

26) Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum & Art Gallery

Informal Education

University Park - Ground floor of the Deike Building

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The Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum & Art Gallery provides informal education guidance and opportunities for the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State and collaborates with other colleges and organizations to reach out to new and diverse audiences. Our primary goal is to serve the college, university, and broader community as an informed educational and technical resource for science, art, and history of the earth and mineral sciences. As a museum, our exhibits and programs combine real objects (e.g., minerals, rocks, fossils, historic instruments, American industrial art) from our extensive collections with informed and relevant content. Our exhibits vary from object-rich didactic displays to hands-on, interactive learning opportunities. We also work with researchers and students to design exhibitions and displays that highlight and communicate their current research. We develop and provide educational workshops and programs for school groups, university students, researchers, teachers, and the general public. Our workshops and programs are often collaborations with other Penn State departments and associated institutions and may take place in the museum exhibit galleries or elsewhere. We accommodate symposia, lectures, limited receptions, and provide guided tours of EMS Museum spaces. By incorporating rigorous science content into informal educational space and opportunities, the EMS Museum engages audiences inside and outside of academe.