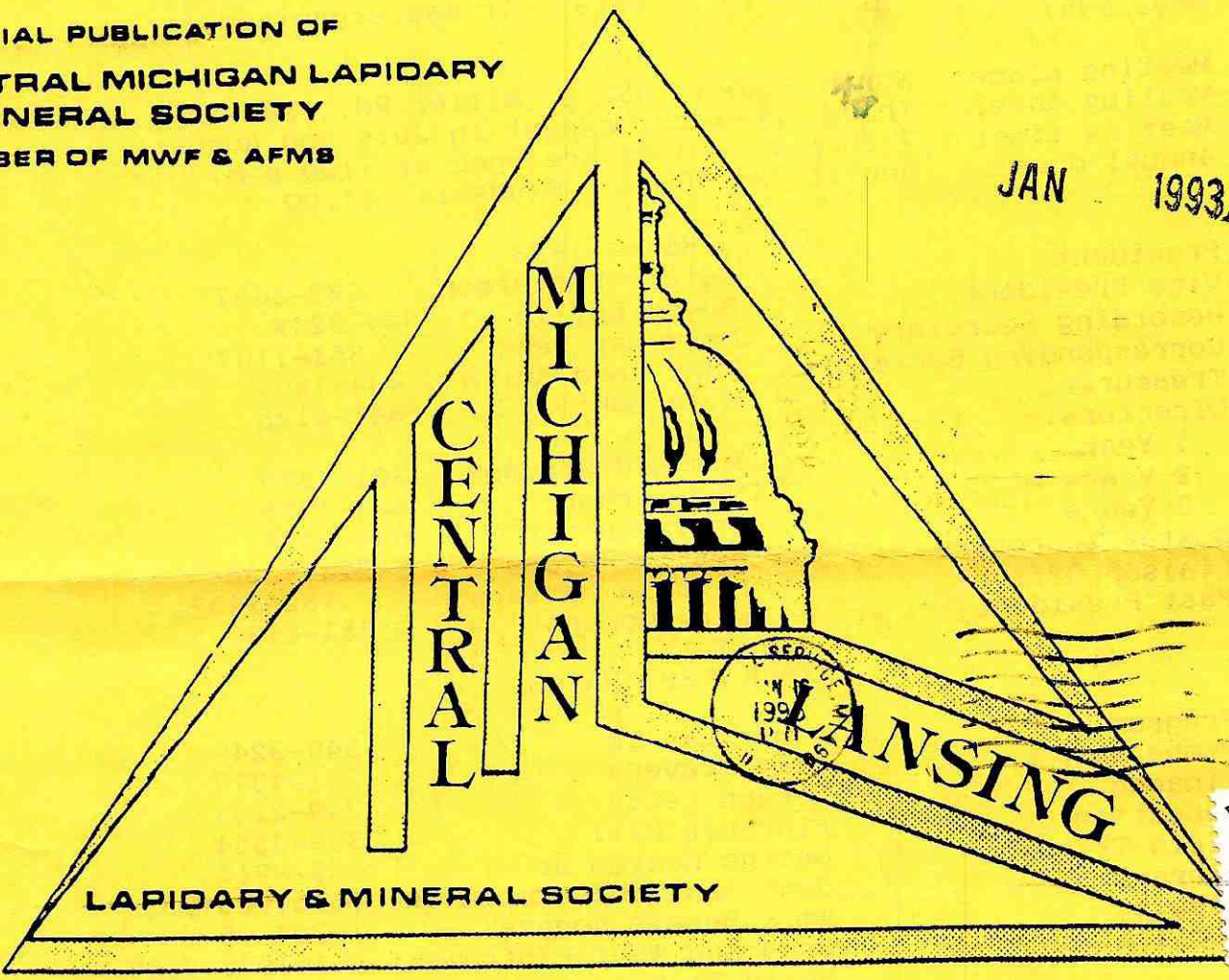


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, peletontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May, 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing, MI
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August
Meeting time: 7:30 p.m. Doors are open at 7:00 p.m.
Annual dues: Adults \$3.00 Students \$1.00

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! My wish for all of you is a wonderful, happy, healthy and prosperous year!

I'm hoping the year 1993 will be a fun and learning time for all members of our society — and it will be, if we all work together. I'm asking the committee chairmen to get more members involved in our activities, so if you are called to serve on a committee, say, "YES, I'll be GLAD to help." The more one participates, the more one enjoys our society.

The year 1992 for CML&MS is a hard act to follow, but let's try to make 1993 the best yet!

Bettie Patterson
President

JANUARY MEETING ACTIVITIES (JANUARY 21)

Those members able to arrive at the meeting by 7:00 are encouraged to come early and assist in preparing materials for the kids table at our 1993 Show! Lila Stevens is letting no snow settle under her feet, and is ready to begin assembling petoskey stone polishing kits; and, to begin bagging stones for the grab bags. This is a fun job that requires no previous training. Please come and lend a hand.

Our club membership gets a boost each year as a result of the annual show. There is no denying that "the Show" is the one time of the year that almost all of our members have a chance to be involved— it's exciting and fun. Your Board (consisting of officers and committee chairs) would like to see this level of excitement continue throughout the year. A portion of the January meeting will be devoted to an exchange of ideas between the general membership and committee chairs. We would like to answer any questions you may have; receive suggestions for future club activity; and, welcome any help you are willing to offer the club. This is your chance to find out about traditional club workings; but more importantly, your chance to help fashion the future of our club. PLEASE COME AND GIVE US YOUR INPUT!!!!

Roger Laylin reports that he has reserved a slide presentation on the geology and minerals of the Rutherford Mine in Amelia, Virginia. This locality may sound a bit familiar. As mentioned in the December Rockhound News, a 2,000 carat garnet was found at this old mine on September 1, 1991. Time permitting we may view the program at our regular meeting. If not, it will be presented at the potluck on Sunday!

Where do all the cookies and other goodies come from at each meeting? Lila Stevens is working on a method to assure that we have plenty of snacks! Until we are better organized, could we please have a few willing souls contribute this month? This may be your chance to unload the last of your Christmas baking!

FOR YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT...COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS FROM OUR CLUB CONSTITUTION. IS THERE ONE THAT INTERESTS YOU?

ARTICLE VII - Committees

There shall be seven permanent committees. Membership, Field Trip, Publications, Education, Library, Display and Financial. These committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President for a term of one year and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors. If, and when, the Society approves holding a Gem and Mineral Show, the President shall also appoint a Show Chairperson for the term of one year. All Chairpersons shall be voting members of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors.

The Membership Committee shall (1) arrange for and propose such persons for membership as will contribute to a healthy and active Society, (2) present all nominations for membership, with recommendations, to the Board of Directors for final action, (3) forward to the Roster Secretary all applications received, with the accompanying dues, after Board acceptance, and (4) be responsible for the welcoming duties to members and guests.

The Field Trip Committee shall (1) investigate localities and determine field trips, (2) make all necessary arrangements with the proper authorities, (3) secure guides and provide information regarding the objectives of any trip (4) instruct the membership regarding hazards, safety, and anti-litter restrictions, and (5) enforce compliance by the visiting group with proper precautions and ethical conduct.

The Publications Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) The monthly newsletter which shall carry notices of the meetings and current activities of the Society.
- (2) The Directory of Members. This publication shall be issued annually, it shall contain a list of (a) all members in good standing, classified in accordance with Article III, (b) the officers and committee chairpersons, and (c) the past presidents with year served.

(3) Any additional publications needed by the Society.

The Publications Chairperson shall have full authority for the content of all publications within the limits of the Constitution.

The Education Committee shall (1) ascertain the needs and wishes of the membership, and formulate and execute an educational program policy, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, (2) investigate courses of instruction that may be of interest to substantial numbers of Society members and offer recommendations and information thereon, (3) sponsor and organize such special courses, and (4) sponsor such other forms of exchange of information, identification, or education as may appear desirable.

The Library Committee shall carry on all operations of the Library of the Society, including recommendations to the Board of Directors for the purchase of new accessions. The Library Committee Chairperson shall appoint the Scrapbook Editor who shall be responsible for compiling in permanent form a Scrapbook of the Society's activities. The completed Scrapbook shall be deposited in the Society Library.

The Display Committee shall be responsible for (1) maintaining the permanent display case, (2) exhibiting on behalf of the Society at shows, (3) notifying members of area shows and enlisting members to display at these functions, and (4) the acquisition and care of display specimens belonging to the Society.

The Financial Committee shall be responsible for (1) preparing a budget for the succeeding year, and (2) making recommendations to the Board for specific projects requiring funding. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

The Show Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, the immediate past Show Chairperson, the Director serving his/her third year of office, the Treasurer and any committee member appointed by the Chairperson, as needed. This committee shall (1) plan and conduct a Gem and Mineral Show, (2) submit a budget by the February Board Meeting for approval by the Board of Directors, and (3) submit a final accounting and report to the Board of Directors and to the Society no later than the second meeting of each, following the Show. Any and all expenditures of \$100.00 or more, must have prior approval by the Chairperson, Director and Treasurer.



How Much Iron?

The following list of iron ore minerals indicates the amount of their iron content by percentage:

- Magnetite - 72%
- Specular hematite - 70%
- Hematite (soft) - 70%
- Goethite - 63%
- Siderite - 48%
- Taconite - 30%

- Iron Industry Museum exhibit, Negaunee, Mich.

Via The Rockpile
(Dearborn)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1993 DUES?

Please check your mailing label on this newsletter for an orange dot. If you have one, that means your 1993 dues have not yet been paid.

If you wish to remain a CML&MS member and have your name appear in our '93 directory, you must get your money to Bessie Rogers by February 18 (meeting night.) Remember, dues are only \$3.00 -- a real bargain.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the month of December, cards of sympathy were sent to the family of John Potter, the family of Eileen Owen and the family of Don Clarke.

John, a life member, and his wife Marge, owned Potter's Pebble Palace in Lowell. As dealers, they were well known throughout Michigan. When he became ill three years ago, John and Marge donated much material to the club. It was incorporated into the silent auction and the children's table. He will be missed by his many friends in the club.

Eileen, also a life member, passed away December 27. A quiet and unassuming club member, she will be remembered and missed by many. Cards may be sent to her daughter, Dee Montgomery, at 64 Meade, Lansing MI 48917-9605.

Milo Hillis was reported to be hospitalized in December at Ingham Medical with pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the January meeting.

Member Joe Austin was in a car accident during December. Thankfully he was not seriously injured, but his car was almost totaled in the hit and run accident. He has recovered and we all wish him our best.

A card was sent to Lou Ann Harvey (wife of member Dale.) She is in Sparrow Hospital and would appreciate cards from friends. Hope you are up and about soon Lou Ann!

Dr. Aureal Cross, who delivered the delightful and informative talk on paleontology at our November meeting, has had open heart surgery (a triple bypass.) We wish him a speedy recovery.

"big shoes" to fill
grateful

MEMBER CLARENCE MORGAN SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

We have just learned via the Livingston Bulletin that club member Clarence Morgan had a heart attack the day after Christmas while visiting in Arizona. Bettie Patterson contacted Hazel and found that Clarence is progressing well, and was to try getting up for a bit today (1-15). Hazel and Clarence are staying with their daughter. Cards may be sent to her address:

Bonnie Gibbons
8303 W. Donald Drive
Peoria, AZ 85382

DON'T MISS THE JANUARY POTLUCK — George Heaton, Jr.

For our January "field trip" we will be having a potluck at the Alaiadon Township Hall on Sunday, January 24 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 good food. As of board meeting time, entertainment plans are not set. I hope someone who might have been on an interesting trip this past summer might have some nice slides and would be willing to volunteer to show them at the potluck. If not I may have to show some of my old reruns that most everyone has already seen.

EDUCATION — Florence Hill

Identification will be continued, with Barbara Smith being the lucky person to bring in specimens she wishes to have identified at the January meeting.

If you have some rocks you would like identified by our knowledgeable members, register your name, phone number and number of specimens to be studied. You will be notified when to bring your rocks to a meeting.

Want to learn more about some branch of our hobby? Sign up at the January meeting. Or call any member of the '93 Education Committee and ask for help. WE will set up some form of study for you. Education Committee members are:

Florence Hill, Chair	349-3554
Dale Harvey	321-4253
David Piotrowski	(616)948-9589
Chuck & Barbara Smith	371-3247
Lila Stevens	321-4379

At the January meeting, David Piotrowski will show us more specimens of basic rocks and explain their formation.

Helpful hint...

You can "candle" translucent stones just as you do eggs: get a 2 pound coffee can, punch a hole in the bottom, place it upside down over a light bulb, hold the stone over the hole and you will be able to "see" inside the stone much better than any other method.

the Rockpile via Border Gem Chatter

ROCKHOUND WEDDING VOWS- Evelyn Adams in Chip & Lick via The Rockpile 1/93

I hereby promise to face sunburn, broken nails, aching back; wear ill-fitting clothes; get wet; brave the cold, damp, snakes, bugs, mosquitoes; carry a heavy sack full of rocks long distances; eat mushed sandwiches; drink cold coffee; and, smile at the end of the day and say, "Gee! Wasn't that fun. I can't wait until our next rock hunt!"

HOW TO GET CANADIAN MINERAL STAMPS via The Rockpile

The stamps are printed in a ten-stamp pane layout having five stamp designs, and are denominated at 42 cents (Canadian.) The offering includes a commemorative booklet to mark the 150th anniversary of the Geological Survey of Canada.

The five minerals depicted are copper from British Columbia; sodalite from Bancroft, Ontario; gold crystals, Hunker Creek, Yukon; galena, Little Cornwallis Island, Northwest Territories; and, grossular from Asbestos, Quebec.

The stamp set can be ordered from the National Philatelic Centre with a credit card (Visa or Mastercard) by calling 1-800-565-1336 (toll-free from USA.) To order by mail, write to the National Philatelic Centre; 75 Rue ST Ninian ST; Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2R8, CANADA.

When calling, an account number will be assigned that will facilitate checking on your order or placing orders in the future.

CLUB CALENDAR

- January 21 Regular Meeting, Miller School
7:00 work session for 93 show
7:30 meeting
- January 24 Potluck, 1:30pm, Alaiedon Twp. Hall
2021 Holt Rd.; 1/2 mi. east of Okemos Rd.
- January 28 Board Meeting, 7:30, Meridian Service Center
- February 20 Tentative field trip to the gypsum min
(Michigan Natural Storage) in Grand Rapids

SPRING SHOW CALENDAR (START PLANNING NOW!)

- March 13-14 Roamin Club Auction- Schoolcraft College, Waterman
Campus Center Bldg, 18600 Hagerty Rd. Livonia
Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm
- March 18-20 Jackson Show (Michigan Gem & Mineral Soc.)
"Fossils of Yesteryear"- Fraternal Order of
Eagles, 302 5th St. Michigan Center Thurs 1-9pm
Fri. 10am-9pm Sat 10am-5pm
- March 26-28 Flint Rock & Gem Club Show "Rockhound Fiesta"-
Williams Comm. Education Center, 3501 Minnesota
Ave, Flint Fri & Sat 10am-7pm Sun 12-5pm
- March 31-April 3 Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Show-
Eastbrook Mall, Grand Rapids