

## General Information

### Background:

The Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (LOESS) was formed in 1954 and consisted of members from towns that were in Abraham Lincoln's Judicial Circuit (Orbit). Their first small rock show was in 1955 at a local art gallery. The first large rock show was held in 1964 at the Illinois Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Over the years membership started dwindling. An effort was made in 1984 to rejuvenate the club by moving the meetings to the Illinois State Museum and emphasizing better programs and field trips. To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LOESS the show was reestablished. Since then the club and show have continued to grow. In 2002, LOESS hosted the MWF convention and had a very successful show. In 2016 the show saw a major change when we moved to a larger venue in the Orr building. LOESS is looking forward to welcoming the MWF again this year.

### Rules for Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibits:

If you are entering an exhibit at the show, please check the AFMS website at:

[http://www.amfed.org/rules/AFMS\\_Rules\\_2018.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/rules/AFMS_Rules_2018.pdf) This will help you find the right Division, Class, and Group for your exhibit. The MWF will furnish judges.

### Food at the Show:

LOESS runs a concession stand at the show with sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, sodas, and home-baked desserts.

### Speakers at the Show:

There will be live speaker presentations throughout the weekend at the show.

### Things to Do:

Illinois State Museum 502 S Spring St, Springfield, IL 62706

<http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org/>

Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library 112 N 6th St, Springfield, IL 62701

<https://www.illinois.gov/alplm/Pages/default.aspx>

Abraham Lincoln's Home 413 S 8th St, Springfield, IL 62701

<https://www.nps.gov/liho/index.htm>

Lincoln's Tomb 1500 Monument Ave, Springfield, IL 62702

[www.lincolntomb.org](http://www.lincolntomb.org)

Dana Thomas House 300 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL 62703

<http://www.dana-thomas.org/>

Old State Capital S 6th St & E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Experience/Sites/Central/Pages/Old-Capitol.aspx>

Henson Robinson Zoo 1100 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

<http://www.springfieldparks.org/facilities/hensonrobinsonzoo/>

Lincoln Memorial Gardens 2301 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

<http://www.lincolnmemorialgarden.org/>

Illinois State Military Museum 1301 N MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62702

[www.il.ngb.army.mil/Heritage/Museum.aspx](http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/Heritage/Museum.aspx)

**SHOPPING:**

Rock Candy Mineral Store (owned and operated by a club member)

1315 Stevenson Dr, Springfield, IL 62703 <https://www.facebook.com/rockcandyminerals/>

Simon White Oaks Mall 2501 Wabash Ave, Springfield, IL 62704

<http://www.simon.com/mall/white-oaks-mall>

Historic Downtown

[http://downtownspringfield.org/experience-downtown/wpbdp\\_category/shopping/](http://downtownspringfield.org/experience-downtown/wpbdp_category/shopping/)

For more information about things to do in Springfield please visit:

<http://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com/Default.aspx>