To: Potential Competitive Exhibitor

Please join us at the 67th Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®, February 10-13, 2022. The numerous mineral collectors and visitors who enjoy viewing beautiful exhibits will appreciate your participation in the Show. Your competitive exhibit(s) will add greatly to the Show. The area for the competitive exhibits will be right at the center of the Exhibition Hall this year. This will really highlight your exhibit and the others who compete.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® theme for 2022 is “The Show That Glows” featuring the Apatite Supergroup, which includes the various apatite species plus mimetite, pyromorphite and vanadinite. Trophies will be awarded for the best specimen in each of five size categories, lapidary/jewelry and for self-collected specimens in the Best of Theme competition. **In addition, two fluorescent categories have been implemented for 2022, best long-wave and best short-wave specimens and all mineral species are eligible.** An individual is eligible to enter a specimen in each category. This competition is open to all individuals and entries will be accepted between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society and Show Committee are very interested in promoting interest in young exhibitors. Each junior age exhibitor, regardless of which exhibitor class they enter, will receive $100 cash from Dr. Rob Lavinsky of The Arkenstone and Les and Paula Presmyk. They wish to help encourage young collectors to exhibit and compete and this is their way of honoring those adults who helped them when they were young collectors. The high point score by a junior-age exhibitor will receive $300 cash and the second-high point score will receive $200 cash, regardless of the exhibitor category.

Various applications are available for you to enter competitively; now everything can be completed online. If you need any additional information, please write or call the TGMS Office or contact me directly.

The Show Committee awards the following five special trophies to honor those who have contributed to mineralogy and the collecting hobby:

1. The Desautels Trophy is for the “Best Case of Minerals in the Show” entered in this competition.
2. The Lidstrom Trophy is awarded to the best single specimen contained within a competitive exhibit.
3. The Yedlin Trophy is awarded to the best case of Master micromounts.
4. The Bideaux Trophy is awarded to the best single Arizona specimen entered in this competition.
5. The Romero Trophy is awarded to the best Mexican specimen or case in the Show.

Sincerely,

Les Presmyk
Competitive Exhibits Chairman

New and improved, all of your competitive forms must be submitted online. Click on the link below. When you have completed your form(s), hit **Submit**. All of your information will be received at the TGMS Office and you will receive a copy of everything that you have filled out.

Here is the link: [https://hub.tgms.org/competitor-exhibitor-agreement](https://hub.tgms.org/competitor-exhibitor-agreement)