

**FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-I: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!**

**A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I hope that you've had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. It looks like it's going to be an excellent year for our club. We've managed to keep in their positions almost all the wonderful Chairpersons who make this an outstanding club. This leaves me looking for only two very important volunteers, a Show Chair and an Assistant Show Chair. If you are interested in either of these two jobs please see me. Remember, you'll have lots of experienced people to help with both jobs.

I'll see you at the meeting and the pot-luck. Larry

**FIELD TRIP SAFETY, JANUARY PROGRAM--** Melissa Tuchowski

I am making it mandatory **for all who plan on participating in field trips this year to attend the January meeting where our program will focus on proper gear and behavior for a safe field trip.** Our speaker will be John Voyer, safety expert and field trip chairman of the Roamin Club. If you are unable to attend this meeting you will need to contact and make prior arrangements with me before you will be able to fieldtrip.

**DUES ARE DUE**

Actually, they are a little past due. Please pay your dues as soon as possible to our new Roster Chairman, Wayne Zittel. Wayne will be happy to take your check (made out to CML&MS) at the January or February meeting. You may also mail it to him at 3401 Walker, Lansing MI 48906. Adult dues are \$5.00 each, Students 18 and younger, \$1.00 each.

**EGG CARTON ALERT--** Florence Hill

Yes, it's egg carton time again! I shall need 300 or so, so bring me what you can. But that's not all.

It will take a lot of specimens to fill the 500 plus cartons needed for our show. And my own reserve of odd pieces is pretty well exhausted. I have on hand-- or am confident of getting-- gypsum, kona dolomite, calcite, taconite, specular hematite and magnetite enough to go in each set. That leaves 3,000 spaces to be filled! It will take lots of different materials (in units of 65 for efficient processing); I will appreciate your gathering for that purpose as you go on collecting jaunts. Specimens need not be of display quality, but should be typical of their kind and worth at least 5 cents.

A heartfelt though belated thank you is due to Phyllis White, Marie Lewis, Margaret Green and my niece Jane Waldron, who nobly came to my rescue last fall and helped produce 517 specimen kits, which were all gone before noon Friday at the show.

**NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP--** Sophie Kauma

Mary Kay Bean and Sophie Kauma visited Red and Bessie Rogers on New Years Eve and delivered a fruit basket. Red was up and about but tires easily. Bessie said he could no longer make any meetings. Both seemed to be at peace with the idea.

Lee Olson under went surgery on Thursday, January 8 but was expected to be realed home on Friday.

Mary Kay missed the January board meeting as she was home with the cold/flu. (Good night to stay in anyway. ed.)

**EDUCATION REPORT**-- Margaret Green

**Mineral of the Month:** Tourmaline Group

**Outreach Educational Opportunities:**

January 17th - Okemos Science is Fun Day, 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m. New High School on Jolly Rd. This is an interesting and enjoyable event, but it also gives our club excellent community exposure. Besides primary demonstrators we would like some volunteers willing to sit in for us while we cruise around on a break.

**Fenner Nature Center Lecture Series:**

January 10th. Florence Hill - Slide tour of Michigan Geology.

Janary 31st. M.F. Green - Focus in collecting.

February 15th. OPEN

March 8th. OPEN

I need volunteers willing to present a lecture topic the last two dates of this commitment. Please call me soon to secure the date of your choice as I need to let Clara Braxton know so she can see that it gets announced in their newsletter too.

**Open House:**

Sunday, January 25th. at Margaret's (4103 Marland, Lansing) 1:00 - 5:00

Interested to know more about the WEB? Here's your chance for a casual exposure.

\*Student Members This is your Open House!

**Plans for 1998**

A short course on mineral identification for easy field identification.

A book discussion circle.

Watch this space for more details.

**Expression of Gratitude**

Serving as Educational Committee chairperson has allowed me to experience the committment to this club loyal members demonsrate on an almost daily basis. I realize that I could not serve this organization in this capacity without the continuing support of these dedicated folks. Thanks for your support and encouragement. In return I have had the priviledge of working with truely admirable, good to know individuals which has enriched my life.

**RADIOACTIVE STONE WARNING** from the AFMS Newsletter 1/98

It is reported from Thailand that there are dangerously radioactive brown cat-eye stones circulating in the world. The radiation level is reported as over 50 times more than allowed by US law. They have apparaently been bombarded with radiation in a nuclear reactor in order to change them from yellow to the much more valuable brown. Indonesia

is believed to be the source of the stones. The altered stones sell for very high prices. It is recommended that one not buy brown cats-eye stones without checking them for radioactivity.

**Chuckles from the AFMS Newsletter 1/98:**

\* Advice for editors: Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

\* When I die, I want to die in my sleep like my grandpa-- not yelling and screaming like his passangers.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

Jan. 22 Regular meeting, 7:30 North School. A-I please bring refreshments.  
Program: Field Trip Safety, required attendance for those who wish to  
field trip this upcoming season

Jan. 25 Open House at the home of Margaret Green

Feb. 21 Field trip: MI Natural Storage Gypsum Mine, Grand Rapids 10am-3pm

**SHOW CALENDAR**

March 7 & 8 Roamin Club Auction. Schoolcraft College, Waterman Campus  
Center Bldg, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia. Sat. 11-6,

Sun 12-6. Free.

March 21 Metro Rock Swap (Dearborn Club). Democratic Club of Taylor,  
23400 Wick Rd., Taylor (just East of Telegraph). 10am-  
5pm. Free.

April 8-11 Indian Mounds Show. Eastbrook Mall, Corner of 28th St.& East Beltline (M-  
37),  
Grand Rapids. 10am-9pm Free

April 24-26 Mount Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 N. Groesbeck.  
Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-6.

May 2-3 Cincinnati Show. Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Ave, Cincinnati.  
Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.

May 1-3 Kalamazoo Show. Fairgrounds County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St.  
Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Admission \$2.00, under 12 free with Adult.

May 8-10 Flint Show. IMA Sports Arena, 3501 Laper Rd (Center Rd. exit off I-69 to  
Lapeer Rd.). Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 12-5. Adults  
\$4.00, 12-17 \$1.00.

May 15-17 Dearborn Show. Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan & Greenfield.  
Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5:30

June 26-28 Lawrence County IN show/swap. Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington  
Indiana. Fri. 10-7, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4. Camping \$6.00  
per night. Free admission.

June 27-28 MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Washtenaw Commmunity College, 4800 E.  
Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor MI. \$10.00 per day, advance \$8.00 per  
day. See Grit & Alice Turner for more information.

July 17-19 16th Annual Show. Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, Ontario. CA  
Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

Aug. 8 Ishpeming Swap, Negaunee MI

Aug. 11-15 MWF/AFMS Show, Convention & Red Metal Retreat. Houghton MI  
[www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrnc/](http://www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrnc/)

Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.





