

Programs At The Orr Building:

Saturday, October 21:

10:30 a.m. Tom Williams: "Hunsruck Slate Budenbach"

11:45 a.m. "Stump the Experts- Bring your fossils to ID"

Someone will be available at a table near the registration desk at 11:45 Friday and Saturday for fossil ID

1:00 p.m. Jim Preslicka: "Devonian Fossils from Independence, Iowa"

Discovery of an unusually fossiliferous layer in a quarry in Independence, IA in 2007 by members of the Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society led to a 10+ year partnership with the University of Iowa Geoscience Repository to collect and preserve thousands of specimens for further study. Many of these specimens were of species that were either poorly known or had not been found in Iowa/the Midwest before.

3:00 p.m. Live auction - the public is welcome & encouraged to attend!

Approximately 80 fossils and fossil-related items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Note: There will not be a Dinosaur Dig Trip auctioned this year. The trip which had been donated by Paleo Prospectors in the past will not be available again this year.

INFO ON TOM WILLIAMS

Tom is a geology graduate of Western Illinois University and later received a Master of Science in Geohydrology at Illinois State. He has worked for 30 plus years as a geologist for Soil Testing Services Consultants, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and as a part time instructor at Illinois State in Geologic Environmental Classes. He has contributed articles to several MAPS digests and is currently Show Chairman for EXPO. He has specialised mostly in collecting Crinoids in the Mississippian Chesterian age since 1980, contributing knowledge and some important specimens while collecting with other researchers. In 1998 he worked with Dennis Burdick on a major crinoid dig in the Chesterian of Alabama which uncovered many important specimens including whole plates up to five ft by five feet with some specimens having stems five to six feet long. A fossil trip with Paleoprospectors resulted in finding a thirty foot *Tylosaur poriger* in the Kansas chalk of Nebraska and a second trip two years ago yielded a Cretaceous fossil flowering plant that may be used for research.

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INFO ON JIM PRESLICKA

Jim is a '96 BA Geology Univ of Iowa, member of the Mid America Paleontology Society, Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society, Cedar Valley Rocks & Mineral Society, & LOESS Club. He got hooked on fossils in general and cephalopods in particular while a student at UI back in the 1990's, and this obsession has continued to the present day. He has (co)-authored several articles for the EXPO Digest in the past as well as for some Iowa/GSI Guidebooks, focusing primarily on the Devonian Period. Contact: nautiloidcephalopod@mac.com