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BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S 50TH ANNUAL GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW MARCH 24-25 AT ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Buffalo Geological Society, a non-profit organization, will host its 50th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on March 24-25, 2018, in the Market, Grange, and State Police Buildings at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg NY, on Saturday, 10 am-6 pm and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm. The annual show has expanded to a third building for increased exhibits and geological lectures that will be provided throughout the show. Some of the eight geological lectures to be held on Saturday and Sunday will be on “**Gold & Pyrite**”, “**Geology in New England**”, “**Mineral Collecting in Ontario, Canada**”, and more.

This year's theme is “**GOLD**” and there will be several exhibits displaying a variety of gold specimens from several different localities.

This annual show provides an instant museum of Buffalo Geological Society Members fossils, minerals, and jewelry; demonstrators; the **famous Mini-Mine** for young collectors; **mineral and fossil identification**; the NYS Parks: the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists; the Buffalo Museum of Science: Penn Dixie; Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve; fluorescent mineral exhibits; and the Geology Department from the University of Buffalo. This highly educational family event affords attendees the opportunity to interact with demonstrators who work with minerals and gems. **Demonstrators** include stone carvers, jewelry designers, and other lapidary artists. In addition, over **30 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.

Sandy Cline, international renowned **soapstone** carver from Canada, will be demonstrating his art of carving wildlife forms and will have several for sale. Young scientists can visit the “**Mini-Mine**” where they will be able to search for mineral specimens in a simulated mine setting. 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.

This event draws over 4,000 attendees annually. 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 \$5 each, scouts in uniform and children under 12 are FREE. Door prizes are drawn hourly. **FREE parking**. Wheel chair and stroller accessible.

Any publicity you can provide for this event will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.