



2015 Quartzsite Shows

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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.

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 Street 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. Be sure to visit the Abalone King and Dyer Wyer!

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.

Oct. 31, 2014 - February 28, 2015 Quartzsite Market Place Street Fair

October 31, 2014 - March 1, 2015 Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show

November 1, 2014 - April 1, 2015 Variety of shows at Tyson Wells

Nov. 01, 2014 - February 28, 2015 Hi Ali Swap meet

January 02 - January 14, 2015 Prospectors Panorama

January 01 - February 28, 2015 Desert Gardens -Gem & Mineral

January 02 - January 11, 2015 Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show

January 05 - January 25, 2015 Main Event (to be confirmed)

January 16 - January 25, 2015 Tyson Wells Sell-A-Rama

January 17 - January 25, 2015 Big Tent Sports, Vacation & RV Show

January 21 - January 25, 2015 Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry

January 30 - February 8, 2015 Tyson Wells Arts and Crafts

February 06 - February 07, 2015 Quartzsite Quilt Show - Quartzsite SR Center

February 13 - February 15, 2015 Quartzsite Gold Show

January 17-25, 2015 Rice Ranch Y'all Come Show

