

# HUI PŌHAKU 'Ō HAWAII

## Rock & Mineral Society of Hawai'i, Inc.



### Meeting Times

#### MEETING

Wednesday

February 25, 2015

6:15-8:00 pm

Makiki District Park

Admin Building

#### NEXT MONTH

Pink Minerals

#### LAPIDARY

Every Thursday

6:00-8:30pm

Makiki District Park

2nd floor Arts and  
Crafts Bldg

#### MEMBERSHIP

#### DUE COSTS 2015

Single: \$10.00

Family: \$15.00

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### Tucson Gem and Mineral Show By Dean Sakabe

February's Topic is The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

So bring whatever it is you obtained there or pictures of what you saw.

First off this is not just one big show. It is 41 different shows all over Tucson covering a little over 3 weeks. Here is a listing of all of the shows, at least one of which you will be able to find something at.

22nd Street Show (1/29—2/15)

1820 Oracle Show (1/28—2/15)

African Art Village (1/13—2/15)

American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) (2/3-8)

American Indian Arts Exposition (1/25—2/15)

Arizona Independent Warehouse Show (1/26—2/14)

Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show (1/31 2/14) ( there are three of these Tucson City Center, Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, and Ramada Limited)

A Bead Carnival (1/19—2/14)



Half of a Petrified Log in front of a Hotel Entrance

The Best Bead Show (2/4 — 8)

Clarion Gem & Mineral Show (1/30—2/14)

Executive Inn Gem Show ( 1/31—2/15)

Fine Minerals International ( 1/31—2/14)

Gem & Bead Mall (1/30—2/13)

Gem & Jam Festival (2/6-8)



Stingray Fossil

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- Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers (1/31—2/8)
- Globe-X Gem & Mineral Show (1/30—2/14)
- Granada Ave Gem & Mineral Show ( 1/31—2/14)
- Granada Gallery Exclusives ( 1/30—2/15)
- Howard Johnson Gem & Mineral Show ( 1/30—2/14)
- JOGS Tucson Gem & Jewelry Show (1/29—2/9)
- JCK Tucson ( 2/2—2/7)
- Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Expo ( 1/31—2/15) (two sites Michigan St. and Simpson St.)
- Kino Gem & Mineral Show (1/31—2/15)
- Madagascar Mineral Gem Show (1/23—2/16)
- Main Ave Mineral & Fossil Show ( 1/31—2/15)
- Miner's Co-op Rock Show (1/30—2/15)
- Mineral & Fossil Co-op (1/30—2/14)
- Pueblo Gem & Mineral Show ( 1/30—2/11)
- Rapa River Gem & Mineral Show (1/31—2/15)
- To Bead True Blue (2/1—9)
- The Tucson Bead Show at Radisson Suites ( 2/2— 7)
- TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW (Feb. 12—15)**
- Tucson Glass Art & Bead Festival (2/3—7)
- Tucson Showplace ( 1/30—2/15)
- The Westward Look Show ( 2/6 —9)



Rhinoceros Fossil

One may ask how long to stay or how much money should one bring. Well the short and simple answer is to stay as long as you can. Bring as much money as you are able. Why... because you will not be able to see it all, also you will most likely be a kid in a candy shop and see a lot of things that you will kick yourself if you do not get it. As you probably will not see it again. So that being said, you will spend more than you thought and charged a whole lot more on top of everything else. There are literally tons and tons of rocks, minerals and gemstones.



Amethyst Geode from Uruguay

Somewhere in Tucson you will find that odd ball specimen or rock that you have heard about or coveted. Even if you did not have something in mind. Just walking around from room to room or display case to display case you will find something. Even if you are not looking for it you will find something.

Take for instance the geode pictured below. It was over 20 feet long situated on four pallets, with all of the windows cut out of it. All showing very

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Impressive dark purple amethyst. It is one humongous geode network from Uruguay.

There were also table bottoms made from geode halves that are equally impressive. Not to mention the Amethyst and Citrine cathedrals of sizes from 2 pounds to this one at close to a ton.

Tucson Show is also a place where one can try out the latest and greatest in Lapidary equipment. Such as Diamond Pacific's 8" Titan. This set-up will let one finish a stone in about 15 minutes. Similarly you can try out the Taurus Ring Saws, which allows you to cut out any shape you desire on a slab very cleanly and quickly.

Another reason to go to this show is that it gives you a chance to visit Kartchner Cavern's. It is a little south of Tucson and possesses world class Cave formations. There are currently two different tours. The Rotunda/Throne Tour and the Big Room Tour. If you only have a couple of hours to spare you cannot go wrong with either one. If you can stretch it out to 4 hours or so, I highly recommend taking in both of the tours. You have to make tour reservations in advance and you cannot take pictures (even with your phones) or video of the tours.

Please note, there are other caverns around Tucson, such as the Colossal Cave Mountain Park. Also several wild caves.

So what other reason does one need to go to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show ?? Well it is right after Quartzite, so you can go to the shows at Quartzite, pop up to Las Vegas to win more money, then continue down to Tucson. Where one can also visit the Rock Shops in that area.



Kartchner Caverns



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The Rock & Mineral Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except for adjusted dates in November and December) at the Makiki District Park, 6:15-8 pm. Enter from Keeaumoku Street. Parking is free but limited.

The Newsletter is published monthly, some days prior to the meetings and is distributed in electronic format by email (Adobe Acrobat PDF file attachment). Printed copies are "snail" mailed to those who do not have email. The electronic format usually contains full-color images; the print version may be limited to B&W due to reproduction costs.

**DOOR PRIZES**

Please note that we have instituted door prize drawings at our monthly meetings. Because of Hawaii's gambling laws, these drawings cannot be conducted in the common "raffle" format where tickets are sold. Rather, each *paid* member attending the meeting will receive a drawing ticket upon request. A voluntary donation of \$1.00 is requested and encouraged. Drawings will be conducted at the end of the meeting with available prizes awarded in random order. You must be present to win. Please remember: if you win a prize, please bring one to the next meeting. This helps to keep our drawings going. Thank you.

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