



THE NUGGET



Beaded Bracelet Workshop Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 AM

There will be a beaded bracelet class this Saturday. In this class you will learn how to use wire guardians, crimp tubes and covers, a crimp tool, and how to make a clasp.

The kit includes all findings, beading wire, beads, and a crimp tool. **Cost of kit \$12.00. Payable at the start of the class.**

Please bring a towel or bead board to work on, as well as a chain or flat-nose plier and a round-nose plier. If you do not have pliers, we will have tools available for you to borrow.

The class is **limited to the first 15 people.**



Workshop Rules

If you open it, close it.

If you drop it, pick it up.

If you use it, take care of it.

If you turn it on, turn it off.

If it's not yours, don't touch it.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

If you break it, find someone who can fix it.

If you don't know how to operate it, find someone who does.

If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, ask permission.

If you take it out of the closet, put it back exactly where you found it.

A Blast from the Past...



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WELCOME TO OUR MINERAL & GEM SHOW



Mineral Arrangement and Labeling

By Jane Spiselman (p. 14, 1966 Nassau Mineral Club Show booklet)

Let's suppose that you are one of the many young people who have become interested in collecting rocks and minerals. Slowly but surely you have begun to

accumulate some of the seemingly endless variety of fascinating specimens. What are you to do with them? How can you remember what they are? How are you to display them to their fullest advantage?

The answers to these questions lie in finding some orderly way to arrange these minerals and preserve the information which you have gathered about them. While there is no one rule about the manner in which this should be done, some valuable suggestions have been given by authorities in the field. For the beginning student of petrology, (or rock hound, as he is commonly called), the simplest classification is probably according to species, i.e. quartz, calcite, fluorite, etc. With increased knowledge and experience in methods of identification, you might prefer a grouping on the basis of chemical classes, i.e. oxides, sulfides, etc. There are some collectors who become experts in particular localities or mines, and group their materials according to the place from which they were obtained.

Regardless of which method of classification is used, one of the first tasks is to label the specimens and then to set down pertinent information about them. It is not enough to put down the name only – the locality in which the specimen was found must also be recorded as the same mineral can vary greatly from area to area. A popular way of labeling thumbnail (1"–2"), or cabinet size (2"–3") samples is to dab on an bit of white paint, write a mineral on it with India ink, and varnish over with clear nail polish. Another way is to use a bit of plaster of Paris, flattened before setting, with an India ink numeral, painted over with clear shellac or nail polish. At the same time that the specimen is prepared, a 3X5 index card can be given a corresponding number and printed with identifying information such as the name of the mineral, date collected, locality from which it was collected, chemical formula, purchase valid, or any other descriptive information you care to add. If you prefer, a loose leaf notebook, might be used instead of the index cards to keep these records.

(Thanks to Deborah for bringing us this peek at the past.)

Upcoming Shows & Swaps

(From [EFMLS](#))

- July 11 – July 12 – [62nd Annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show 2026](#) – **Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School** 256 Main St., South Paris, ME. Saturday – 9am to 5pm, Sunday – 10am to 4pm \$5.00 Admission • Under 18 FREE
- July 18 @ 10:00 am – July 19 @ 5:00 pm – [Burlington Gem and Mineral Club presents their 45th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show](#) – **Champlain Valley Exposition** 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT. 2026 Show Theme: "Metallic Minerals of New England" Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 5 pm ADMISSION: Adults \$5, Seniors 60 and over \$3, Kids under 16 FREE with paying guest

- July 25 – July 26 – [Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club presents their 2026 Christmas in July Extravaganza](#) – **Farm and Home Center, Lancaster PA** 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA. 2026 Christmas in July Extravaganza at the Farm and Home Center 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster PA An incredible selection of Fossils, Gems, Minerals, Crystals, Handcrafted Jewelry and Eclectic Curiosities
- July 25 @ 10:00 am – July 26 @ 4:00 pm – [The Monongahela Rockhounds presents their 18th annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show](#) – **West Mifflin Volunteer Fire Co. #4** Skyview Hall, 660 Noble Drive, Pittsburgh, PA. Saturday, July 25, 2026, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2026, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm FREE ADMISSION! Featuring dealers of minerals, fossils, gem, jewelry, beads, and lapidary items.
- July 25 @ 10:00 am – July 26 @ 5:00 pm – [Long Island Mineral and Geology Society presents their 42nd Annual Mineral and Gem Show](#) – **Mattituck Jr. Sr. High School** 15125 Main Road, Mattituck, NY. LIMAGS has sponsored an annual gem, mineral & fossil show during the last weekend in July since 1982. Over 30 dealers of fine gemstones, jewelry, fossils, minerals, meteorites and related items.
- August 28 – August 29 – [St. Lawrence County Rock and Mineral Club presents their 58th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show](#) – **Canton Recreational Pavilion** 90 Lincoln Street, Canton, NY. Come to the St. Lawrence Rock and Mineral Club's 58th annual show at the Canton Pavilion, August 29–30th, 2026 Sat: 9:00–4:30, Sun: 9:00–3:00 Admission: \$5 Adults, 12 & Under Free
- August 29 – August 30 – [Capital Mineral Club 2026 Mineral Show](#) – **Douglas N Everett Arena** 15 Loudon Road, Concord, NH.
- September 12 – September 13 – [Danbury Mineralogical Society presents their 74th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil show](#) – **New Milford High School** 388 Danbury Road (Rte. 7), New Milford, CT. Saturday, September 12th, 10am – 5pm Sunday, September 13th, 10am – 4pm Member Exhibits! Daily Hourly Door Prizes! Daily Grand Prize Drawing! Admission: \$5.00 Adults, \$4.00 Seniors

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