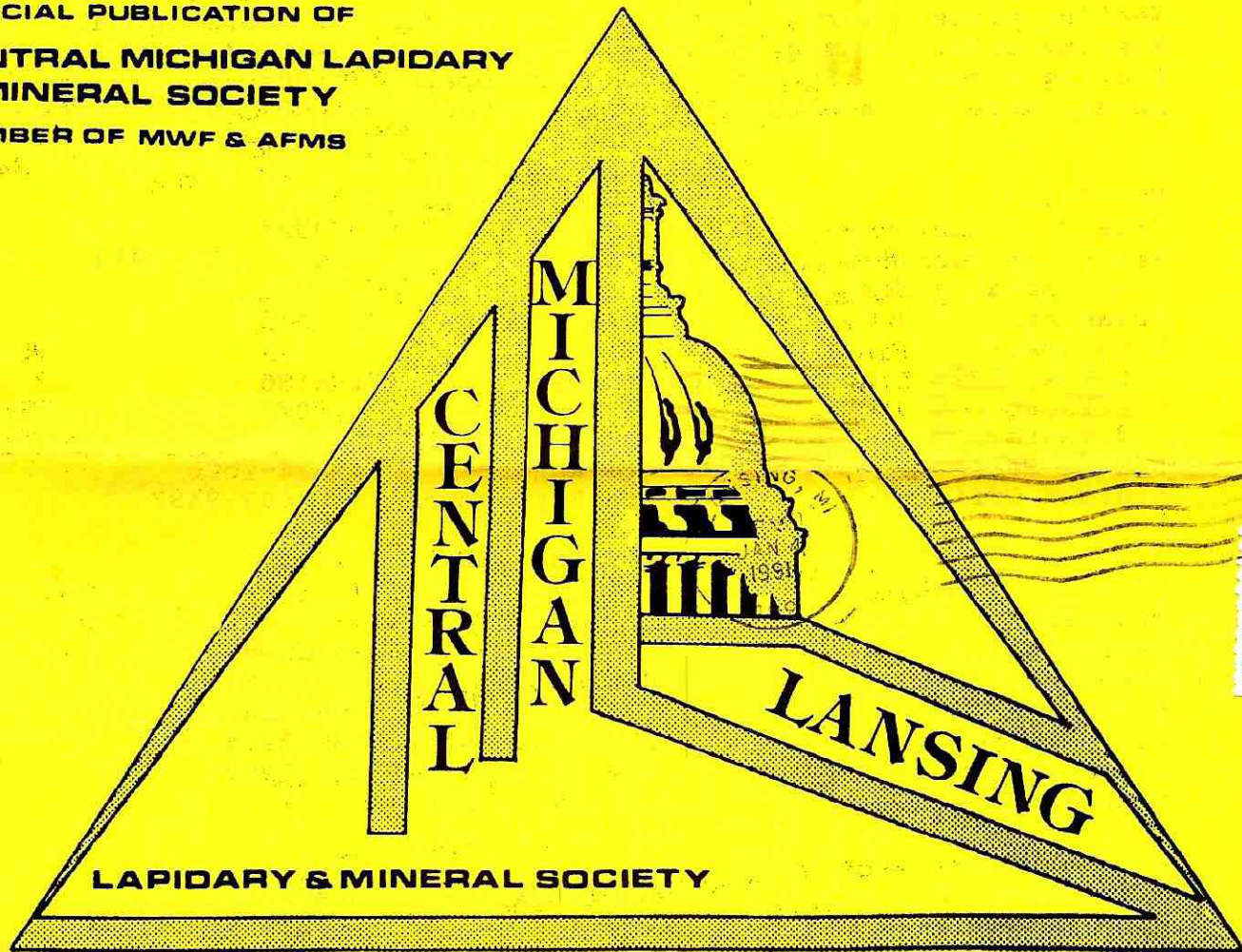


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May, 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August
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DON'T FORGET THE CLUB POTLUCK: SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 1:30pm,
ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP HALL

GRIT'S REPORT

Now that the holidays are over and a New Year has started, I'm looking forward to serving the club and its members for the coming year. However, I'll need the help of all the members to keep the club strong and growing. Thanks in advance for your support because I'll sure be calling on you for that much need help!

Grit

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT -- Don Lohrer

The Society extends their deepest condolences to the family and friends of two of our life members. Miss Jeannette Sloan died December 31 and Mrs. Ruth Hillis passed away New Years day. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families as we too share their sorrow.

We also extend get well wishes to Wilma Hopkins who hasn't been feeling up to par lately. We hope to see both John and Wilma again real soon.

Are you getting cabin fever? Now is a good time to explore our library. We have a wealth of information on all phases of our hobby. You can brush up on old techniques or learn some new ones. Get a comfortable chair, some coffee, and a snack or two and let your imagination soar. See Jean Ann before or after the meeting. She will be happy to help you.

Respectfully,
Don Lohrer

THANK YOU

Milo Hillis and all of his family would like to express their thanks to the club members who offered their help and support upon Ruth's death. The cards, flowers and food are very much appreciated. Thanks also to all the folks who stopped by at the Chapel and house.

HAS ANYONE SEEN THE CLUB PROJECTOR STAND?

It has come to the attention of the program chair that the club's slide projector stand has been missing since approximately June of 1989.

The stand is collapsible, and is labeled "Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society."

If you happen to have this item stored in your home or garage, please give Mary Gowans a call: 351-6136!

DUES ARE DUE

If I don't have your dues by the February meeting, you will not be included in the 1991 Directory.

Roster Secretary
Bessie Rogers

SMALL SPECIMENS NEEDED

As you sort through the material you collected this summer (or the past several summers!), please keep in mind that Lila and Richard Stevens need small specimens to use in the show grab bags. Large chunks which can be broken up are also helpful.

Grab bags are meant to be fun and educational. Please label your donations with the rock or mineral type and collecting location!

CONCLUDING SHOW BOARD MEETING FOR 1990

Wm. Rogers, 1990 Show Chair, asks that all 1990 Show Committee Chairs bring their final reports and folders to the February regular board meeting. The meeting will be held at Okemos Community Church unless you are notified otherwise.

1990 FINAL SHOW FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Receipts	\$6,624.56
Total Expenditures	<u>4,442.39</u>
Net Gain	2,182.17

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Miller
Treasurer

DON'T MISS THE JANUARY POT LUCK

For January's "field trip," we will be having a pot-luck at the Alaiedon Township Hall on Sunday, January 20 at 1:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, cups and other eating tools.

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 food. This year Bettie Patterson will be showing slides of her recent trip to England and Wales. I hope to see you there.

Alaiedon Township Hall is located at 2021 West Holt Rd., 1/2 mile east of Okemos Rd. So mark your calendars for January 20, bring the whole family, and enjoy a Sunday afternoon of fun and good food.

EDUCATION -- Florence Hill

The mineral of the month will be goethite, a hydrogen iron oxide. David Piotrowski will give a description of this mineral. If you have any specimens in your collection, please bring them to the meeting.

What would you like to learn about our hobby? Or learn to do in related arts? At our meeting January 17 you will be asked to indicate your choices. The education committee will find a means of helping you learn -- group study, one-on-one, regular classes or something. Here are some possible areas to explore. Can you think of more?

geology study	fossil study	mineral study
crystals	sawing slabs	cabochon making
faceting	silversmithing	sphere making
polishing star rubies & sapphires		gem trees
rock tumbling	hand polishing soft stones	
gypsum carving	slate carving	bead stringing
wire wrap jewelry	setting stones	sand bottles
sand pictures	creating with tumbled stones	

If you can lead or instruct any of these areas of interest, please tell us. Your help will be appreciated. If you can't be at the meeting, or would like to talk about your ideas, call an education committee member:

David Piotrowski	353-7912
Lila Stevens	321-4379
Florence Hill	349-3554

(If you would like to be on this committee call one of the above too! We can use your ideas>)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Whenever you give a talk or demonstration on our hobby, please call a member of the education committee so we can make it a matter of record. This month, the Tripps offered this account of their activities:

"For the last two years, we have provided educational displays of lapidary and minerals, etc. in Dr. Douglas Gray's waiting room in Mason. Dr. Gray is a dentist.

Dr. Gray is interested in the gem and minerals, and has had a display case constructed for us to use. We keep changing the contents of the display every 6-8 months. We use the CML&MS logo for identification." -- Larry & Lorna Tripp

DOOR PRIZES AT THE DECEMBER MEETING WERE WON BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: Richard Miller, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bessie Rogers and George Olds.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY -- GOOD READING!!

Rocks & Minerals (Eyewitness Books) by Dr. R.F. Symes and the staff of the Natural History Museum, London c.1988

While the Eyewitness Books are intended for children, it won't take you long to realize that this is a great book for anyone to enjoy!

Rocks & Minerals divides the subject matter into 29 topics, from "The Earth" to "Collecting rocks and minerals." In between, you will find coverage of the basic rock types, properties of minerals, fossils, crystal shapes and the many uses of rocks and minerals.

What makes this book especially appealing is that it teaches primarily through photographs, with short but scientifically accurate captions.

Sleuthing Fossils: The Art of Investigating Past Life by Alan M. Cvanara; Wiley Science Editions, c. 1990

At the January Board meeting, Neil Snapp was grumbling about the fact that most fossil books seem to be written in England and feature photos of fossils from that country. Well Neil and other fossil lovers, this may just be the book for which you have been searching. The author is a professor of geology at the University of North Dakota and almost all of the featured fossils are of American origin.

Cvanara does an amazingly good job of creating a text that is enjoyable to read, even for a non-fossil person like myself. I especially appreciated the fact that scientific terms are put in bold face, pronunciation is provided, and a definition is included in the text. (No hip-hopping to a glossary is required!)

This is not an identification guide, but rather an attempt to illuminate the scientific process of paleontology which all fossil collectors should find helpful. In addition to straight forward "how to" chapters, the author includes descriptions of specific studies by himself (on the Cannonball fossils of North Dakota), Robert Bakker (new ideas about dinosaurs) and Jack Wolfe (determining paleoclimate from plants.)

Ontario Canada Minerals

No, it's not a book, but rather a great poster that Vickie & I found while sorting through the library this summer. It provides beautiful pictures of some of Ontario's minerals, a brief geological history, collecting hints and addresses of Ontario Lapidary and Mineral Clubs. This could be useful if you are giving a presentation, or planning a collecting trip to Ontario!

Don't forget the
pot luck - January 20!

UPDATE ON BLM FOSSIL REGULATIONS

The latest SNAFU with the fossil collecting regulations that have been bantered about by Congress includes a move which will keep the latest version of the regulation from being published in the Federal Register.

If this latest draft is not published in the Federal Register, the public (i.e. amateur collectors like ourselves) will not be able to offer comment on the legislation.

John Boland, Environment/Legislation Chairperson of the Midwest Federation, has sent a petition for club members or any other interested persons to sign. It states the following: "Representatives of the BLM, Forest Service, Geological Survey, State Geologist, Museums, Paleontologists Societies, Commercial Dealers and Amateurs reached a consensus agreement on the recommendations of the National Academy of Science for fossil collecting on Public Lands. We request that this policy guidelines draft be published in the Federal Register for public comment."

Copies of the petition will be available at the meeting, please add your signature. Call Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski (353-7912) if you would like a copy and can't come to the meeting

THE ROCKHOUND by Jessie L. Morlan via Montana Council
Reporter 6/90 and Tulip City Conglomerate 12/90

I tramp through the hills,
My eyes to the ground,
Along the stream banks
Where agates are found.

Plagued by mosquitoes
And burns by the sun,
I'm covered with mud
But ain't I got fun!

All of my friends think
I'm out of my mind,
Where do I put all
The rocks that I find?

My House is so full
Some are left outdoors,
Some are in boxes
And other in drawers.

Rocks in my cupboards
And under my bed
That's why people say
I've rocks in my head!

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CALENDAR

- January 17 Regular Meeting, North School, 7:30
- January 20 Club Potluck, Alameda Township Hall, 1:30pm. Bring a dish to pass and your own eating and drinking implements. ^{Be} there!
- February 7 Board and 1990 Show Board Meeting
Okemos Community Church

UPCOMING SHOWS

- March 9-10 Roamin Club Auction; Schoolcraft College; Waterman Campus Center Bldg., 18600 Haggerty Rd. Livonia
Sat. 11am-6pm Sun. 12-6pm
- March 22-24 Flint Rock & Gem Club, Williams Community Education Center
3501 Minnesota Ave., Flint
- March 23 19th Metro Rock Swap sponsored by the Dearborn Club. Sheridan Community Center on Pardee Rd. near the Taylor Library. You may swap, sell or buy.
\$12 per 8 ft. table