

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Congratulations and Thank you to all the Buffalo Geological Society members and volunteers for the extremely successful 54th Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show on March 16 & 17, 2024. This was a great team effort that introduced over 4,566 children and adults to many aspects of geology. Birthstones was the theme and there were some of the best exhibits from members featured at the show. The exhibits and their volunteers in the NYS Police Building instilled an interest in geology to children and adults. The Stream Table, from the Fredonia Geology Department was a huge hit with all. Dino Zack provided a presentation on Fluorescent Minerals on Saturday and Sunday to packed audiences and received numerous compliments on his presentation. Sandy Cline, internationally renown soapstone carver from Ontario, Canada, entertained visitors with his carvings, techniques, and provided soapstone for some of the children to carve. Thank you to AJ and friends Mitchell the Dinosaur and his motorized horseshoe crab that entertained and educated both children and adults in the NYS Police building,

There were over 33 vendors in rocks, minerals, fossils, cut stones and jewelry. Demonstrators interacted with the public on fossil cleaning and preparation; tumblers; gem tree creations; cabbing of a variety of stones; viewing of geological specimens through microscopes; identification of fossils and minerals; and answered questions about a variety of geological topics and specimens. The Mini-mine for children was a huge success and tons of specimens were mined and taken to a new home. The Mining for Minerals operation was popular with the children and adults alike. Over a 1,000 bags of minerals were washed and went home with the miners. The club also sold over 700 mineral grab bags and ran out on Saturday afternoon.

We thank all those who volunteered loading the truck on Wednesday before the show, those helping with setup on Friday, helping with admissions, the club table, the dismantling of the show, and getting all the cases and equipment back to the box car.

The 55th Annual Show will be featuring "Minerals of New York" on March 15-16, 2025, in the Grange-Market Place-NYS Police Bldgs. at the Erie County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendar for this family fun-filled event. Thank you all again for your help and support of this annual event introducing the public to our great hobby.

Jerry Bastedo
Show Chairman

Sandra Drabek & Walt Drabek
Dealer Co-Chairman