

Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club

Press Release of Coming Event: GemFest 2022– June 4-5 in Canandaigua

The Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club (WCGMC) will host its annual GemFest mineral, fossil, and jewelry show June 4-5 at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 W. Bloomfield Rd. in Canandaigua. Hours are 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults, children under 12 are free. Scouts and Scout leaders in uniform are also permitted free entrance. We work hard to create a fun family event featuring minerals, fossils, gemstones, beads, and jewelry.

As a community oriented club, one of WCGMC's primary objectives is science education, in particular geology, minerals, fossils and the world around us. Our objective is to show that geology can be fun! At GemFest we provide multiple hands-on experiences for both adults and youngsters (crafts like soapstone carving and wire wrapping, rock painting with a local artist, a scavenger hunt through the full venue, an operating sluice you can work, a 6 foot dinosaur you can be photographed with, educational exhibits by club members, giveaways galore, and more). In addition, we encourage our 15 mineral, fossil, and jewelry vendors to interact with kids who inquire about things at their booths. The goal is to mix a fun time with learning in a family setting.

With over 100 members, the WCGMC consists of folks who enjoy collecting minerals and fossils and getting together to share their common interest. We meet monthly in Newark, have a club workshop in Wolcott, and organize collecting trips throughout the year. There is a monthly newsletter featuring club activities and linking members with others in New York and surrounding states who enjoy the hobby. And, of course, we host our annual celebration and show the first weekend in June. We invite you to come and join us June 4th or 5th in Canandaigua. Our newsletters and additional information about our club can be found on our website (www.wcgmc.org) or on our [Public Group Facebook page](#).

There are three versions of our flyer in a separate file sent with this note.

Our show flyer is on page 2.

Some pictures of past GemFest are on pages 3 and 4. You may use any of them in any way. Some of them can be provided with higher resolution if desired. The bottom picture on page 3 is a good one with our sluice and some Boy Scouts and the venue sign in the background.

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*We're
back!*

Gem Fest 2022



**Sat. June 4 10-5
Sun. June 5 10-4**

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
250 N. Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, NY

\$4 Admission, Kids 12 & under FREE

Soapstone Carving, Wire Wrapping, Sluice,
Vendors, Exhibits, Free Prizes, Scavenger
Hunt, Rock painting, Jerry's Dinosaur, our
famous Rock Grab bags, and much more

Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Beads & Jewelry

visit <http://www.wcgmc.org/> for details



Come try your hand processing some mineral and fossil-laden sand across a working sluice. Fun for all ages at GemFest in Canandaigua June 4-5.

