

# THE AGATEER

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## *July 22 Meeting:*

### **Member Show and Tell**

Our July 22 meeting will feature YOU – members of the Madison Gem and Mineral Club – with our annual Show and Tell. We have had great success with this format in the past, as members have brought amazing specimens, or great stories, or both. Members have regaled us with stories of favorite collecting sites, told of mishaps while collecting, explained the spiritual qualities of stones, brought favorite stones set in jewelry, or carvings bought while on vacation. This only works if YOU participate, so start thinking about what you could share with your fellow rock hounds.

#### *Friends of the Geology Museum*

### **Rocks and Movie at the Brewery!**

The Friends of the UW Geology Museum will be hosting the second annual fund-raising event at the Capital Brewery on Saturday, August 9, 2008, starting at 7:00 pm. The event is open to all and kids are encouraged to attend. The highlight of the evening will be the showing of the movie "Star Wars IV, A New Hope" beginning at dusk. Prior to the movie, there will be games for kids, live music by "Mud Music", and fossils and minerals, for viewing and sale. There is no charge for this event, but donations are welcome. Bring a picnic dinner and join the fun. For additional information, please contact Brooke Norsted at the UW Geology Museum at 262-2399.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM**

**AB20 Weeks Hall**

**UW Department of Geology and Geophysics**

**1215 West Dayton Street**

**“When You’re Gneiss Everyone  
Takes You For Granite”**

**From Jack Heabler**

**Original Source Unknown**

## 2008 Member Competition

All members are urged to bring specimens for the monthly competition.

**July - any reddish material (jasper, cinnabar, coral etc)**

August - picnic, no competition

September - pictures in Western agate (cut)

### Calendar

July 18-19: MINOQUA, WI. Lakeland Gem Club 40TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW. Lakeland High School, Highway 70 West.

**July 22 – Monthly meeting of Madison Gem and Mineral Club**

Aug 1-3 ISHPEMING, MI. Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club 33RD ANNUAL UPPER PENINSULA GEM AND MINERAL SHOW. Elks Club Hall, 597 Lake Shore Drive.

**Aug. 5 – Board meeting Madison Gem and Mineral Club (open to all members who wish to come).**

Aug. 9 – Friends of the Geology Museum movie night – Capital Brewery

Aug 17 – Junior Geologist Party

**Aug 24 – Club Picnic 11:30 am Festge Park**

Aug 23-24: PEORIA, IL. Peoria Academy Of Science, Geology Section ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, AND FOSSIL, SHOW. ITOO Society Building, 4909 W. Farmington Road

## Junior Geologists Party!

Do you like rocks? Minerals? Fossils? Then come to my home on **Sunday, August 17**, from 1:00PM till 4:00PM. Just like last year, we will have some mineral and fossil specimens for you to take home. We will also have a couple of demonstrations including Fluorescent minerals.

Please RSVP (so we'll know how much ice cream and cookies to get) at 276-5518. Our Address is 5651 Barbara Drive, Fitchburg.

Gabriela

**Specimens (rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, etc.) needed.**

Carlos and Gabriela will need lots of specimens to give away to kids at the second annual Junior Geologists Party . If you have little or lots of stuff, please let us know so we make arrangements to pick it up.

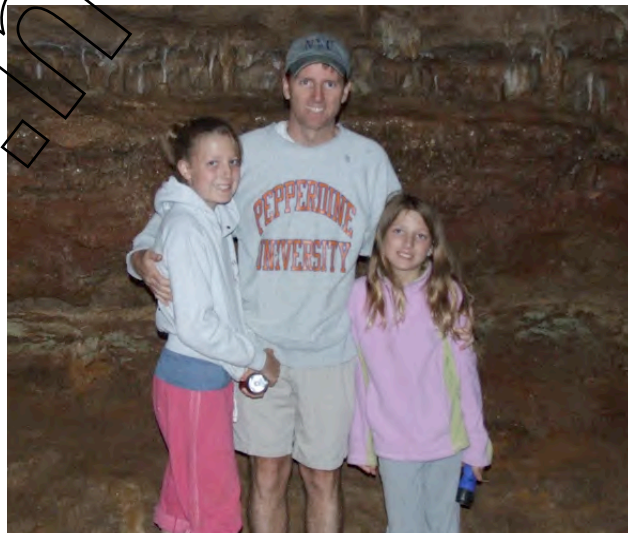
You may also just come to the Party (even if you don't bring any rocks). The idea is to celebrate the children's enthusiasm for the hobby. You bring rocks in and the kids take them away. You'll get ice cream too. By the way, Gabriela's collections will be on display.

## Today's Trivia

**What geological time period was named for a mountain range that separates France from Switzerland?**

**Ans: The Jurassic Period.** The Jura Mountains are a small mountain range located north of the Alps, separating the Rhine and Rhone rivers and forming part of the watershed of each. The mountain range is located in France, Switzerland, and Germany.

## June 21 Eagle Cave Field Trip



Field Trip Chairpersons Ken and Megan Woodford , and Friend

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