



Fall 2026 Programs

Museum Hours

Walk-Ins are welcome!

Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Museum is closed on Mondays

Holiday Hours

Closed November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Closed Christmas Day

New Year's Eve: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Closed New Years Day

Receive up-to-date info on programs and exhibits, shop online, and sign-up for Museum e-news at lizzadromuseum.org

Museum Memberships and Museum Rental information available on our website and at the Reception desk.



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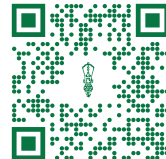


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Admission

\$10.00 Adults, \$8.00 Seniors

\$5 Students, Teenagers, Children 7-12

Free for children under 7 yrs.

Wednesday is Free Day.

Members of the Lizzadro Museum and active duty members of the Armed Forces are admitted free of charge any day the Museum is open to the public.

Accessibility

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

Volunteering

Volunteering forms are available online.

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Special Exhibit Opens November 7th through April 4th 2027 **The Art of Transformation: The Jewelry of Mark Schneider**

This exhibition brings together 40 pieces of jewelry by the award-winning jeweler Mark Schneider, offering a glimpse into the artist's imaginative and distinctive approach to the craft. Featuring one-of-a-kind pieces and an array of exceptional gemstones, the collection is organized around the themes and ideas that have inspired Schneider throughout his career. Together, the pieces showcase the remarkable range, moving effortlessly from the beautifully refined to the whimsical.
Regular Museum Admission – Regular Museum Hours

Lizzadro Museum Programs

October through December 2026



Saturday October 3 & Sunday October 4 **Rockin' Sale at the Lizzadro!**

Don't miss this opportunity to score wholesale prices on rocks, minerals, jewelry, carvings, and more! This exciting two-day event features treasures for collectors, hobbyists, and curious visitors alike. Browse a wide selection of unique finds, meet fellow rock enthusiasts, and enjoy free admission to the Museum while you shop and explore. This event will be hosted in the Lecture Hall.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday; 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday
Free Admission – All Ages Welcome – Save time and register online



Saturday October 10 **Understand Jadeite / 翡翠鑒賞入門**

Jadeite is one of the most treasured materials in Chinese jade culture. This lecture explores where and how jadeite is formed, what makes it rare and valuable, how rough jadeite is traded, common scams in the "Jadeite Boulder Gambling" market, and its cultural development in China since the era of the Qianlong Emperor. Presented by Jun Wan and organized by the Heritage Museum of Asian Art. Register here: www.heritageasianart.org/event-details-registration/yu-qi-xi-lie-jiang-zuo-zhi-fei-cui-jian-shang

玉石是中国玉文化中极具代表性和珍贵的材料。本讲座将从玉石的起源和形成环境开始，探讨其稀有性和价值，介绍玉石原料的实际交易方式，“赌石”市场常见的骗局，以及自乾隆以来中国玉石的文化发展。本次讲座由万俊主讲，亚洲传统美术馆主办。注册链接
www.heritageasianart.org/event-details-registration/yu-qi-xi-lie-jiang-zuo-zhi-fei-cui-jian-shang

NOTE: This lecture will be presented in Mandarin

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 120 minutes

Students and Adults – \$50 per person

Registration through Heritage Museum ONLY



Saturday October 17 Spooky Yet Sparkly Geodes

Geodes are one of the most fascinating phenomena in the gem world and now you can create your very own Halloween-inspired version! In this hands-on workshop, you'll transform a plastic skull into a one-of-a-kind crystal geode. Whether you love rocks and minerals, getting crafty, or just want to add a bit of sparkle to your Halloween decorations, this workshop is a perfect way to celebrate the season! Each participant will design and create their very own plastic skull, complete with tiny crystals! All materials included.

Workshop – 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Teens and Adults – Children 8 to 12 must partner with an adult (1 kit per partnership)

Fee: \$20 per person – 10% off for Museum Members

Reservations Recommended



Sunday October 18 Community Music Program: Polkamania!

The folk music and dances that took the world by storm! Enjoy a mini-Oktoberfest party before the performance on our outdoor patio with beer, brats, and pretzels. Then join us inside and sing-along with Die Kellerknaben. The live ensemble will teach about the instruments, styles, and history of the polka as you listen to songs from around the world

Patio Mini-Oktoberfest – 1:00 p.m. – Check-in required before entering patio

Performance – 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes – All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$25 per Person — Museum Members \$10, 1 brat, pretzel, and beer per ticket, beer with ID

Reservations Required



Saturday October 24, November 21 West Suburban Lapidary Club Meetings

Curious about the craft of cutting and polishing stones? Join the West Suburban Lapidary Club (WSLC) for monthly meetings at the Museum, where you'll explore the fascinating world of lapidary art! Each session includes presentations and expert guidance on transforming rough stones into polished masterpieces. Check the Museum's digital newsletter for details on upcoming programs.

Club Meeting at 1:00 p.m., Program at 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes

Teens to Adults Welcome – Regular Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended



Saturday November 7 The Art of Transformation with Mark Schneider

Jewelry designer Mark Schneider will present on the exhibition of his work, The Art of Transformation: The Jewelry of Mark Schneider. He will discuss how he is inspired to create his jewelry, focusing on several categories of interests that influence him.

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended

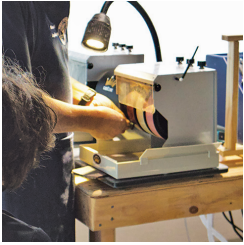


Sunday November 8, December 13 **Sharing the Rough**

Join us for a screening of *Sharing the Rough*, an eye-opening documentary showcasing the journey of precious stones from their rough beginnings into beautiful jewelry. Spotlighting Special Exhibit artist Mark Schneider, this immersing story will explore the unseen world of gemstones and jewelry.

1:00 p.m. – 85 minutes

*Students and Adults – Regular Admission – Museum Members Free
Reservations Recommended*



Saturday November 14 **Lapidary Day**

Celebrate the fascinating world of lapidary arts with live demonstrations by artists from the **West Suburban Lapidary Club**. Watch as stones are cut, polished, wire-wrapped, carved, and transformed through silversmithing and beadstringing. Enjoy hands-on activities for kids and discover the creativity and craftsmanship behind these beautiful art forms. Fun for all ages!

*10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – On-going Demonstrations/Activities – All Ages Welcome
Free Admission Day – No Reservations Required*



Sunday November 15 **Jade: From Ancient Reverence to Modern Resurgence**

Every civilization that has ever known jade has revered it. Across multiple continents and spanning thousands of years, jade has been known by countless names including "Stone of Heaven" by the Chinese, "Stone of Kings" by the Mesoamericans, "Pounamu" by the New Zealand Maori, and was even described by a Chinese emperor as "Poetry without words."

Now, in 2026, jade and its culture are seeing a resurgence. There is no better time than now to learn about jade's fascinating history, it's present, and it's future. Join Jordan Wentz, an independent sales representative for Mason-Kay Jade and Jewels of the Trade YouTube channel creator, as she discusses the most treasured gemstone in human history.

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

*Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free
Reservations Recommended*



Saturday December 5 **Create Your Own Gem Trees**

Join the artists of In A Twist to learn how to craft beautiful miniature trees using sparkling gemstones and wire. If you can count, you can create! These fun, hands-on sessions are perfect for all ages. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind gemstone tree that never needs watering and makes a meaningful, handmade gift or keepsake.

Workshops – Three 45-minute sessions

10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – Ages 5 years to Adult

3:00 p.m. session is for Teens and Adults ONLY

All Sessions Fee: \$20 per person – \$15 Museum Members

Limited Capacity – Reservations Required



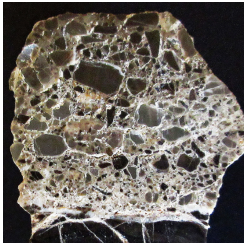
**Sunday December 6 Community Music Program:
Holiday Happening with Anima Singers**

Come hear the joyous sounds of Anima Singers (formerly Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus) as they bring their youthful voices to ring in the holiday season! You'll hear holiday favorites and songs that inspire, uplift, and engage. Anima Singers are known for their excellent performances of songs from around the world. You might just hear a song in a language you've never heard sung before!

Performance – 2:00 p.m. – 60-minutes – All Ages Welcome

Fee: \$20 per Person – Museum Members \$5

Reservations Required



Saturday December 12 Meteoroids and Impact Metamorphism

In the blink of an eye, a meteoroid can transform Earth's surface, but the evidence it leaves behind can last for millions of years. Join Bill Mikuska for an interactive look at the explosive forces of meteoroid impacts and the geological clues they leave behind. Explore crater formation, ejecta, shattercones, impact breccias, glasses, and spherules, and discover how these materials reveal an impactor's physical and chemical properties. These clues help scientists piece together Earth's geological history, prepare for future impacts and understand impacts on the Moon and Mars. Examine real hand samples during this interactive presentation!

Remember, after Dec 12, 2026, there are only 199 days until Asteroid Day!

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended



Saturday December 19 Rock & Mineral Identification Class

Join geologist Sara Kurth for a hands-on rock and mineral identification class. Learn to classify minerals using observation and hardness testing. Perfect for curious rock-hounds or scouts working on Earth Science badges, this class will deepen your understanding of earth science and teach you to identify rocks and minerals like a pro!

*10:30 a.m. – 75-minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – \$10 per person – Museum Members Free
Reservations Required*



Saturday December 19 Rockin' Jewelry for Kids

Unleash your creativity in this fun, hands-on jewelry-making workshop! Design your own unique gemstone creations—including a necklace, a keychain, and a pin. All materials are provided. Afterward, explore the Museum and enjoy a fun scavenger hunt. This workshop is the perfect way to delve into the world of stone jewelry

*1:30 p.m. – 45-minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – \$15 per person – Museum Members 10% off
Reservations Required*



REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or purchase tickets for upcoming programs and events, please scan the QR code or visit lizzadromuseum.org/calendar

Holiday Sale

NOVEMBER 21ST THROUGH DECEMBER 6TH

MUSEUM MEMBERS RECEIVE 20% OFF PURCHASES!

The Art of Transformation: The Jewelry of Mark Schneider

By Elyse Zorn Karlin, guest curator



*Onyx Mask on Pyrite Cubes
(Front)*

A selection of Mark Schneider's one-of-a-kind jewelry is on display at the Lizzadro Museum from November 7, 2026 through April 4, 2027.

Mark has won 68 prestigious jewelry industry awards since he began his career as a jewelry designer.

Segueing from his family's jewelry business which he had been a part of for a number of years, he began to work with a range of precious and semi-precious stones that "speak" to him and allow him to create exciting jewelry.

Many jewelers design a piece of jewelry first and then search for the stones to mount into their design. Mark works in a completely different way—he finds stones he thinks are beautiful or interesting, and sometimes rare, and designs a piece of jewelry around the stones.

He works with gem cutters and lapidaries who often use unusual faceting techniques. Mark's designs compliment the stones as a frame does a painting.

Mark's jewelry reflects many of his interests. It primarily fits into several categories: water, flora and fauna, architectonic, furniture-influenced, and the cosmos and they are grouped in this manner in the exhibition.

In addition to the award-winning pieces there are an additional 22 pieces of jewelry he designed for the American Jewelry Design Council Projects, the prestigious invitation-only group of which he is a member. The AJDC selects a theme each year and the members are free to interpret the theme in their own way. Mark's pieces for the AJDC show his playful nature which is a different side of his work.

"The Art of Transformation: The Jewelry of Mark Schneider" opens on Saturday November 7, 2026. Join us at 2 p.m. to meet the artist and learn about the inspiration for his jewelry designs. His full-length film, "Sharing the Rough" will play on Sunday November 8 and December 13 at 1 p.m. This documentary is an eye-opening journey into the world of gemstones.



*Onyx Mask on Pyrite Cubes
(Back)*



*Ice Cream: Rock Crystal
with brown patina*

Rockin' Sale

at the Lizzadro Museum!



Saturday October 3rd 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday October 4th 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

See it all in the Lecture Hall



Rock Bottom Prices!

Prices starting at 50 cents



Collectors Pieces

Polished slabs, slices, & nodules
Mineral specimens



Lapidary Materials

Rough material
Polishing grit



Cabochons Galore

All shapes and sizes



Jewelry and More

Unique pieces and settings
Create your own!



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Mini-Oktoberfest sponsored by Maplewood Glen Ellyn Public House
and featuring **Die Kellerknaben!**

Sunday October 18th at 1:00 p.m.



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