



## Fall 2021 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:*

*December 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., December 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.*

*In accordance with the State of Illinois guidelines face coverings are required in the Museum.*

*Visit us and shop online at*  
**[lizzadromuseum.org](http://lizzadromuseum.org)**

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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 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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# Carrying on Cutting Traditions

By Bruce McKay

In a Western Germany valley between Frankfort and Luxembourg is the town Idar-Oberstein, the heart of the gemstone industry. Long past its glory days of being the main source of cut gems in the world, it remains home to some of the worlds finest gem cutters – gem cutters whose exceptional skills have passed down through the generation of families like the Roth Family of Idar-Oberstein.

One common thread among these specialized shops is the excellent quality of craftsmanship, something that has always set Idar-Oberstein apart from others. Among the finest examples of this tradition is the Roth Family.



*Dieter Roth specialized in carving exceptionally large cameos with complicated biblical scenes. Dieter passed away in 2020.*



*Fortification agates are used for cameo carving because they contain a layer of white and other bands of color that are perfect for cameos.*

Currently cameo carvers, the family members can trace their gem connections back to their great-great-grandfather Philipp Roth. An agate cutter, he passed his skills onto his son August Roth. Walter Roth, the son of August, learned to cut diamonds and was an esteemed diamond cutter from 1907 until 1957. That takes us to today's cameo carving Roth's, Dieter and his son Andreas.

Dieter began his apprenticeship with world-renowned gem engraver and cameo carver Richard Hahn. He worked at Hahn's workshop for 15 years, achieving Master Craftsman status. In time, he began working for himself, carving agate cameos and engraving in stone.

Dieter came to be known for doing large agate cameos with multiple full figures, not just faces. His artistic credits include the largest gemstone cameo in the world, the Faust Without an End cameo. In addition, he has done themed series of cameos, such as a dozen large pieces with Biblical scenes. As the years went on, he worked in partnership with his son Andreas, and a few years ago he retired from working in his shop, turning over the family legacy to his son.

Idar-Oberstein used to have a School of Lapidary Arts where Andreas Roth studied and graduated. His test piece at the end of his apprenticeship was good enough to win first place in the Rhineland-Palatinate competition, and he has gone on to win other awards for his combination of skill and artistry. He continues to create pieces in the style of his father: based on a theme such as the story of life or scenes from classical history. But Andreas has begun to also do work that breaks from traditional style and expresses his modern sense of artistry, in combination with the finest craftsmanship. He accepts commissions such as doing a cameo based on a photograph or theme supplied by the customer. There are signs there may be another generation of Roth carver, as Andreas' 12-year-old daughter comes into the workshop regularly to do her gem cutting.

The work of Dieter and Andreas can be seen in both the museums in Idar-Oberstein: the Deutsches Edelsteinmuseum and the Deutsches Mineralienmuseum. The Faust collection of fourteen cameos has toured Europe and makes it's premier in the United States at the Lizzadro Museum this fall.



*Andreas Roth has mastered both traditional subject matter and includes contemporary styles in his work.*

*For more information about the Roth family of carvers, visit [www.roth-cameo.com](http://www.roth-cameo.com), or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Roth-Cameo](https://www.facebook.com/Roth-Cameo)*

Learn more about cameo carving at Bruce McKay's lecture on October 16 at 2 p.m. A companion booklet to the exhibit, *Faust in Precious Stone* by Bruce McKay is available in the Museum Shop. Beginning Sunday, October 24 at 2 p.m. and every Sunday following see a 30-minute video in the Lecture Hall on Roth Cameo Carving. The Special Exhibit "The Artful Soul of Faust" will be on display through April 16, 2022.



### *Special Exhibit*

#### **The Artful Soul of Faust** October 12, 2021 thru April 16, 2022

The legendary story of Faust is told in fourteen large cameos carved by Dieter and Andreas Roth. The collection was carved from 2007 to 2013 at the Roth-Cameo studio in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. The Lizzadro Museum is the first to premiere this exhibit in the United States.

*Regular Museum Admission – Regular Museum Hours*

## Lizzadro Museum Programs

### October through December 2021



#### **Saturday October 16 Faust in Precious Stone**

Bruce McKay, author of *Faust in Precious Stone*, presents the history of cameos and the Roth Family of cameo carvers. He is a retired jewelry designer and manufacturer, gemologist, gem dealer, and teacher. Join him after the presentation for a book signing. His book is a companion to the Faust exhibit and available in the Museum Shop.

*In-person Lecture 2:00 p.m. – 60 minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – Face Coverings are Required.*

*Regular Museum Admission – Museum Members Free*

*Register on our website: [www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)*



#### **Sunday October 17 Violin & Cello Duet - Music Inspired by Faust**

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra presents musicians Jean Hatmaker, cello and Francois Henkins, violin, performing two, twenty-five-minute performances at the Lizzadro Museum. Hatmaker and Henkins, who regularly perform together as members of Kontras Quartet, will play music inspired by the primary themes of the legend of Faust with a brief discussion on the music at the end of each session.

*Concert times: 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 25-minute sessions - Limited Capacity – Face coverings are required.*

*All Ages Welcome – Regular Admission – Museum Members Free*

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#### **Saturday October 23 Rock and Mineral ID Class**

Geologist Sara Kurth teaches the techniques for rock and mineral identification. All materials are included for identification of 10 specimens in individual kits. After the class, tour the Museum and complete a scavenger hunt. Completes the earth science badges for Cub and Boy Scouts.

*Activity 10:30 a.m. – 75-minutes – Ages 8 years and older– Face coverings are required.*

*\$15 per person includes the Identification Kit – Museum Members Receive 10% Discount with their code. Reservations Required – Sign up online: [www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)*



#### **Saturday October 23 Rockin' Jewelry for Kids**

Children can make their own gemstone jewelry with the Rockin' Jewelry for kids. Learn to make a necklace, a keychain, and a pin. All materials included in individual kits. After the class, tour the Museum and complete a scavenger hunt. Completes the Jewelry Badge for Girl Scouts.

*Activity 1:30 p.m. – 45-minutes – Ages 8 years and older– Face coverings are required.*

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#### **Beginning October 24, Every Sunday at 2 p.m. Roth Cameo Carving**

Visit the Roth studio in Germany and watch how a cameo is created with Dieter Roth, then see a video message from Andreas Roth about the Faust cameos and a close-up view of the largest two-sided cameo in the world: Faust Without an End.

*Sundays at 2 p.m. begins Oct. 24 – 30-minute video in the Lecture Hall – Face coverings are required.*

*All Ages Welcome - Free with Museum Admission*





### **Saturday November 6 Restoration of the Imperial Screen**

Conservators from The Conservation Center present their process and techniques on the Museum's Imperial Screen, restored in 2019 in their Chicago-based workshop. Restoring this treasure of the Lizzadro Collection took seven months of dedicated work by the Conservation Center's team of Furniture Conservators.

*In-person Lecture 2 p.m. – 60 minutes – Ages 8 yrs. & up – Face coverings are required.*

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### **Saturday November 20 Rock and Mineral ID Class**

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### **Saturday December 4 Create a Gem Tree**

Join In A Twist artists to learn how to make beautiful small trees using gemstones and wire. If you can count, you can join! The artists work with all ages to make these beautiful trees to take home. They never need water and make a great gift

*Workshop – Three - 30-minute sessions – 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.*

*Ages 5 years to Adult – Face coverings are required.*

*Fee: \$20 per person – \$15 for Museum Members*

*Reservations Required – Sign up online: [www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)*



### **Saturday December 11 Dig Into Fossils**

Join Geologist, Sara Kurth to explore ancient creatures called fossils. Topics include how fossils are made, how people find them, and how to start your own fossil collection. Make your own fossil imprint to take home and test your dinosaur knowledge at the end of the class with "Name that Dino!"

*2 p.m. – 60 minutes – Face coverings are required.*

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### **Saturday December 18 Rockin' Jewelry for Kids**

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**Museum Shop**

***Annual Holiday Sale***

**November 19 to December 5**

***Museum Members receive 20% off purchases!***

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