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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August
Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 p.m.
Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00
Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 17, 2013

PROGRAM: DVD *Great Lakes, Ancient Shores, SINKHOLES*

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on January 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our usual meeting place through April 2013.

Calendar for Winter 2013 and later

January 17, 2013 - Membership Meeting, program DVD *Great Lakes, Ancient shores, SINKHOLES*

February 7, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

February 11, 2013 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NEWSLETTER ITEMS

February 21, 2013 - Membership meeting, program to be announced

March 7, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

March 21, 2013 - Membership Meeting, program Annual silent Auction

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh
Dues are now being collected for 2013!!!**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

January's program is a DVD, *Great Lakes, Ancient Shores, SINKHOLES*, a production of the Noble Odyssey Foundation (NOF). The program explores the underwater features of the prehistoric Great Lakes, surveys the natural history of the ancient shores. NOF is a non-profit organization which advances knowledge of the Great Lakes through seagoing education and research projects. www.nobleodyssey.org.

March is our annual Silent Auction. Now is the time to start thinking about rockcleaning (a more weighty form of housecleaning!) and get together those you want to contribute to the silent auction.

May is the annual banquet. Tickets will be available in February.

Also note: In September of 2013 the meeting location will change to the Masonic Temple at Okemos.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS
WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Charles Holcomb of Laingsburg

From Roger Laylin

Bessie Rogers, as most of us know, now lives at the Ingham County Medical Care Facility, at 3860 Dobie Road, Room 207, South Wing, Okemos. Because of general concern of flu or other such bugs check with the Office before visiting. Thinking of you cards would be appropriate.

Committee positions that need to be filled

Display committee: A new committee chair is needed. We also need a person or persons to take the beautiful new cub display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary and gem clubs in Michigan. If you are going to a Michigan show, please consider taking the club's display with you. Call or email Jan Sjoquist to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

Show committee: Show Chair *Pro Tempore*, Roger Laylin, needs an apprentice to help with the 2013 show committee and who will be willing to take over the show chair position. Call or email Roger Laylin to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

Outreach Committee: Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand.

From Milt Gere:

I will be giving a very beginning Silversmithing / Metal crafting / Jewelry class several days in January, 2013, at the 'Absolute Gallery' in Old Town, Lansing. Copper will be used to make a pendant using cut and file and solder techniques as used with Sterling Silver. Cost is \$25 for a 3-hour class, shared tools will be provided. Low cost materials will be available. Contact the 'Absolute Gallery' for details. phone: 517-482-8845, E-mail: absolutegallery@sbcglobal.net, www.absolutegallery.net

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information.

% January 19, 2013 and/or February 23, 2013, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - Field Trips to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.) 1200 Judd S.W., Grand Rapids, MI. Cost is \$3.

Minimum age for above trip, again a quarry, is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

In planning are trips to Pipe Creek, Indiana, Paulding, Ohio, Irish Hills, Michigan, the Crandall Pit of Charlotte as well as a geode trip to Indiana. Contact Dan sine if you have places for field trips.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org
FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—
www.foundmichigan.org**

**Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and
Craig's List.**

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, December 20, 2012

Call to Order: The December membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: None

Elections: Slate of officers for 2013:

President: Elaine Angstman

Vice President: Sue Casler

Treasurer: Kris Wood

Recording Secretary: Janet Sjoquist

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Directors: 1 year: Milt Gere

2 year: Lyle Laylin

3 year: Nate Krupp

The slate of officers was presented. Sherry Sparks made a **“motion to accept the 2013 slate of officers as presented.”** Roni Sionakides made a second to the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. Gordon Lewis had the honors of installing the officers.

Announcements:

% Lyle Laylin provided free magazines on the back table.

% Elaine Angstman has earrings made by Peruvians for sale.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Jan Sjoquist, absent, but past meeting minutes were printed in the December newsletter. There were no corrections. Sue Casler took the December 20, 2012 Membership meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood, absent, no report.

Adjournment: Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Sherry Sparks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Program: Holiday gift exchange and treats.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Casler, for Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary.

CMLMS, Board Meeting, January 3, 2013

Board Members Present: Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Milt Gere, Alan Hukill, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Ernie Augenbaugh, Theresa Hubbard, Mary Gowans.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Elaine Angstman.

Guests: None

President: Vice-president Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Vice President: Sue Casler presented the slate of Membership programs for 2013. A DVD by Noble Odyssey, *Great Lakes, Ancient Shores, Sinkholes* will be shown at the January membership meeting. March 2013 meeting will be our traditional silent auction. Other programs are being developed. Sue invites members to contact her if they have any other program ideas or contacts. Mary Gowans will check with MSU.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist: January 2013 Board meeting and the December 2012 Membership meeting minutes will be in the January newsletter. There were no corrections in the previously submitted minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard: Theresa reviewed the Memorial book that was recently found with entries starting in 1975. The book is incomplete starting about 2004 and she is working on bringing it up to date. Discussion was held about including a response card in with sympathy cards, as well as what memorial options should be available.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent but emailed the December 2012 treasurer's report that was read by Roni Sionakides.

Directors: Milt Gere (1-yr.): No report. Lyle Laylin (2-yr.): Absent. Nate Krupp (3-yr.): Absent.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh has received a membership application from Charles Holcomb of Laingsburg. Mary Gowans made a "**motion to accept Charles Holcomb into membership**". The motion received a second by Alan Hukill and the board approved his application. Welcome, Charles!

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill: No report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent.

Education: Kara Miller/Jennifer Martin, absent.

Outreach: Mary Gowans, no report.

Field Trip Chair: Dane Sine: January 19 and February 23, 2013 trips to the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine are filled. Cost is now \$3 per person. Hoping for an early spring, with plans for some great locations such as Pipe Creek, Indiana, Paulding, Ohio, Irish Hills, Michigan, the Crandall Pit of Charlotte as well as a geode trip to Indiana. Weather conditions will dictate when these trips are suitable, and Dan will share the information as it becomes available.

Publications Chair: Roni Sionakides/Sue Casler are working together to get newsletters out to everyone.

Finance Chair: Gordon Lewis, distributed the CMLMS 2013 budget, with one typo corrected.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin, absent.

Show: Chair: Roger Laylin is still waiting for outstanding bills for food and bus transportation. He is preparing a letter to Lila Stevens for tax purposes for the four truckloads of outstanding materials that she donated to the club for the shows. Attendance at the 2012 show was 1489, but that number does not include the school students. Roger has 928 exit gifts remaining and those can be updated for next year by using a sticker to correct the show dates that are on the folder.

Display Chair: Jan Sjoquist has received a generous offer from Grit Turner for a Pugh Quarry Calcite specimen to be used as a memorial for Betty Patterson. She will contact Grit to procure the specimen. Thank you, Grit.

Old Business: Roger Laylin is firming up payment to the Okemos Masonic Lodge for the rental of the membership meetings site, starting in the fall of 2013. The fee will be \$75 per evening.

May 16, 2013 will be the date of the CMLMS banquet, to be held at the Okemos Masonic Lodge. Sue will contact the lodge.

New Business: Banquet tickets will be available early (Dan) to increase ticket sales.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans made a motion, seconded by Roni Sionakides, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretar