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BUFFALO GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S 51st ANNUAL GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW MARCH 23-24 AT ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Buffalo Geological Society, a non-profit organization, will host its 51st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show on March 23-24, 2019, 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.

This year's theme is "**Herkimer Diamonds**". "Herkimer Diamonds" are clear quartz crystals found in the Herkimer-Middleville Region of New York State. There will be several exhibits displaying these unique specimens from several different localities in this region of New York State.

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 Buffalo Geological Society, Inc.; the NYS Parks; the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists; the Buffalo Museum of Science; the Paleontological Research Institute in Ithaca; Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve; fluorescent mineral exhibits; Osborne book sales; Stone Industry Research; 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** will be available and hourly door prizes will be drawn.

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. **New this year** will be a **water sluice** that young miners can wash their bag of sand in search for minerals and fossils. 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 4,700 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 \$6 each, scouts in uniform and children under 12 are FREE. Two-day entrance is \$9 per person. 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.