



Spring 2025 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 20 Easter Sunday

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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Active-duty military personnel and their families receive free admission from May 26th through September 1st, 2025



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 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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The Lizzadro Museum Free Day is partially sponsored by:





Special Exhibit Ends April 27, 2025

Synergy & Symbiosis

Step into a world of breathtaking artistry in this exclusive exhibit, celebrating the stunning jewelry creations of Paula Crevoshay. These 12 one-of-a-kind pieces fuse extraordinary craftsmanship, striking gems, and imaginative design to create a collection that is as surprising as it is spellbinding. Prepare to be captivated by the beauty and innovation of these show-stopping creations!

Advanced Reservations Recommended – Open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Closed Tuesday - Thursday

Lizzadro Museum Programs

April through June 2025



Saturday April 26 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 – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Sunday April 27 Community Music Program: Michael Miles Returns

Musical hunter-gatherer. Electrifying performer. Boundless bender of genres—folk music, classical, jazz, pop... you simply must hear him play. Midwest Records described Miles as "Chicago's best-kept secret." Michael joins us with banjo and guitar in hand, and stories to tell from decades of travel and collaborations, for an afternoon of musical splendor. The Chicago Sun Times said, "Give the banjo to Michael J. Miles and you'll hear a mighty soul-stirring sound." More at MilesMusic.org

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

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

Reservations Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday May 3 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 – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday May 3 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 at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday May 31 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 – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday June 7 **The Hidden Gems in Cellphones**

In celebration of World Environment Day, the Museum is partnering with SCARCE of Addison to dive into the minerals hidden in our phones. Join us for hands-on activities, including exploring **Natural Resources from around the world**, playing an eco-themed **Bingo game**, and participating in a **Trash to Treasures Matching Game**, where you'll learn how to repurpose old tech. Plus, SCARCE's Executive Director, Kay McKeen, will lead a discussion filled with creative tips and practical ideas for reducing waste and conserving the materials found in your technology. This program is supported by the Smithsonian Institution, helping to inspire positive change for the environment, one gadget at a time.

Activities – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Ages 8 years and older

Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Registration Required – Register at www.lizzadromuseum.org



Saturday June 14 **Nephrite Jade: Gifts from an Evolving and Enduring Earth**

Join us in-person or on-line as Jean-Pierre Jutras, P.G., explores the past, present and potential future of nephrite jade as a gemstone. Nephrite Jade has one of the longest histories of any gemstone in the world, yet that history was always driven by sources, culture, technologies, and geopolitics. This presentation will focus on what it is, how it has been recognized throughout history, and what it looks like in today's world. Mr. Jutras has over 35 years in the mineral exploration industry and is the President of Jade Leader Corporation based in Calgary, Alberta Canada. This lecture will be projected in the Museum's Lecture Hall and will not be recorded. Attend in-person or via Zoom.

Live Zoom Lecture – 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes

Students and Adults – Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free

Reservations Recommended – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org to receive your Zoom link.



Sunday June 22 **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 Recommended – Sign up at www.lizzadromuseum.org

15 Days in May

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 double your discount to 20% off May 1st through 18th 2024!

SUMMER 2025 Special Exhibit: Fan Favorites: You choose!

Missing some of your favorite Lizzadro pieces? Now's the time to vote to bring out your favorite piece! Maybe it's those adorable polar bears. Or is it the 18 Lohans? It could also be the Fabergé-inspired carvings from Germany? Now is your chance to decide!



Use this QR code to vote for your top 3 Lizzadro pieces.

The exhibit will open Memorial Day weekend and go through Labor Day!

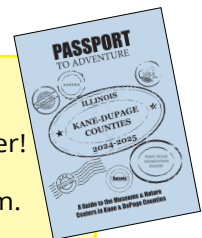
Votes due by April 30.

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, 2025 at the Lizzadro Museum.



The Hidden Gems in Cellphones

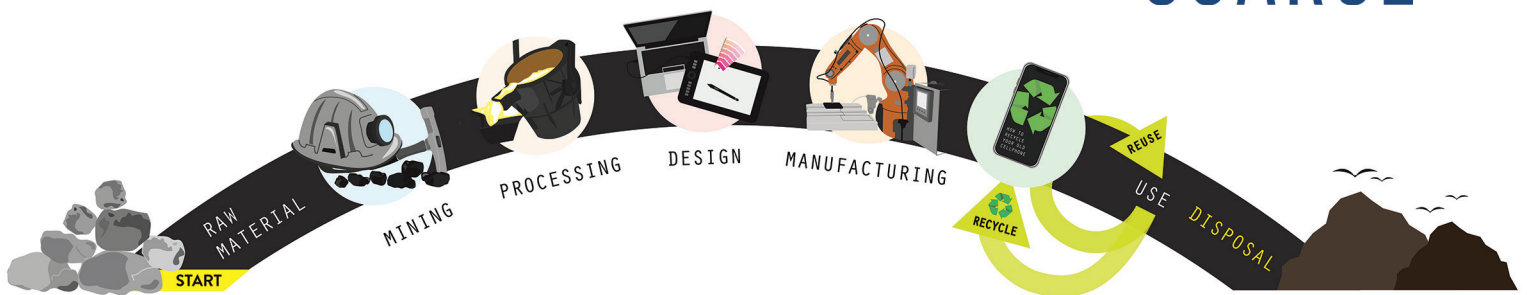
by Sara Kurth



Cellphones are everywhere! According to Pew Research, 98% of U.S. adults own a cellphone, with 91% of those being smartphones. Our relationship with our phones is complex, but did you know that this relationship connects us to our planet as well? Cellphones are made up of nearly 60 different elements derived from minerals. Some of those minerals are common and familiar to us, like quartz, while others are only found in a few places around the world, like Bastnäs, a rare-earth fluorocarbonate mineral.

The process of creating a cellphone is full of challenges. From locating and extracting the minerals, to refining them into usable materials, and finally designing and distributing a product that meets consumer demand, the journey is far from simple. These devices represent thousands of hours and efforts by millions of people, all to provide us endless entertainment and connectivity.

Through our Smithsonian Institution Affiliation, the Lizzadro Museum has created a program to explore the connection between minerals and cellphones. In partnership with SCARCE, this program will take place on Saturday June 7, 2025. It will explore the natural resources in cellphones, and how we can become more aware of our use of natural resources. This fall, the Museum will unveil a new special exhibit featuring the minerals that make up our cellphones.



Field Trip Assistance Grant

The Lizzadro Museum has received funding from two sources to create a "Field Trip Assistance Grant." This program will provide transportation and tour costs to eligible students in the Chicagoland area. Wintrust Bank is providing \$10,000 for eligible Title 1 schools and a Museum Board Member is sponsoring field trips for schools of the Diocese of Joliet.

The Field Trip Assistance Grant will be available during the 2025-2026 academic school year. Interested teachers and school districts should reach out to our Educator, Sara Kurth at educator@lizzadromuseum.org using the Subject Line: Field Trip Assistance Grant.

