

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 20TH

PROGRAM: Slide program on Cranbrook Mineral Museum

REFRESHMENTS: K THRU Q please bring goodies.

Program: Chairman Dan will present a Federation slide program to entice you to visit the Cranbrook Mineral Museum.

Club Calendar

January 20th	Regular meeting. North School 7:30
January 22nd	Okemos Schools Science Fun Day, Chippewa Middle School 11am-3pm
January 23rd	January field trip-Pot luck at 1:00p.m. at Alaiedon Township Hall Show board meeting following Pot luck.
February 3rd	CML&MS board meeting 7:00 Okemos Library
February 17th	Regular meeting. North School 7:30

Presidents Report To The Membership:

"Thank You" for your support in making me the President for 2005. I will be looking forward to your suggestions and fellowship to make 2005 a year of interesting programs. To include a Great 40th Annual

show and getting the word out to possible future members and the interested public.

Our new website should help in this information and it may take a few volunteers as part of the committee in keeping all information overwhelmingly interesting as they work with our webmaster.

I will be asking for volunteers to help our committees as will those chairman of those committees. Your help is what brings together this much respected Society. And I would like to thank Mary Gowans for her support

as President in 2004.

Richard E. Miller

DUES ARE DUE ITS TIME TO GET THOSE DUES IN TO ROSTER SECRETARY - ERNIE AUGHENBAUGH, P.O.Box 67, St. Johns, MI. 48879-0067. \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for family

\$2 student under 18. Dues can be mailed to Ernie at the above address or paid at the meeting. Check your mailing label, if it is highlighted your dues for 2005 have not been paid. To save the

roster secretary work and to be included in the directory get those dues in to Ernie.

.DON'T MISS THE JANUARY POTLUCK, JANUARY 23

For our January "field trip" we will be having a potluck at the Alaiedon Township Hall on Sunday **January 23** at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, cups and other eating tools. Coffee, tea, milk and punch will be provided. Alaiedon Township Hall is located at 2021 West Holt Road., 1/2 mile east of Okemos Road. Holt Rd. is 3 miles south of I 96. The Hall is the only building on the south side of the Rd. If you use I 96 get off at the Okemos Rd. exit.

We hope that all members old and NEW can come on this "field trip" Its a good way to get acquainted. The whole family is invited not just the CML&MS member.

Many of you may recall the fun times we had there in the past enjoying "Rocko," watching movies or slide shows and eating lots of good food.A few years ago Jean Ann introduced us to a new game, "Musical Rocks." Don't panic, we won't make you leave your chair, just round them up into a circle. **Do please be sure to bring a wrapped rock gift or two to share, these will still be vital to the game.** For new members don't worry if you don't have a rock related gift some of the older members bring extras.This is an event for the whole family, not just members, so bring the crew!

2005 Show Board Meeting

Right after the Potluck and Musical Rocks we will have a show board meeting.It should not take long but there are several items to be decided, number of dealers, basic floor plan, budget, theme and who is going to chair various jobs. If you can't come to eat, try and come for the show board meeting, it will probably start about 2:30 PM.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HOW TO GET TO KNOW NEW MEMBERS...

Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown - only 14 to smile.

Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of one's own name.

Be Friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.

Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.

Be genuinely interested in people. You can like any one if you try.

Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

Be considerate with the feelings of others.

Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy-yours,the other fellows and the right one.

Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what you do for others.

Taken from the MWF NEWS Jan.05 issue

Minutes

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

December 16, 2004

The December general membership meeting was called to order by President Mary Gowans, at 7:45 p.m., at the North Elementary School.

There were no guests or visitors present; however, several of our newest members introduced themselves: Martha Nachreiner, Chris Townsend, Elliot Wood/Kristin Wood, and Hudson, Cogan and Jeff Seelye (The Seelyes just completed an application this evening).

Vice President: Dan Sine - Not present. [It was noted that tonight's program would be singing of some rocking? carols led by Jean Ann, Aura, and Dave Wahl-Piotrowski, and the munching on lots of goodies brought in by members]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - The November membership meeting minutes were printed in the December newsletter, no additions or corrections were noted.

Treasurer: Alan Hukill - Reported on several receipts so far this month.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Midwest Newsletter received if anyone interested in looking at; and DVD available on the Sweet Home Mine (Rhodocrosite) in Colorado.

Past President: Milt Gere - Reported that memorials received for Larry Tripp should be placed in MSU Scholarship Fund.

Old Business: Call for volunteers to help at the Science is Fun Day, Saturday, January 22, 2005 from 11-3p at the Chippewa Middle School.

New Business: Installation of Officers for 2005 was presided over by Neil Snepp; the following officers were installed: President - Richard Miller; Vice President - Dan Sine (absent); Recording Secretary - Sue Casler; Corresponding Secretary - Lola Pearson; Treasurer - Alan Hukill; and 3-year Director - Milt Gere.

Outgoing President Mary Gowans presented the Rock of Authority, gavel and badge to incoming President Richard Miller.

First agenda item for new present Richard Miller - Should the club hold a show in 2005? A motion was made by Mary Gowans that the club hold a show in 2005, motion was seconded by Neil Snepp. Vote of the membership - majority was yes, with a few nays.

Roger Laylin graciously agreed to be Show Chairman (again) for 2005.

Roger noted that he counted 58 folks from the club that were either working at the October 2004 show or were in attendance at the show - a good turn out of folks from the club. There was some discussion on the show in general relating to publicity and how to increase the attendance.

Roger also mentioned that all of the clubs stuff stored in Grits garage needs to find a new home following the 2005 show.

Neil Snepp also mentioned the importance of the displays at the show for Educational benefit and that it was his goal to have 60+ displays at our 2005 show.

Door prizes were distributed to Elliot Wood, Bob Mosher, and Cogan and Jeff Seelye.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by Grit Turner. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Coming Events

For those lucky ones who can get away in Feb, The 51st Annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show at the Tucson Convention Center, February 10-13.

There are several nearby shows coming up in March, the February newsletter will list those.

In the MWF NEWS for January 2005, Kitty Starbuck, lists her New Year's resolutions. The following are just a few of them, but I hope you will all resolve to make them your own.

Resolve-if asked to chair a job, say "yes"

Resolve-to introduce someone to the hobby

Resolve-to make guests feel welcome

Resolve- to get more involved, help with more activities

Resolve to become a better club member

And Here are a couple I would like to see every one try; Resolve to get dues paid on time; Resolve to return all library material in a timely fashion; and Resolve to get material for the newsletter in by the board meeting.

Editor-Lee Laylin

