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Our thanks and appreciation to the many DMS member volunteers who have helped to make this show possible for public enjoyment.

More About Our Show

What did you like collecting when you were a kid? Quartz? Fossils? Petrified wood? What do you collect today?

Our Members and Guest Exhibitors offer you the full gamut of mineral, fossil, gem, and jewelry varieties on display as a unique and temporary museum for the weekend of March 2-3, 2019!

But, to witness the true wonder of Nature, you may need to pause and study over 20 exhibits. We encourage you to photograph them, too. Our Webmaster will post up close specimen photos after the Show taken by our Photography Team.

There so many forms, you may have to Google more, and spend hours perusing breathtaking photos, or scanning from millions of articles and fun-facts. Our facebook page has themed posts, links, photos, and more! On Twitter, use #dmsgemshow

We will have representatives from many of our partner organizations present to answer questions about their Exhibits.

If you’re a scientist, student, collector, or just a curious visitor, who appreciates a good show, please do join us!

Visit our local Museums, University Collections, and area Archaeological Societies to see and learn more.

DMS is a proud member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS).

Please join us for our next show on:
March 7-8, 2020
www.delminsociety.net

Celebrating our 56th Show!

On behalf of the DMS, Welcome to our show!
Elaine Kipp, Show Chair
ABOUT OUR SHOW

RAFFLE PRIZES: Several raffle prizes will also be offered to those who purchase raffle tickets ($1 or $5 for 6). Special paid admission raffle prize, too.

EXHIBITS: See the many excellent exhibits of fine minerals, fossils, self-collected minerals, fossils, jewelry, and lapidary materials. The Delaware Museum of Natural History will choose two for display.

FLUORESCENT BOOTH: Two or more cases of local and exotic fluorescent minerals will be on exhibit.

DEALERS: Specimens and supplies are available from our 17 quality dealers of minerals, fossils, jewelry, gems, and lapidary materials.

JUNIOR BOOTH: The junior booth offers mineral, fossil, and lapidary rough that has been donated by friends of the DMS. Specimens are offered for sale at very affordable prices to benefit the novice collector.

CLUB MEMBERS SALES: Some of our members will have mineral & fossil specimens for sale, as well as hand-crafted jewelry.

DEMONSTRATIONS: The grinding and polishing of stones, faceting, jewelry-making, and other lapidary related crafts will be demonstrated by DMS members & Tuscarora Lapidary Society members, who enjoy the lapidary arts and hand-crafting.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership information for our club, the Delaware Mineralogical Society, is available at the club table located in the entry lobby and at the demonstration booth. See anyone at the front desk if you have any questions. Info is available at www.delminsociety.net.

REFRESHMENTS: Several restaurants within a short walk or drive.

THE EXHIBITS

Exhibits by the Iron Hill Science Center, club members, and guest rockhounds. Enjoy!

Iron Hill Science Center........ The Beauty of Iron Hill (Maureen Zieber)
Archaeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake........ Untitled (Dan Coates)
*Wayne Union.................... Minerals
Joe & Lorraine Polityka........ Smithsonite-The Colorful Ore of Zinc
Pam Pollister & Vince Albicelli. Spheres, Glorious Spheres!
Hans Van Binsburgen......... Rare and Unusual Minerals
*Ross Elliot........................ Favorite Finds of 2018
*Ross Elliot........................ Historic Tools Forged Locally
Ken Casey.......................... Field Trip Finds, Tiled
Robert Asreen...................... Untitled
*Edward Bayley.................... Calctes from the Fletcher Mine, Reynolds Co., Missouri
*Jeff Chalfant...................... Finds That Made My Day
William Severance.............. Calumet and Hecla Mining Co. Semi-Centennial Employees’ Service Medals of 1966 AND Selected Contemporary Minerals
Charles & Lauren Szczepanski, Untitled
David Dinsmore............... Untitled
Tom Pankratz, Coordinator.... DMS Club Case: Field Trips
Tom Pankratz, Coordinator.... DMS Club Cases: Fluorescents

Junior Member Exhibits:
Esther Kerns, Coordinator...... DMS Club Case: Junior ‘Blue Rockers’, Earth Resources: From ‘Mine’ to ‘Mankind’
*Timothy McCann............... Untitled
*Austen Specht and Guthrie Specht.......... Uses

* Indicates Competitive Exhibit: Competitive exhibits are judged using a comprehensive point system established by the DMS for each of the above categories depending on the level of experience (junior, novice, advanced) of the exhibitor. Exhibits are not judged against one another. A minimum of points must be earned to achieve a first, second, or third place award. The exhibit earning the most points is awarded the Best of Show. In general, judging is based on presentation, quality, showmanship, accuracy, rarity, and variety. The EFMLS/AFMS has its own criteria.

Handling of specimens is not allowed without explicit permission from the dealer or owner. You may be liable for damages. Thank you.