



Anne Schafer, Coordinator

Thanks to all of you who have entered exhibits! We've had lots of terrific entries for gems, minerals, fossils, faceting, jewelry and lapidary.

There will definitely be full cases filled with spheres, fossils, beautiful geodes, a GIA exhibit about "Stories in Gems and Jewelry" celebrating gem lore and birthstone history, fluorescent minerals, a select portion of the famous Rock Feast, colorful petrified wood, a rainbow array of mineral specimens, an educational exhibit about

Arizona Copper Mines, the iconic Rock Faces, and much more.

In the individual classes, there will be plenty of faceted gems, Mineral of the Year Quartz entries, a variety of fossils, cabochons and open lapidary. Did I fail to mention jewelry? Jewelry entries flowed in at the last minute, with the return of long-time exhibitors as well as newcomers brave enough to enter competition for the first time.

DEMONSTRATORS AND SAND PILE "ROCKHOUND DIGGING ADVENTURE" VOLUNTEERS

Yes, free tickets will be available for you. Will Call is scheduled to be up and running this year, no question. Please sign up online via the **SIGNUP GENIUS** links below for a 2-hour shift as a sand pile volunteer or for a 3-hour (or longer) shift as a demonstrator. Faceters, sphere makers, chain makers, flintknappers, lost wax casting folks, rock carvers – we welcome everyone, as long as they do not use a flame, hot-to-the touch equipment or fast rotating equipment that might injure the public.

Remember: All volunteers will receive a free ticket to the Fair. Just pick it up at Will Call on the day you have signed up for.

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Demonstrations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026-gm-demos>
(i.e., faceting, metalworking, carving, etc)

Rockhound Digging Adventure aka the Sandbox:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026-gm-rockhounds>

Questions? Sometimes we have answers! Please contact us:

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Dates to Remember:

First Day of the Fair:	Wednesday, June 10, 11am to 10pm
Exhibitor Appreciation:	Saturday, June 13, 7 to 9pm
Last Day of Fair:	Sunday, July 5, 11am to 10pm
Entry Pickup:	Tuesday, July 7, 9 am to 8 pm