

FIELD TRIP TO THE BARTELS MUSEUM

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Sunday, May 1 was the day to visit the Bartels Museum at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. The museum was opened to LGMC for a special viewing. The museum is definitely worth visiting, and should you get the chance, take it.

The Bartels loved agates, particularly Brazilian agates. There were tons (literally) of the stone, along with Mexican agates, Lake Superior agates, and other agates; petrified woods; minerals; fossils; and other precious and semi-precious stones. There were lamps and carvings, too. We spent over an hour ogling the beauties, but a rock lover could easily spend much more time at this fantastic location.

My personal favorite was the three-dimensional stone “quilt” shown at the bottom of this page. Absolutely beautiful and awesome in the true sense of the word!



This is only a portion of a spectacular piece. Look at it closely to see all the different stones used, and the angles cut, to give the three-dimensional quilt pattern. It is truly remarkable and must be seen in person.

