

## Annual gem show to feature minerals one uses

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**What minerals are used in x-rays, bicycles, and toothpaste? One can find out when they visit the Jefferson County Fair Park for the 43 annual Gem and Mineral Show set for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The Rock River Valley Geological Society is featuring *Minerals We Use* at this year's show. They look forward to the special display and presentation by Mike Riesch of Earthaven Museum. Riesch, the curator of the museum, will give a glimpse of how one uses and depends upon minerals in daily lives. His presentation is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Rock River Valley Geological Society has invited a variety of dealers with polished stones and gems, mineral specimens, fossils, rough rock, carved items and a selection of jewelry made from natural gems and minerals. There will be much to see and a wide variety available to purchase.

A club sale booth of minerals, gems and jewelry, and faceted gems, takes place both days. The sale gives an opportunity for everyone to obtain unique items or specimens that have been donated by club members. Some items will be available for special purchase to raise funds for the Society's College Scholarship Fund.

Demonstrations and presentations will be on-going both days.

Watch Bill Jeske and Rick Zwiefel facet gems.

See Sandy Brandl wire wrap free form stones. Or have her wrap one for you.

Do hands on rock activities for children of all ages. Experience "rock hounding" and hand polish a stone.

Members of Greenbush Prospectors will demonstrate prospecting and one can try gold panning.

Rough rock specimens will be sawed into slabs, cut, and polished into cabochons.

Door prize drawings are announced hourly. Food and refreshments will be available. Free will donations accepted at the door.



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The 43 annual Gem and Mineral Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Jack Hoxie, a dealer, will have many crystals and other specimens available for purchase.

Club information and memberships will be available. As a member one is eligible for club field trips. For more information, contact Robert Schweitzer at 920-674-2544 or email at [rwses@idcnet.com](mailto:rwses@idcnet.com).