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A LOVE OF FOSSILS BRINGS US TOGETHER

****Call for Papers****

The Digest Editors are calling for papers to be included in the EXPO Edition of the Digest. The theme for EXPO XLII is **The Ordovician Period**. Papers dealing with Ordovician fossils, sites, or stratigraphy would be appreciated. The papers should be in Word, Times New Roman, size 12 Font, single

spaced, one space between sentences, and with one inch margins and e-mailed to one of the Digest Editors by the 28th of February 2020.

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EXPO Auction Information

A live auction will be held on Saturday evening of EXPO, following a brief business meeting. Also, during show hours, silent auctions will be held. As part of your table fees, you are **encouraged** to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossil-related item(s) to the Auctions. Information to include with the specimen is as follows:

- Brief description and common name, species information, location, and time period.
- A minimum guide to the value of your donation would be something equal to your table fee: if you have one table, the donation should have a minimum value of \$30; two tables, \$60; etc.

Preference on future table assignments will be given to those who make a donation to the auction as suggested above.

Most proceeds from the auctions go to the Paleontological Society Scholarship Fund and the Strimple Fund, with additional support to the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI) and the Repository at the University of Iowa, which hosts MAPS board meetings. With continued membership support, we hope to continue the trend.

As an interesting note, a number of Auction donations are made by individuals who do not have tables, or who are unable to attend EXPO or the Auction.

Dinosaur Dig to be Sold at Live Auction

Paleo Prospectors is donating a dinosaur dig trip for the live auction Saturday evening. The dig is for 1 week in June or July of 2021 (choice of approximately three different weeks). Possible digs may be in North Dakota, South Dakota or Wyoming.

You will be able to keep almost everything that you find (up to a maximum of \$4,000.00). Only individual bones valued at over \$1,500.00 and articulated bones are excluded. In all cases, however, if you cannot keep your find, you will receive a finder's fee of three percent after the final sale of the object. In most cases

each participant finds several hundred bone fragments, ten or so mostly complete bones and an occasional tooth and claw.

The minimum bid has yet to be determined. If you are not able to attend Expo but would like to bid on the trip, proxy bids can be sent to MAPS EXPO chair Tom Williams, Paleotom234@comcast.net; (815) 228-5083. Payment may be made in 4 installments. For more information on Palo Prospectors digs, check their website: <http://www.paleoprospectors.com>.

Dues are due

Please send your \$20 2020 dues to: **Dale Stout**
2237 Meadowbrook Drive S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

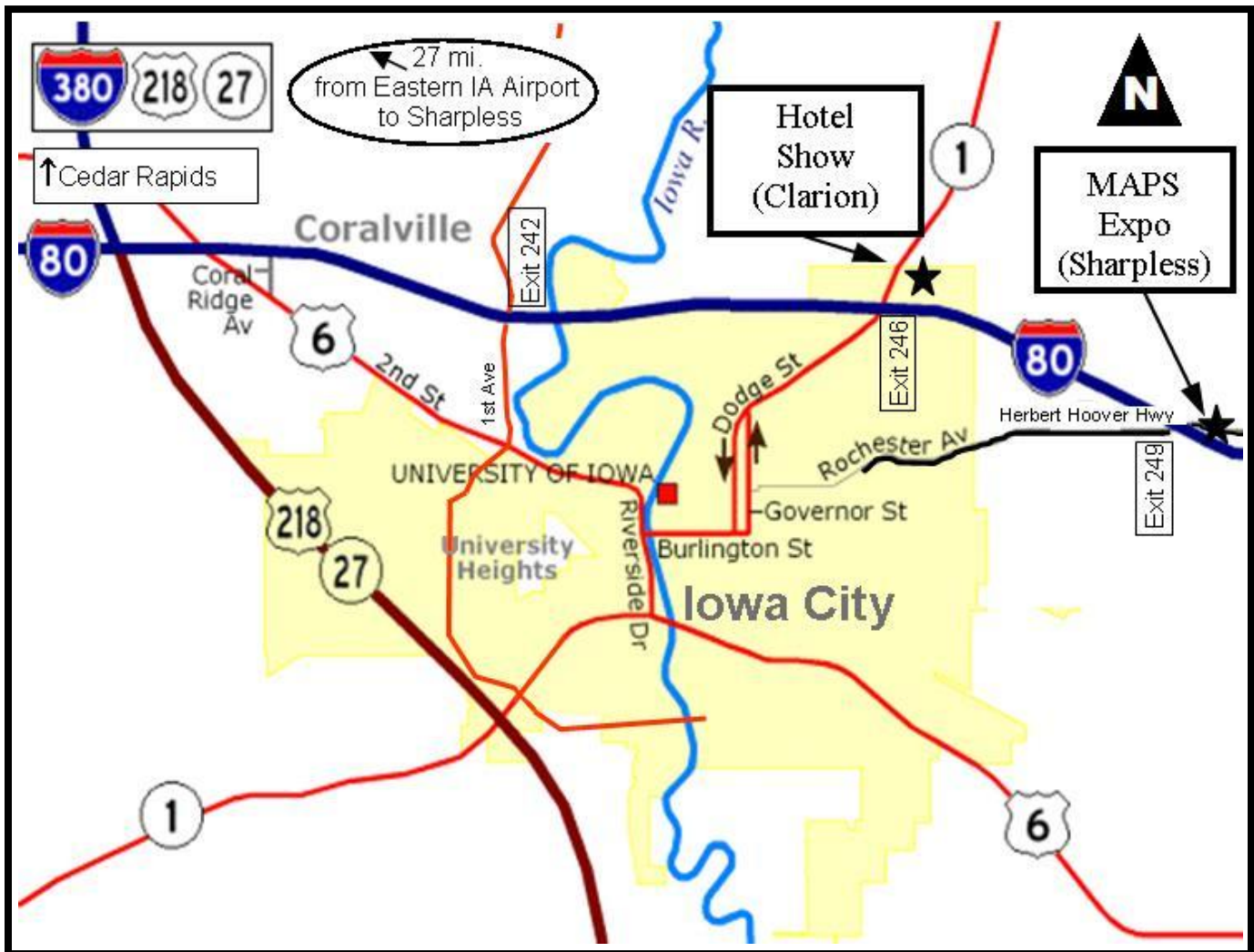
MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE TWO VENUES:

MAPS EXPO: Only fossil/fossil-related material may be displayed/sold

Friday April 17: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday April 18: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday April 19: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

HOTEL SHOW: Fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, etc. may be displayed/sold

Wednesday April 15: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday April 16: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday April 17: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday April 18: All Day



MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XLII--2020

LOCATION: EXPO will be held in the Sharpless Auctions building located at 5049 County Road F44 (Herbert Hoover Hwy), Iowa City, Iowa. The simplest way to the site is to take Exit 249 from I-80. Sharpless Auctions is north of I-80 just to the east of the Exit.

EXPO HOURS: **Friday, April 17: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Saturday, April 18: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (NOTE: extended Sunday hours)

SET-UP: Normal set-up will take place on Friday, **April 17**, at 7:00 a.m. However, for those that want to set up their tables on Thursday, MAPS has arranged, **at additional cost to the club**, for the buildings to be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday at an **additional cost of \$10 per table** (see registration form). Lowest ceilings along the walls of the large building are approx. 10 feet; for the smaller building approx. 8-9 feet. **Buying, selling, or trading will NOT be allowed on Thursday and will be enforced. NOTE: There will be no security Thursday night.**

PARKING: Parking at Sharpless Auctions is free.

TRANSPORTATION: I-80 runs right by Sharpless Auctions and provides easy access to a plethora of hotels/motels and restaurants located to the west of the venue in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville. Eastern Iowa Airport is located approximately 23 miles from the EXPO site via I-380 and I-80.

HOTELS/MOTELS: Although the "Hotel Show" will be located at the Clarion Hotel (319-354-2000) (see p. 5 for more information), there is a wide variety of hotels/motels of varying price ranges just off of I-80 in the towns of Iowa City and Coralville (particularly at Exit 242). If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early.

ON-SITE FOOD: Coffee and rolls will be available for sale for breakfast. There will be a varied ala-carte menu available for lunch.

SALES TAX: As of July 1, 2016, a tax number is needed in Iowa to sell material. The Tax Permit Registration form and Instructions can be found in the December, 2016, MAPS Digest (at <http://www.midamericapaleo.org>) or at the Iowa tax website (<https://tax.iowa.gov>). For specific EXPO questions, contact MAPS president Marvin Houg. **It takes 4-6 weeks to process tax number requests.** State sales tax is 6% and there is no local option sales tax at the Sharpless Auction venue.

EXPO THEME: **The Ordovician Period** will be this year's theme. Friday night's Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Dennis Kolata. His program is tentatively titled "**The Platteville Formation Fauna of the Upper Midwest U.S. - A Snapshot of the Great Ordovician Biodiversification Event**", will be given at the Clarion Hotel following the presentation of the Don Good and Sharon Sonnleitner Awards and is open to the public. Updates on the website.

PROGRAMS: Each day of EXPO, a number of programs/lectures/workshops are given by members and interested individuals on-site at Sharpless auctions. These programs average 40-60 minutes in length, are usually given in PowerPoint format, and deal with various topics often, but not always, in line with the theme for that year. If interested in presenting a program, contact Dale Stout: dhstout55@aol.com. Times will be posted.

EXPO Organizing Committee

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THE HOTEL SHOW

LOCATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Clarion Hotel, which is located just north of I-80 at Exit 246 (N. Dodge Street), approx. 3 miles west of Sharpless Auctions. Everyone that plans to stay at the Clarion will need to make their own reservations. When doing so, mention that you are with the "MAPS FOSSIL SHOW" to insure the special lower rates given to us. The number of the Clarion is (319) 354-2000 and their e-mail is gntlicia@gmail.com. The Hotel Show usually begins Wednesday of EXPO week at 3:00 pm (see page 6).

DEALERS: Those selling at the Hotel Show should request room(s) on the first floor for easier access. **Dealers also need to register with the Hotel Show liaison, Dan Cooper (513-292-3373) (dancooper@cinci.rr.com).**

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Among the attractions located in the Iowa City/Coralville area are the Devonian Fossil Gorge and the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History. The Devonian Fossil Gorge can be reached by exiting I-80 at Exit 244 (North Dubuque Street) and traveling north 2.6 miles then east 1.3 miles on West Overlook Road to Coralville Dam. The Natural History Museum is located on the University of Iowa campus in Macbride Hall at the corner of North Clinton Street and East Jefferson Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XLII--GENERAL POLICIES

- Everyone is requested to make advance table registration by March 1, 2020. Check for table fees must accompany registration form. **Iowa tax number must be on form for registration to be completed.**
- Cost of tables is \$30.00 each for the first two EIGHT FOOT tables. Additional tables will cost \$40.00 each.
- Everyone is expected to stay through 5:00 Saturday. And all are encouraged to stay through Sunday.
- Please note your plans for leaving on the reservation form.
- **The committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil-related.**
- **Mountings, gemstones, minerals, human remains, artifacts, or relics, etc., are NOT PERMITTED!!!! .**
- **MAPS expects all fossils sold to have been LEGALLY collected and any reconstruction to be divulged.**
- **No smoking, vaping, alcohol, firearms, or disruptive behavior will be permitted on site.**
- Aisles must be kept clear at all times.
- **NOTE:** There will be many gurney-type carts available for unloading/loading of materials.
- No pets are allowed except for service animals.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XLII--TABLE ASSIGNMENT POLICIES

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM, ENCLOSE IT WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MAPS, AND MAIL TO:

**Thomas Williams MAPS
PO Box 153
Chatham, IL 62629**

- The floor plan will be first laid out on **March 1**, with all received **PAID** requests being assigned tables. Thereafter, tables will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. This is necessary to insure fairness to all registrants and to determine remaining number of tables. Tables and/or locations not guaranteed after **March 1, 2020**.
- Registrations with special requests (e.g. same as last year, next to John Doe, etc.) must be received by **March 1** to be honored. Special requests received after Mar. 1 will be honored if possible, but cannot be promised.
- Those with special requests to be located near other dealers/participants must have the permission of all involved for the request to be honored (same names should be on all registration forms) and all those involved must have their payments and registrations in by **March 1** to be honored.
- If the venue fills to capacity, a waiting list shall be created. As cancellations occur, the tables will be assigned in the order received.
- A maximum of 6 tables can be reserved per person, organization, or membership. Tables are **EIGHT FEET** long (three eight-foot tables are equivalent to four six-foot tables).
- Refunds given up to thirty (30) days prior to first day of show.
- All reservations will be acknowledged. If acknowledgements are not received on or before **March 15, 2020**, contact Tom Williams by e-mail: (paleotom234@comcast.net) or phone: (815) 228-5083.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XLII--2020 EXPO TABLE RESERVATION

Before you reserve tables, please read all the regulations and policies.

Table payment and Iowa tax number MUST accompany this form.

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$30 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 6) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Fri. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (Up to 2) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

NUMBER (3 to 6) OF 8 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$50 PER TABLE (Thurs. set-up) = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID _____ (Payable by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER to "MAPS")

NOTE: MAXIMUM OF SIX(6) TABLES PER PERSON/MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION. LIMITED NUMBER OF CHAIRS AVAILABLE--ONE PER TABLE PROVIDED. IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING ANY EXTRA FOLDING CHAIRS YOU MAY NEED. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING EXTENSION CORDS.

Your Name: _____ Iowa Tax Number: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Special requests: _____

CHECK ONE: _____ I will be leaving on Saturday. _____ I will be staying through Sunday.

_____ I will be bringing _____ feet of display for the special tables up front (No Charge).

_____ Yes, I will help at the Front Desk:

Fri. _____ am _____ pm; **Sat.** _____ am _____ pm; **Sun.** _____ am _____ pm

NO ONE EXCEPT GUARD IS ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR AFTER 5:00 PM FRI. AND SAT.!!

The Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) was formed to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology; to encourage the proper collecting, study, preparation, and display of fossil material; and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. It is a non-profit society incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Membership in MAPS is open to anyone, anywhere who is sincerely interested in fossils and the aims of the Society.

Membership fee: \$20.00 per household covers one year's issues of DIGESTS. All Canadian and Overseas members receive the DIGEST by air letter post. For new members and those who renew more than 3 issues past their due date, the year begins with the first available issue. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00.

MAPS meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of October, November, January, and February and at EXPO in March or April. A picnic is held during the summer. October through February meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in late March/early April.

The MAPS official publication, MAPS DIGEST, is published 5 times per year – Jan-Mar, EXPO EDITION, May-August, Sept-Nov, Dec. (EXPO Materials). View MAPS web page at: <http://www.midamericapaleo.org>

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