



Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Merchant:

Our club is pleased to announce our 7th annual **LexGemShow** at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington, KY. This year's show will be March 22 – 24, 2024. We will not have a vendor/volunteer supper on Saturday night after show hours as we have in the past as most of last year's vendors when polled did not choose to continue this function. We will have a Friday night opening from 4 – 8 PM with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, special sales and unique offerings. We hope you will join in the fun and add a special discounted item or an item that is only offered on Friday night.

Our venue, the Clarion Hotel, is very merchant friendly. This year the show will be in their newly renovated Convention Center which will accommodate all vendors, club sales, silent auction, fluorescent tent and a micromineral display. There is a large parking lot with a separate entrance to the Convention Center. For the show, we will have the booth tables skirted and in place when you walk in. All you have to do is set up your merchandise. There will be an electrical drop provided for each booth and we will use their new audio system for announcements. There will still be a concession stand available to customers and dealers. There also is the Sedona Taphouse Restaurant on the premises.

Rooms at the Clarion go fast on weekends, and if you wish to stay there for the show you should book now. We have negotiated a block of 15 rooms under BGGMC. The cost will be \$119 per night plus applicable taxes and fees. The end date of the block is March 3.

We hope you are as excited as we are to bring to Lexington a quality rock, gem, and jewelry show. We have a Facebook page Lexington Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show and hope you'll LIKE our page. We also have a page on our club site page <http://bggamc.homestead.com/Lexington-Rock-Gem-and-Jewelry-Show.html> We hope you will be able to join us. Please review the enclosed Dealer Contract and if you have questions don't hesitate to email us at Lexgemshow@outlook.com or call us as listed on the Contract's 2nd page.

This contract goes out to our previous vendors first. To ensure you lock in a similar space to the one you had last year, please have The Dealer Space Reservation page returned to us by ~~February 15~~ **November 15, 2023***. After that date we open dealer spaces to new vendors also. Please see paragraph about RESERVATIONS in the Dealer Contract attached below.

John Bradshaw – Show Committee Chairman
Russ Blanton – Show Committee Vice-Chairman
and the Show Committee Volunteers

The Lexington Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show

DEALER CONTRACT

Management: The Lexington Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show (LexGemShow) is sponsored by the Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club and is under the direction of its chosen representatives, known in this contract as the “Show Committee Chairmen” and are in full authority of this Show.

Commercial Exhibitors: Known in this contract as the “Dealer.”

Date and Time: The Show will be held on March 22—24, 2024. The hours will be from 4 PM to 8 PM on Friday March 22 and 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturday March 23 and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday March 24.

Place: The Show will be held in the newly renovated Conference Center of the Clarion Hotel Convention Center, 1050 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511. There is ample parking for Dealers and customers, and two large entrances for Dealers to use at parking lot level.



Cost: For the 2024 Show, the Dealer Show Space will consist of 30 linear ft (a space 12ft by 11ft) with 5 black skirted and/or draped tables 2 chairs and, if requested, one electrical drop at no cost. The fee for the small booth will be \$300. Also available are the larger booths spaces of 54 linear ft. with 9 tables, 2 chairs and if requested, 1 electrical drop for \$550. Assignment of floor space to Dealers will be at the discretion of the Show Committee Chairmen. More chairs can be requested, and additional electrical drops can be ordered for \$30 per day each. The show will be larger, but the same sizes of booths and configuration of the floor layout as our 2022 show that was held in the old Conference Center.

Booth Design: Booth design will be a normal rectangle and may have either a back open to another booth or to a wall or may be stand-alone. Dealers are welcome to bring their own small worktable to use inside their booth. The size and shape of the booth may not be changed except by the Show Committee Chairmen. Signage and a Show Directory Program will be provided by the Show Committee Chairmen. At the Show Committee Chairmen’s discretion, you may also supply your own signage.

Dealer's Responsibility: Dealers are to supply their own 12-2 power cords to be used from electrical drops. Dealers are responsible to the hotel for any damage within the confines of their booth. Each Dealer must comply with local, state, and federal permits, licensing, and taxes. An attendant must be present in the booth at all times during the public hours of the Show.

Security: The Show Committee Chairmen will provide security during the entire Show, including installation, dismantling and all nights. The Show Committee Chairmen will assume no liability for the safety of exhibits, Dealers or their employees from robbery, pilferage, damage, fire, or accidents of any other cause or causes. We will do our absolute best to keep you and your booth secure.

Materials, Equipment, Sales, etc.: The Show Committee Chairmen reserves the right to eliminate any material, equipment, advertising, practice, noise, or individual which, in its opinion, is objectionable. Materials and equipment exhibited or offered for sale must be correctly represented and labeled. Only authorized Dealers leasing space in conformance with this contract are permitted to make sales and solicitations.

Insurance: Dealers who wish to insure against damage, loss, or any other reason arising for claims by the public or injury to persons or property will do so at their own expense. Dealers will indemnify and hold the Show Committee Chairmen, the Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club, and the Clarion Hotel harmless from any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with the installation, operation, and removal of their merchandise.

Installation and Dismantling: Dealers may begin their installation as soon as the Show Committee Chairmen has inspected the Conference Center on Friday, March 22, at approximately 9 AM, and must leave the premises by 9 PM. on Sunday March 24. There is always a possibility that things beyond our control will interfere with the times set forth, but we will do our best to get you into the Conference Center on time. We will notify you by email if this is possible and as soon as the Committee knows. The room will be open to Dealers at 8 AM on Saturday and 9 AM on Sunday. On Sunday evening, Dealers shall not begin dismantling before 5 PM and must be completed before 9 PM.

Reservations: The Show Committee Chairmen reserves the right to make any changes, amendments, deletions, or additions to this contract as may be considered necessary for the proper conduct of the Show provided notice is given to the Dealers not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Show. Such decisions shall be final and binding on both parties. ***On October 22, 2024, the BGGMC Board of Directors, at the regular club meeting amended the response time for returning vendors to have priority acceptance from February 15, 2024, to November 15, 2023. This date change will allow new vendors ample time to register and plan their attendance.** This change is effective on October 22, 2023.

By signing and sending us the following Dealer Space Reservation and your check, you and your employees are agreeing to all conditions set forth in the above contract.

LEXGEM SHOW DEALER SPACE RESERVATION

My check #_____, in the amount of \$_____, for _____square feet of Show space is enclosed.
Free electrical drop. Yes or No (circle one).
Additional chairs (2 chairs per dealer provided free of charge) request. _____
Additional electrical drops at a cost of \$30 ea. _____

Checks should be made payable to BGGMC and mailed to:

Larry Mitchell
178 Freybrook
Richmond, 40475
859-358-2002

Questions arising concerning the Show may be directed to the Show Committee Chairmen:

John Bradshaw
Show Committee Chairman
859-576-6785

or

Russ Blanton
Show Committee Vice-Chairman
859-749-3604

I have read the contract and agree to abide by the terms set forth above.

Signature of party responsible: _____

Please PRINT information as you want it to appear in the Show Program below.

Dealer Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

E-Mail Address: _____ Website: _____

Business Phone: _____

You may ask that any information in this area not be included in the show directory. Please include that in the notes below. At a minimum the directory will include your business name and city state.

Notes on business products you wish to include in the Show Program. PLEASE PRINT!

For Show Committee Chairmen Use:

Date Rec'd _____ Rec'd by: _____

Date contract copy and check given to Treasurer: _____ Treasurer initials: _____

Copies of all contracts to be kept for next year's show planning.