



“BIRTHSTONES”
MARCH 16-17, 2024
BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY’S
54th ANNUAL GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW
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“**Birthstones**” are being featured at the Buffalo Geological Society’s 54th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on March 16-17, 2024, at the Erie County Fairgrounds in the Grange, Market and New York State Police Buildings in Hamburg, NY, on Saturday, 9 am-6 pm, March 16, 2024, and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm, March 17, 2024.

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 **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. **Fluorescent mineral** exhibit will be available.

In addition, over **33 dealers** selling gems, beads, minerals, fossils, and jewelry, 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 operation** is for young miners (under 100 years of age) 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. **Boy and Girl Scouts** will be able to earn badge requirements during the show. The **Geology Department from SUNY Fredonia** will have a stream table demonstrating how rivers behave when water flows change.

Last year’s show drew over 5,587 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 each, scouts in uniform and children under 12 are FREE. A 2-

day admission for \$10 each is also available. Door prizes are drawn hourly. **FREE parking.** Wheel chair and stroller accessible. For any additional information or questions, please contact Jerry Bastedo, Show Chairman, at jcbastedo@gmail.com.