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The purpose of this non-profit organization is to promote interest in collecting, studying and working with gems and minerals and fossils. Organized in 1955, the Black Hawk Club joined the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies in 1959. It is also a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, September through May at 6:00P.M. in the Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island, IL. Picnics are held at various locations during June, July, and August. Annual Dues: Individual Membership: \$15.00, Senior Couples: \$12.00, Senior Individual: \$10.00, Family: \$20.00.



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Christmas Party



The party is to be held **Saturday December 15th** at the **Singing Bird Lodge** in Blackhawk State Park, Rock Island, IL (see map Page 6). It will be from **6-8**. It will be **potluck**, however drinks will be provided. We will be holding a **special members silent auction**.



Upcoming Events

<p>Jan 26</p>	<p>LINCOLN, NE: Annual Indoor Swap, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc, Bethany Park Shelter House, Cotner & Vine Sts, Sat 1:00-5:00, Contact Pat Akins, Jr, 5017 NW 6th St, Lincoln, NE 68521, (402) 477-1322</p>
<p>Jan - Feb</p>	<p>MT CLEMENS, MI: 3rd Annual Rock & Mineral Workshop, Mt Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Classes to assist students grades 3-6 in Science Olympiad Competition, Contact: Richard Brzozowski, 40217 Spitz Dr, Sterling Hts, MI 48313, (586) 264-5576</p>

<p>March 8-9</p>	<p>MACOMB, IL:, Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc 28th Annual Show, WIU Student Union, Murray St, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact: Steve Holley, 30795 N Norris Blacktop, Farmington, IL 61531, (309) 647-8864, ifossil@hotmail.com</p>
<p>March 8</p>	<p>CHICAGO, IL: Chicago Rocks & Mineral Society Annual Silent Auction! Open to the public, no admission fee. The first tables close at 5:45 P.M., with viewing beginning at 5:30 P.M. The auction is expected to last until approximately 10 P.M. Salvation Army, 4056 N. Pulaski Avenue. That is 2 blocks east on Irving after exiting the Kennedy at Irving Park Road.</p>
<p>March 14-17</p>	<p>CEDAR RAPIDS, IA: Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society Annual Show, Teamsters Union Hall, 500 J St SW, Sat 8:30-6:00, Sun 9:30-5:00, Contact: Marv Houg, 1820 30th St Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403, (319) 364-2868, m_houg@yahoo.com</p>
<p>March 29-30</p>	<p>MONROE, WI: The Badger Lapidary & Geological Society 38th Annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show; Monroe High School, 1600 - 26th St. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dealers, Speaker, Education Exhibits, Gold Panning, Fluorescent Mineral Tent Demonstrations, Hourly Door Prizes, Videos and a "Fish Pond" for the kids</p>

Welcome new members

Nick and Linda Maro

Rachel Harris

Carol Stream and Family

Greg Jasper

Ron and Thelma DePaepe

December Board:

Board meeting this month was about the subject of a website. It had been discussed in the past for the club to have a presence on the internet for people to find us and to attract more interest in the club. We now have the means to do so. We are having a website designed and hope to have it out there by the new year. Board met to look over the design and give their input. Also to authorize the expense in order to register it, have it designed, and to host it.

Also discussed was dues for the AMF - Connie is sending in. And what we are going to do about having new Kids games for our April show. We received several good ideas at our November meeting. One being a Plinko game and a game that resembles the old floating duck game. Some we may be able to purchase. Some we will need someone to build for us.



Dues!

It's getting close to the end of the year once again; time to start thinking about dues. Dues are due January 1st. Any Dues paid from this point forward will count towards next year's membership. Those who joined in September are already paid through next year.

Individual - \$15.00
Family - \$20.00
Senior Couple - \$12.00
Senior Single - \$10.00

If mailing, please send dues to: Connie Huber
2903 Woodland Ct
Davenport, IA 52803

2008 Board Elect

Elections were held at the November meeting. All who were nominated ran unopposed so no vote will be necessary. Mitch White, who was to move to 1 year director next year, stepped down due to other commitments, so this is what our board will look like next year:

President - Kellie Moore

Vice President - Bret Henderson

Treasurer - Connie Huber

Secretary - Shelly Henderson

3 Yr Director - Craig Moore

2 yr Director - Delores Bates

1 yr Director - Lori Johnson (Taking Mitch White's place)



Fall Show results: and how they compare to last year's.

	2007	2006
Club Sales	\$565.07	\$276.75
Admissions	\$650	\$859
Raffle	\$300	?
Silent Auction	\$414.45	\$158.75
Kid's games	\$46.94	\$70.50
Donations	\$24.36	\$0

As you can see some areas did better - some not. Unfortunately we believe Admissions got mixed up with others due to the lack of volunteers to help out this year. Attendance definitely did better than what this reflects. Even so - the club did **great** this year! Even though it is not all profit the final numbers still came out ahead of previous years. We should be able to cover the scholarship fund and putting out a website for 2008. Thank you to those who were able to donate their time to help make this show a success!

Rock Collection for sale!

Russ Anderson is selling his fathers rock collection and equipment. Equipment he has for sale is: (All equipment sold with stand)

16 inch Flat Lap - Shurtleff Welding Co.

Hand Made Faceting Machine

10 inch Saw - No blade.

6 inch Trim Saw

"Rocks" Grinder - Expandable Drum unit - w/2 6 inch wheels

Small Vibrasonic tumbler

Gem Sparkle Rock Tumbler 1.5 Barrel

Spool Polisher

Grinder - 8 inch stones

Grit

Miscellaneous Rocks that include - Brazil Agate, Petrified Wood, Slabs, Apache Tears, Tumbling material, Geode scraps, Druzy quartz, Mexican Geodes, Lake Superior Agates, Smokey Quartz, Jasper, Obsidian, Amethyst, Quartz, tumbled stones,

Also needs to go are:

The shelving,

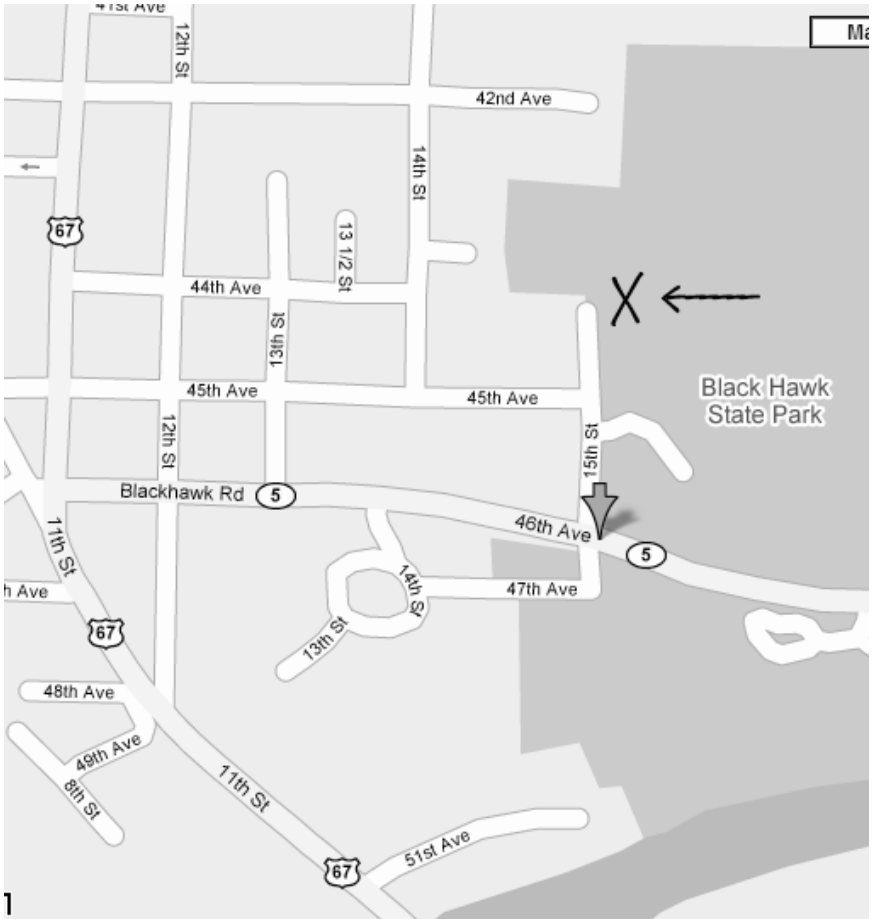
Wood trimmed glass display case (6 ft long, 2 ft deep, and 4 ft high)

If you would like to check any of this out or have questions please call **Russ** at **(309) 292-7395**. It is all at his dad's house in Silvis. He would like to sell as much as possible as soon as possible. He is willing to sell a little at a time or the whole lot, you decide. He was talking about wanting \$800 for the whole collection and equipment.

Map To Black Hawk State Historical Site. (Singing Bird Lodge)

Christmas Party: 12/15/07

At Black Hawk State Historical Site's Singing Bird Lodge.
1510 46th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201



(via <http://maps.google.com>)

Ruby the Bright Red Gemstone

By Natalie Darling

From *Gem & Mineral Journal*, Dec. 2005

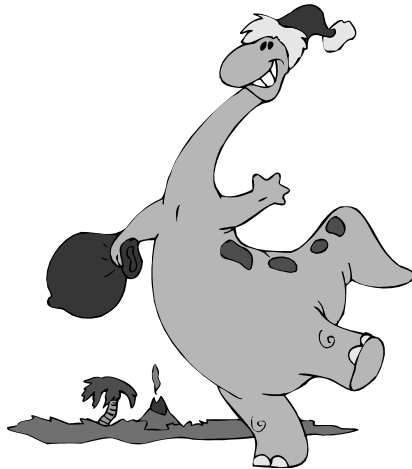
9th Place AFMS Adult Poetry Contest

(Sung to the tune of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer)

You know Diamond & Sapphire, Emerald & Garnet,
Citrine and Topaz, Opal and Onyx,
But do you recall....The brightest gemstone of all
Ruby the bright red gemstone,
Moh's gives it a number 9
After you cut and polish it,
You can really see it shine!
Very few other gemstones,
Can say that they are quite as hard,
Oh, if I could only find one -
maybe in my own back yard.
Then I joined this group in town,
The gem and mineral club -
Ruby with your shine so bright,
You are closer in my sights.
Field trips and monthly workshops,
Collecting and sorting rocks - yipee
Ruby the bright red gemstone,
Someday you'll belong to me!

HELP!!!

We're trying to start getting ready for our Spring show and we could really use some help. We are still in need of **material** to put in the egg carton rock collections. If you have a bunch of a particular kind of material that will fit in an egg sized space that you would like to donate, that would be great! We are looking for large quantities of the same type because we would like to keep the collections as similar as possible... but if you've only got miscellaneous rock (or ones that might not fit in the egg cartons), we'll take those too! If we can't use them in the collections, we still need rock for grab bags, silent auctions and kid's games. We also need **Egg Cartons** for the rock collections. We have some, but they are looking pretty old (and probably are) so we would really like newer ones if at all possible. Please save them up and bring them (and anything else you'd like to donate) to a meeting. I have saved 3 so far.



Newsletter

If you have an article you would like to see published let us know! You can e-mail the President at:

kalsinean1@aol.com

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