

# HUI PŌHAKU 'Ō HAWAII

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



### Meeting Times

#### MEETING

Wednesday  
February 24, 2016

6:15-8:00 pm

Makiki District Park  
Admin Building

#### NEXT MONTH

Organic and Bio-  
Organic 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.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, plus a whole lot of Fossils and other stuff. It has occurred around Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. There was the main show, plus over 40 other sites spread out across Tucson.

Here is a link to the various shows : <http://www.visittucson.org/includes/content/docs/MEDIA/TGEM-Map-and-Key-2016.pdf>

This way one can sort of see what they are missing out on. Which is a lot. The adage is that the best of everything can be found somewhere in Tucson. It may not be the cheapest, probably not the most expensive, but it is somewhere in this little town. One just has to search in the hotel rooms, ball rooms, courtyards, and everywhere in between.



Amethyst Cathedrals of all shapes and sizes, plus larger ones not shown

Bring all the money you can afford, clear balances off of the plastic. If



Full scale fossils

one sees something that interests you, get it. Why, because chances are you may be able to find it somewhere else. It may even be cheaper. However you should not think that you can go back to original place you first saw it, as you will probably not remember where that was or you do not have enough time

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to go back and hunt for it.

Believe me you will be a kid in a candy shop. All that goodness, staring, and salivating which you will be seeing and doing at the various shows will sort of meld into a couple of locations and one will not be able to distinguish what you saw at one show from the next show. Other than this show had a full size triceratops, that show had a petrified log cut and polished the long way, this other show had a plate of opalized clam shells, this place had tables of Lapis Lazuli. You sort of get where I am going with this. People will probably remember the big highlights, but the rest is merged all together.

There are literally tons and tons of rocks, minerals and gemstones. 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.



Miner's Co-Op Rock Show

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 setup 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 with world class Cave formations. There are currently two different tours. The Rotunda/Throne Tour and the Big Room Tour. You have to make reservations in advance for the tours. If you can stay 4 hours or so, I recommend taking in both of the tours. Otherwise one cannot go wrong with either of the tours.

There are other caverns around Tucson, such as the Colossal Cave Mountain Park., also several wild caves.



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Other shows are the various shows at Quartzite during the month of January. These are akin to the largest swap meets you will ever see. There are literally miles and miles of RV's filled with people of similar interest. Who happen to migrate to warmer climates for the winter months.

Miners Co-op Rock Show : held from Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at ( Mike Jacob Sports Park, 6901 N. Casa Grande Hwy, Marana). Nice break from the Tucson show, where one might be able to find other items in a relaxed outdoor setting.

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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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