

**Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and
Geological Societies' 2025 Convention
Hosted by Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
Lincoln, Nebraska
2025 Gem and Mineral Show April 5 & 6, 2025**



Summary of Activities

Thursday - Fossil & Mineral Field Trip

Friday - Show & Display setup, Dealer Setup, Parking Lot "Field Trip", Meet & Greet

Saturday - State Directors' Meeting, Executive Meeting, Gem & Mineral Show, Delegate Meeting, Social Hour, Awards Banquet

Sunday - Gem & Mineral Show, Breakdown

Show Admission: One-day pass - \$8.00

Two-day pass - \$15.00

Children 11 and under are free

Show Location

Sandhills Global Event Center 84th & Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska

Host Hotel

Comfort Suites East Lincoln - Mall Area,
331 North Cotner Blvd.

Lincoln, NE 68505

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Group Name: Midwest Federation

Group Number: ZP55Z1

Welcome Friends! The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club would like to thank the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies for allowing it to host the 2025 Annual Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. Although this is the club's 65th show, it is the 70th anniversary of becoming a club! The Gem and Mineral Show lasts two days and we hope you will have plenty of time to shop with our 14 dealers, become involved with the competitive displays, and enjoy the demonstrations, fluorescent booth, juniors booth; and, in honor of the 70th anniversary, the 70 exhibits. The club looks forward to seeing its many Federation friends and to making new friends during the show.

The venue is the Sandhills Global Event Center in northeast Lincoln. The Show will be held in the Ag Society Hall. All Federation meetings and the Awards Banquet will be held in the Lincoln Room.

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The club has negotiated with Comfort Suites East Lincoln - Mall Area, for \$109 plus tax per night for queen rooms with two beds. Make sure to use the Group Name: Midwest Federation, Group Number: ZP55Z1, when making your reservations. The host hotel is approximately 5 miles from the show site.

The setup for display cases and vendors begins at noon on Friday, April 4. The show ends Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 p.m.; break down of display cases starts at 4:00 p.m. The venue must be vacated no later than 8:00 p.m.

Friday night's Meet and Greet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. will be held at the Hy-Vee Club Room in the Hy-Vee located at 84th and Holdrege. Complimentary snacks will be provided. The guest speaker will be mineral expert, Eric Fritsch. The subject of this program has not yet been determined. Eric has many interesting programs and we are sure his choice of subjects will be of interest to most.

A field trip on Thursday will be led by Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge, meeting at the Event Center to leave for the Fairbury, Nebraska area at noon. You will collect fishtail selenite and fossils. On Friday, we will hold a parking lot "field trip" at the Event Center, at 2:00 p.m. Petrified wood, jasper, agate, artifacts, and other specimens found in local rivers will be available in the club's Outdoor Rock Pile. An area landscape company provides a dump truck load of river gravel, which members "salt" by adding specimens collected during personal field trips. The Outdoor Rock Pile is a special treat to anyone and everyone who likes to hunt, and it is a favorite with our show attendees.

The Awards Banquet will start with a Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night with the buffet meal starting at 7:00 p.m. See the Registration Form for the menu.

Don't forget the MWF Silent Auction which will be held on Sunday during the Show. Susan Stanforth, Chair, will appreciate any and all donations for this event.

See the rest of your registration packet for maps and other information. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sharon Marburger, 2025 MWF Convention Event Planner
Brett Jurgens, LGMC 2024 President
Charles "Wooly" Wooldridge, LGMC 2025 Show Chairman

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