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SPECIAL ISSUE
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Rockhound² 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, 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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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 20, 2014

PROGRAM: DVD, Norwood Chert

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on February 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Winter 2014 and later

February 20, 2014 - Membership meeting, Norwood Chert, DVD

February 26, 2014, Wednesday; Bennett Woods Family Science Fair

March 6, 2014 - Board meeting - Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m.

March 10, 2014 - Newsletter deadline

March 20, 2014 - Membership meeting

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

February, 2014: DVD, Norwood Chert.

March, 2014: Silent auction. Bring items you wish to sell-use sales slips that are on website.

Members keep the money. Get started on this fun event NOW.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kurt Jarman of Mt. Pleasant, MI

Jay Kalk of Golden valley, MN

A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh Dues are now being collected for 2014!!!

Contact Ernie at esaslapidary@hotmail.com or 989-224-7619, or at the membership meetings to get paid up. His address is P.O. Box 67, St. Johns, MI 48879-0067.

And the following supplementary message

Directory for 2014

As the Assistant Publication Directory Editor for this year I counted prior to beginning work and to my dismay find that there are 42 members that have not yet paid their DUES for the year, they are "due by the February meeting" according to the Club Constitution and By Laws. Now then in order to produce the required Directory of Members in a timely manner it would be sincerely appreciated if those as of the yet unpaid persons would make a determined effort to forward the appropriate fee to the Roster Secretary ASAP, or better yet at the February Meeting.

Thank You. Roger Laylin , Asst.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

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 or 517-351-6135.

From the Librarian: There are several members and past members who have books checked out. I ask that all books be returned as I am trying to review and up date the contents and condition of collection in the Library. **I need all books to be returned as soon as possible.** If you cannot bring them to the February meeting either mail them or contact me to arrange for their delivery. Lee Laylin, Librarian. Ph 349-3249 or l.r.laylin@gmail.com

UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIRS/EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS

February 26, 2014, Wednesday; Bennett Woods Family Science Fair. CMLMS is invited to participate again and we can set up at 5:30 pm. Start time is 6:30 pm. CMLMS members are invited to participate in this fun event by bringing a display or specimens and talking to the students and families about them. Bring something or just come to help out and join the fun. Please let Mary Gowans know if you are planning on coming again this year. Bennett Woods Elementary School is located 2650 Bennett Road, Okemos, Michigan.

MAY BANQUET

Banquet date is May 15, 2014, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. The speaker will be The Agate Lady, Karen Brzys. Karen is a well-known expert on agates who has written books, created DVDs, developed online courses and on-site courses, and created agate works which she sells at shows. She also has the Gitche Gumee Museum in Grand Marais, Michigan. Mark the date! (www.agatelady.com). Members are encouraged to bring guests and a display of agates. Tickets are now available - \$10 adults, \$5 children. Contact Ernie at esaslapidary@hotmail.com or 989-224-7619, or at the membership meetings.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! Dan says he'll start planning field trips for this year when he sees the green of the grass!!! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov

February 22, 2014 - Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact person is Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). Expect to find selenite, alabaster gypsum, epsomite hairs, and fossils. There is a \$3 fee for entering the mine to cover the cost of electricity and elevators. There are specific directions and those are available from Dan Sine.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club (jwphilipps@gmail.com) has invited CMLMS members to participate in their summer trip and the information was distributed: June 20-28, 2014, Wyoming. Collecting will be at many sites for specimens such as agate, moss agate, various petrified woods, jasper, fossils, opalized wood, fish fossils. Contact Jim Philipps if you are able to join them; be sure you mention your membership in CMLMS.

Cincinnati Dry Dredgers(drydredgers.org). They are having a GeoFair on May 3-4 and have scheduled field trips in 2014.

Minimum age for 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.

**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.

YouTube and Nature!

Check out the Brainscoop on YouTube.com on the internet. This is a production of the staff at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago with at least 60 short videos. The website has a search feature so put in 'brainscoop' and look around. The Gem Room video runs about 10:45 minutes and has some fantastic gem stones and jewelry featured. And, oh, yes! There's a Grossometer for the kids on the more 'icky' stuff!

Upcoming shows

March 1-2, 2014: Special Auction, sponsored by the Roamin Club, of over 1500 mineral and lapidary items, hourly silent and verbal auctions, 'mini' table, hourly door prizes, etc. Saturday 11 - 6, Sunday 12 - 6. Schoolcraft College, Visatech Center Building, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI. Contact Todd Gall 248-348-5093.

March 11, 2014: Michigan Mineralogical Society Social and Swap, 7 pm, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI

March 14-16, 2014: Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show "Rock Your world," Friday 11-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-5. Jackson County Fairgrounds, American One Event Center, 200 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI. Info: Sally 517-522-3396

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, January 16, 2014

Call to Order. The January membership meeting was called to order by Vice President Sue Casler at 7:40 pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Our speaker for the evening, Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist, was introduced. Also visiting was Brenda Boyer. (even with a cold & snowy evening we had about 25 folks in attendance)

Minutes of Last Meeting. The December membership meeting minutes were printed in the January newsletter. The January Board meeting (1/2/14) was cancelled due to the weather. New member application for Mr. Kurt Jarman was approved via email.

Treasurer's Report. No report – K. Wood absent.

Announcements.

*Banquet meal decided on – Chicken dinner

*Email reminder from Mary Gowans – Bennett Woods Science Night is February 26th, setup at 5:30p, event starts at 6:30p. Please let Mary know if you can volunteer to help out.

*Programs: Feb. DVD Norwood Chert; March-Silent Auction

*If you haven't already paid your 2014 dues, please get your money to Ernie Aughenbaugh.

*Door prizes – Dan Sine

Program tonight: “Chert & Granite & Slate, Oh My! Stone Artifacts and Archaeology”, Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist, State of Michigan.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. (Treats & Program followed).

Respectfully submitted, Milt Gere on behalf of Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, February 6, 2014

Board Members Present: Roni Sionakides, Lyle Laylin, Milt Gere, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Dan Sine, Nate Krupp, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Jan Sjoquist.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Alan Hukill, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Mary Gowans.

President: Vice-president Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:16pm at the newly renovated Okemos Library. Sue shared information about the March 1-2 show at Schoolcraft College. This information will be made available to members at the February membership meeting.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist thanked Milt Gere for recording the minutes of the January membership meeting. They have been submitted for inclusion in the February newsletter. The January board meeting was cancelled due to the weather so there are no minutes for submission.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard has been working on the memorial book and has asked for more information on deceased members to include in the book. She provided a list of members that did not have memorials made in their name. Roger Laylin made a motion to **appropriate a \$1000 donation to a Midwest Federation scholarship fund for members not otherwise memorialized.** The motion was supported by Sue Casler. There will be a list of memorialized members included with that donation. A lengthy discussion was held; the motion was passed by the majority of board members. There was one “nay” vote.

Treasurer: Kris Wood absent, report coming via email.

Directors: Milt Gere (1 yr.): No report.

Lyle Laylin (2 yr.): Shared an interesting internet site: you tube, brain scoop. Videos have a focus on museums.

Nate Krupp (3 yr.): Researched scholarship information of the American Institute of Professional Geologists to use as a possible model for CMLMS MSU scholarship. Scholarship committee of Nate, Gordon and Milt will meet to create an application.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh noted that there are many members who have not paid their dues. Another notice will be put in the newsletter.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, absent, no report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent. Report by Ernie of the application for membership by Jay Kalk of Minnesota. Roger Laylin made a **motion to accept Jay Kalk into membership.** Dan Sine supported the motion; a vote was taken; motion passed. Welcome, Jay, into the CMLMS!

Field Trip: Dan Sine reported on the trip to the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine. Five CMLMS

members took part in the trip.

Dan has the May 15 Banquet tickets printed and has turned them over to Ernie Augenbaugh for sales. Sue Casler and Dan are doing 10 door prizes.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: Deadline for the newsletter is February 10. She will include a reminder about the delinquent dues. Because of some travel plans, Roni will need newsletter information immediately after the board meeting in May

Outreach: Mary Gowans absent.

Bennett Woods Family Science Fair: Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Set up is at 5:30. Discussion about the number of tables. Theresa Hubbard is creating an educational display about the production of Iron and Copper and she needs ores. Contact Theresa.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report

Library: In the process of “weeding out” books. A discussion was held about selling books that were memorialized and not checked out. No decision was made. There is not enough storage to house books that are not utilized and it is laborious to bring them in and out at each meeting if there is no demand for the books.

Display: Jan Sjoquist, no report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis distributed the 2014 corrected budget.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin: has received notice of the donation of specimens by the family of Neil Snepp. The amount is considerable and much new space is needed for storage and sorting. We need members to step up and work in the barn or donate some storage space.

Old Business: Not discussed due to time limitation.

New Business: Roger Laylin has agreed to do the membership directory.

Adjournment: Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Roni Sionakides supported the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

Some Messages on Spring. (It's really on the way!)

These were printed in the *Livingstones*, the publication of the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society.

“No winter lasts forever; no springs skips its turn.” - Hal Borland.

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.” - Anne Bradstreet.

And your editor's favorite!

“Winter is icumen in,

Lhude sing Goddamm,

Raineth drop and staineth slop,

And how the wind doth ramm!

Sing: Goddamm!” - Ezra Pound, “Ancient Music,” 1916, paraphrasing Anonymous, “Cuckoo Song,” ca. 1250. (Summer is icumen in, Lhude sing cucu! Groweth seed, and bloweth med, And springeth the wude nu - Sing cucu!)

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BY FEBRUARY
MEETING!!!**