

# Around Moab Events

## Regional Rock Vendors to Gather for the Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Show in September

By Sharon Sullivan

Rocks, gems and minerals from around the world will be on display at the Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Show, September 21 and 22, at the Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2785 US Hwy 50, in Grand Junction.

For 78 years the Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Club has hosted the show (except when it skipped a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020). The club was founded in 1937.

Professional and hobbyist rock collectors will be selling a wide variety of rocks, jewelry and other stone-crafted items, while also demonstrating various lapidary arts skills throughout the day.

For the kiddos, the Junior Science Rock Club, which is part of the Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Club, will have its own booth. They will have games for a chance to win rock prizes and grab bags for sale.

An ongoing silent auction will be happening throughout the day, with rocks being switched out every 15 minutes.



A man from Utah will be present selling his honeycomb onyx rock – from which he makes lamps, night lights and other items, said show chairperson Diedre O’Callaghan. Other vendors will offer various rock-crafted items, such as picture frames.

Club president Steve Cable said several high-end gem dealers will be present, such as John and Donna Rhoades selling faceted gems ranging from “very affordable, to tanzanite at \$40,000.”

Josh Amon, of Fruita, Colorado, will be there representing his business, The Rock Pick, selling collectable rocks from around the world. And Cindy and Dale Kee from Arizona will have slab rock for sale which people like to use to create artwork, according to Cable.

There will be two food trucks at the event, one selling burgers, the other tacos, so people can plan on having lunch at the fairgrounds if they wish. There will also be golf carts to help transport people from the far end of the parking lot, Cable said.

The show goes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$4 for seniors and military. Admission for children is free. Proceeds go toward scholarships for Colorado Mesa University students studying geology or criminal justice, Cable said.

For more information visit: [www.grandjunctionrockclub.org/shows/](http://www.grandjunctionrockclub.org/shows/)



Forty different vendors from around the region, as well as from Arizona, Iowa, and other locations will be set up at the site, both outdoors and inside the fairgrounds community center.



## Celebrate 118 years of Melon Days

Green River looks to celebrate their 118 annual Melon Days Festival September 20-21, 2024. Because of the hard work of the melon growing families in Green River, tasty, flavorful, delicious melons are something to celebrate!

Green River Watermelons are world renowned, and the community, visitors, family and friends get together for melon-munching fun every September.

Join in the Melon fun! Activities like a softball tournament, 5k Run, golf tournament, melon carving contest, concert, melon photo contest, bounce houses,

vendor fair, pony rides, and much more ensure fun for the whole family!

Learn more at [melon-days.com](http://melon-days.com) or search Melon Days on Facebook & Instagram.

In the meantime, pick up your melons any time from Dunham Farms or Vetere Farms by visiting their melon stands along Main Street.



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**10 TUE | TRAILS & TALE HIKE**  
3:00PM WHITE RIM OVERLOOK  
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon hike as we celebrate Canyonlands' 60th anniversary. Take in the scenic views, and hear about what makes this park so special. Visit [linktr.ee/2024](http://linktr.ee/2024) to sign up.

**13 FRI | RANGER TALK W/ JESSI CARVER**  
4:00PM MOAB MUSEUM  
Attend a captivating talk by Ranger Jessi Carver. Hear the remarkable story of the first non-native woman to navigate the Colorado River. This historical narrative will provide insights into the pioneering spirit that continues to inspire park enthusiasts today.

**13 FRI | ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SAR PRESENTATION**  
5:30PM MOAB INFORMATION CENTER  
Enjoy delicious ice cream treats while getting an up close look at Rescue One, the SAR truck. Stick around for a special screening of "SAR Stories," followed by a Q&A session with members of the Search and Rescue team. This is a unique opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of their experiences and ask any questions you might have.

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