



Spring 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 April 5 Easter Sunday

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

Visit us and shop online at lizzadromuseum.org/lizzadro-museum-shop/
Museum Memberships and Museum Rental information available on our website and at the Reception desk.

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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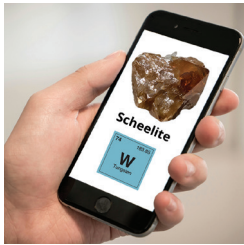
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Active-duty military personnel and their families receive free admission from May 16th through September 7th, 2026

The Lizzadro Museum Free Day is partially sponsored by:





Special Exhibits Continues through May 24th, 2026

The Hidden Gems in Cellphones

Your cellphone is a treasure chest containing over 65 minerals! These minerals play a variety of vital roles – often within the same device. Formed by the earth, then discovered by miners and processed by hundreds of hands, minerals make your phone possible. This special exhibit opens up our phones to reveal the hidden gems in your pocket!

Regular Museum Admission – Regular Museum Hours



SUMMER Special Exhibit Opening June 19th, 2026

Enduring Symbols: Liberty Set in Stone

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, we have gathered lapidary pieces honoring the enduring spirit of the nation with exceptional artistry and craftsmanship. Each work is meticulously shaped from fine gemstones, capturing iconic symbols of freedom, unity, and resilience. Intricate detailing and masterful carving techniques reflect both the heritage of American artisanship and the timeless beauty of the earth's treasures. This summer, come and see these works which stand as lasting tributes to 250 years of history, innovation, and the pursuit of liberty.

Regular Museum Admission – Regular Museum Hours

Lizzadro Museum Programs

January through March 2026



Sunday April 26 **Community Music Program: Solisti Di Camera String Quartet**

Experience the refined artistry of Solisti di Camera, a dynamic string quartet featuring rich, expressive harmony. With four accomplished musicians – Ray Ostwald (1st violin), and Joseph Malmquist (2nd violin), Tom Havel (viola), and Mark Kuntz (cello) – the ensemble brings passion and precision to every performance. Journey through the elegance of the Baroque and the brilliance of the Classical era as Solisti di Camera breathes new life into timeless masterpieces. Their performances blend warmth, sophistication, and vibrant musical dialogue – captivating audiences with the intimate power only a string quartet can deliver.

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

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

Reservations Required



Saturday May 2 **Rare Earths and Beyond: The Mineralogical Foundations of Modern Cellphones**

We're excited to invite you to an engaging presentation by Michael Wise, research scientist at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Dr. Wise is a leading expert on pegmatites – remarkable rock formations that host some of the rarest and most beautiful minerals on earth. These minerals may look like dazzling museum specimens, but they also power the technology we carry every day. As a contributor to the Smithsonian's exhibition "Cellphone: Unseen Connections," he helped reveal the surprising journey from molten formation to the device in your pocket. Join us as he explores the fascinating story of how minerals formed millions of years ago became essential components in modern cellphones.

Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended



Saturday May 30 **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 May 30 **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



Saturday June 6 **Stone Hunt**

Join the Museum's outdoor treasure hunt and dig through rocks to uncover hidden gems and minerals! Discover the fascinating world of geology as you learn to tell the difference between rocks and minerals. Every rock or mineral you find is yours to take home as a keepsake. Got a rock from home? Bring it in for identification!

2:00 p.m. - 45-minutes - Ages 5 and up - Outdoor program (weather permitting)
\$5.00 per child - General Museum Admission for Adults and Seniors - Museum Members Free
Reservations Required



Sunday June 14 **Make My Own Mosaic: Presented by Chicago Mosaic School**

Unleash your creativity and craft your own stunning mosaic masterpiece! In this hands-on workshop, you'll design a 4-inch x 4-inch tile using materials like glass, stone, and millefiori. Guided by instructors from the Chicago Mosaic School, you'll learn tips, tools, and techniques for creating beautiful mosaics. All materials are provided. The workshop is led by the Chicago Mosaic School, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting mosaic art!

Workshop - 1:00 p.m. - 120 minutes
Students and Adults - \$60 per person - Museum Members receive 10% off with code
Limited Capacity - Reservations Required



Saturday June 27 **Moonstone Mining Trip**

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure to **Wisconsin Moonstone**, the first pay to dig site in Wisconsin! Join us for a hands-on experience where you'll dig, sift, and discover your own shimmering moonstones straight from the source. It's the perfect mix of outdoor fun, hidden treasures, and memory-making with friends and family. Don't miss your chance to uncover something truly magical as we travel by motor coach to northern Wisconsin!

Field Trip - 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Ages 8 yrs. to Adult
Fee: \$175.00 per person - Museum Members 10% off
Reservations Required

Please note: There will be no West Suburban Lapidary Club meeting in April. Please join us in the Fall when they resume their meetings.



REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or purchase tickets for upcoming programs
visit lizzadromuseum.org/calendar

15 Days in May

Gifts for Grads, Dads, and Moms!

Find a one-of-a-kind gift for the special people in your life
from the Museum Shop!

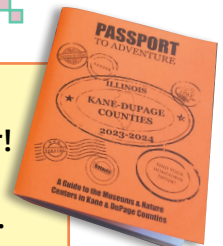
Museum Members Double Your Discount from May 2-17th!

Pick Up Your KDRMA Passport to Adventures Here!

Discover wonderful museums and nature centers right around the corner!

This program runs year-round and is open to anyone and everyone!

Passports will be available starting May 1st, 2026 at the Lizzadro Museum.



Message From The President

Dear Members and Rockhound Patrons,

As the new Board President, I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve the Museum. Thank you to our former Board President John S. Lizzadro, Sr. for his years of service and dedication to the Museum. As we move into a new phase of leadership, I want to thank all our members, donors, patrons, corporate and community sponsors, and especially the Lizzadro Family for continuing to make this Museum possible. It is our passion for stone that brings us together. Lapidary art in all its forms along with the sciences related to stone are a unique niche in the museum world.



*Dorothy J. Asher
Board President*

As the former Director of the Museum, I have seen the ups and downs, growth and crisis that comes along with running the Museum. In my new role as President of the Board of Directors, I support our Executive Director, Dr. Kyle Brill, as he leads the staff to focus on improving our mission: To share with others the eternal beauty of stone through exhibitions, educational programs, group tours, and special events.

Board goals this year will include fundraising to grow our endowment and operating income. We have several exciting events in the works:

- This spring a Members and Friends evening will include a silent auction and lecture by Dr. Michael Wise, research scientist from the Smithsonian Institute for the closing of our "Hidden Gems in Cellphones" special exhibit.
- This summer the exhibit "Enduring Symbols: Liberty Set in Stone" will celebrate our country's 250th anniversary with unique patriotic themed artwork.
- A public sale of stone objects including rough, jewelry, and carvings will be offered in September.
- This fall, exceptional contemporary jewelry artist and designer Mark Schneider will be honored with a retrospective exhibit featuring his work and a Museum members event.

Our permanent displays of Chinese jades with outstanding artistry, continue to anchor the Museum. This includes our founder Joseph F. Lizzadro, Sr.'s original collection with additions from John S. Lizzadro, Sr. More recently, our permanent exhibits have expanded through the additions of the Chang Collection and The Richard H. Driehaus Collection. All these objects have stories to tell, and we will bring them to you as we continue to research and improve the permanent collection.

I look forward to building upon our strong foundation of stone! Working with members, patrons, and the community, our Museum can build the future together. I look forward to seeing you soon!