



LIZZADRO MUSEUM OF LAPIDARY ART

NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPRING 2018



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

\$5.00 Adults, \$4.00 Senior Citizens
\$3.00 Students & Teenagers
\$2.00 Children 7 to 12 yrs.
Free for children under 7 yrs.
Friday is a 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. Reservations are necessary for guided tours.



The Museum has facilities to provide access for physically disabled visitors.

Visit us and Shop online at:
lizzadromuseum.org



Volunteer forms are available.



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15 days in May for Moms, Dads, & Grads!

Looking for that perfect gift for that special someone?

Mom looking for new jewelry, Dad tired of the power tools? Graduations galore!

The Museum Shop has unique items for everyone on your shopping list!

Museum Members get to double their 10% discount to 20% off for 15 days!

Beginning May 11 through May 27 show your membership card to receive this special offer!

Meet Dave The Tour Guide!

Dave Dolak will lead our June 9 hiking field trip to discover the geology of the Chicago area. His tour: From the Ocean to the Ice Cap, the Geology and Human History of the Chicago Portage and the Palos Hills includes several stops. The tour will start with a brief lecture, followed by the bus tour. Light walking (1-2 miles total) will be required, some over steep gradation. Fossils may be observed in select locations during the tour.

David Dolak is a scientist, musician, instrument builder, and outdoor adventurer. He is Professor of Instruction in the Department of Science and Mathematics at Columbia College Chicago where he teaches courses on Earth Science and the Physics of Musical Instruments. In the 1990's he was an environmental scientist at Argonne National Laboratory. He is a working Luthier (string instrument artisan) and maintains a shop where he crafts a variety of string musical instruments. He has completed solo bicycle tours across the United States: east-west, north-south, and around the Great Lakes. His graduate degree is in Environmental Science

from the School of Public and Environmental affairs at Indiana University. David grew up in the industrial lands and Dunes country of Northwest Indiana and has been a resident of Downers Grove, IL for the past 25 years.

The guided tour observes how the Chicago area has transitioned from tropical sea to buried in ice, to the bustling suburbs we are familiar with today. The tour includes the Chicago geologic story from the dolomite bedrock deposited in a tropical ocean when Illinois was at the equator to the moraine hills and rocks deposited by the glaciers that carved our landscape. See the river valley carved out in a great flood from Lake Michigan across the Continental Divide that created the Chicago Portage and visit the site crossed by the French voyageurs Joliet and Marquette in 1673. Follow the I & M canal route that led to the development of the Chicago metropolis. Finally, hike to the site where Enrico Fermi ushered in the Atomic Age. Museum field trips fill up fast so make your reservation early by email or phone during Museum hours. Hope to see you there!



David Dolak discussing rocks, fossils and ancient tools of Illinois at the Sagawau Canyon Nature Preserve near Lemont. His tour will feature a hike through the only natural rock canyon in Cook County. The canyon is a unique and fragile site with restricted public access.



Lizzadro Museum Move To Oak Brook in 2019

As someone receiving our newsletter, you are either a Museum member or an individual interested in our programs and exhibits. In the last several months we have had many patrons asking questions about the Museum. Moving, closing, where and why?

As you may or may not know, the Lizzadro Museum will be moving to Oak Brook, expecting to re-open in the fall of 2019. The Museum will remain open in Elmhurst running programs as usual until 2019. As we move along in the process we will keep you informed of our progress.

For the last several years we have been trying to solve our problem of limited, antiquated space and difficult access for visitors. We worked with the Elmhurst Park District and the City of Elmhurst to try to come up with a better solution. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet the primary goals of everyone involved.

The Museum does not own the land we are currently on. When we vacate this building, it will become the property of the Elmhurst Park District. As the Lizzadro family preserves a private collection, going to our own land made not only financial sense but also allows us to have control of our grounds and parking.

The Museum will be moving to 1220 Kensington Road in Oak Brook. The existing 34,000 sq. foot two-story

building sits on 3.1 acres of land at the corner of Jorie Boulevard and Kensington Road. The first floor will house the Museum and the second floor will offer leased office space.

Our current facility is nearly 8,000 square feet with 4,500 square feet of exhibit area. The new building will almost double our existing space and receive a full exterior update, new entrance, drop-off lane, new landscaping and a large patio area with touch pieces. The interior will house a 90-seat lecture hall/multi-purpose room and expanded Museum Shop. Exhibit space will increase to 7,500 square feet with an area for special exhibits, allowing us to improve existing displays and add some new exhibits. Increased office space, a library/conference room and additional storage will be included.

We celebrated our 55th Anniversary last fall and we hope that you will understand our need for change. We truly appreciate the support of our Members, interested individuals and families. While we are sad to leave such a beautiful setting in the wonderful City of Elmhurst, we are excited about the adaptive reuse of the new building in Oak Brook and future potential of the Museum.

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy Asher
Director



CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2018

SMITHSONIAN GEMS ENDS APRIL 8, 2018

SPECIAL EXHIBIT CAMEOS & CHAKRAS APRIL 14 TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



Explore two exhibits that focus on meditation. Italian shell cameos of Christian themes depict the Stations of the Cross and Saints. The Chakra system utilizes minerals as a supportive Ayurvedic healing therapy.



Rock and Mineral ID

Geologist Sara Kurth presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn to identify minerals through basic hands-on identification including observation skills and hardness tests. Great for rockhounds and scouts, adult supervision required. Email educator@lizzadromuseum.org. Classes: April 14, May 12, June 23 10:30 a.m. - 75 minutes Ages 8 years to Adult Fee: \$5.00 per person, Museum Members: \$3.00 Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

We would like to hear from you. Please direct questions or comments to: info@lizzadromuseum.org

Rockin' Jewelry for Kids

Children can make their own gemstone jewelry to keep. Choose two different types of jewelry to make with stones from the Museum Shop and learn how to work with jeweler's tools. Completes Girl Scout Jewelers badge.

Email: educator@lizzadromuseum.org

Classes: April 14, May 12, June 23

1:30 p.m. - 75 minutes

Ages 8 years to Adult

Fee: \$10.00 per person

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616



MAY 5 & 6

Art in the Park

Elmhurst's 22nd Annual Art in Wilder Park will feature over 130 Midwest Artisans selling their unique one of a kind art. At the Lizzadro Museum, members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club will be demonstrating various forms of lapidary art.

Free admission during Museum hours.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



MAY 20

Museum Day

Ride the trolley as it rolls through Elmhurst to celebrate Museum Day! Visit all 3 Museums including: The Art Museum, History Museum and Lizzadro Museum. Participate in activities and collect a stamp at each Museum for a chance to win a prize. Park at one location and ride the complimentary trolley. At the Lizzadro Museum, make your very own rock critter to take home! Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free Admission



JUNE 2

Stone Hunt

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

Activity - Ages 5 years to Adult

2:00 p.m. - 45 minutes

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended

JUNE 9

Geology Hiking Tour of the Chicago Portage & the Palos Hills

Join Dave Dolak, professor at Columbia College of Chicago, on a tour of the Chicago geologic story. From the 400 million year-old dolomite bedrock deposited in a tropical ocean to the hills and rocks deposited by the glaciers that carved our landscape 20,000 years ago. Learn about the Continental Divide that created the Chicago Portage and visit the site crossed by the French *voyageurs* Joliet and Marquette. Finally, hike to an important part of history for the founding of the Atomic Age.

Field Trip - Ages 8 years to Adult

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$50 per person,

\$45 for Museum Members

Reservations 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. The Summer Passport program begins on May 1st and ends on Labor Day.



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