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NOVEMBER 19 MEETING — 7:15

Tuesday Nov 19 - 7:15 p.m. at Washington High School: The meeting will be held in Room 152 at Cedar Rapids Washington High school instead of at Collins. Park in the south parking lot off Cottage Grove and follow the signs. The program will be on microfossils. You will be able to look at them using the labs microscopes and you will be able to take some home.

This is the annual meeting of the Society, and will include election of officers. In addition to nominations being accepted from the floor, the following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee of Sharon Sonnleitner, chair, Dell James, Dave Roush and Tom Whitlatch:

President: Marv Houg or Tom Whitlatch
Vice President: Bill Desmarais
Secretary: Dell James
Treasurer: Dale Stout
Editor:
Webmaster: Sharon Sonnleitner
Liaison: Joy Cummings
Director through 2015: Dave Roush

Hosts: Tom & Julie Whitlatch and Marv Houg.

Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 3**, at 7:15 pm at the home of Marv and Sue Houg.

Are You Getting the Club Emails? An abbreviated newsletter will be sent to those who do not have an email address, based on the information Dale Stout sends out by email. We have been sending out an email schedule similar to this document periodically. If you have an email address and aren't receiving these emails and you would like to - please make sure that Dale Stout has your current email address (contact him at dhstout55@aol.com)

If you would like to take on the position of Newsletter Editor, please contact a board member. This is a board position, which involves reporting club news and collecting public domain articles for publication ten months of the year. Member articles from exchange bulletins can be used with acknowledgement. A good command of sentence structure and grammar is required. This could be a shared position.



Dues are due in December: Check your mailing label to see when your dues expire. Dues are \$15 per family. Please pay at a meeting or send dues to Dale Stout. His address is on the back. If your dues are not paid by April

1, your membership will lapse.



Holiday Party Dec. 10: Tuesday, Dec.10 CVRMS Holiday Potluck - Guaranty Bank - Fairfax (same as past few years). Mark your calendars - note that it is the 2nd Tuesday of December - not the normal 3rd Tuesday of our meet-

ings . Eat at 6:30.

“FOSSIL GUY” EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS — NOVEMBER 2013

“Fossil Guy” Don Johnson will present a series of public educational programs on topics in paleontology during the first three weekends in November 2013 according to the schedule below. All programs are 30-minute talks with audience participation followed by 30-minutes of hands-on interaction and question & answer time. No reservation required. Programs will be on Saturdays at 2:00pm at the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History (UIMNH) on the Pentacrest in Iowa City, IA — the museum as well as the programs are free of charge. The programs will be repeated on Sundays at 2:00pm at the new Cedar Rapids Science Center location, 5824 Council St NE in Cedar Rapids — programs are included with gallery admission (\$2.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids).

"Paleontology Under the Magnifying Glass"

UI MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Saturday, November 16, 2:00pm

CEDAR RAPIDS SCIENCE CENTER
Sunday, November 17, 2:00pm

Program Description:

What can we learn about ancient ecosystems including climate, the diversity of life, and predator/prey relationships from the smallest fossils found in geological formations around the world? See & touch tiny fossils of plants and animals from the Late Cretaceous (100 – 66 MYA), Oligocene (34 – 23 MYA), and Pleistocene (2.6 MYA – 11,700 years ago). Try to identify these tiny fossils using magnifying glasses & a microscope. To emphasize the dramatic difference in size between the smallest and largest animals during these time periods, those in attendance can see & touch a fossil shoulder blade of Triceratops, a fossil skull of the large hornless rhino Subhyracodon, & a fossil femur and replica claw of the giant ground sloth Eremotherium. Finally, Learn about the collecting of tiny fossils including the identification of microsites and the process of sorting through modern anthills in fossil-bearing formations.

University of Iowa Museum of Natural History

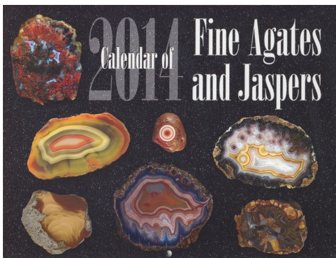
THURSDAY, NOV 21 - 7 PM**UI EXPLORERS SEMINAR SERIES - MCBRIDE HALL U OF I - GIS DAY SEMINAR**

Special GIS Day seminar!

A Discussion of Geographic Information Systems in Science
Biosphere Discovery Hub
(3rd Floor)

NOV. 21-24 BLUE STONE

Blue Stone will be back in CR at Hawthorne Suites @ 4444 Czech Lane NE November 21-24. 1 am -8 pm Thursday - Saturday, 10am - 6 pm on Sunday

TIME TO ORDER 2014 AGATE CALENDARS

Let Dale know at the November meeting or before and he will have them at the Holiday party \$8

ALSO WE COULD ORDER NAMETAGS.

Let Dale know by the November meeting as well

Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Society Monthly Meeting
October 15, 2013
Anita Heaverlo, Kathy Poohl

Call to order: 7:25 p.m. by Marv Houg, President.

Introduction of new members or guests- Kathy Poohl, Logan Poohl, Morgan Novak, Lauren Giddings, Jane Gilotti

Minutes Minutes of last meeting reviewed. Motion to approve made by Julie, second by Tom. Minutes approved as reviewed.

Treasurer's report by Dale-Checking account total \$4830.29. Report filed.
Net income from auction about \$4200.00

Correspondence-

Dale is taking orders for the agate calendars.

Monthly Program
"Born on the Wrong Side of the Tracks"
By Jane Gilotti
Professor-U of I

Described eclogites and where they live and what they look like.

Door Prize Winner-Dale Stout and chose the Keswick

Old Business

Auction comments-Equipment was not in great shape. Reviewed board concerns about who is allowed to sell and whether there should be a prioritization system in place. Various suggestions on how to speed the process up a little.

New Business

The 2014 show remains nameless. Members encouraged to think of a name for the show remembering that Gold is the theme since it is our 50th show.

Suggestions needed also for anyone with information on displays of old mining techniques, old equipment, gold uses?? Suggestion to ask Mark Ginsberg if he would be interested in display or discussion or program regarding gold? Board will consider.

Christmas party will be held on **December 10, second Tuesday, at the Guaranty Bank in Fairfax** .300 80th St/ Cl. Note that this is different than the regularly scheduled meeting date. The club will pay for turkey/ham, Dell will cook and the rest is pot luck. More to be discussed at board meeting.

November meeting-will be held at Washington High School, 2205 Forest Dr. SE. Cedar Rapids, Rm 152. Best to enter off Cottage Grove Ave, South Parking Lot. Science room with scopes available for everyone. All equipment will be available as well as the microfossils that you can take home on slides. Meeting will be short. The fun will be longer.

Election of officers. It is time to reelect officers for the upcoming year-2014. Nomination committee consisting of Dave Roush, Dell, Sharon and Tom. Anyone interested in serving on the board please let one of the nominating committee know. Editor is still open.

Other business

Host/hostesses signup sheet available. Next month hosts will be Tom and Julie, and Marv.

Members asked to sign papers with thoughts etc. to John Powela (broken bones) and to the Juhls who are old friends / members meeting challenges.

Adjournment

Motion made by Tom, second by Jeff. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted
Dell James, Sec.

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Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was organized for the purpose of studying the sciences of mineralogy, geology, and paleontology and the arts of lapidary and gemology. We are members of the Midwest (MWF) and American (AFMS) Federations. Membership is open to anyone who professes an interest in rocks and minerals.

Dues are \$15.00 per family per calendar year and can be sent to Dale Stout, 2237 Meadowbrook Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

Visit us at:
www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org

The club meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September through November and from January through May at 7:15pm at the Rockwell Collins 35th St Plant Cafeteria, Cedar Rapids, IA. The December meeting is a Christmas dinner held on the usual meeting night. June, July, and August meetings are potlucks held at 6:30pm at area parks on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Washington High School
 Annual Meeting Nov. 19



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