

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19, 2012

PROGRAM: *The Marcellus Shale and Natural Gas Extraction*

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A-L, Please Bring Goodies

Location & Time: The CMLMS January Meeting will be held on January 19, 2012, at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables.

Trisha Smrecak (MSU PhD student in invertebrate paleontology) will give a presentation on the Marcellus Shale and Natural Gas Extraction Technologies.

Calendar for February 2011

February 2, 2012 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

February 16, 2012 Membership Meeting at North School. The February speaker is **Dr. Danita Brandt** of the MSU Geology Dept. Topic: ***Darwin – It Started with a Rock Collection***

March 15, 2012 **CMLMS Annual Silent Auction**. Start planning NOW!

Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2012!!! Please pay your dues or you won't be in the club directory and you won't be able to vote.

Club News

- **2012 Officers are:** President – **Elaine Beane**; Vice-President – **Sue Casler**; Recording Secretary – **Jan Sjoquist**; Corresponding Secretary – **Theresa Hubbard**; Treasurer – **Kris Wood**; 3 Year Director – **Milt Gere**; 2 Year Director, **Lyle Laylin**; and 1 Year Director, **Bob Mosher**. Officers were sworn in by **Gordon Lewis** at the December 2011 membership meeting.
- **2011 Show Wrap-Up Meeting, February 7, 2012, 7 pm** at the Laylin's home, 1770 Sandhill Rd., Mason. All CMLMS members interested in the Annual Show in October should attend this meeting! Show Chair *Pro Tempore* Roger Laylin needs volunteers to plan the 2012 Show and work on some of the Show activities. Roger also needs an apprentice, who will be the 2012 Show Chair. If you've always wanted to run the Show, here's your opportunity!!!
- **2012 Banquet will be on May 17:** That's only four months away, and volunteers are needed for all aspects of the banquet, including the tickets, hospitality table, decorations, and overall coordination. The President will find a good speaker, but we all need to help with the rest of the party! **Volunteer Now!!**
- **Field Trips:** If you are interested in visiting the Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids (\$2.00 fee) you must act soon. Fieldtrips are planned on January 28 and February 25; space is available for both dates. Since there are a number of requirements for entering this mine, it is a good idea to read all of the guidance materials EARLY!!! The organizer of these fieldtrips is Kreigh Tomaszewski. If you want to join the January or February fieldtrip, contact him at Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net. Do it soon!!!
- **Display Chairman *Pro Tempore*, Jan Sjoquist** needs help with taking the beautiful new club display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary, and gem clubs in Michigan. If you are going to a Michigan show, please take the club's beautiful display with you! Please call or email Jan and volunteer to join the Display Committee.
- **Outreach Chairman, Mary Gowans**, is organizing volunteers for school presentations, school science fairs, and other events (such as Darwin Discovery Days). Members are needed to go to schools for presentations of about 30 minutes, to set up tables and man the exhibits for science fairs, or work on other special events. Please see Mary to sign up!
 - **Roger Laylin, Dan Sine, and Roni Sionakides** are all working on preparations for Darwin Discovery Days at the MSU Museum on Sunday, February 12, 2012. The continuing exhibition runs week-ends through April 24. We need volunteers to do "hands-on" activities such as Petoskey Stone polishing, geode breaking, touch-table, fun-facts, question answering. **This is a great opportunity to meet folks interested in minerals, publicize CMLMS, and perhaps recruit some new**

members! Please contact one of the members listed above to volunteer.

- **A Message about Okemos Science is Fun Day:** Dan Sine and Roni Sionakides have secured 10 tables to accommodate displays from CMLMS members at the Okemos *Science is Fun Day*, which will be held on February 18, 2012, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Okemos High School on Jolly Rd. east of Hagadorn. **Please contact Dan or Roni by email or phone** if you can bring a display or are interested in helping with exhibits; make sure there is room for your case!. This is a Fun Day!
- **Upcoming: March 7, 2012, 6:30-8pm.** Bennett Woods Elementary School – Science Fair for about 150 students. Please put this on your calendar!

Check www.amfed.org/mwf for Place to Go & Things to Do.

Catching Up on CMLMS Minutes:

CMLMS Membership Meeting, June 16, 2011 Minutes

President Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

1. Vice President Dave Westjohn talked about the evening's program, Show and Tell and mini silent auction. The September program will be on field trips with Dan Sine.
 2. Nomination committee: Lyle Laylin and Milt Gere volunteered to be on the committee. 1 additional person needs to be on the committee.
 3. Dan Sine reported on upcoming field trips: Alpena Saturday, June 25; five members went to Grand Ledge on June 4; Dan has requested a similar trip for the society in late August; Crandall Brothers Gravel Pit will be scheduled for August or September. Harmon Gravel mine at St. Johns has refused us a collecting trip.
 4. There were no announcements.
 5. Dan Sine had door prizes.
 6. Roger Laylin talked about the show. There is an upcoming work bee July 21 at the Laylin's home. He also wanted a show board meeting regarding additional expenses but presented to the meeting as a whole.
 - Yard signs: Elaine Beane moved that we approve costs up to \$500.00 for yard signs. Seconded. The motion carried. There was a suggestion to use a Michigan company rather than an out-of-state company.
 - Gumball machine for dispensing tumbled stones was determined to be not a good idea for many reasons.
 - Mineral and rock ID person. Last year this was forgotten even though it was advertised in the flyers and he would like to have one this year.
 - Mention of a DVD to show to schools. Lyle said he had not done anything with this idea and was not sure where we would want to go with the idea.
 - Discussion on letting kids make up their own mineral kits and that we should try this.
 - Transportation costs for school was discussed. Suggested \$100.00 for first 10 schools (Mary Gowans said only 8 to 10 schools came last year). Lyle Laylin moved that we allocate up to \$2,000.00 toward expenses for buses or about \$100 to \$150 per school. Seconded. After some discussion the motion carried.
 - Other advertising could be printed on local restaurant placemats. The placemats are monthly and changed.
- Milt Gere moved to adjourn. Seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:20 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Roni Sionakides, President

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, Membership Meeting, November 17, 2011

Call to Order. The November membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. New student member Brendan Smith was in attendance accompanied by his grandmother, Betty Breakey.

Minutes of Last Meeting. The October membership meeting was the night before the annual Rock Show and was held at the Ingham County Fairgrounds for show set-up. It was an informal meeting, and minutes were published in the November newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Kris Wood (Absent), but copy of report available for review on front table.

Announcements

*Kara Miller & Jennifer Martin held a Petoskey stone polishing demonstration for 6th graders at Pattengill school, there were about 180 students participating. Great job – Kara and Jenny.

*December meeting will be the Holiday party – rock gift exchange, installation of officers and treats! We may need to find an alternate location (or night) as the North school has a program that Thurs. night. The school has Tues. Dec. 13th available (or we find a different location for Thurs. evening). **Roger Laylin moved that the club membership meeting be held Tuesday, December 13 at North School; motion seconded by Richard Miller. Vote taken and motion passed.**

*Field Trip – Dan Sine, safety committee working to establish some safety training for field trip participants.

*Nominations committee (Milt, Elaine A., and Lyle) – still looking for folks to fill officer positions.

*Webmaster – Lyle Laylin, check out the club website, it has been updated.

*Roger Laylin, Show chairman, show report – discussion of show receipts/expenses.

Richard Miller moved that club host a show in 2012; seconded by Lyle Laylin. Vote taken and motion passed.

Theresa Hubbard, Children’s Day (Show) Coordinator reported that she has received several positive emails on the kids day at the show. Thank you to Theresa for a successful kids day!

*Gary Smith had a request for a shell to be made into jewelry – Elaine A. (was) volunteered for the task.

*Dan Sin provided and awarded 12 door prizes to members.

Tonight’s Program: Mr. Graham Larson (MSU) will speak on the “Origin and Evolution of the Great Lakes”.

Adjournment. Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Sherry Sparks. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, Board Meeting, December 1, 2011

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Announcement: The December Membership Meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 13 at North Elementary School.**

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist and Dave Westjohn. [Board members absent: Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Sharon Patton, and Kris Wood]

Elaine Beane moved that tonight’s agenda be modified to cover the most important items first; motion seconded by Alan Hukill. Vote taken and motion approved.

Old Business: Nominating Committee: Conditional slate of officers as follows:

President – Elaine Beane (needs someone to take on newsletter duties)

Vice President – Sue Casler

Treasurer – confirm with Kris Wood to continue

Recording Secretary – Jan Sjoquist

Corresponding Secretary - to be determined.

Directors – Milt Gere (3 YR)

Lyle Laylin (2 YR) [Jan Sjoquist would have moved from 3 YR to 2 YR, but going to be RS; therefore, we need replacement for 2 YR]

Alan Hukill moved that Lyle Laylin replace Jan Sjoquist for the 2 YR Director position; Mary Gowans seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

Bob Mosher moves from 2 YR Director to 1 YR Director.

Mary Gowans moved to accept the “conditional slate” as presented; Gordon Lewis seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.

New Business: Committee to handle school presentations – club is receiving numerous requests from schools to do Science nights, presentations, etc. [Science is Fun Day – Okemos; Bennett Woods Elementary; Fairview Elementary – several to date]

Discussion ensued regarding having a committee to direct these requests to and then committee would coordinate club involvement.

- Further discussion on “Outreach” and “Education” – two committees that are named in the society’s constitution; Article 7, There shall be eight (8) permanent committees. Section 5 – Education : Primarily for club member education. Section 6 – Outreach: Primarily for outside club education – promote earth science education through talks, exhibits, etc.
- Need an outreach chairperson to organize a core group to do earth science/geology outreach to schools. Mary Gowans volunteered to be appointed chair of this committee.

Vice President: Dave Westjohn: January – Student to speak on climate change; February – Danita Brandt, Darwin Days.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – Minutes of November 3 meeting were summarized and will be in the December newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Patton (Absent)

Treasurer’s Report: Kris Wood (Absent) – the treasurer’s report for the month of November was received via email and was reviewed by the board.

Directors: [1-YR] Mary Gowans – No report; [2-YR] Bob Mosher – No report; [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh – No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill – No report.

Past President: Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – No report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman – No report. [Sherry Sparks will take care of hospitality duties in Elaine’s absence].

Field Trips: Dan Sine – Upcoming trip dates to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine, January 28th, 10-4 pm and February 25th, 10-4 pm. If interested, contact Kreigh Tomaszewski [Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net] Field trip chairman Indian Mounds Club.

Publications: Elaine Beane – Send out earlier due to meeting night change.

Library: No report.

Display: No report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis – Proposed Budget for 2012 (Annual Budget to be presented at January Board meeting).

Gordon Lewis moved to approve the proposed 2012 budget for the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society (CMLMS); Alan Hukill seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin – No report.

Show: Roger Laylin – Discussion of Show

- For 2012, will need to have a couple more work bee parties to make egg carton mineral kits (Lila has retired from doing this after many, many years! The Club owes Lila a BIG thank you!)
- Exit gift flyer
- Show expenses outstanding: Buses; Jean Ann; Tables-rental; security guard; MSU Geology club.
- The 2012 Show Budget must be approved by the February Board Meeting.
- Silent Auction – budget amount \$800 and Spinning Wheel \$100.

Alan Hukill moved to authorize \$900 to Elaine Angstman for purchase of materials/specimens for Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel; Roger Laylin seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.

Discussion of new meeting place – locations, costs, convenience, kitchen, storage area, etc.

Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alan Hukill. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting, December 13, 2011

Call to Order. The December membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:50 pm at the North Elementary School.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. None – small group tonight.

Minutes of Last Meeting. The November membership meeting minutes will be printed in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Kris Wood (Absent) – No report.

Announcements: President -- With “winter” approaching and the possibility of inclement weather – if Lansing Schools are closed, the meeting is cancelled. If bad weather in late afternoon, a decision will be made whether or not to cancel the meeting and board members will be notified and emails/calls made.

*Vice President – Dave Westjohn (absent) – January program will be on Climate Change, by Trisha Smrecak (MSU Student).

*Upcoming Science Days: February 12th – Darwin Discovery Days (flyer on front table) Need volunteers for setting up rocks, Petoskey stone polishing, display cases, club to give away gypsum exit gifts; Volunteers – names and T-Shirt size by January 5th. February 18th. Okemos Science is Fun Day, 11am to 3pm, at Okemos H.S. March 7th, Bennett Woods Elementary, 6-8 pm.

*Kara Miller reported – Jenny and Kara may be doing a Petoskey stone polishing demonstration at Post Oak Elementary, yet to be scheduled in the 2012.

*David Houseman has brought this evening a nice exhibit of postcards of the Petrified Forest.

*Upcoming field trips – Grand Rapids, gypsum mine, dates are in Jan. and Feb.

*Door Prizes were provided and distributed by Dan Sine.

*Dues for 2012 are due and can be paid to Ernie Aughenbaugh.

*President Roni Sionakides – presented the 2011 Annual Report

*Nominations committee – Lyle Laylin presented the following slate of officers for 2012:

President - Elaine Beane; Vice President - Sue Casler; Recording Secretary - Jan Sjoquist; Corresponding Secretary - Theresa Hubbard; Treasurer - Kris Wood; 1-Year Director - Bob Mosher; 2-Year Director - Lyle Laylin; 3-Year Director - Milt Gere.

Dan Sine moved to accept the 2012 slate of officers as presented; Kara Miller seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion approved.

*Mr. Gordon Lewis did the honors for the Installation of 2012 officers.

Adjournment. Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Elaine Angstman. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary