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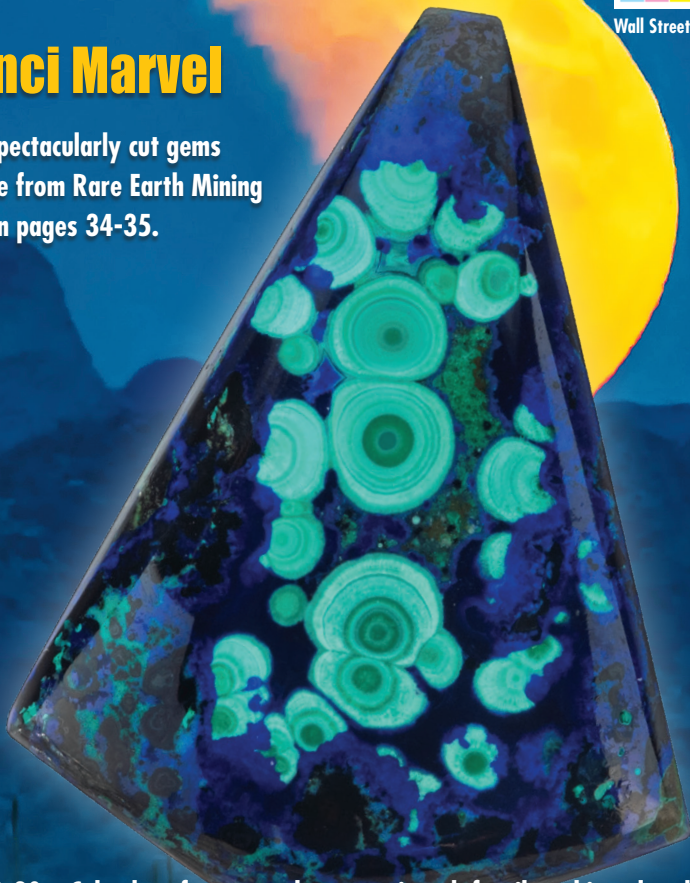
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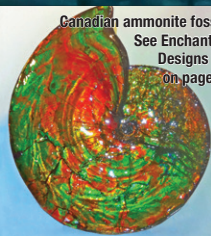
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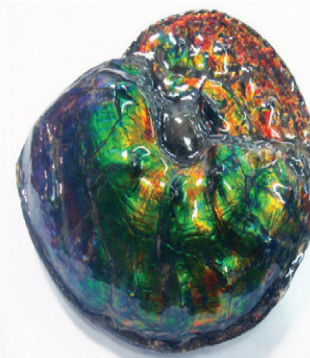
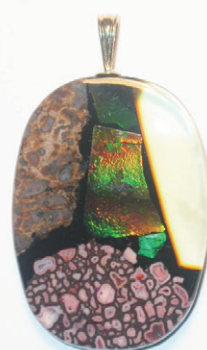
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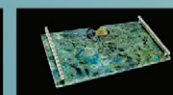
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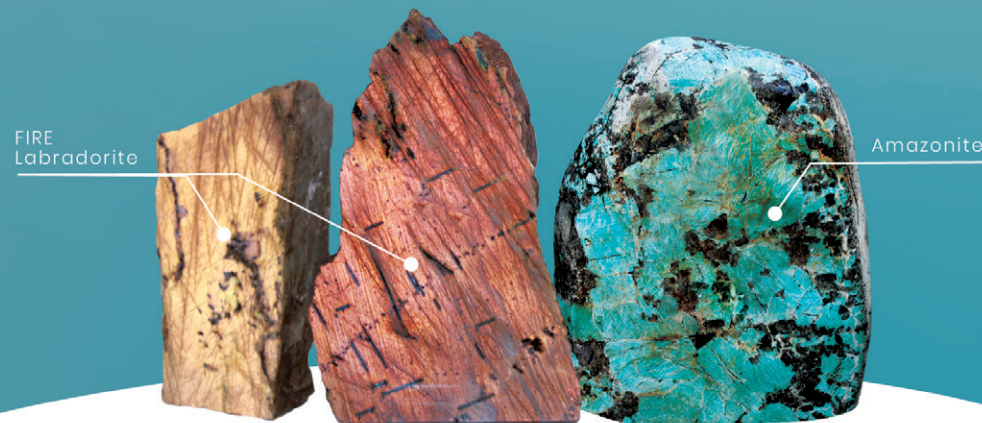


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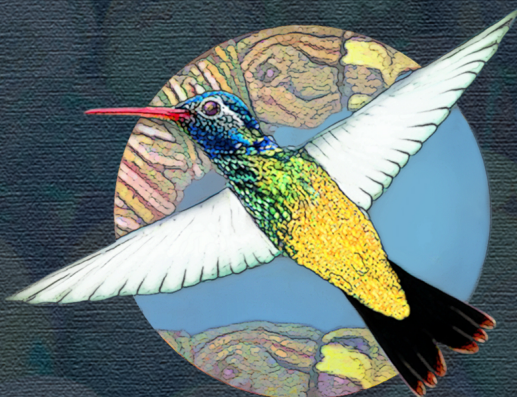
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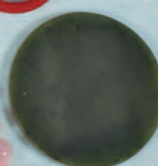
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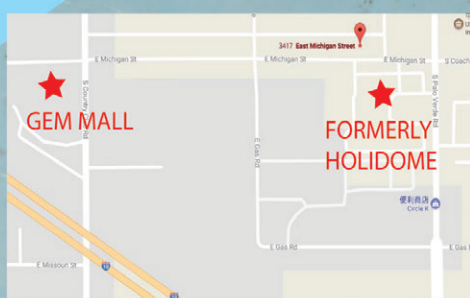
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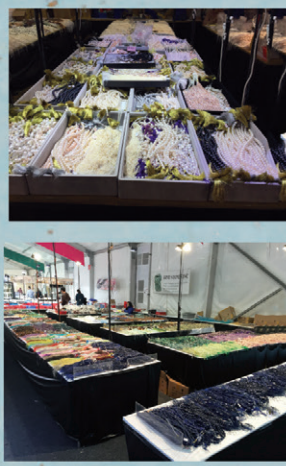
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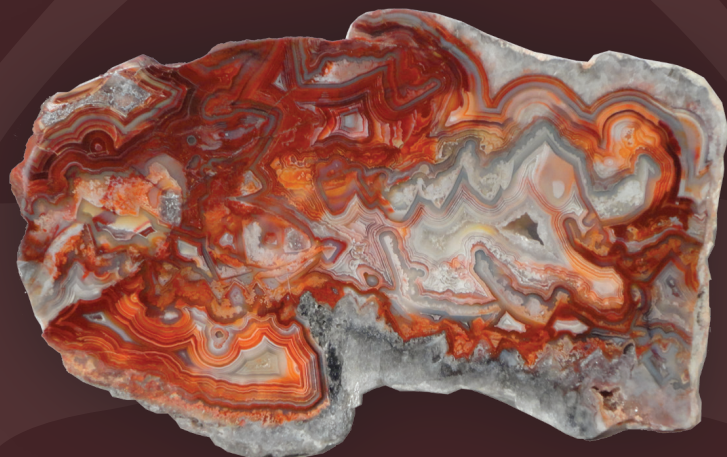


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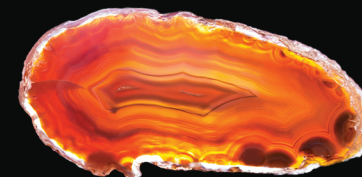


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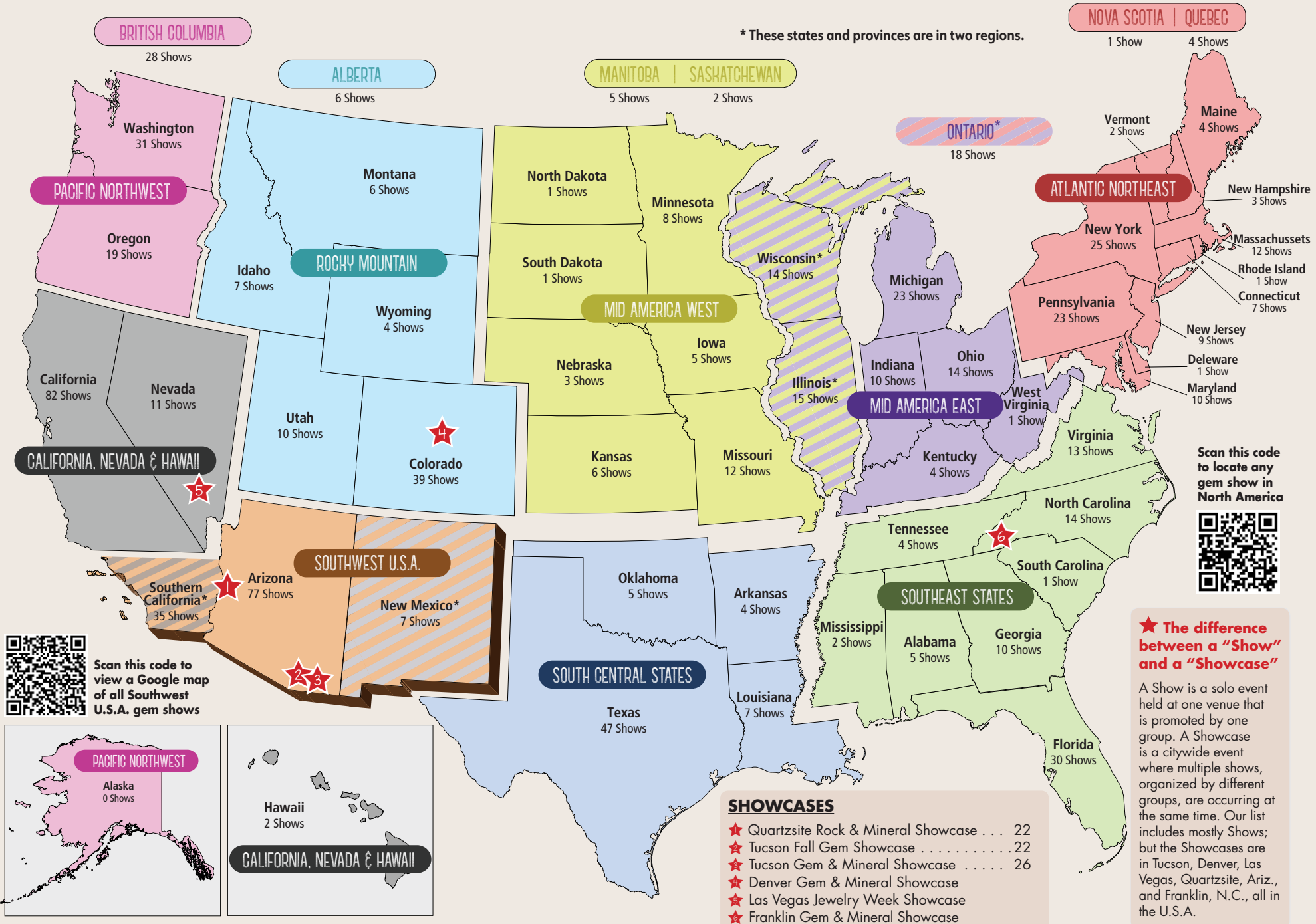
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January 3-12, 2020. ***TYSON WELLS ROCK & GEM SHOW**, Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 121 W. Kuehn St., Quartzsite, Kym Scott, (928) 927-6364, tysonwells@tds.net.

January 15-19, 2020. ***QIA POWWOW GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, Quartzsite Improvement Association Building, 235 E. Ironwood Ave., Quartzsite, Quartzsite Improvement Association, (928) 927-6325, Powwow@QIAArizona.org.

January 17-26, 2020. ***TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA**, 121 W. Kuehn St., Quartzsite, Kym Scott, (928) 927-6364, tysonwells@tds.net.

January 18-26, 2020. **Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show**, Quartzsite.

January 31 - February 9, 2020. ***TYSON WELLS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**, Tyson Wells Show Grounds, 121 W. Kuehn St., Quartzsite, Kym Scott, (928) 927-6364, tysonwells@tds.net.

February 7-9, 2020. ***QUARTZSITE GOLD TREASURE & CRAFT SHOW**, QIA Building, Quartzsite.

January 3-5, 2020. **Flagg Gem and Mineral Show**, Mesa Community College, Mesa.

January 10-12, 2020. **Gila County Gem & Mineral Show**, Gila County Fairgrounds, Globe.



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January 20 - February 21, 2020. ***MADAGASCAR MINERALS GEM SHOW**, Norcross-Madagascar Gallery, 201 W. Lester Street, Tucson, Norcross-Madagascar Group, (520) 882-8884, debbie@madagascarminerals.com.

January 23 - February 10, 2020. **Executive Inn Fossil, Mineral & Gems Show**, Fortuna Inn Suites, Tucson.

January 24 - February 16, 2020. **Granada Gallery**, Granada Gallery House, Tucson.

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January 26 - February 15, 2020. **Granada Show**, Tucson.

January 26 - February 16, 2020. **American Indian Arts Exposition**, Quality Inn - Flamingo Ballroom, Tucson.

January 26 - February 16, 2020. ***ARIZONA INDEPENDENT WAREHOUSE SHOW**, Wholesale Warehouse Building, 1500 E. Apache Park Pl., Tucson, The Rock Warehouse, (303) 462-1173 Cell: (303) 249-5313, therockwarehouse@outlook.com.

January 27 - February 17, 2020. ***1801 ORACLE MINERAL, GEM & FOSSIL SHOW**, Sun Gemstone, LLC, 1801 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, Sun Gemstone, LLC, 520-815-8286, sungemstone1801@hotmail.com.

January 28 - February 11, 2020. ***SILK ROAD GEM & JEWELRY SHOW**, Stay Tucson Inn & Suites, 5251 S Julian Dr, Tucson, SRGJ Shows, 8479224613, srgjshows@gmail.com.

January 29 - February 16, 2020. ***1820 ORACLE WHOLESALE SHOW**, Top-Gem Minerals buildings, 1835 - 1893 N. 11th Ave., Tucson, Top Gem Minerals, (520) 622-6633, toppgem@topgem.com.

January 29 - February 16, 2020. ***MINERS CO-OP ROCK SHOW**, Mike Jacob Sports Park, 6901 N. Casa Grande Highway, Marana, Miner's Co-op Rock Show, 520-981-2787, bob@reallyoldrocks.com.

January 29 - February 17, 2020. ***KENT'S JEWELRY, LAPIDARY, TOOL & SUPPLY SHOW**, Kent's Tools, 2745 North 1st Ave., Tucson, Kent Solberg, (520) 461-1350, kentstools@aol.com.

January 30 - February 10, 2020. ***JOGS TUCSON GEM & JEWELRY SHOW**, Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd., Tucson, JOGS International Exhibits, 213-629-3030, Toll free: 877-GEM-SHOW, info@jogsshow.com, www.jogsshow.com.

January 30 - February 12, 2020. ***GRANT GEM & JEWELRY SHOW - NEW SHOW!**, Grand Luxe Hotel, 1365 W. Grant Rd., Tucson, Helen Schull, helen@outofourmines.com.

January 30 - February 13, 2020. ***TUCSON'S HIDDEN GEM SHOW**, The Warehouse on North Main (formerly the Samora Minerals warehouse), 707 N. Main Ave, Tucson, Tucson Hidden Gem Productions, (503) 913-6050, info@tucsonhiddengem.com.

January 30 - February 16, 2020. ***22ND STREET SHOW**, 22nd Street Show, 600 West 22nd Street, Tucson, Eons Expos, LLLP, Sales: Heather@EonsExpos.com Billing: Russell@EonsExpos.com-br>Promotion: Lowell@EonsExpos.com.

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January 30 - February 15, 2020. ***GIGM/ GLOBEX GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, Red Lion Inn & Suite, 222 S. Freeway Rd., Tucson, GIGM Shows, (520) 251-1800, Sup8casa@aol.com, gigmshow@gmail.com.

January 30 - February 15, 2020. ***GIGM/ HOWARD JOHNSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, Howard Johnson Hotel, 1010 S. Freeway, Tucson, GIGM Shows, (520) 251-1800, hojogemshow@aol.com.

January 30 - February 16, 2020. ***KINO GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, Kino Sports Complex, 2500 E. Ajo Way, Tucson, AS Shows, Inc., info@as-shows.com.

January 31 - February 12, 2020. ***PUEBLO GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, Ramada Tucson Conference Center, 777 W. Cushing Street, Tucson, Tucson West Hotel Associates, LLC, (310) 586-6816, info@pueblogemshow.com.

January 31 - February 15, 2020. **Fine Minerals International Show**, Fine Minerals Intl. house, Tucson.

January 31 - February 15, 2020. **Mineral City Show**, Tucson.

January 31 - February 16, 2020. **Mineral & Fossil Co-op**, Mineral & Fossil Co-op Building, Tucson.

January 31 - February 16, 2020. ***RAPA RIVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW**, 292 S. Freeway Ave., Tucson, Lynn Arriaga, (520) 743-0866, rapagem@yahoo.com, www.rapariver.com. January 31 - February 16, 2020. Tucson Showplace, Tucson Showplace buildings, Tucson.

January 31 - February 2, 2020. **Gem & Jam Festival**, Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson.

January 31 - February 4, 2020. **Whole Bead Show**, The Viscount Suite Hotel, Tucson.

January 31 - February 5, 2020. ***BEST BEAD SHOW**, Stay Tucson Inn & Suites (formerly called Quality Inn), 5251 S. Julian Dr., Tucson, The Best Bead Show, (610) 909-2674, bestbeadshow@yahoo.com.

February 1-3, 2020. ***JUST MINERALS EVENT**, Elks Lodge 385, 1800 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson. Isaias Casanova or Leonard Himes, 407-353-1194, isaias@Cminerals.com or leonardhimes@aol.com.

February 1-8, 2020. ***TO BEAD TRUE BLUE**, Casino Del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, Attendees (530) 274-2222, Exhibitors (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

February 1-8, 2020. ***TUCSON ARTISAN WORKSHOPS**, Casino Del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

February 1-8, 2020. ***COLORS OF THE STONE - A GEM SHOW**, Casino Del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, LLC, Attendees (530) 274-2222, Exhibitors (530) 274-1101, info@beadanddesign.com.

February 1-9, 2020. ***G&LW TUCSON GEM SHOW / GEM MALL**, Gem Mall, 4475 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc., (601) 879-8832, info@glwshows.com.

February 1-9, 2020. ***G&LW TUCSON GEM SHOW / HOLIDOME**, Holidome, 4475 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc., (601) 879-8832, info@glwshows.com.

February 1-15, 2020. **ARIZONA MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW AT HTCC**, Hotel Tucson City Center, 475 N. Granada Ave., Tucson, LLD Productions, 941-223-1351, mineralshowslld@gmail.com.

February 1-15, 2020. **Fossil & Mineral Alley**, Days Inn Tucson City Center, Tucson.

February 1-15, 2020. **Mineral & Fossil Marketplace**, Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, Tucson.

February 1-15, 2020. **Aurora Mineral Corp. Tucson Show (formerly Granada Ave. Mineral Show)**, Tucson.

February 1-16, 2020. **African Art Village**, African Art Village tents, Tucson.

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February 1-16, 2020. ***MAIN AVENUE MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**, GMI Building/tents, 1223-1243 N. Main Ave., Tucson, Gem Marketing International, (520) 889-1840, info@mainavegemshow.com.

February 1-16, 2020. **Tucson Lazy Days KOA Gem & Mineral Show**, Lazydays KOA, Tucson.

February 4-10, 2020. ***TUCSON'S NEW MINERAL SHOW (T.N.M.S.)**, The Slaughterhouse, 1102 W. Grant Rd., Tucson, Mineral Shows LLC, info@tucsonnewmineralshow.com.

February 4-9, 2020. **AGTA GemFair™ Tucson**, Tucson Convention Center, Tucson.

February 4-9, 2020. **GJX Gem & Jewelry Show**, GJX Pavilion, Tucson.

February 5-8, 2020. **JCK Tucson**, JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson.

February 5-8, 2020. **Sonoran Glass Art Show**, Sonoran Glass School, Tucson.

February 7-10, 2020. ***WESTWARD LOOK MINERAL SHOW**, Westward Look Resort, 245 E. Ina Rd., Tucson, Fine Mineral Show, LLC, info@finemineralshow.com.

February 13-16, 2020. **Tucson Gem & Mineral Show***, Tucson Convention Center, Tucson.

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July 31-August 2, 2020. ***PRESCOTT GEM & MINERAL SHOW & SALE.** Findley Toyota Center, 3201 N. Glassford Hill Rd., Prescott Valley, Prescott Gem & Mineral Club, 208-818-2363, melaniecapps123@gmail.com.

November 2020 TBD. **Apache Junction Jewelry.** Gem & Mineral Show, Skyline High School, Mesa

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August 27 - September 6, 2020. ***KENT'S JEWELRY, LAPIDARY, TOOL & SUPPLY SHOW (SEPT.).** Kent's Tools, 2745 North 1st Ave., Tucson, Kent Solberg, (520) 461-1350, kentstools@aol.com.

August 2020 TBD. ***JOGS TUCSON GEM & JEWELRY SHOW - SEPTEMBER.** Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd., Tucson. JOGS International Exhibits, 213-629-3030, Toll free: 877-GEM-SHOW, info@jogsshow.com, www.jogsshow.com.

August 2020 TBD. ***SILK ROAD GEM & JEWELRY SHOW - SEPTEMBER.** Stay Tucson Inn & Suites, 5251 S Julian Dr., Tucson, SRGJ Shows, 847-922-4613, srgjshows@gmail.com.

September 10-13, 2020. ***COLORS OF THE STONE - FALL.** Casino Del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, LLC, Attendees (530) 274-2222, Exhibitors (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

September 10-13, 2020. ***TUCSON ARTISAN WORKSHOPS - FALL.** Casino Del Sol Resort, 5655 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, LLC, Attendees (530) 274-2222, Exhibitors (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

September 10-13, 2020. ***TO BEAD TRUE BLUE - FALL.** Casino Del Sol, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, Garan-Beadagio, LLC, Attendees (530) 274-2222, Exhibitors (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

September 10-13, 2020. ***G&LW TUCSON GEM SHOW / HOLIDOME (SEPT.).** Holidome, 4475 S. Country Club Rd., Tucson, Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers, Inc., (601) 879-8832, info@glwshows.com.

September 2020 TBD. ***BEST BEAD SHOW - SEPTEMBER.** Best Western Tucson Airport, 6801 S Tucson Blvd., Tucson, Best Bead Shows, 610-909-2674, bestbeadshow@yahoo.com.

September 2020 TBD. **Verde Valley Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show,** Clark Memorial Clubhouse Auditorium, Clarkdale.

October 10-11, 2020. **Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show,** Cochise College, Sierra Vista.

October 2020 TBD. **Sedona Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show,** Sedona High School, Sedona.

October 2020 TBD. **HelzaRock'n Gem & Mineral Show,** Helzapoppin Arena, Buckeye.

November 2020 TBD. **Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Show,** Hassayampa Elementary School, Wickenburg.

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February 22-23, 2020. **The Museum Rocks Gem & Mineral Show,** NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces.

March 12-15, 2020. **RockHound RoundUp,** SWNM Fairgrounds, Deming.

March 20-22, 2020. **Treasures of the Earth Show,** New Mexico State Fairgrounds (Creative Arts Center) - Gate 3, Albuquerque.

June 19-21, 2020. **Carlsbad Gem & Mineral Show,** Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park, Carlsbad.

July 3-5, 2020. **San Juan County Gem & Mineral Show,** McGee Park, Farmington.

September 5-7, 2020. **Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Show,** Grant County Veterans Memorial Conference Center, Silver City.

October 2-4, 2020. **Albuquerque Fall Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show,** Expo NM (NM State Fairgrounds), Creative Arts Building, Albuquerque.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

January 17-19, 2020. ***PASADENA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW - WINTER.** Hilton Pasadena Hotel, 168 S Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, Garan-Beadagio, casey@beadagio.com.

February 14-23, 2020. **San Geronio Mineral & Gem Society Annual Show,** Riverside County Fairgrounds & National Date Festival, Gem & Mineral Building, Indio.

March 6-8, 2020. **Rockhound Tailgate,** Victorville.

March 7-8, 2020. **Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show.** Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura.

March 28-29, 2020. **Nature's Treasures,** Ken Miller Rec Center, Torrance.

March 2020 TBD. **Pasadena Lapidary Society Show.** San Marino Masonic Center, San Marino.

April 2-5, 2020. **Joshua Tree Gem, Mineral & Craft Show - Spring.** Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, Joshua Tree.

April 24-26, 2020. **International Gem and Jewelry Show Santa Monica,** Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica, Santa Monica.

April 25-26, 2020. **Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club's Spring Show,** Lancaster High School, Lancaster.

April 2020 TBD. **Conejo Gem & Mineral Show,** Borchard Park Community Center, Thousand Oaks.

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April 2020 TBD. **Vista Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show - Spring**, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista.

April 2020 TBD. **International Gem and Jewelry Show Los Angeles (April)**, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles.

May 1-3, 2020. **Yucaipa Valley Gem**, Mineral & Jewelry Show, Scherer Senior Center, Yucaipa.

May 2-3, 2020. **Searchers Gem**, Mineral & Jewelry Show, Brookhurst Community Center, Anaheim.

May 8-10, 2020. ***WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW - SPRING**, Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, LLD Productions Inc., 941-223-1351, mineralshowslld@gmail.com.

June 6-7, 2020. **Glendora Gems Gem & Mineral Show**, Goddard Middle School, Glendora.

June 2020 TBD. **Jubilee of Gems - Rocks Around the Clock**, La Habra Community Center, La Habra.

June 2020 TBD. **Fiesta of Gems**, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Culver City.

June 2020 TBD. **Palomar Gem & Mineral Show**, Center for the Arts, Escondido.

July 24-26, 2020. ***PASADENA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW - SUMMER**, Hilton Pasadena Hotel, 168 S Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, Garan-Beadagio, (530) 274-1101, info@beadagio.com.

July 2020 TBD. **International Gem & Jewelry Show Pasadena**, Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena.

August 2020 TBD. **Orcutt Mineral Society "Rainbow of Gems" Show**, Nipomo High School, Nipomo.

August 2020 TBD. **International Gem & Jewelry Show Pasadena (August)**, Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena.

October 9-11, 2020. **Big Sur Jade Festival**, Pacific Valley School, Big Sur.

October 10-11, 2020. **Gem-O-Rama**, SLGMS Show Building, Searles Valley.

October 11, 2020. **Fallbrook Fall Festival of Gems & Minerals**, Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum, Fallbrook.

October 2020 TBD. **Woodland Hills Rock Chippers Annual Show**, First United Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

October 2020 TBD. **Whittier Gem & Mineral Show**, Whittier Community Center, Whittier.

October 2020 TBD. **Vista Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show - Fall**, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista.

October 2020 TBD. **Joshua Tree Gem**, Mineral & Craft Show, Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, Joshua Tree.

November 2020 TBD. **El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society Rock & Gem Round Up**, Lakeside Rodeo Grounds, Lakeside.

November 2020 TBD. **Mining Supplies & Rock Shop Annual Show**, Mining Supplies & Rock Shop, Hesperia.

November 2020 TBD. **Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show**, Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Ridgecrest.

November 2020 TBD. ***WEST COAST GEM & MINERAL SHOW - FALL**, Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol St., Costa Mesa, LLD Productions Inc., 941-223-1351, mineralshowslld@gmail.com.

November 2020 TBD. **Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Galaxy of Gems Expo**, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, Oxnard.

November 2020 TBD. ***PASADENA ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**, Hilton Pasadena Hotel, 168 S Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, Garan-Beadagio, casey@beadagio.com.

December 2020 TBD. **International Gem and Jewelry Show Los Angeles (December)**, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles.

December 2020 TBD. **Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Show**, Cora Harper Fitness & Community Center, Barstow.

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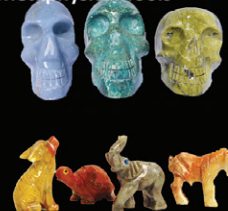

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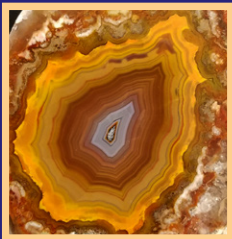
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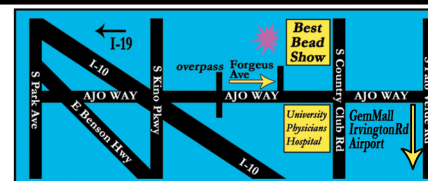
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Arizona Barringer Meteor Crater is considered the best preserved meteorite impact site on earth. It is 4,000 feet across and 500 feet deep, created by a nickel-iron meteorite, about 150 feet wide, weighing approximately 300,000 tons that hit the area about 50,000 years ago.



By Helen Serras-Herman

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In northern Arizona, just east of Flagstaff, there is a famous meteor crater site, considered to be the best preserved meteorite site in the world. In the scientific community, it is referred to as the Barringer Meteorite Crater, in honor of Daniel Moreau Barringer, a geologist who was the first to prove in 1906 that the hole was the product of a meteor impact. Earlier, it was also known as Coon Mountain or Coon Butte. Today it is simply known as Meteor Crater. Although scientists have been observing meteorites for centuries, no scientist had made the connection between the existence of craters and meteorites until the twentieth century.

Meteor craters are depressions in the earth's surface created by the collision of an outer space meteorite or comet. There are about 150 meteor craters around the

world, making them a rare land feature. Some craters have eroded; some are buried, while others are obvious, with a noticeable and measurable rim. Craters are usually measured by the size of their rim's diameter. There are over forty craters with rim diameters over twenty kilometers, spread throughout the world from South Africa to Australia, Canada, Russia, Mexico, and other countries. In

the United States, there are 28 craters ranging in size from less than a to ninety kilometers wide.

Another famous crater is the Odessa Meteor Crater site, located in western Texas, just five miles from Odessa. That is the second largest recognizable crater, after the Arizona Barringer Meteor Crater, in the United States, and is sixth in the world. The crater has been known since 1892, when a local rancher found a meteorite and discovered the crater. But it wasn't until 1929, when Daniel Moreau Barringer, Jr., whose father had earlier described the Arizona Meteor Crater, identified the depression as a meteor crater.

The creation of the crater

The Arizona Meteor Crater is about 4,000 feet across and 500 feet deep. It is considered the best preserved meteorite impact site on earth. It is the result of an asteroid collision that happened about 50,000 years ago during the last ice age (the Pleistocene Age), when a fiery ball from the sky landed and exploded there. Researchers have estimated that its core was a nickel-iron meteorite, about 150 feet wide, weighing approximately 300,000 tons. The meteorite exploded, broke apart — while some became pulverized and partially melted rock — and spread along with sandstone and limestone in a six-mile radius. Iron meteorites have been found in that area ranging in size from 10 to 1,000 pounds. During that era, the area was full of woodlands, woolly mammoths and giant ground sloths. As the ice age ended and the forests gave away to the deserts, less erosion and sediment accumulation took place, leaving the crater as obvious as we see it today. The crater's circumference is 2.4 miles. There is no vegetation within the depression, making it easier to see and understand it as an impact crater.

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The discovery of the crater

The crater was known as Canyon Diablo in the nineteenth century, and was described as a volcano when European settlers first arrived there.

In 1891, Grove Karl Gilbert, chief geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, first hypothesized about the crater's formation. Unfortunately, he concluded that the crater was the result of a steam explosion, and not of an impact, even though thousands of meteorite fragments were present all around.

Enter Daniel Moraeu Barringer. He was born in North Carolina in 1860. After graduating from Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania's Law School, he studied geology and mineralogy at Harvard and University of Virginia. Like so many other easterners, he was enamored with the west. He purchased a gold-and-silver mine in 1892 near Cochise, Ariz., and later he discovered the Commonwealth Silver Mine in



Pearce, Ariz. By 1902, these mining ventures had made Barringer a wealthy man. In 1903, when he heard from S.J. Holsinger about the existence of the meteor crater, he received a land patent, staked a mining claim, and created the Standard Iron Company in order to mine iron from the site. Soon after his original hesitation, he concluded that "he no longer doubted, he knew that the crater must be due to the impact of a body colliding with our earth."

In 1906 Barringer, along with his partner, Philadelphian mathematician and physicist Benjamin Chew Tilghman, presented their first papers to the U.S. Geological Survey and published their theory of a meteorite impact at the site in the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. After many years of heated debate, all of the scientific community accepted the impact theory. Ironically, the crater never produced enough iron for Barringer, and after spending a fortune on that project all work stopped by November 23, 1929. Barringer died a few days

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Top: Visitors on the tour walk along the crater's rim. The guided tour lasts about 45 minutes to an hour.

Left: Daniel Moraeu Barringer was a geologist and the first to prove in 1906 that the hole was the product of a meteor impact. (Photo Free Wikipedia)

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later, on November 30, of a massive heart attack. However, his theory of the crater's origin was vindicated, and the site is known today in his honor as the Barringer Meteorite Crater, owned by his descendants, who formed the Barringer Crater Company.

The Meteor Crater Visitor Center and rim tour

The large Meteor Crater Visitor Center is located on the rim of the crater. It includes a fully air-conditioned building with an eighty-seat, wide-screen movie theater, where visitors can watch the Impact: Mystery of Meteor Crater movie, that features exciting 3D-modeling and animation for a very realistic viewing experience. The ten-minute film is shown twice per hour and is included in the admission fee. The Meteor Crater Interactive Discovery Center offers a lot of information, displays, and 24 exhibits about meteors and their encounters with earth, about space, the solar system and comets, as well as their newest attraction, "Collision! 4D-Experience Room." One of the displays is the very impressive



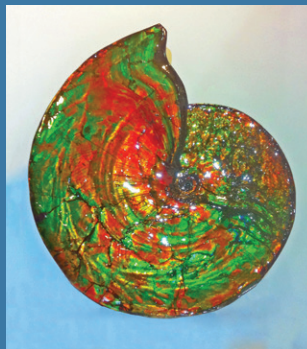
On the trail, visitors pass the remnants of an old stone building that was the original Barringer home and later a crater museum.

Holsinger meteorite, the largest fragment of the 150-foot meteor discovered to date, weighing 1,409 pounds.

Visitors can simply view the crater from indoors. Outside, there are three lookout platforms, with several

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There are three lookout platforms with several telescopes to see the bottom of the crater and the remnants of the old mining operations, left there for historical purposes.

telescopes (no coins required) to see the bottom of the crater and the remnants of the old mining operations, left there for historical purposes.

Then, visitors can join the guided crater rim tour (included in the admission fee) headed by very knowledgeable staff. The tour (weather permitting) lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. Visitors on the tour walk along the crater's rim; they also pass the remnants of an old stone building that was the original Barringer home and later a crater museum. There is still active scientific research and discovery taking place at the site.

Also, on the premises is an Astronaut Memorial Park with an actual Apollo test capsule with a viewing window showing the astronauts' tight quarters, and an American Astronaut Wall of Fame.

The Barringer Meteor Crater is a private enterprise, and despite the site's geological importance, it's not a national or state park. It was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1967. The site is open every day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (except for holidays). The entrance fee is \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$9 for juniors, with a separate admission for the 4D-Experience Room. Some people view it as a pricey fee, but it is definitely worth visiting. The Visitor Center also houses a mineral shop, a souvenir store, and a sandwich shop. For more information please visit their website at <http://meteorcrater.com/>.

More scientific information, videos, and educational and historical material is available online at <http://www.barringercrater.com/>, the website created by the Barringer Crater Company, which owns, protects and promotes the crater site. Also online are some great aerial photos of the entire crater.

A complete scientific research, the Guidebook to the Geology of Barringer Meteorite Crater, Arizona (a.k.a. Meteor Crater), second edition 2017, by Dr. David A. Kring (geologist and earth and planetary scientist), published in 2007 by the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI), is also available online (free download) at

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The very impressive Holsinger meteorite, on display at Meteor Crater, is the largest fragment discovered to date from that meteor, and weighs 1,409 lb. On the wall behind the specimen, is an aerial photo of the crater.



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Visiting the Arizona Meteor Crater offers a great opportunity for learning while gazing at extraordinary scenery created by an out-of-this-world object!

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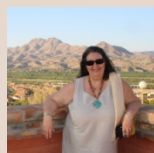
The Meteor Crater is in a remote area at an elevation of 5,710 feet. The site is easily accessible off Interstate 40, along the famous Historic Route 66, approximately 37 miles east of Flagstaff. Travel 35 miles on I-40 east of Flagstaff, or 18 miles west of Winslow, and take the Meteor Crater Road (exit 233); then, drive 5 miles until you see the crater site. The road is paved all the way.

Many visitors, while visiting the Meteor Crater, also combine the great attractions of the ponderosa highlands to the north of the Meteor Crater: The Ponderosa Highlands in Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon National Park, the Wupatki National Monument with its rich Native American Ruins, and the nearby Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, and the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest to the east of the crater. Remember to always carry warm clothes when visiting northern Arizona. When my husband and I visited

the site in the month of April, the San Francisco Peaks were still snow-capped.

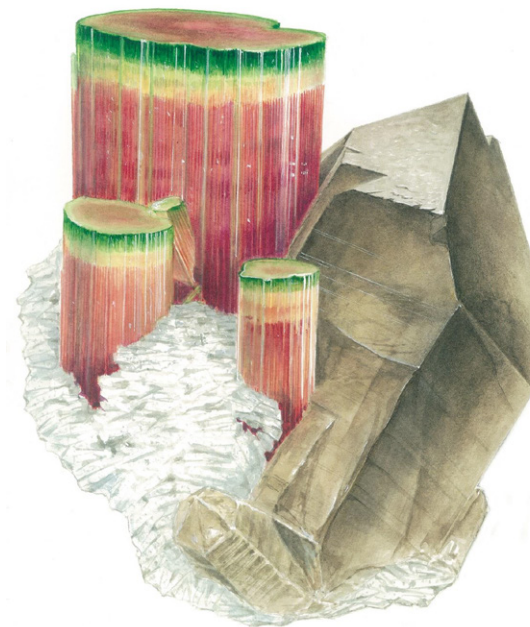
Visiting the Meteor Crater is not only a great opportunity for learning but for taking in extraordinary Arizona scenery that was created by an out-of-this-world object! There is something for the entire family to enjoy. Please make sure to check for current opening hours and rim tour hours in order to avoid any disappointment, and plan ahead to allow for enough time for your visit. I would recommend at least a two-hour visit to enjoy all the attractions.

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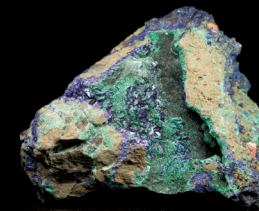
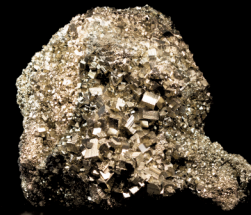
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The town of Laughlin is located on the Colorado River on the Nevada side, and it is famous for its casinos and entertainment.

By Helen Serras-Herman

Laughlin is famous for its casinos, and the majority of the four million visitors flocking there every year consume a good part of their days and nights gambling. My husband and I spend our time in the vicinity relaxing on the boat tours on the Colorado River, which offer narrated history of the area, visiting old mining sites, museums, mining towns, and petroglyphs (ancient rock engravings). It is fascinating how much history there is in this part of the country, and the hardships that miners had to endure — oppressive heat, rattlesnakes

and the scorpions, the harsh drive through the mountains, and the tough conditions of hard-rock mining.

The Colorado River Museum is located on the Arizona side, in Bullhead City. It is operated by the Colorado River Historical Society, and you will get a warm welcome from extremely knowledgeable society volunteers. It is housed in a historical landmark building, an old church built in 1947 to serve the workers who were building the Davis Dam. There are many displays, artifacts and memorabilia that give a fairly complete picture of the history of the area, the Fort Mohave Indian Tribe,

The town of Laughlin is located in the southeastern most part of Nevada, right across from Bullhead City, Ariz., on the Colorado River. The region is known as the Tri-State Area, as three states — Arizona, Nevada and California — meet. A scenic two-hour drive from Quartzsite, north through Parker and Lake Havasu City, following the river, brings you to Bullhead City.

and casinos all situated along the river, shopping malls, movie theaters and live entertainment. Today Laughlin has a population of approximately 10,000 residents, while Bullhead City has another 42,000.

The Colorado River Museum is located at 2201 Highway 68, just a quarter mile north of the Laughlin Bridge at Davis Camp. It is open September thru June, Tuesday thru Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm (all times Pacific). It is generously supported by visitors' donations. Phone 1-928-754.3399 or visit online www.bullheadcitymuseum.webs.com.

The Laughlin Visitors Information Center has a wide selection of maps and brochures of any site within an hours' drive and more, and the folks that man the center are most hospitable and well informed about all the attractions and current events. The Center, located at 1555 Casino Drive, is open Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, closed on the weekends. Phone 1-800-452-8445 or visit online www.visitlaughlin.com.

The Katherine Mine is only a short drive from Laughlin. It was an early 1900's gold mine that lies dead and decaying today. The site belongs to the Lake Mead National Recreation Area of the National Park Service. In 2011 we were lucky to take a tour led by a knowledgeable park ranger filled with information about the history of the famous mine and the ecology of the area. Unfortunately that tour is no longer available, and due to safety, the site is currently closed.

Gold was discovered in the Katherine-Union Pass area in the mid 1860's. The major mines were the Pyramid, the Gold Cycle, the Homestake, and the Sheeptrails Mines. The Katherine

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the early explorers, and the gold mines. Some local minerals are also displayed.

A short video available to watch at the museum, tells the story of Laughlin, and how it was Don Laughlin's vision that created the booming town, when he first came to this rugged area in 1964 and purchased a boarded-up eight room motel in 1966, which he opened for all-you-can-eat chicken dinners for 98 cents, along with 12 slot machines, two gaming tables, and accommodations for four rooms. Several expansions followed those early days for Don Laughlin's hotel, the Riverside, and the town of Laughlin. There are now about a dozen hotels

The Colorado River Museum is housed in a historical landmark building- an old church built in 1947, and has many displays, artifacts and memorabilia.

Below: Outside of the Colorado River Museum, is a replica of a gold mine with authentic mining equipment exhibited near the mine's shaft entrance.



Mine became one of the largest camps west of the Kingman gold and silver mines. The mine was closed and re-opened several times. In 1943, during World War II, it followed the fate of many other gold mines, and both the mine that had produced about \$2 million in gold and silver and the mill that had made another \$3.6 million closed forever. All that remains today at the ghostly mine are extensive concrete ruins — platforms, foundations, piers, stairs and walkways. There is an assortment of concrete pillars, the foundation of a once impressive structure, lying today like graveyard

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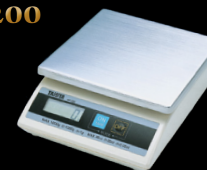
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At the Katherine Mine - an early 1900's gold mine, there is an assortment of concrete pillars, the foundation of a once impressive structure, lying today like graveyard stones.

stones. Iron tanks are scattered around, rusting away along with other mining equipment.

The Davis Dam Power Plant facility on the Colorado River is 67 miles downstream from the Hoover Dam, just two miles upstream from Laughlin. Built from 1946 to 1953, the dam stretches across the river connecting Arizona and Nevada. We were very surprised to hear that all the water on the mighty Colorado River is regulated exactly between the dams to allow just enough water flow for the irrigation needs of the farmers downstream, and that not one drop of water remains after that to flow into the Gulf of California.

After 9/11 and the increased security for the dams, self-guided tours of the Davis Dam are not available anymore. The best way to see Davis Dam is on the tour boats from Laughlin.

Davis Camp Park has several petroglyph sites on the grounds. Davis Camp, created in 1982, is the former federal housing area for the government workers who built the Davis Dam. The petroglyphs were created by the Mohave, a Native American people who called themselves AhaMakav, the "people of and by the river." The petroglyphs can be viewed very well from an interpretive site. There is a \$5 per day fee to enter the park, and various fees for camping or parking your RV. The Davis Camp is located at 2251 Highway 68 in Bullhead City. Phone 1-928-754-7250.

Grapevine Canyon is located seven miles west of Laughlin off Highway 163, south of Spirit Mountain, the spiritual birthplace of tribes of the lower Colorado River. The canyon is a sacred area. Exquisite petroglyphs are etched on large boulders and cliff faces at the entrance

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Grapevine Canyon is a sacred area, where exquisite petroglyphs are etched on large boulders and cliff faces.

Below: In the historic gold mining town of Oatman wild burros roam freely in the streets around tourists and gunfighters



of the canyon, evidence of the prehistoric indians who lived in the Mohave Desert area. It is an easy quarter-mile walking trail from the parking lot.

A winding scenic route brings you to Oatman, a historic gold mining town founded in 1906, located in the Black Mountains, about 18 miles east of Bullhead City. In 1900, a quartz vein containing gold was discovered by Mexican prospector José Jerez in nearby Gold Road Gulch. For the next hundred years the Gold Road Mine was

worked depending on world gold prices. It has recently reopened for mining and stopped offering tours.

By 1931, the area's mines had produced over 1.8 million ounces of gold, but by the mid-1930's the boom was over, and in 1942 the last remaining mines closed as non-essential to the war effort. A town landmark is the burros that freely roam the streets around tourists and gunfighters. They are a piece of the history as they came with the

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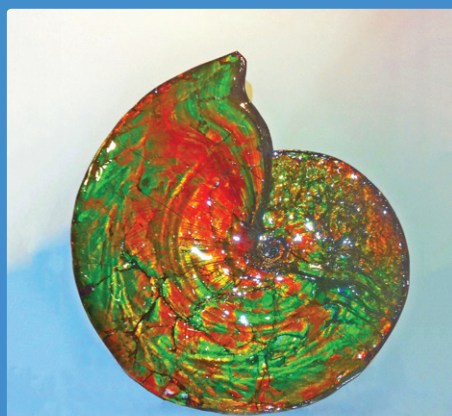
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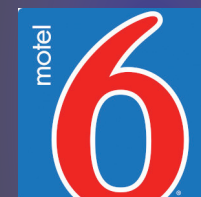
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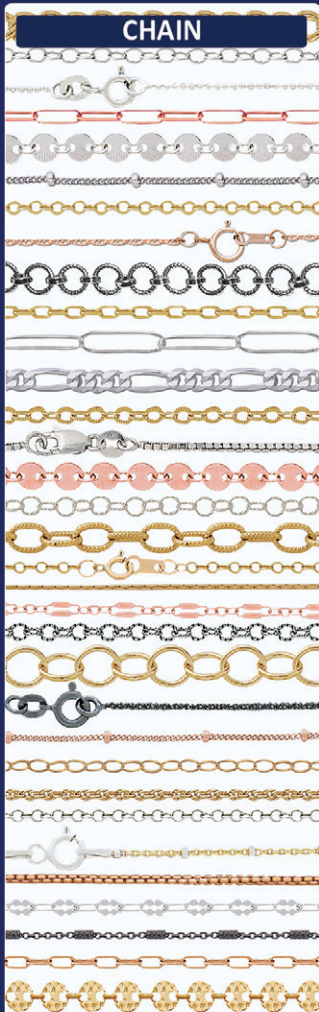
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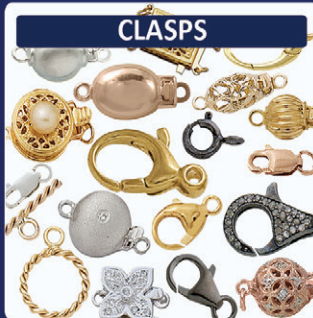
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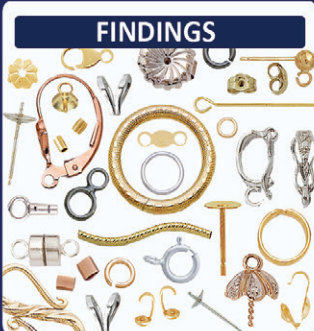
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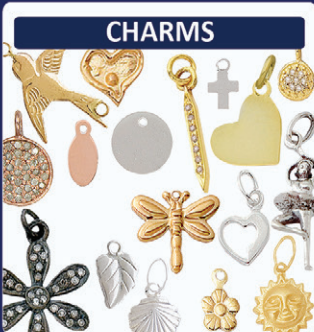
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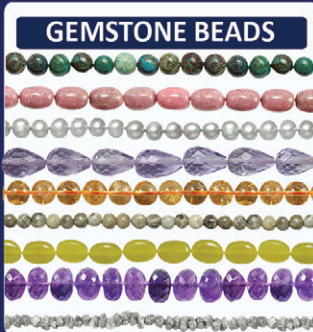
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