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Gem and mineral show moves to Windsor Beach this weekend

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The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society's annual Rock and Mineral Show returns Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15, at a new location: Windsor Beach at Lake Havasu State Park.

Previously held at the Aquatic Center gymnasium, the two-day event will feature rocks, minerals and geodes from around the world, along with specimens found closer to home.

The two-day event will bring together collectors, vendors and geology enthusiasts, with proceeds from about 15 raffles supporting the society's annual scholarship fund for students pursuing geology and related fields.

Elley Ringo, the society's vice president and an economic geology specialist, said about 80% of this year's vendors are new to the show, giving returning visitors a chance to see different collections.

"This year offers visitors a chance to see a wide variety of specimens and collections they may not have encountered before," Ringo said. "Whether you're an experienced rockhound or simply curious about the natural world, there's something here for everyone."

Ringo, who is overseeing the event for the second year, encouraged visitors to talk with exhibitors and learn more about the rocks and minerals on display, including those found in the surrounding desert.

"One of the exciting things about living in Lake Havasu is that we're surrounded by geology," Ringo said. "Many of the rocks and minerals on display can actually be found locally if you know where to look. We hope visitors leave inspired to learn more about the landscape around them."

The society also uses the annual show to raise money for scholarships supporting students interested in geology and other earth sciences.