

# GE LETTER

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## **MARCH 3, MEETING**

### **Annual Live Auction**

As opposed to our "Silent Auction" held during our holiday Pot-Luck Dinner, this month is our "Live Auction". Again Dale Russell will be our "Auctioneer" with help from a few other members.

Members having specimens for auction are permitted a maximum of four (4) items. Again this year, total proceeds from the sale of the items will go to the person placing them for auction.

Those persons having items for auction should sign in on the master sheet and pick up a package of auction slips. Items should then be identified and a reserve price listed if desired. These items will be placed on the front tables for display in the order they are to be auctioned.

**6:30 pm set-up**

**7:00pm viewing**

**7:30 pm auction begins**

We will need a few people to act as runners (to deliver items to bid winners) and table assistants.

**Please bring a few quality items for our "kids only" auction table.**

There will also be "club items" for auction.

Come early, have fun, bid often and high and enjoy yourselves. Add to your collection and/or your pocketbook from your surplus items.

## **Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**

There will be sign-up sheets at the January, February and March meetings for the various jobs (admissions, Club table, Mini-Mine, etc.) needed for the show. Volunteers, will be admitted to the show for **FREE**, when they come in to work.

If you are planning a display case for the show, the forms are available from Don Lapham at [xtaldon@gmail.com](mailto:xtaldon@gmail.com).

## **"DINOSAURS ARE COMING" MARCH 18-19, 2023 BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S 53rd ANNUAL GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW**

"Dinosaurs are Coming" to the Buffalo Geological Society's 53rd Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on March 18-19, 2023, at the Erie County Fairgrounds in the Grange, Market and New York State Police Buildings in Hamburg, NY, on Saturday, 9 am-7 pm and Sunday, 9 am-6 pm. Please note the expanded hours of this year's show due to the popularity of dinosaurs

In addition to models of over a dozen dinosaurs, there will be actual dinosaur bones collected by Glen LaPlaca, of Past and Present, on display. The **Orton Museum, of Ohio State University**, will be exhibiting several casts of dinosaurs from Utah, Antarctica, and South Africa.

This annual show provides an instant museum of Buffalo Geological Society Members fossils, minerals, and jewelry, demonstrators; the famous Mini-Mine for young collectors; the new mining operation for children and adults; mineral and fossil identification; and a variety of non-profit exhibitors. This highly educational family event affords attendees the opportunity to interact with demonstrators who work with minerals and gems. Demonstrators include fossil preparation, jewelry designers, and other lapidary artists.

In addition, over 32 dealers selling gems, beads, minerals, fossils, and jewelry, will be selling their items from around the world. A food vendor and hourly door prizes will be available.

Young scientists can visit the "Mini-Mine" that offers them the chance to search for mineral specimens in a simulated mine setting. The mining (sluice) operation is for young miners who can search for minerals and fossils in a bag of sand that they wash. All who attend can experience hands-on fun and learn something new about the geological sciences.

Professional Geologists will be available to discuss what geologists do and what types of jobs are present in the area for geologists. Last year's show drew over 5,000 children and adults. Families come from all over Western and Central New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Canada to take part in this event. This is a perfect family field trip to learn more about the geological sciences.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, students, teachers, the public, and "rock hounds" are welcome. Adults are \$7.00, scouts in uniform and children under 12 are FREE.

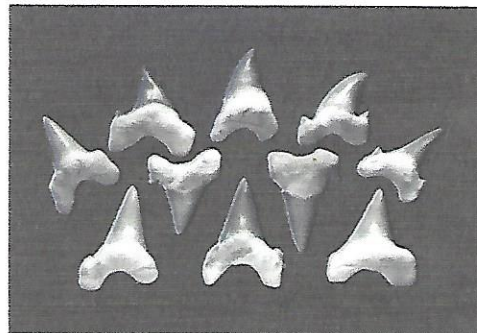
A 2- day admission pass for \$10 is also available. Door prizes are drawn hourly.

**PARKING IS FREE!** Accessible to Wheel chairs and strollers. For any additional information or questions, please contact Jerry Bastedo, Show Chairman, at [jcbastedo@gmail.com](mailto:jcbastedo@gmail.com).



**CALVERT CLIFFS FOSSIL TRIP  
BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERS ONLY FIELD TRIP**

The Calvert Cliffs Fossil Trip has been scheduled for June 8 -11, 2023, to collect sharks teeth and other fossils. More information will be posted in the newsletter and on the website soon. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jerry Bastedo at [jcbastedo@gmail.com](mailto:jcbastedo@gmail.com).





## Buffalo Geological Society Winter/Spring Coming Events

**March 3 – Live Auction 6:30 pm** See page 1 for more information and new starting time.

**March 9- BGS Board Meeting 7:00pm**

**March 17-** Set up for annual show – Hamburg Fair Grounds starting at noon until 7:00 pm. Volunteers will be appreciated at any time.

**March 18-19- ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW- Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 9am to 6pm.**

**March 29 - Continuing Education Group – meeting at 8:35 am at the Masonic Hall on Sweet Home Rd.**

**April 7 – TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**April 13 BGS Board Meeting 7:00pm**

**April 27-30, 2023, 7th Annual BGS trip to Cincinnati to collect Ordovician and Silurian fossils.** Contact Jerry Bastedo, at [jcbastedo@gmail.com](mailto:jcbastedo@gmail.com) for details and information.

**May 5 – Annual Banquet and Installation of New Officers** Classics Five Restaurant – Terrace Room – Menu and reservation to follow

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