



## 2018 Quartzsite Shows

### A perspective by Mark Nelson, Pasadena Lapidary Society

At the risk of sounding dramatic, a visit to the Quartzsite Shows should be on every rock and gem enthusiast's "bucket list". You can't accurately compare it with any other show you've been to. It's a small desert gas stop that is transformed almost overnight! People come from all over the world with 55 gallon drums of amethysts, jaspers, fossils, and many other lapidary items. Also available are Moroccan fossils, swap meet items, tools, camping and RV's and their parts and supplies, LED lights and bulbs, custom signs, crafts, lapidary equipment (new and used), food, drink, entertainment with swap meets. You've got to go. Look for tips on our web site:  
[www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org](http://www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org)

#### **The Main Event:**

The Main Event has had an annual show here since Quartzsite's shows began in the early 1980's. A beautiful food court with a stage for daily entertainment and a fun environment. The beer garden should be up and running for the 2015 Show. Some rocks, gems and minerals. Mostly known now for imported goods and antiques. On the west side of the Main Event are two wholesale tool buildings, similar to Harbor Freight.

#### **Main Street Traders Swap Meet:**

Shops on Main st open all year round. Variety of vendors with collectibles, jewelry, beads & supplies, rocks, new items and food court. 9 a.m to 5 a.m daily Location: 1170 Main Street across from the Pilot and McDonalds.

#### **Hi Ali Swap Meet:**

Lots of antiques and collectibles and "good junk" to dig through. Also some rocks and new items like palm leaf hats.

#### **Prospectors Panorama:**

Lots of Gems & Minerals, Jewelry & More plus a Beer Garden and Food. Highlights include the best prices on small pieces of amethyst, fossils from Morocco, wholesale rocks at the El Paso Rock Company.

#### **Desert Gardens:**

Mostly collectors-to-collectors. All kinds of gems, minerals and fossils. Wholesale prices on rough rocks.

#### **Rice Ranch Y'All Come Show:**

New items and collectibles with food vendors.

#### **Tyson Wells:**

Probably the most varied of all the shows. Many vendors and a huge variety of items, including tools, RV supplies, gems, jewelry, crafts, beads & supplies and more.

#### **QIA Pow Wow Rock & Mineral Show:**

Mostly items from other collectors and artisans. All gems and minerals including supplies and items made from them.

**Big Tent Sports, Vacation & RV Show:**

Recreational vehicles and accessories.

**Greasewood Swap Meet:**

Folks coming in to sell out of the back of their cars, along with craftsmen making signs and other items. Some good bargains to be had!

**Quartzsite Show Dates:**

A variety of shops, including antiques, tools and RV supplies - on both sides of Kuhn Road.

**2017 - 2018 Shows and Events Schedule**

Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair Oct. 31, 2017 - March 1, 2018

Tyson Wells Market Center Swap Meet Oct 01, 2017 -April 1, 2018

Rice Ranch "Yawl Come" Show November 1, 2017 - April 1, 2018

Grease Wood Swap Meet November 2017 - April, 2018

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral January 01 - February 28, 2018

Prospectors Panorama January 01 - January 14, 2017 tbc

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry January 17 - January 21, 2018

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show January 05 - January 14, 2018

Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama January 19 - January 28, 2018

Sports, Vacation & RV Show (The Big Tent) January 20 - January 28, 2018

Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts February 02 - February 11, 2018

Gold, Treasure & Craft Show - QIA 9 am - 5 pm February 9 - 11, 2018

Quartzsite Quilt Show - Quartzsite SR Center February 2 - 3, 2018 tbc

Quartzsite Gold Show February 9-11, 2018 QIA building. Friday - Saturday 9-4 Sunday.

Read more: <https://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html#ixzz52TXMSgDY>

