



LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ART

Newsletter & Calendar of Events

SPRING 2013



Return Service Requested

Museum Hours

Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays.
Closed Easter Sunday.

Admission

\$4.00 Adults, \$3.00 Senior Citizens,
\$2.00 Students & Teenagers
\$1.00 children 7 to 12 yrs.
Free for children under 7.
Friday is Free day.
Members of the Lizzadro Museum
and active members of the Armed Forces
are admitted free of charge
on any day the Museum is open
to the public.

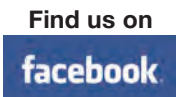
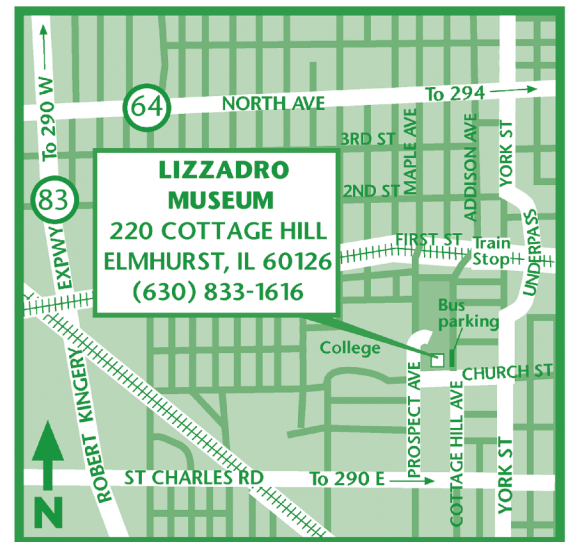
Group Tours

Tours can be arranged for groups
with special interests or needs. The
Museum has facilities to provide
access for physically disabled visitors.



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members can receive their Museum
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forms are available.



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“Don’t Take Your Food For Granite”

By Sara Johnson

When you’re looking at a beautiful landscape, the first thing that you think of is not typically how the rocks of the area affect your nutrition. But perhaps you should. Do you ever wonder why America’s dairy land is in the middle of limestone bedrock where an ancient sea used to be? Or how good coffee beans seem to always come from areas with lots of volcanoes? This is not a coincidence. Rocks and minerals significantly influence the food we grow and eat.

Minerals are defined as solid compounds derived from geologic processes. Rocks are aggregates of minerals that are found in the earth’s crust. Together rocks and minerals contribute to everything on the earth, from the water we drink, to the plants we harvest, to the livestock we raise. Even our bodies are made of minerals! Our teeth and bones are made of calcite and apatite, minerals composed of the elements calcium and phosphorus. Our sweat contains salt, which is the mineral halite and is composed of the elements sodium and chlorine. We even have iron in our blood to help carry oxygen to our organs.

Although ingesting raw minerals is NOT recommended, a well-balanced, nutritional diet will provide all the essential vitamins and minerals needed for a healthy lifestyle. And those minerals come from the land around us. Soils are composed of broken pieces of rocks and minerals combined with decomposed organic material. The nutrients in soil are absorbed by plants or leached into water sources and become part of our food cycle. For example, Wisconsin cows eat grass enriched with calcium from surrounding limestone bedrock, and we in turn drink milk from those cows. Or we drink coffee that grew in the magnesium-rich volcanic rocks from Kona, Hawaii.

There is a dynamic relationship between the earth’s rock cycle and the food cycle. Every day we eat and drink minerals that come from the earth. Knowing that you are what you eat may give you a whole new outlook on that beautiful landscape!

Special Exhibit through June 9, 2013

Minerals in Food

Featuring the Rock Café

Nutritious foods contain minerals that are important to maintaining a healthy body. This exhibit is presented in collaboration with the “Got Fit in Elmhurst” campaign to promote healthy eating. The Museum’s exhibit shows a sampling of important minerals found in food and how they help the body function. The Rock Café features 3 balanced meals made of stone. Come in and see what minerals are part of a nutritious diet.

Warning: Eating rocks will lead to broken teeth!
Regular Museum Hours and Admission.

Sylvia Josefck, a lapidary hobbyist from North Riverside, Illinois, enjoyed collecting rocks and minerals that resembled food. The pieces in this display were collected at garage sales, rock shops and during family rockhounding vacations around the United States.



Outstanding Collection from Maria High School

The Museum acquired the geology collection through the generous support of the Sisters of St. Casimir and Maria High School. The all girls, Roman Catholic High School near Chicago's Marquette Park opened in 1911 as St. Casimir Academy and was later rebuilt and renamed Maria High School in 1952. After educating 15,000 young women from Chicago's south side over the course of its 101-year history, the school will close in the spring of 2013. The collection is the result of decades of collecting and was used in teaching earth science at the high school. Included are such unique items as a Mastodon molar and branch of gem quality Jet among rock & mineral kits, fossils and lapidary materials. The Sisters of St. Casimir wanted the collection to go to a good home and be used for educational purposes. New programs created by Museum educator Sara Johnson will utilize the collection. Our sincere thanks to the Sisters of St. Casimir and Maria High School.

VISITING ARTIST

Walter S. Arnold - Stone Sculptor through June 9, 2013

Born in Chicago, Mr. Arnold began sculpting in stone at the age of 12. At 20, he trained as an apprentice in the marble studios of Pietrasanta, in Tuscany, Italy. After working on the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. he returned to Chicago to establish his studio in 1985. Fluent in styles ranging from Classical and Gothic to Arts & Crafts, he is especially known for his gargoyles. On display in the Visiting Artist case in the Museum's lower level is his work called "Lamen."



Mr. Arnold has presented lectures on the history, technique and application of architectural and sculptural stone carving at universities, museums and organizations around the country. He will present "Staglieno - The Art of the Marble Carver" at the Museum on April 14 at 2 p.m. His book of the same name is available in the Museum Shop along with some of his cast pieces. See more of Walter Arnold's work at www.stonecarver.com.

Calendar of Events April through June 2013

“Rock & Mineral Identification”

Geologist Sara Johnson presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn how to make a basic mineral test kit. Hands on identification procedures include observation skills and hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Boy & Girl Scout merit badges. All materials are provided.

Activity – Ages 8 yrs. to Adult - 75 minutes

Admission: \$5.00 per person,

Museum Members \$3.00

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m.

APRIL 14

“The Art of the Marble Carver”



Sculptor, Walter Arnold presents the hidden sculptural treasures of Camposanto di Staglieno in Genoa, Italy. A virtual tour of this monumental cemetery reveals some of the finest examples of mid-19th to early 20th century marble carving and the current efforts for preservation and restoration. Learn about the tools and techniques used by marble carvers to transform massive blocks of stone into some of the world's most dramatic and symbolic memorials.

Sunday Lecture – Youth to Adult

60 minutes – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended

Check Out the Museum Shop!

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APRIL 20 “Dynamic Earth Day”



Celebrate Earth Day with earth-related activities for K thru 4th grade. Designed to demonstrate earth's unique treasures, visitors experience activities such as sifting for fossils and minerals, creating fossil and crystal imprints and building earth puzzles.

Activities - Ages 5 yrs. to Adult

Estimated time for each activity 10 to 30 min.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission

MAY 4 & 5 “Art in the Park”

Hosted by the Elmhurst Park District, artists from around the country will be selling their creations in Wilder Park. Outside the Museum, members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club will be demonstrating forms of lapidary art. Admission is free to the Museum for both days so come in, take a look and learn something new about lapidary art.

Free Admission

Regular Museum Hours

MAY 19

“Museum Day in Elmhurst”

Ride the trolley and see all four Museums in Elmhurst. Participate in activities and view exhibits at each Museum. At the Lizzadro Museum see the exhibit “Minerals in Food featuring the Rock Café.” Children and adults can create a rock critter to take home.
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All Ages Welcome. Admission is Free!



JUNE 8 “Stone Hunt”

This hands-on activity allows children and adults to search for gems and minerals among common rocks. Learn the difference between rocks and minerals and how to distinguish between them. Each specimen found is identified and can be taken home.

Activity - Ages 5 yrs. to Adult

45 minutes - 2 p.m.

\$4.00 per person, Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended

JUNE 15 “Knot Those Pearls”

Pat Koko of the West Suburban Lapidary Club teaches knotting techniques used in creating beaded necklaces. Instruction includes: beading techniques, use of tools, beads, clasp and string. All materials included. Complete a single strand faux pearl necklace to take home.

Ages 15 yrs to adult – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00 per person

Museum Members \$25.00

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

JUNE 22

“Geode Collecting Field Trip”



Collect geodes near the Mississippi River. This private quarry yields abundant and fascinating geodes along with other minerals and fossils. Trip includes tour guides, motorcoach, and on-site cracking fees.

Field Trip - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

\$99 per person, Museum Member \$95

Reservation Required (630) 833-1616



**PICK UP YOUR PASSPORT
TO ADVENTURE HERE!**

Summer is a great time to visit the museums in Kane and DuPage Counties. Designed for ages 4 to 12, each site has an activity for children to complete. Visit 7 or more sites and win a prize! Passports will be available in May at participating sites. The Summer Passport program begins Memorial Day and ends Labor Day.