



## Arizona Rocks 67

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The Tucson Gem and Minerals Shows are amazing, if you have never been. So many rocks, minerals, and fossils are brought to Tucson that I think the city must sink from the weight. The website <https://jogsshow.com/tucson-gem-show-schedule/> has 41 shows listed for 2019, and there are additional shows and venues not listed. This month I want to point out some of the best places to see fossils in Tucson; it is like visiting a giant museum. The shows listed here are free; there is only the temptation to buy something. You can check the dates they are open and visit the websites by going to the show schedule (All of these open in the end of January or very beginning of February and most are two weeks or more long.). The photographs are from last year's shows so the same fossils might not be there, but always some great specimens.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Street Mineral Fossil and Gem Show (22<sup>nd</sup> Street and I-10):** This is a large show with dealers selling everything, but has some of the more spectacular fossils.

**Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show – Hotel Tucson City Center - 475 N. Granada Ave.):** This is mainly a mineral show, but has some great fossils in the ballroom.

**Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show (Ramada – 665 N. Freeway):** This show specializes in fossils.

**Mineral and Fossil Co-op (1635 N. Oracle Road):** Some of the best fossils you will see in Tucson.

**Main Avenue Fossil and Mineral Show (1202 N. Main Ave.):** There are many tents with dealers from Morocco with tons of fossils from Morocco. You can buy one small shark's tooth or a giant polished fossil slab. Be sure to bargain here on the price as it is expected. I always buy the fossils for the kids fossil dig and for specimens to sell in the Pinal Geology Museum at this show.



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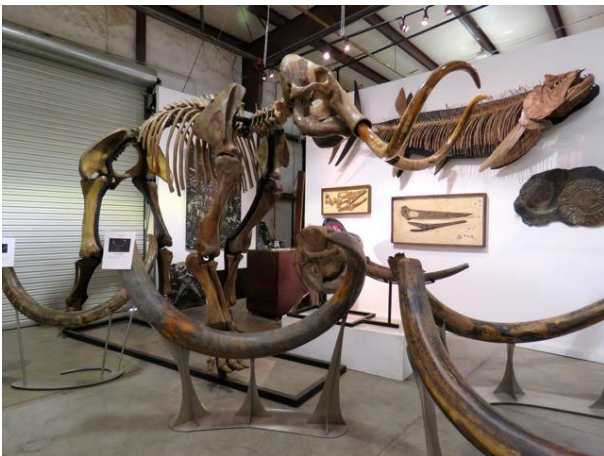
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Mineral and Fossil Co-op



Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show ballroom



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Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show (Ramada Inn)



Arizona Mineral and Fossil Show ballroom



Main Avenue Fossil and Mineral Show