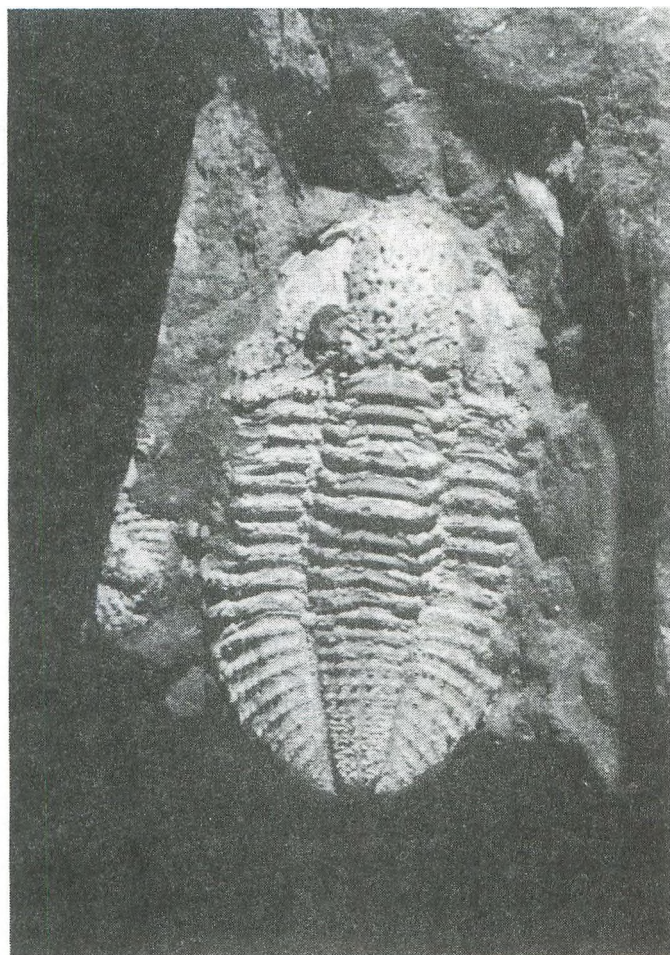


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

8 JAN MAPS MEETING. The Cove Restaurant,
Just south of I-380 at exit 267
(Tipton, IA, exit)

12:00 Lunch; Board & General
Meeting combined.

5 FEB MAPS MEETING. Augustana College,
Rock Island, IL.

1:00 Board & General Meeting
combined.
2:00 Program

15 APR 1994 MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL
16 EXPOSITION XVI
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Fri., Apr. 15: 8am - 6pm
Sat., Apr. 16: 8am - 5pm
(Business meeting and auction
following)
Sun., Apr. 17: 8am - 3pm

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DATES ARE INCORRECT IN
THE 1993 DIRECTORY**

***** 94/01 DUES ARE DUE *****

Are your dues due? You can tell by checking your mailing label. The top line gives the expiration date in the form of year followed by month--94/01 means 1994/January. Dues cover the issue of the *Digest* for the month in which they expire.

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Please include your **due date** and **name exactly as it appears on your mailing label**--or include a label.

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4800 Sunset Dr. SW
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ABOUT THE COVER

by Lelubre Didier, Bracquegnies Belgium

Bollandia cf. globiceps (right photo) and *Piltonia kuehnei* (left photo) are the trilobites the less rare to the Carboniferous from Belgium. They are often brittle, but it is pleasant to search for them because they are present with other species, such as *Cummingella belisama*, *Witryides rosmerta*, *Kaskia arduennensis*, *Parvidumus cernunnos*, *Phillipsia ornata*, *Pudoproetus*, *Archegonus* and others not identified. They are found in the carries or most easily in the clearing away. But then the finds depend on effective work.

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(all in the pouring rain, of course). There we all ate and drank the food and drinks we'd brought and slept in a room provided by the village.

In the morning the sun was shining over a sea of mud and pools of water. Geese were walking everywhere, and horses pulled rubber-tired carts through the places the large trucks and tractors weren't busy churning up.

We walked down to the lake where farmers had discovered a chunk of ivory while they were grading the access to the water. We proceeded to dig several ribs, chunks of ivory and a vertebra out of they sticky wet clay, to the great amusement of the crowd of assembled farmers, who helped us dig. This was *M. primogenius*, and it was a wonderful day!

From there we went to Moscow, visited the "Bird Market," and the wonderful Paleontological Museum, where we donated some money for the electricity so we could spend hours looking over the wonderful displays.

Then we took the train back to Prague, somehow getting our crates across the Russian border without the necessary new forms that we hadn't been given by the Ulianovsk Museum. And in the nick of time--two weeks later, Yeltsin dissolved Parliament.

FROM THE EDITOR

This month's issue carries all the information about EXPO XVI, which will be held in the ballroom at Western Illinois U. in Macomb, Illinois, from April 15-17 (see p. 6-7). This year's theme is dinosaurs, and the keynote speaker and workshop presenter will be Dr. Donald Wolberg from New Mexico. So it's time to reserve your tables and rooms as you make your plans to attend. Tables often go fast, and sometimes rooms fill quickly, so make your plans as soon as possible. Look for the registration form on page 8.

At last year's general meeting at EXPO it was voted to publish new directories every other year with just an update in the off years, so if you have a new address or an update for your nodule, that you haven't sent in, it must be sent **to the editor by March 1**. Only supplements to the Directory will be printed next year.

FISHERMAN CATCHES TRILOBITE!

by Robert Wolf

On Monday, October 4th, 1993, Joe Wolf of Cedar Rapids was fishing at Lake Macbride west of Solon, Iowa, when he made an unusual catch. He soon phoned me, his brother, in Fort Dodge.

"Bob, I think I caught a trilobite!"

"That's impossible." I answered. "They have been extinct for hundreds of millions of years."

Joe insisted that it was a trilobite because he knew what they looked like. He caught it on twelve pound test line off his boat in about twelve feet of water.

"I'll send it to you." Joe said.

Indeed it is a trilobite, possibly a partially enrolled *Dechenella*, a small slab of limestone that was snagged by the fish hook. It originated in the Upper Devonian Little Cedar Formation.

Joe told me "I can take you to the spot sometime if you want to do a little fossil, er fishing!!"

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was elected to serve for 1994:

- President.....Gil Norris
- 1st V. P.....Lyle Kugler
- 2nd V. P.....Allyn Adams
- Secretary.....Alberta Cray
- Treasurer.....Sharon Sonnleitner
- Director (96).....Roy Gustafson

The other two Directors are:

- Doug DeRosear (94)
- Tom Walsh (95).

Thanks to the outgoing officers for all the work they have put in to keep MAPS going!

HELP SECURE FOSSIL STAMPS

by Tony Verdi

The United States has a great fossil heritage. Everything that we know about the early life on our earth, we learn from the study of fossils. It would be nice to have the postal people recognize our fossil heritage by issuing several sets of stamps.

The first set should recognize our early, small fossils such as crinoids, trilobites, ammonites, brachiopods, and early plants. Future sets could recognize the middle fossils and, finally, the most recent fossils.

Hundreds of letters must be sent to Washington, requesting stamps that depict fossils. Ask rockhounds to write a letter to:

U.S. Postal Service
 Citizens Stamp Advisory
 Committee
 Room 5800
 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20260-6352

KEN STARK PASSES AWAY

MAPS member Ken Stark passed away on December 30 after a long battle with cancer. The Starks were regulars at EXPO until Ken's health prevented them from attending. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Mary, and the rest of his family.

FOSSIL HUNTING IN RUSSIA

by David Cassel, presently in Thailand

This story begins with me attending a symposium in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in Feb.-Mar., 1993, on the paleontology and biostratigraphy of mainland Southeast Asia. There I met the former head of the Geological Survey of a European country, who told me with great enthusiasm about a fossil site he had visited in Russia--"The richest I've ever seen--the entire formation was condensed down to just a few meters thick. Large, perfectly preserved ammonites were everywhere, and I couldn't walk around to look at them without stepping on ichthyosaur bones." Well, this was certainly intriguing, and from the horse's mouth, so to speak! Further saying that his host when he had been there wanted contact with foreign fossil collectors, he gave me an address in Russia to write to.

After many months, letters, FAXes, telegrams, etc., I found myself in Prague on a last-minute two-day shopping trip with my friend Henry before we caught the train to Moscow.

On the train we met a group of Russian businesspeople who introduced us to the friendly Russian custom of drinking large amounts of vodka. They put us up in their Moscow apartment, showed us around, fed us new and wonderful Russian foods, and helped us purchase train tickets to Ulianovsk, on the Volga--no easy task. Moscow has some lovely sights, but much of the city is bleak, ugly, muddy and depressing. Rainy, too.

Arriving without a clue in Ulianovsk, the city where Russia manufactures its jumbo jets, we were impressed by the fact that no one smiled. Henry said that maybe they had nothing to smile about. It was rainy, muddy, and depressing. Old ladies in thick clothes were selling tomatoes, potatoes, apples, and sour orange berries along the path to a bring-your-own-wide-mouth-jar beer shop. The bread is wonderful.

We finally caught a crowded bus to Undori, having run out of other ideas. The Russians are expert at crowding onto buses, and we had to stand the whole way, luggage on our feet and other standing passengers propping us up.

Through blind "luck" we were able to locate the man who was to lead us around by the nose for the next ten days and through a series of cunning maneuvers do us out of an unseemly amount of money.

He took us to a mind-boggling warren of underground rooms, where hundreds, maybe thousands, of large ammonites, mostly *Speetonicerias versicolor*, were stacked everywhere on dusty shelves, floor to low ceiling, interspersed with boxes of crumbling ichthyosaur and plesiosaur bones. Were we impressed! This is what we are here for!

He got us a room at an ancient spa that seen much better days. Three very dirty days later we discovered there was a sauna and hot shower, and got all-over clean for the first time in a week.

People seemed to come to the spa to spend quiet time (families with children), or to party wildly for a day to two. We generally spent more time with the latter, as they were active in the evenings when we returned from looking for fossils. They ate huge meals of fish stew, potatoes, Volga fish, rice, carrot and goat stew, smoked fish from Moscow (good!), all washed down with large quantities of vodka, of course. Twice we were invited to join them, and had a great time toasting international friendship, etc. One evening we heard an accordion, and singing, and went to investigate. We were caught up in a crowd of singing, dancing people and swept into their room for music and drinking. The only frightening aspect to this otherwise idyllic residential situation was the vile and treacherous unlighted long-drop toilets and the dangerous dogs belonging to the ex-military survivalist son of the couple who ran the sauna. (One night he successfully demonstrated how to find edible mushrooms in the dark forest without using a light.)

Interspersing this sporadic night life were dinners with our host and his family (more wonderful food, which later appeared on our bill), and a series of long futile days hunting fossils.

Our host hired a car and driver for us, and he took us, our host, and his three teenage sons to various classic localities that we couldn't walk to. Once there, they would run like deer up the "beach," (the tree-and-rock-strewn bank of the Volga), leaving no stone unturned while we followed in the wake of their devastation, hoping to see something they'd missed.

After some days of this we asked if there weren't some sites with fossils worth collecting. He said no, his awesome basement was the distillation of twenty years of collecting these sites. Then he showed us the boat we paid to go out in (but never did). His crew was just returning from a collecting trip--they loaded six or eight gorgeous large ammonites into our vehicle. "For the museum" he said. The incomplete specimens were kept by the men to be cut up for their lapidary business. We began to see why we weren't finding much...

We told him we wanted to go to a site where we could collect something beautiful to take home with us, not just "study" specimens. He had the driver take us south and west of Ulianovsk, where we could dig *Cracpedites nodiger* and *Yarnizeras catenula*, small but good color. Luckily Henry had borrowed some heavily padded pants and jackets from our ex-military survivalist, so we were claustrophobically warm in our mummy bags in our reviled tube tent. At 2:00 A.M. our superiorly-equipped host, his son, and driver were all in the "jeep" with the motor running and the heater on. One of our support ropes was tied to the vehicle, and I was afraid they'd drive away, with me unable to get out of my bag!

Next morning they abandoned us for two more nights with some food, their canvas tent, the "Russian runs," and not enough firewood or toilet paper. (We eventually cured ourselves with doses of eucalyptus oil taken with berry jam.) We dragged firewood from far away and used up a lot of Russian newspaper.

When our host finally returned, we took down the tent in the rain and stuffed ourselves into the "jeep" for the ride back. We told him we'd had enough of

seeing these classic fossil-less sites, and we wanted to leave as soon as possible, to go to Kazan to visit our friends there.

To make a long story short, we purchased three large pyrite-encrusted *Speetonicerias* and two gorgeous *Ancyloceras simbiris* heteromorphs, packed all our specimens and junk into two huge 80-kilogram wooden crates, and paid our host to take us to the train station, where some mineral collectors from Moscow met us and gave me a pretty Cretaceous echinoid with pyrite crystals from Kafkaz. Then we just about wrecked ourselves (the first of too many times) running down flights of stairs, along platforms, and talking and wrestling our way onto railroad cars with two ridiculously heavy crates full of mostly junk. Soon we would start to ask ourselves if it was worth the effort.

Arriving in Kazan, we got our boxes out of the train and found we were trapped. No way could we carry those crates up those huge iron stairs, much less across the entire railroad yard and down the stairs at the other end. "Wait here," said Henry, and he disappeared. He was gone for over two hours. It was getting dark, dangerous-looking people were walking by, and refugee children from the tents near the tracks were circling ever closer to our luggage. The conductress from our old train car drove them away. She told me I should marry a Russian girl and stay in Russia. When I told her I was happy with the wife I had, she said I should try the Russian women--having other partners is accepted as normal.

Henry finally arrived through a maze of tracks and mudholes with another Russian "jeep," into which we stuffed our crates and baggage. The driver and his friend put us up in an extra apartment and in the morning took us to Henry's friend, an engineer (an engineer makes \$20 a month, while a waitress makes \$65--she "works"), who introduced us to some very kind people at the Kazan Museum who invited us to go on a Mammoth hunt.

With alacrity we accepted, and the next day went by train, bus, then the back of a huge, muddy truck, over perhaps the worst road I've ever been on, to a remote village

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Please ADD the Following NEW OR REJOINING MEMBERS to Your Directory:

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|--|--|
| <p>David & Mary Barnes
8420 Willow Creek
Frisco, TX 75034
214-377-9235</p> | <p>Med tech/RN. May trade. Major interest Paleozoic. Both love fossils, want to increase collection, and learn how to find, prepare and study fossils.</p> |
| <p>Janise Blong
Ithiel Matteson
1113 B 265th St. #B
Tipton, IA 52772
319-946-3741</p> | <p>Artists. Will trade. Major interest fossil collecting/preparation/artist use of fossils/learning about earth history. Has for trade Pierre Shale, SD, Baculites and art with fossils, etc. Interested in what others are doing with fossils, different new finds, connecting.</p> |
| <p>Johnathan M. Campbell
6351 River Road
Bismarck, ND 58501
701-223-6751</p> | <p>Student-Visual Arts-U. ND/Paleo preparator. Will trade. Major interest Fox Hills Fm. cephalopoda, sharks, preparation of all types of fossils. Has for trade Fox Hills Fm. cephalopoda, Paleocene plants, other mollusca. Member of ND Paleo. Soc., Bismarck. Wants to share love of fossils.</p> |
| <p>Richard A. Cole
10466 Springhill Dr.
Brecksville, OH 44141
216-838-5719</p> | |
| <p>James Cook
1546 23rd St.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310-545-0362</p> | <p>Computer Scientist. Will trade. Major interest trilobites, Mazon Creek fossils. Member S. Cal. Paleo. Soc., Los Angeles. Wants to learn more about Paleo activities in the Midwest. Used to live in Illinois.</p> |
| <p>Jos Ebersohn
Pablo Beruda Straat 30
3573 BS UTRECHT
HOLLAND
030-721778</p> | <p>Account Manager. Will trade. Major interest recent and fossil echinoids on a worldwide scale. Has for trade echinoids, shark teeth, brachiopods. Member of Geologische Vereniging Utrecht & the Fossil Collectors Assn. of Austral-Asia. Would like to share experiences, learn more about echinoids and swap echinoids with other members.</p> |
| <p>Barry Franz
6238 Turpin Hills Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45244
513-232-0235</p> | <p>Manager. Member of Dry Dredger, Cincinnati. Wants contact with others of same interest.</p> |
| <p>Danny Harlow
1140 Elder Circle
Austin, TX 78733
512-327-4535</p> | <p>Sales Manager. Will not trade now. Major interest Texas invert. fossils. Member Central Texas Paleo. Soc., Austin Paleo Soc.</p> |
| <p>Nigel C. Hughes
Cincinnati Mus. of Nat. Hist.
1720 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-345-8509</p> | <p>Curator of Paleo. Will not trade. Major interest trilobites, Paleozoic, graptolites, brachiopods, trace fossils.</p> |
| <p>Jerry A. Jacene
4965 Bartlett Road
Cookeville, TN 38501
615-526-3083</p> | <p>U.S. Army Retired. Will trade. Major interest trilobites and marine vert. Has for trade Cretaceous shark teeth, marine invert. & corals from the Ordovician, Devonian, Miss., Penn., & Cretaceous, and some trace fossils from the Penn. Wants to learn how to better preserve and/or prepare collection.</p> |

Mr. & Mrs. Dominique M.
Joos de ter Beerst
7113 Game Lord Drive
Springfield, VA 22153-1314
703-455-3185

John M. Kelley
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Brown Deer, WI 53209
414-354-7656

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4115 Toroella Street
Durham, NC 27704
919-477-0131

Ben Poirier
P.O. Box 222
Fallbrook, CA 92088
619-751-1605

Joe Taylor
Taylor Studios
Box 1063
Mahomet, IL 61853
217-586-2047

Accountant-IBM Corp. Will trade. Major interest Miocene/Pleistocene/Pliocene/Eocene. Have for trade sharks' teeth, Lee Creek Mine, NC, Material, Shells. Member American Fossil Federal, NC Fossil Club, Tampa Bay Fossil Club, National Assoc. Fossil Club, Calvert Fossil Club, Paleo. Soc., MD Geological Soc. Want info on fossils--articles--and to learn.

Customer Service Rep. Will not trade. Major interest systematics, chemistry of preservation.

Postal Employee. Major interest invert., particularly trilobites; also crinoids, ammonites. Has nothing to trade at this time. Wants to expand knowledge of fossils & collecting sites and to find sources of quality specimens.

Director of Taylor Studios (Nat. Hist. & Archaeol., Biol., Artifact & Fossil Reproductions).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR CORRECTIONS:

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Wichita Falls TX 76301
817-766-3573

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& Sons
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North Tonawanda, NY 14120
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503-231-2518

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485 N. Main St.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
705-545-2667

Scott Taylor
9744 Forest Lane #1714
Dallas, TX 75243
214-348-8315

Will trade. Major interests Penn. Elasmabranches, trilobites. Has for trade Penn/Cret. echinoderms, Cret./Eocene crabs etc. Goes anywhere to collect fossils--once!

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XVI - 1994

LOCATION AND TIME EXPO will be held at the Student Union, in the Grand Ballroom, on the campus of Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. The simplest way to the site is to turn off IL 67 west on University Drive, then go south to the Union. (Follow the signs.) Set-up is permitted on Friday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 15 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 (Many people leave early Sunday)

TRANSPORTATION There are 2 highways leading into Macomb - IL 136, an east-west route, and IL 67, a north-south route.

There is no plane service to Macomb at this time, but we will help to arrange transportation from Moline, IL, airport if you will make **ADVANCE** arrangements with Mrs. Gerry Norris, 2623 34th Ave. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 (309-786-6505), or Mrs. Madelynne Lillybeck, 1039 33rd St. Ct., Moline, IL 61265 (309-764-0921). Or you can fly into St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

LODGING Persons traveling in self-contained camping units may park on the parking lot. See Public Safety located in the Union. **IDENTIFY WITH MAPS.**

Macomb area code - 309

Macomb zip code - 61455

(prices subject to change)

<u>Starr Motel</u> - Hwy 67 S and 136 E	<u>Time Out Motel</u> - Hwy 67 North
837-4817 1507 E. Jackson Rd.	837-4838 311 University Dr.
Single \$25.00	Single \$25.00
(per night) 2(one bed) 28.00	(per night) 2(one bed) 28.00
(plus tax) 2(two beds) 35.00	(plus tax) 2(two beds) 32.00
3(two beds) 38.00	3(two beds) 35.00
	4(two beds) 38.00

Holiday Inn - 1400 N. Lafayette - 833-5511 or 1-800-HOLIDAY
 Single \$47.00 Each additional up to 6: \$6.00.
 King 51.00 (plus tax)

<u>Travel Inn</u> - Hwy 136 W.	<u>Super 8</u> - 313 University Drive:
833-4521 1414 West Jackson	836-8888 (Price includes tax)
Single \$26.00	Single \$47.38
(per night) 2(one bed) 30.00	2(one bed) 52.93
(plus tax) 2(two beds) 35.00	2(two beds) 56.26
3(two beds) 38.00	3 60.70
4(two beds) 38.00	4 64.03

If you plan to stay at a motel, we urge you to make your reservation early. Local motels are generally filled during the weekends.

Union - Contact Allyn Adams, 612 West 51st St., Davenport, IA 52806 (319-391-5443) to see if rooms are available. If rooms are available, send payment, payable to MAPS to Doug DeRosear, Box 125, Donnellson, IA 52625.

DO NOT CONTACT Western Illinois University. These rooms must be rented for both Friday and Saturday. You must request rooms early and pay for them before March 30, 1994. You may wish to be on standby.

Single \$65.50 (weekend)	3 people \$ 101.02 (weekend)
Double 91.02 (weekend)	4 people 111.00 (weekend)

DON'T FORGET - In all cases identify with MAPS.

PARKING For those living in the Union, parking will be east of the Union with room permits. For others, get visitor permits from Public Safety. Parking in specified lots. After 5:00 p.m. Friday ample parking. Before 5:00 p.m. - patience needed.

MEALS Meals are available in the Union: fast food in the lower level and a deli in the basement. Ice cream is also available! There are many restaurants in town and a deli bar in a nearby grocery store.

EXPO REGULATIONS Everyone is requested to make advance registration by March 30, 1994. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Registration forms are found on page 8 in the *Digest* for your requests for tables, display space, etc. Send these forms and your check made payable to MAPS to: Doug DeRosear, Box 125 Donnellson, IA 52625. Please send **dues to Treasurer** before EXPO--it is a lot of extra work for us to accept them at EXPO.

ALL TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED. If you want to be next to someone or specifically located, please say so when you send your money. (We reserve the right to arrange tables as we see fit to enforce table limits.) Cost of the tables is \$15.00 each for a 6' table in the Ballroom for the weekend; \$15/table in the Lobby. (Lobby tables will be used only for overflow.) **MAXIMUM of 2 tables per person initially.** Over 2 tables wanted? You may request extra tables, and if they are available you will be notified after March 15th (pay for these at EXPO). Requests for extra tables will be filled in rotation--one table per person per round until all space is gone. Also, those with special needs for more than 2 tables may apply to the Board by March 1 for an exception. All decisions will be made as soon as possible, with all decisions made by March 7. **(No more than 4 tables will be allotted to a person, family or group, whichever is the larger unit.)**

The Committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil related. Mountings, gemstones, minerals, Indian relics, etc., are not permitted! Aisles must be kept clear at all times.

DISPLAYS. EXPO is special because of displays. They are a gift. They give us all a look at the ancient epochs of the world. Display tables are provided at no cost - 8 ft. limit. Bring your own lights, if you need lighting. If you need more space, please contact Doug DeRosear.

ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

OTHER ACTIVITIES. DINOSAURS will be this year's theme. **Keynote Speaker** will be Dr. Donald Wolberg, Secretary of the Paleo. Soc., and Director-designate of Jurupa Mountain Culture Center, Riverside, CA. His Friday night speech is entitled "Collecting Dinosaurs and Other Things; Paleontological Adventures." A **live auction** will follow a short business meeting and awards presentation on Saturday evening. Proceeds go to a geology scholarship. Everyone is asked to provide a quality specimen, with full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk until 3:00 p.m. Saturday. If you wish to mail a specimen, send it with pertinent information to Paul Rechten, 7405 Shields, Harvard, IL 60035. Paul will send a postal acknowledgment on receipt of specimen. A **seminar** entitled "Rules, Regulations, Laws, Prison Terms--Hazards of Doing Paleontology at the End of the 20th Century," will also be given by Dr. Wolberg, beginning at 9.00 a.m. Sunday. Reservations required.

Show Chairman...Marvin Houg, 3330 44th St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.....(319) 395-0577
Co-Chairman...Karl Stuekerjuergen, 1503 265th Ave., West Point, IA 52656.....(319) 837-6690
Table Reservations...Doug DeRosear, Box 125, Donnellson, IA 52625.....(319) 835-5521
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EXPO DIGEST editor...Maggie Kahrs, 9145 U.S. Hwy 50 East, Seymour, IN 47274...(812) 522-6093

ADVERTISING SECTION

Ads are \$5.00 per inch (6 lines x 1 column--43 spaces). Send information and checks payable to MAPS to: Mrs. Gerry Norris, 2623 34th Avenue Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201. Phone: (309) 786-6505. This space is a \$5.00 size.

What's your favorite tiny insect? Dominican amber with complete and identified fauna and flora for sale. Prices start under \$10.00. Write or call: Y.R. Goldman, 4416 Osage Ave. Apt. C5, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 662-0236.

Museum Quality Fossils, Wholesale Cat. & updated list - send \$3.00. Buy by the piece or in large quantities. 90% self collected. Professionally prepared by Eric. Many marketed items for the shop owner. Large collection of kit fossils available; ask for details. Eric Kendrew, The Fossil Store, 4436 Tevalo Dr., Valrico, FL 33594. 813-681-4350

BADLANDS FOSSILS, prepared and unprepared, in our re-tail store will be sold over the counter (not mailed) for a 25% discount through March 31, 1993. Current inventory includes oreodonts, turtles, one squirrel skull, one rodent skull, one camel skull, one dinictis cat upper w/original canines, one dinictis cat unprepared near complete skull with other skeletal bones, etc. Included is a large amount of partial skulls useful for preparation training. 1994 will be our last year of business, and we are buying no more fossils. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! VILLAGE ROCK SHOP, 346 S. Chicago, Hot Springs, SD 57747. Tel 605-745-5446.

OUT-OF PRINT BOOK FINDS: (All in limited supply; call before ordering!)

- The Fossil Book by Fenton & Fenton.....\$65.00
Earth Treasures by Alan Eckert:
Volume 1/ Northeast Quadrant.....\$25.00
Volume 4/Southwest Quadrant.....\$25.00
Volume 3/Northwestern Quadrant.....\$16.95
Osteology for the Archaeologist by S. Olsen.\$25.00

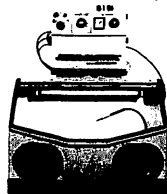
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