



The  
Mid-Michigan Rock Club  
Presents  
**TUCSON ROCKS!**

Presented by MMRC's own Tyler B Thompson:

In 2012 gem and mineral dealers from all over the world gathered in Tucson, AZ, from mid-January to mid-February, as they do every year, for the biggest rock show on earth. There were kyanites as big as baseball bats -- schorls sold by the kilogram -- and tons and tons of beads. There were high-end collector's specimens in beautiful display cabinets filling motel rooms, trailers, tents, and the Tucson Convention Center.

The Tucson Rock show began in 1955 when it was first held by a group of rock hounds/collectors from the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society. The show was held at a local elementary school and was an immediate hit. The following year the show was moved to the Pima County Fair and Rodeo Grounds. In 1972 the show moved to the Tucson Convention Center Arena. The show has continued to grow with satellite shows proliferating throughout the city. Together these satellite shows along with the original show make up the Showcase and for a wonderful time. <http://www.visittucson.org/visitor/events/gemshow/history/>

This presentation will feature photos and high-definition video by the speaker, and brief excerpts from the commercial Blu-Ray disk by mineral expert David Wilber and cinematographer Bryan Swoboda.

Please join us as we travel to the 2012 Tucson Rock Show:

Date: Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd.,  
Midland, MI 48640



As always: feel free to bring in any rocks, minerals and fossils that you would like to share or need help identifying.