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starts at 7 p.m.**



# Rockhound News

This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

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: Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, 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 18, 2018**

**PROGRAM: "Is It Really A Petoskey?" by Theresa Hubbard**

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

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on January 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

**NOTE: Membership meeting time change from 7:30 to 7 pm with doors open by 6:30 pm.**

## **Calendar for winter 2018**

January 18, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

February 1, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

February 15, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

March 1, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

January 18 - "Is It Really A Petoskey?" with Theresa Hubbard presenting on Petoskey stones, the Mineral/Fossil of the Month. Mini silent auction. Bring samples of Petoskey stones to show.

February 15 - To be announced. Mini silent auction.

March 15 - Silent Auction

This month will begin a series of Fossils of the Month, starting with an expanded program on Petoskey stones, our most favorite fossil here in Michigan, and it's various disguises. Not all Petoskey stones are Petoskey stones. Come and learn the true identity of an ancient coral that frequently washes up on the shores of northern Lake Michigan and occasionally in gravel deposits. Our guide for the trip will be Theresa Hubbard. She will have samples of true Petoskey stones and their close cousins. Bring your own samples to show and talk about. Let's get the discussion started!

## **TRANSITIONS**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of member, Dr. John C. Crockett, on December 21, 2017 in Detroit. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family. It was a pleasure to know John and we appreciated his enthusiasm about rocks and minerals.

## **A Note from our President, Sue Casler**

Happy New Year 2018!! Hard to believe it's been 18 years since the Y2K and some thought it would bring chaos and disruption to the world!

And it's hard to believe that our Roster Secretary, Ernie Aughenbaugh, has been in that

position for 18 years! I couldn't believe it when he said he had been doing that job since 1999! It's no wonder he said he would like to "retire" from the position. We all need to give Ernie a **BIG** thank you for all the years he has kept such good track of "us" - handling our dues payments, receipts, membership cards, badges and more! Thank you Ernie for your dedication, service and excellent job at Roster Secretary for the CMLMS!

In the transition, Elaine Beane (currently the club Treasurer) will also be taking care of Roster Secretary activities. I have volunteered to do Roster Secretary when my term ends as President, but if anyone else would be interested in the Roster Secretary position, please speak up and let us know.

Also, please let Elaine B. or Roni know if your address or email changes. The club directory and newsletter mailing is based on the membership information.

On another note, our Liaison Officer, Alan Hukill, resigned his position in October, 2017, as such, the club has a new mailing address: CMLMS, P.O. Box 24202, Lansing, Michigan, 48909. We also wish to thank Alan Hukill for his long time service to the club, not only as Liaison Officer, but also Treasurer for many years and he was involved in many other "Facets" of the Society! Thank you, Alan!

### **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Library Chair - maintains the library, checks books out and in.

Liaison Officer.

### **From the Membership**

1. Theresa Hubbard said that a dealer at Mega Mall Antiques, located on north Old 27, just south of Clark Road, has been offering some fine samples of fossils collected a long time back in the Green River Formation of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

2. Roger Laylin has cutting oil for \$8 a gallon.

3. Dave Berquist, will be an invited speaker at the Portland Historical Society meeting on January 27, 7 p.m. He will be at the Portland Senior Center at 144 Kent Street, Portland. The Center is in downtown Portland. At the intersection of Grand River Ave and Kent Street there is a stoplight. Turn onto Kent Street. The Center is at the center of the block, on the right. Dave will be speaking about the Michigan Basin, salt, and a focus on Salt Springs Park in Saline, Michigan. Free admission. Call Dave at 517 643 2301 for more information.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary**

### **Dues are now being collected for 2018**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2018 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. **DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

## CLUB NEWS

**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. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6136.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

### Field Trips!

None scheduled at this time. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan has an email list of all who want to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**March 2-4: RICHMOND, Indiana,** Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond. Contact Judy Burton, (937) 339-1966; [jleeburton@woh.rr.com](mailto:jleeburton@woh.rr.com).

**March 3-4: LIVIONIA, Michigan,** The Roamin Club Silent Auction. Sat 11 am - 6 pm; Sun 12 - 6 pm. Schoolcraft Community College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia. Contact Clarence Sterling, [c.w.sterling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.w.sterling@sbcglobal.net)

**March 16-18: JACKSON, Michigan,** Michigan Gem and Mineral Society. Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm, Jackson county Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson Street, Jackson. Contact Sally, 517-522-3396.

## CMLMS MINUTES

### CMLMS, Membership Meeting, December 21, 2017

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos, Michigan.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** S. Casler welcomed new members Sally Hedin, Jessica Clark, and Stephen and Robin Smith, and guest Jean.

**President's announcements:** S. Casler congratulated E. Augenbaugh for serving as Roster Chair since 1999.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** E. Beane presented the Treasurer's Report for October 30, 2017 through December 18, 2017.

### Announcements:

1. S. Casler wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
2. M. Gere conducted the installation of officers: E. Beane, Treasurer; D. Berquist, Recording Secretary; S. Casler, President; N. Krupp, Vice-President; T. Hubbard, Corresponding Secretary; L. Laylin, Director 1; C. Tariska, Director 3.
3. T. Hubbard presented Zircon as Mineral of the Month.

**Adjournment:** E. Beane moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by L.

Laylin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted, D. Berquist, Recording Secretary

**CMLMS, Board Meeting, January 6, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Dave Berquist, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Angstman, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans, Lyle Laylin, Dan Sine, Chuck Taricska.

**Members Present:** None.

**President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The flyers prepared for the rock silent auction at Schoolcraft College were discussed. The new postal box number was discussed.

**Vice-President:** Nate Krupp is seeking speakers for membership meetings. Suggestions were offered by several Board members.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane presented the Treasurer's Report for October 30 through December 18, 2017.

**Recording Secretary:** Dave Berquist recorded the Minutes of the Board meeting. He asked for guidance about managing the records received from the previous Recording Secretary. Members made suggestions.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard said the Memorial for Robert Mosher is in progress.

**Directors:** Director 1 Lyle Laylin, absent, no report; Director 2 Gaylord Brooks, absent, no report; Director 3 Chuck Taricska, absent, no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Elaine Beane with assistance by E. Augenbaugh. There was a discussion about including various types of members in the calculation of the payment for insurance fees to the Midwest Federation.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant.

**Past President:** Elaine Angstman, absent, no report.

**Membership:** Dave Berquist, no report.

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine, absent, no report.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides, reminded the board that the newsletter deadline is Monday at 8 a.m.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard said she is willing to speak about corals. The classification of coral as Petoskey stones was discussed. Having a Fossil of the Month was discussed.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans, absent, no report.

**Library:** Vacant.

**Display:** Vacant.

**Finance:** Milt Gere, no report.

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin, absent, no report.

**Show:** Roger Laylin provided information about arena and table rental costs went up. Fees paid by dealers were discussed. After discussion there was mutual agreement to increase the fee.

**Old Business:** Dave Berquist handed out draft cards for giving information about the Society to persons indicating interest in the Society. Board decided to have cards with one color.

**New Business:** Sue Casler discussed making a donation to the Okemos Library in appreciation for the use of the meeting room. Elaine Beane **moved to donate \$100 to the Okemos Public Library**, seconded by Roger Laylin, approved by voice vote.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. The motion received a second by Roger Laylin, approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, David Berquist, Recording Secretary