Auction ‘rocks’ the house at Sac State

Rock hounds, gem-seekers, and fossil enthusiasts from across Northern California will gather for a dynamic evening at the eighth annual Sac State Geology Club Rock Auction, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the University’s Alumni Center.

More than 200 geologic specimens including incredible fossils, minerals and gems will be up for grabs in both live and silent auctions. Items vary in size from pebbles to large rocks for gardens and include striking crystals, geodes, fossils, highly polished rocks and more.

“The items up for auction are the building blocks of our world, and we are thrilled to share them with the community,” says club President Chris Hughes. “They are more than just rocks, they’re grains of history that tell a unique story of Earth’s past.”

They’re also quite beautiful, catching the eye with sparkling brilliance or layers of bright colors.

The Rock Auction is free to the public and enables community members to mingle with Sac State students and faculty, while collecting beautiful specimens donated by local firms, mineral collectors, faculty and students. Festivities include catered food and beverages, children’s activities, and a spirited auctioneer.

Proceeds from the event go directly toward the Sac State Geology Club, and help to offset the costs of field equipment, mapping trips, workshops and lab materials for students.

The club is also intensely involved with community outreach. Philanthropy from the Rock Auction allows Sacramento State geology students to collect specimens and assemble Rock Boxes for local elementary school classrooms, participate in American River cleanups, and promote community education and scientific discovery.
For more information, visit http://csusgeologyclub.comuf.com/?page_id=12. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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