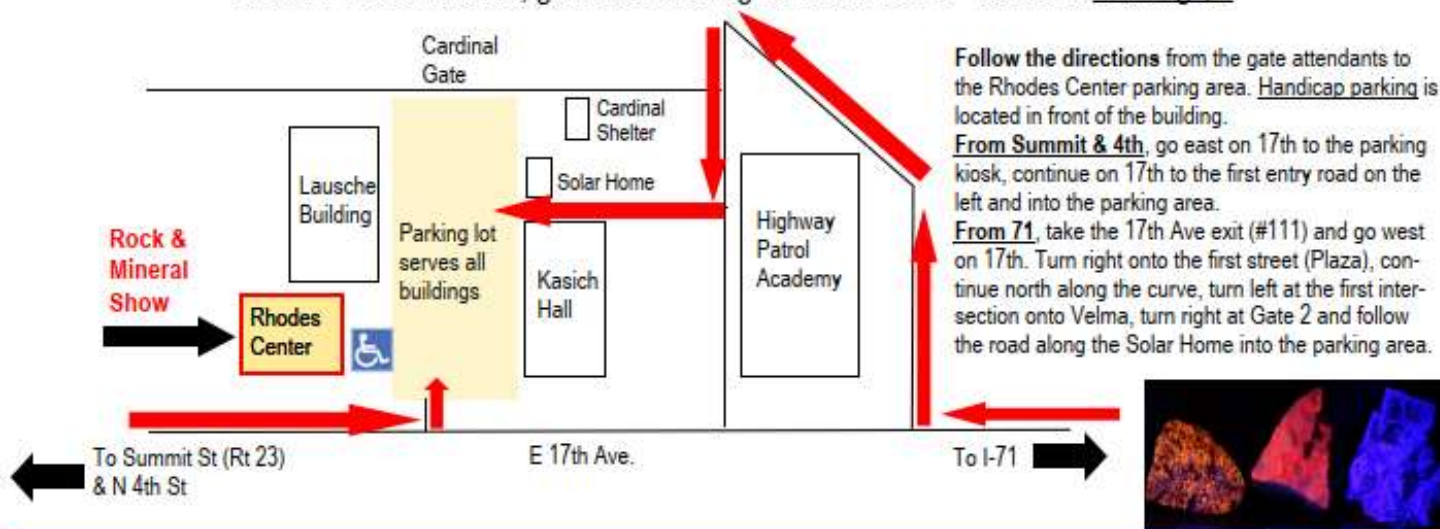


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End Date: 04/07/2024

Hours: Sat 9:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Venue: Neville Public Museum

Address: 210 Museum Pl

Neville Public Museum

Green Bay, WI 54303

1st Annual Langlade Gem & Mineral Show

Start Date: 04/13/2024

End Date: 04/13/2024

Venue: Chocodoodledo

Address: 816 5th Ave

Chocodoodledo

Antigo, WI 54409

Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Show

Start Date: 04/27/2024

End Date: 04/28/2024

Hours: Sat 9:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Venue: Eau Claire County Expo Center

Address: 5530 Fairview Dr

Eau Claire County Expo Center

Eau Claire, WI 54701

Wisconsin Geological Society Rock and Gem Show

Start Date: 05/18/2024

End Date: 05/19/2024

Hours: 10am - 430pm

Venue: Waukesha Expo Center

Address: 1000 Northview Rd

Waukesha Expo Center

Waukesha, WI 53188

Oshkosh Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show

Start Date: 09/21/2024

End Date: 09/22/2024

Venue: Sunnyview Exposition Center

Address: 500 E County Rd. Y

Sunnyview Exposition Center

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Geodeland Earth Science Clubs Show

Start Date: 03/09/2024

End Date: 03/10/2024

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

Venue: Western Illinois University Student Union

Ballroom

Address: 1 University Circle

Western Illinois University Student Union Ballroom

Macomb, IL 61455

ESCONI Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

Start Date: 03/16/2024

End Date: 03/17/2024

Hours: Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-4:00

Venue: DuPage County Fairgrounds

Address: 2015 Manchester Rd

DuPage County Fairgrounds

Wheaton, IL

S. Illinois Earth Science Club Mineral & Gem Show

Start Date: 04/13/2024

End Date: 04/14/2024

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

Venue: The Pavilion of the City of Marion

Address: 1602 Sioux Dr

The Pavilion of the City of Marion

Marion, IL 62959

Chicago rock and minerals show

Start Date: 05/25/2024

End Date: 05/27/2024

Venue: Kayne County Fairgrounds

Address: 22 W 721 Poplar Rd
Kayne County Fairgrounds
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Rocks Rule! Kirkwood Winter Rock Show
Start Date: 02/23/2024
End Date: 02/25/2024
Hours: Fri 4:00 - 9:00 Sat 10:00 - 6:00 Sun 10:00 - 4:00
Venue: KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
Address: 111 South Geyer Road
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Show Me Gems & Minerals Club
Start Date: 03/08/2024
End Date: 03/10/2024
Hours: Fri 10:00-8:00 Sat 10:00-7:00 Sun 10:00-5:00
Venue: Personal Home
Address: 1712 Country Acres Dr
Personal Home
St Peters, MO 63376

Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Bead Show
Start Date: 03/08/2024
End Date: 03/10/2024
Hours: Fri 10:00-8:00 Sat 10:00-7:00 Sun 10:00-5:00
Venue: KCI Expo Center
Address: 11730 NW Ambassador Drive
KCI Expo Center
Kansas City, MO 64153



Kluessendorf Memorial
Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show

Saturday, March 2nd 10 - 5
Sunday, March 3rd 10 - 4

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Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Bead Show
Start Date: 11/01/2024
End Date: 11/03/2024
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If you would like to bring a specimen to test, golfball to baseball size would be best; nothing larger than softball size. Geodes are fine, too,

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