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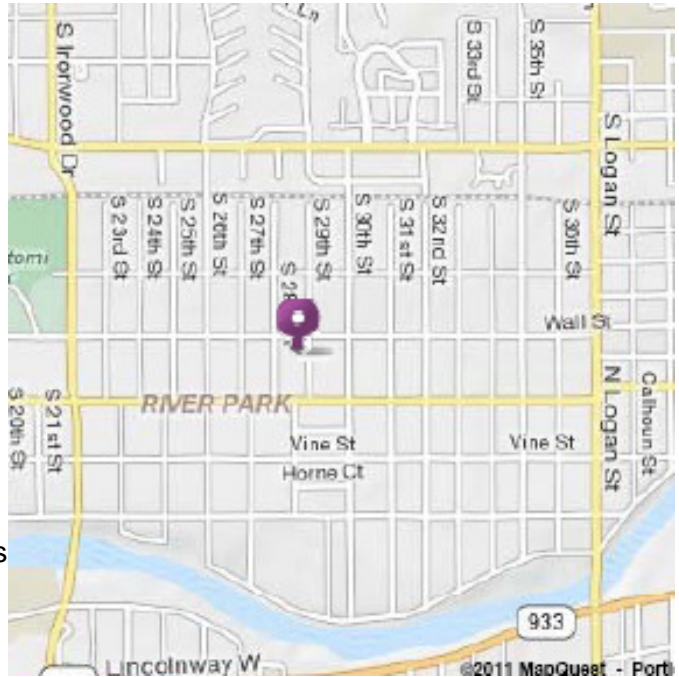
The purpose of the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and the lapidary arts, and to share lapidary knowledge and techniques. General meetings are usually held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at,

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S. 29th St.,
South Bend, IN.
Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



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Please note that all items for a given issue of the *Rockfinder* are due to the **Editor** no later than the 5th day of the previous month. This means that the due date for the March Issue will be February 5th. Advance items are appreciated. Material may be e-mailed to hefner_family@hotmail.com or submitted via the U.S. Mail.

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Presidents message by Jason Hefner, President

Thank you!

I cannot thank those that volunteered to make our 2021 Show a success enough. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. A big shout out to those that helped set everything up, worked the different stations, and helped tear down and clean up.

There were a few little hiccups here and there, but all the vendors said they want to come back and I did not hear any complaints from the public that attended.

I do not have any of the dollar figures from the show yet, but I know we probably did great. Our attendance was up 15% over 2019 and up 25% over 2018 numbers.

The silent auction had a huge donation this year. Colin Bolinger passed away a few years ago and his mother donated his collection to the club to be sold with the proceeds going to the club. We thank Marilyn for her donation in memory of her son.

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Up & Coming

Next Meeting: September 26, 2021

Doors open at 1:30
Meeting starts at 2:00 pm

Place:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
29th & Wall
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

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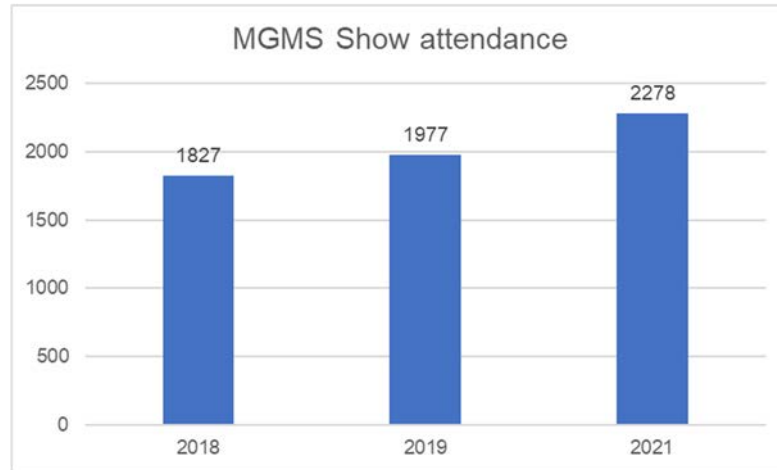
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Kids Corner Show report by Dennis & Holly Kraftor

There were 286 geodes opened for kids and about the same number of gem trees made. The collector cards were a fun way to visit the vendors and many kids participated in that activity also.

The prize wheel made \$461, thank you to everyone who donated items for this and also the give aways for the kids who came through the area.

Our cost for this event was \$427.28 including geodes, gem trees, prize wheel prizes and chalcopyrite for collecting a set of cards. As you can see the prize wheel covers the cost of the kids corner activities so the line budget can be used for more community programs.

Geodes & Gemstones once again donated the 2 raffle items to help with outreach. A big thank you to everyone who helped in the kids area! We never have enough hands and as it gains in popularity more help is needed.

We have a few ideas for next year and would love to hear from members with any new or different activities we can try. Having a hands on/craft type area and a learning activity works well. It has been 3 years since we did the fossil dig in the blocks- but activities also depend on what we can get within our budget while we are out west during the winter.

Thanks again to all who helped it donated- it takes the whole club to make a great show!

AFMS – From the desk of the President by Judy Beck,

AFMS President excerpted from [A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 74, Number 6 – September 2021](#)



Well, they say a picture is worth a thousand words! The AFMS/RMFMS show and convention was so much fun! Here are just a few of the images I have on my phone, and if you'd like to see more from the show, check out <https://img.gg/Ln9DyWP>.

We can't thank Jim Gray & the Sublette County Rockhounds enough for hosting an awesome show, providing excellent facilities, and wonderful food! Another big thanks goes to Doug True for all of his assistance with field trips and as barkeep extraordinaire!

We enjoyed some excellent field trips with great finds of wood and fish fossils! All business was conducted and you can see a copy of the minutes in this issue of our newsletter. The social hour cracker barrel gave us all a time to enjoy some good refreshments and spend time visiting. Our banquet honored many rockhounds in our field and saw the swearing in of next year's officers. It was so great connecting with everyone and I can't wait to do it again!

MWF Convention & Show Jerri Heer Toldeo Gem &

Rockhound Club excerpted from [MWF News April 2021 - Issue No. 601](#)

The Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club (TGRC) is pleased to welcome the hard-working leaders and members of the Midwest Federation for the MWF annual convention.

The convention will be held on Friday, Sept. 10th through Sunday, Sept. 12, as will our annual TGRC Gem Show. The convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2150 E. Wooster Street, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The TGRC show will be held at the Pavilion of the Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Road, in Bowling Green. Show hours will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. (with early bird hours from noon to 2 p.m.), Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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