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ALL ROADS LEAD TO SPRINGFIELD AND THE USA'S LARGEST FOSSIL-EXCLUSIVE SHOW--EXPO XLIV



A LOVE OF FOSSILS BRINGS US TOGETHER

****Call for Papers****

The theme for the **2023 EXPO** is **Devonian Period II**. Any paper dealing with fossils, stratigraphy, or site-specific paleontology relating to the Devonian Period would be appreciated. The papers should be in Word, Times New Roman, size 12 Font, single spaced with one-inch margins, and e-mailed to one of the Digest Editors by **September 1, 2023**. Papers

received after this date may not be included in the volume. Diagrams/Photos should be sent separately--the editors will assimilate the paper to fit the EXPO Digest format.

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Directions to the Orr Building Illinois State Fairgrounds

From I-55 North or South, take Exit 100 B and merge with E. Sangamon Ave and proceed west. Stay on E. Sangamon Ave west for ~2.5 miles and turn right on N. 8th St for ~.4 miles and turn left on 4 H Rd (at the turn, the Swine Building will be on your right and after the turn a short distance the Orion Samuelson

Building will be on your right). Continue ahead ~.2 mi to the Orr Building on your right (66 4 H Rd; see map page 3 this Digest). **Caution:** Access to the Orr Building from 5th St is often blocked by a gate.

EXPO Live Auction Now On-Site at the Orr Building

A **live auction** will be held at the **Orr Building Saturday at 3:00 p.m.** 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 preferably by end of day on Friday so time will be available to sort auction items. 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.

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.

Dues are due

Your \$20 **2022 and/or 2023** dues are due. If unsure of current dues status, contact Jim Preslicka (nautiloidcephalopod@mac.com). Also, tax deductible donations to MAPS can be made.

Send dues/contributions 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 October 20: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday October 21: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sunday October 22: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

- Wednesday October 18: 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Thursday October 19: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Friday October 20: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Saturday October 21: All Day



MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XLIV--2023

LOCATION: EXPO will be held at the Orr Building located on the Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E Sangamon Ave., Springfield, Illinois.

EXPO HOURS: **Friday, October 20: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Saturday, October 21: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 22: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SET-UP: (See Note to Dealers below) Normal set-up will take place on Friday, **October 20**, at 7:30 a.m. However, for those that want to set up their tables on Thursday, October 19, MAPS has arranged for the building to be opened with set-up from **1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on Thursday. **Buying, selling, or trading will NOT be allowed on Thursday and will be enforced. NOTE: There will be no security Thursday night.**

NOTE TO DEALERS: All-hands-on-deck for arranging tables in show format Thursday at 1:00 p.m. **At this venue, we are responsible to set up tables--YOUR TABLES.**

Additionally: from comments on last year's show, all dealers may want to consider using skirting on their tables to enhance material presentation.

PARKING: Parking at the Orr Building is free.

TRANSPORTATION: The Orr Building (Illinois State Fairgrounds) is accessible via I-55 to E. Sangamon Ave. (Exit 100) west to the Fairgrounds. Business I-55 (Veterans Parkway) can also be used. See location maps page 3 this issue and Directions to Orr Building p. 2 this issue. The Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is located just west of the Fairgrounds.

HOTELS/MOTELS: Although the "Hotel Show" will be located at the Northfield Inn (217-523-7900) (see p. 5 for more information), there is a wide variety of hotels/motels of varying price ranges just off of I-55 in Springfield. If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early.

ON-SITE FOOD: The LOESS Club will serve food from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. **Note: Limited menu on Sunday.**

ADMISSION: Admission is free for the 2023 EXPO Show.

SALES TAX: The sales tax rate for the Fairgrounds is 6.25%. For those without an Illinois tax number, there is a simple form available. The sales tax rate for the Hotel Show and the rest of Springfield is 9.75%.

EXPO THEME: Devonian Period II will be this year's theme. Friday night's Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Jed Day and his program will be given at the Northfield Inn following the presentation of the Don Good and Sharon Sonnleitner Awards and is open to the public. Updates on the website.

CALL FOR PROGRAM SPEAKERS: Each day of EXPO, a number of programs/lectures/workshops are given by members and interested individuals on-site at the Orr Building. 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.

JAMES ORR BUILDING



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THE HOTEL SHOW

LOCATION: The Hotel Show will be held at the Northfield Inn (217-523-7900), 3280 Northfield Drive, off of I-55 at Exit 100B. It appears that this facility, as is the trend, is a non-smoking hotel. Located near the Northfield Inn is the Ramada by Wyndham Springfield North (217-523-4000), 3281 Northfield Drive. The Ramada is also a non-smoking hotel. A wide selection of restaurants is located near the two hotels. **The Hotel Show runs from Wednesday October 18 through Saturday October 21.**

DEALERS: Dealers also need to register with the Hotel Show liaison, Dan Cooper (513-292-3373) (dancooper@cinci.rr.com).

EXPO XLIV ADVERTISEMENT

A **successful show** depends on customers showing up to view your specimens and wares. To facilitate this, we are asking dealers to advertise EXPO XLIV vigorously to their clients on Facebook. Additionally, page one of the MAPS website (<http://www.midamericapaleo.org>) has the show flyer available in pdf format, by clicking the link, for distribution in your bricks-and-mortar store, your e-mailings, and other shows and venues.

EXPO XLIV POLICIES--GENERAL

- 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.
- Aisles must be kept clear at all times.
- No pets are allowed except for certified service animals.
- **The Board insists that all materials be fossil or fossil-related.**
- **Mountings, gemstones, minerals, human remains, artifacts, or relics, etc., are NOT PERMITTED!!!!**
- **The Board expects all fossils sold to have been LEGALLY collected**
- **It is assumed that all fossil material be authentic and that any alteration/reconstruction be divulged.**
- **No smoking, vaping, alcohol, firearms, or disruptive behavior will be permitted on site.**

EXPO XLIV POLICIES--TABLE COSTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- This venue is more expensive to rent which has forced a restructuring of table rentals.
- Cost of tables remains \$30.00 each for the first three SIX FOOT tables. Tables 4-8 will cost \$40.00 each. Additional tables by availability.
- MAPS will be charged for clean-up. Therefore, dealers are requested to remove table coverings and dispose of refuse. Extra clean-up costs can be charged to dealers.
- **Admission to EXPO is free. Donations are accepted and appreciated.**
- Please complete the registration form and enclose with a check/money order payable to MAPS; send to:

**Thomas Williams MAPS
PO Box 531
Chatham, IL 62629**

- The floor plan will be first laid out on **September 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 ensure fairness to all registrants and to determine remaining number of tables. Tables and/or locations not guaranteed after **September 1, 2023**.
- Registrations with special requests (e.g., same as last year, next to John Doe, etc.) must be received by **September 1** to be honored. Special requests will be honored, if possible, but cannot be guaranteed.
- 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 **September 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.
- 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 **September 15, 2023**, contact Tom Williams by e-mail: (paleotom234@comcast.net) or phone: (815) 228-5083.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XLIV--2023 EXPO TABLE RESERVATION

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

Table payment MUST accompany this form. Send form to:

Tom Williams MAPS; PO Box 531 Chatham, IL 62629

NUMBER (Up to 3) OF 6 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$30 PER TABLE = _____

NUMBER (4 to 8) OF 6 FOOT TABLES REQUESTED _____ @ \$40 PER TABLE = _____

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

NOTE: MAXIMUM OF EIGHT (8) TABLES PER PERSON/MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION. METAL FOLDING CHAIRS WILL BE PROVIDED. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING EXTENSION CORDS.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

E-mail: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Vendor to be located with (optional): _____

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

_____ Yes, I will help at the Front Desk:

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

The **Vendor** agrees to comply with all permit, license, and tax requirements of the United States, State of Illinois, and Sangamon County which may be necessary in the conduct of business at the Show (applicable tax rate is 6.25%), and compliance with said permit, license, and tax requirements shall be the sole responsibility of the **Vendor**. The **Vendor** shall hold **MAPS** blameless and free from loss, cost, damage, or expense resulting from the violation of any law, code, or ordinance arising from the use of the space rented. Information regarding Illinois licensing can be obtained at www.revenue.state.il.us/businesses/taxinformation/sales/rot.htm or Illinois Department of Revenue, Retailer's Occupation Tax, Springfield, IL 62796-0001.

VENDORS are reminded that table set-up is **OUR** responsibility beginning Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Vendor Signature: _____

The **M**id-**A**merica **P**aleontology **S**ociety (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.

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