

47th Annual GEM & Mineral Show



The Gem & Mineral Show in Parrsboro is no small event. Over 30 exhibitors set up similar to a major trade show in a large urban centre adorned the Lions' Rec Centre.

From the files of
Laurence R. Nicoll

The Lion's Rec. Center, Western Ave., Parrsboro, N.S. was filled to capacity with over 30 exhibitors and the

parking lot was full of visitors on the weekend of August 17, 18, & 19th. It was time for the Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show 2012 which was Parrsboro's Rockhound

Roundup and Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show and Sale.

Parrsboro's Rockhound Roundup is one of the oldest mineral shows in Canada and in terms of sheer enjoyableness, it's considered to be the top! Exhibitors return each year from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine ready to enjoy the Maritime hospitality and meet new and old friends. More than 30 exhibitors were present and the parking lot was full of visitors. The interpretive activities at the Geological Museum are a popular part of the weekend.

More than thirty exhibitors offered a broad mix of earth treasures. Visitors could see fine mineral specimens, jewelry and jeweller's supplies and precious stones and gem cutting tools; beads and beading tools; fossils, tumbled stones and more.

The weekend event was a learning show too, with geological field trips and interpretive walks plus demonstrations of gem cutting and jewelry making, gold panning, wire wrapping and more. The Nova Scotia Metal Arts Guild were present showing the work of Nova Scotia silver and goldsmiths.

Geologists and mineral collectors from the N.S. Department of Natural Resources, Atlantic GeoScience Society, N.S. Prospectors Association and the N.S. Gem and Mineral Society were on hand to identify your mineral treasures.

A variety of events were held which included: Book Signing by John Calder's book on the Joggins Fossil Cliffs "Coal Age Galapagos". Numerous walks and geological tours were held with people meeting at the Fundy

Geological Museum. Friday included a Geological tour of West Bay with John Calder; Saturday a trip to Five Islands Park for a beach tour with Howard Donohoe and separate Geological Tour to Wasson Bluff with Ken Adams and Sunday - Ken Adams conducted a Geological tour of Clarke's Head.

A total of seven demonstration booths where a beehive of activity throughout the three days. Demos included: Healing Properties of Crystals and Chakra Stones with Nicki Sherriff; Cabachon cutting with John Miller; Using a Rock Tumbler with Tom Spence, Angel earrings and pendant sets made from crystals with Marg Lee; Reticulating-changing the surface of silver alloy with flame by John Downie; Metal, clay, copper and bronze pendant-firing and finishing methods with Pam Fiendel; Texturing Metal with hammers and simple punches; Chain soldering construction with John Hood; Byzantine Chain Mail with Shahab Rowshan; Gold Panning with Fred Walsh, N.S. Prospector's; Flint knapping glass arrowheads with Michael Lavoie; Glass sculptured in flame with Janelle Tyler and Cutting Turquoise with Monty Lewis.

A number of Workshops were held at the back of the arena including: Ceramic Dinosaur Painting with Susan Beaver; Bead and wire trees with Lana Lewis and Creating beautifully finished bead jewelry with Tara Hunt. Visitors could provide their own beads for one pair of earrings and necklace.

In celebration of the area's Wild blueberry Festival Blueberry Cake was served daily.



It's time for personal attention and a professional opinion. Exhibitors who return each year have become renowned for their professional advice.



This young lady is paying strict attention to what is evolving in front of her.



This photo taken by Lawrence Nicoll, shows the magnitude of the 47th Annual Nova Scotia Gem & Mineral Show which filled the Lion's Rec Centre in Parrsboro on August 17, 18, & 19th. Exhibitors return each year from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine.



Demo booth 4 brought out the fascinated look as expressed on the faces of these young lads.



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