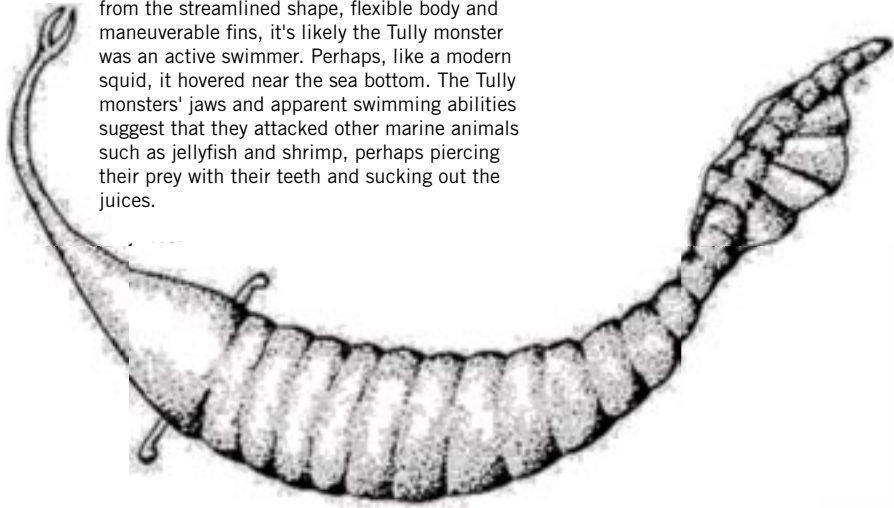


State Fossil Tully Monster

The Tully monster was a soft-bodied, invertebrate, marine animal - an animal that has no shell or backbone and lived in the ocean. It had an elongated, segmented body that tapered at both ends.

At the front was a long snout ending in a "jaw" with eight tiny "teeth." At the other end was a tail and two fins. Two eyes on stalks projected out sideways near the front of the body. Judging from the streamlined shape, flexible body and maneuverable fins, it's likely the Tully monster was an active swimmer. Perhaps, like a modern squid, it hovered near the sea bottom. The Tully monsters' jaws and apparent swimming abilities suggest that they attacked other marine animals such as jellyfish and shrimp, perhaps piercing their prey with their teeth and sucking out the juices.



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State Mineral
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...to join us in discovering & enjoying the hidden treasures around us.

The Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (CIGMC) was formed in 1952 to foster interest and appreciation in the geological sciences (rocks, minerals, gemstones, and fossils), lapidary and jewelry arts, as well as the presentation of educational programs designed to improve the general knowledge and understanding in the above areas. In short: field trips, fun and good fellowship, while learning something!



***Our passion is
rocks, gemstones,
and fossils—
and it shows!
Come join us!***

The Annual Show features:
***Member Collections & Specimens
Fossils, Minerals & Gemstones
Jewelry, Beads, Findings
Lapidary Arts, Demonstrations
Water Sluice & Kids Corner***

The Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club hosts the Annual Gem & Mineral Show in Decatur, Illinois. We have limited space but always welcome new dealers & demonstrators. To see how you can participate, please contact our members listed on the back.

We have a designated Kid's Day on Fridays during the Show from 9-3pm. Activities for children are highlighted. We welcome youth groups, Scouts, school groups and their chaperones; and are admitted free of charge.

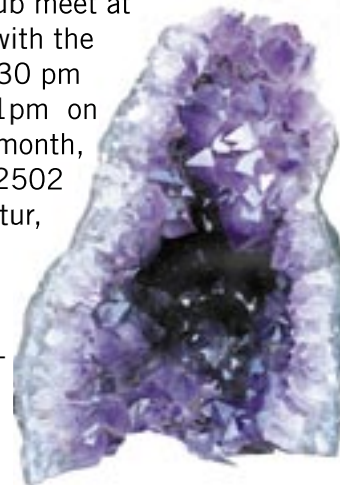
Our members volunteer their time and effort and are pleased to have provided over 50 Gem & Mineral Shows over the years. There are many opportunities for junior members to work at the shows, to earn badges and give something back to our community.

For dealer information, group tickets and flyers, please call a member listed on back.

Meetings

The members of the Club meet at 12:00 p.m. for lunch, with the meeting starting at 12:30 pm and a program around 1pm on the first Sunday of the month, at Claire's Restaurant, 2502 E. William Street, Decatur, IL.

If the first Sunday is a holiday weekend, we meet the following Sunday afternoon. Please call a member listed on back for directions.



Benefits of Membership



Monthly Newsletter

Insurance Coverage for Field Trips

Access to private lands/quarries/etc. not available to general public.

Picnics, swaps & trades, trips to local shows & events, demonstrations, classes

We talk rocks! Many of our members have 20 or more years of experience collecting, and love to share their interest.

Membership & Dues

Annual dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family or couple and are due April 1st of each year. Youth members are invited at a discounted rate. This also enrolls you in the insurance coverage provided by the club as you must be a member to be covered by this insurance for club-sponsored field trips.

Members receive a newsletter and are invited to attend many "club only" field trips and events during the year.

Field Trips

Field trips are open to members only due to insurance requirements, and are arranged for Saturdays. Some field trips require a safety course prior to the trip, as well as steel toe shoes or boots and hard hats. Junior members must be accompanied by an adult.