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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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Next Meeting September 20th Hauberg Civic Center

The next meeting will be held at the Hauberg Civic Center on **September 20th**. The Hauberg Civic Center is located at 1300 24th Street, Rock Island. **There will be a silent auction** for members at **6:00 P.M.** in the workshop, in the basement, followed by the meeting at 6:30 P.M.



Upcoming Events

<p>Sep 14-16</p>	<p>LINCOLN, MO, Annual Show, Mozarkite Society of Lincoln, Inc., Lincoln City Park, Shelter House, Lincoln, Missouri 20 miles south of Sedalia on Hwy 65. Fri, Sat 9:00-6:00, Sun 9:00-2:00, Public Digs for Mozarkite Friday and Saturday, Contact: Linville Harms, 1804 E 14th St, Sedalia, MO 65301, (660) 827-4143</p>
<p>Sep 22</p>	<p>PALO, IA, Annual Auction, Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society, Palo Community Ctr, 9:00- ? Contact: Marv Houg, 1820 30th St Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403, (319)364-2868, m_houg@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Sep 22-23</p>	<p>SCHUYLER, NE. Annual Show, Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., St. Mary's Social Hall, 320 West 10th Street, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Ben Vrana, 705 C St, Schuyler, NE 68661, (402) 352-5531, bby5531@intergate.com</p>

Sep 29-30	OSHKOST, WI , 36th Annual Show, Oshkosh Earth Science Club, Sunny View Expo Ctr, 625 E Cty Rd Y, (No times or contact given)
Oct 6-7	JEFFERSON, WI , Annual Show, Rock River Valley Geological Society, Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00 (No contact given)
Oct 6-7	Springfield, IL , Annual LOESS Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society. Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00. The Show will be held in the Illinois Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, 9th Street & Sangamon Ave. Contact: John Washburn, (217) 498-7713, jrwashburn2@msn.com
Oct 19-21	FT WAYNE, IN , 46th Annual Show, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society, Allen Co Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Fri, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Chet Perkins, 17507 Zubrick Rd, Roanoke, IN 46783, (260) 638-4914, cwperk@aol.com
Oct 19-21	GURNEE, IL . Annual Show, Lake County Gem & Mineral Society, Gurnee Holiday Inn, 6161 Grand Ave, Fri 3:00-7:00, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00. Contact Michael Hanley, 365 Meadow Green Ln, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847) 546-5382
Oct 20-21	CHICAGO HTS, IL , 38th Annual Show, South Suburban Earth Science Club, Prairie State College, 202 S Halsted St, in the Prairie Room (large gym towards the back of the school). Free Admission. Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:30-5:00, Contact: Lee Ann Burrough (708) 709-3674, ssescus@yahoo.com
Oct 20-21	CLIO, MI , 40th Annual Show, Flint Rock & Gem Club, Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr, Sat 10:00-5:00 Sun 10:00-5:00, Contact Ed Hearn, 10395 Ataberry Dr, Clio, MI 48420, (810) 687-2339, justed@cs.com

<p>Oct 21</p>	<p>ST CLAIR SHORES, MI, 3rd Annual Jewelry, Gem, Bead Show, Mt Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society, Lakeshore K of C Hall, 25003 Little Mack Ave, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact: Ron Rolfe, 42729 Fortner Dr, Sterling Hts, MI 48313, (586) 726-1578, ymrolfe@comcast.net</p>
<p>Oct 20-21</p>	<p>Des Moines Lapidary Society Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, Iowa State Fairgrounds Learning Center, 33rd Street and University entrance. Contact Ray Brockman, (515) 266-8221</p>
<p>Oct 26-28</p>	<p>MASON, MI. Annual Show, Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society, Ingham Co Fairgrounds, Main Arena, 700 E. Ash, Fri 6:00-9:00, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 11:00-5:00. Contact: Alan Hukill, 15785 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 641-6125, Facetman60@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Oct 27</p>	<p>ELMHURST, IL - West Suburban Lapidary Club Silent Auction & Sale - 9am-3pm at The Abbey 407 W. St Charles Rd. Lots of equipment, machinery, tools, rough, slabs, cabs, specimens, magazines, books, findings, rocks & geodes. Many "Buy-it-now" items. Something for everyone. Demonstrations. Free Parking. Free Admission. Contact Mary Prosek at (708) 227-8545 or via email: mitty27@sbcglobal.net. www.westsuburbanlapidaryclub.com</p>
<p>Oct 27-28</p>	<p>CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH, Semi-annual Show, Akron Mineral Society & Summit Lapidary Club, Emidio & Sons Expo Ctr, 48 E Bath Rd, Sat 10:00-7:00, Sun 10:00-6:00, Contact, Warren Salchak, 242 Monroe Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, (330) 929-3798</p>
<p>Oct 27-28</p>	<p>DAVENPORT, IA, <u>Our Fall Show</u>, Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Club, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 4H Bldg, 2815 W Locust St, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-3:30, Contact: Delores Bates, (309) 796-0616 or Kellie Moore, (563) 445-3034, kaisinean1@aol.com</p>

Board Meeting Notes:

This months board meeting we discussed preparations for the upcoming show.

1. We are preparing to send out show flyers to local schools, clubs, and our club show mailing list. We hope to get these in the mail this week.
2. Paying the second half of the Fairgrounds deposit. It is already in the mail.
3. It was decided that we have sufficient grab bags left to get us thru the fall show.



State Elections II Quiz

Adapted, from Wayne Nelson's Crossword Via *Rock Rustler's News*, 12/95

1. Petrified red wood is from this state.....
2. South Dakota is known for this rock.....
3. Arkansas likes this "brides' delight"
4. Garnet was picked here.....
5. Nevada digs this mineral.....
6. Type of wood found in North Dakota.....
7. Texas likes this gem.....
8. Colorado likes this sky blue gem.....
9. State mineral of Delaware.....
10. Indiana has built on this stone.....
11. Nephrite jade is located here.....
12. State of Lake Superior agate.....
13. Topaz found here.....
14. Fresh water pearl was picked here.....
15. Type of quartz New Hampshire picked.....
16. Gem staurolite is this state's mineral.....
17. Known for its moss agate.....
18. The almandine garnet is this state's mineral.....
19. Rhode Island has chosen this mineral.....
20. California picked this gem.....



Art and Merry Hartung's 75th wedding anniversary

Pauline Hartung, Art & Merry's daughter, has invited us to join them as they celebrate Art and Merry's 75th wedding anniversary on September 22nd 2:00 to 4:00 at Friendship Manor. Many of you may already know them as they have been long time members of the club. They were also the original owners of the Caprock in Illinois. When they retired they sold their business to the last owners. They would love to see some of their old friends and customers.

Tips & Hints:

- ❖ Remove algae and lichen from your specimens with a soak in ammonia and water.
- ❖ To reclaim your old cutting oil, pour into half-gallon milk cartons and add a small amount of water. Let the sludge settle for a few days. Put the cartons into the freezer. The water will freeze and the oil will rise to the top. All you have to do is pour it off.
- ❖ If your diamond charge lap is dirty, clean it with "Twinkle" copper cleaner. It will not only be cleaner but will look and cut like new.
- ❖ There is another way of finishing soapstone that we have heard - the Chinese used. Heat the finished article at 200 F for an hour. Remove from the oven and apply a coat of paste wax. A jade effect results.
- ❖ To get a high polish on onyx and other stones that are difficult to polish, go through the complete process of making your cab from grinding to polishing in your normal manner. Then, to get a high polish, mix in a small jar - 5 Tbls of water with a $\frac{1}{2}$ Tsp of Oxalic acid, then dip your cab into the mixture. Go back to the polishing wheel. You will be pleased with the results.

Source: *Ozark Earth Science News* 9/05, *Via The Pick and Dop Stick* 12/06

- ❖ Skunk! Whether you encounter 'Pepe Le Pew' on a field trip or in your backyard, here's an environmentally friendly, veterinarian approved remedy to remove his lingering foul scent. Mix 1 box baking soda, 1 pint hydrogen peroxide, 1 pint of water, and a couple of squirts of dishwashing liquid. Wet wipe the effected areas with a cloth dipped in the solution. What a relief for both you and your pet.

Source: *Quarry Quips* 9-06, *Pick & Pack* 9-06, *The Pick and Dop Stick* 12-06.

Websites for beaders:

I have discovered a couple of websites where people who are interested in beading can join together and share ideas, projects, book reviews, etc.

www.beadindaily.com

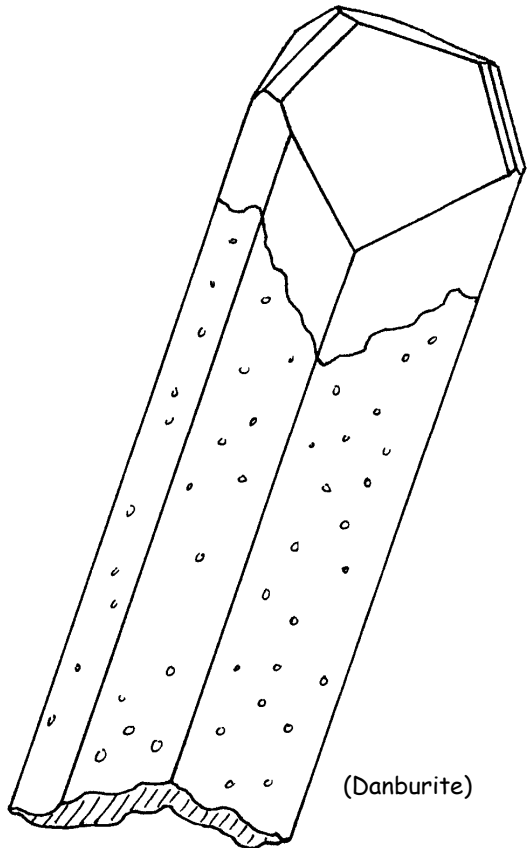
www.ohiobeadersshowcase.com

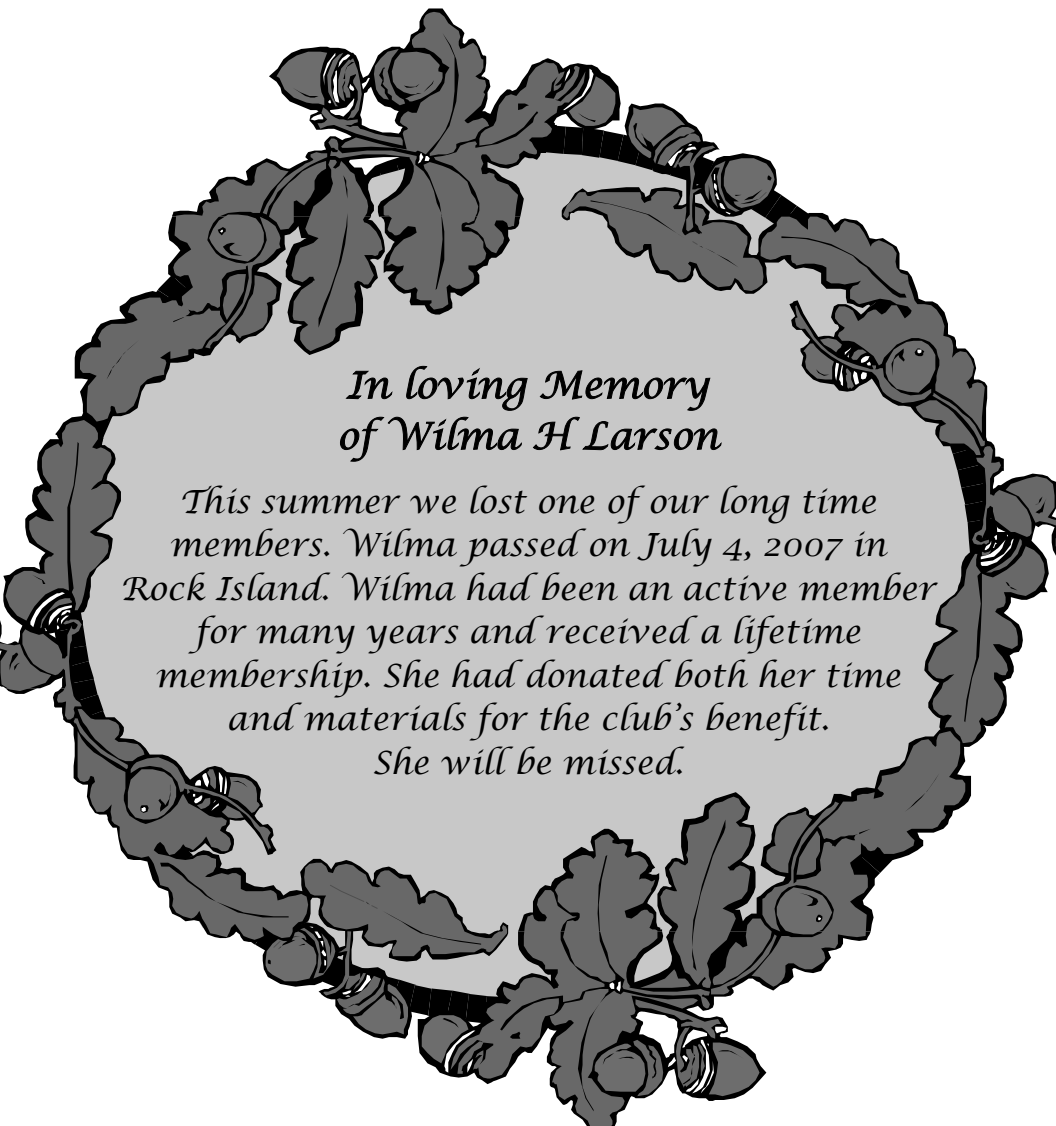
If you are in to beading and have a computer check them out. They are great.

State Elections II Quiz

Answers:

1. Washington
2. Rose quartz
3. Diamond
4. New York
5. Silver
6. Toledo
7. Blue Topaz
8. Aquamarine
9. Sillemanite
10. Limestone
11. Wyoming
12. Minnesota
13. Utah
14. Tennessee
15. Smokey quartz
16. Georgia
17. Montana
18. Connecticut
19. Bavenite
20. Benitoite





*In loving Memory
of Wilma H Larson*

This summer we lost one of our long time members. Wilma passed on July 4, 2007 in Rock Island. Wilma had been an active member for many years and received a lifetime membership. She had donated both her time and materials for the club's benefit. She will be missed.



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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