

FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH J-Q: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!

MAKING CABOCHONS is the topic for our February program. There will be a tape and some time for comments by our members who have crafted their own cabs. Please bring some of your cabs and any pieces of equipment that are portable. We'll have a table set up for these items and a place for you to answer questions from the audience. Wear your favorite cabochon to the meeting.

Next month (March) will be our annual silent auction. If you have auction items, please save them for March. We will not have a mini auction in February.

Connie Snepp

GRAND RAPIDS FIELD TRIP, FEBRUARY 21-- Melissa Tuchowski

The February field trip will be to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will meet on Saturday, February 22nd at the Michigan Natural Storage Co. office at 10:00 am. The storage company charges \$2.50 per person. Bring flashlights, lanterns, and spare batteries since the mine tunnels are dark. You will need hammers, sharp chisels, and buckets or boxes to carry tools and rocks. If you collect selenite crystals, you will also need tissue paper to wrap them. The mine is around 54 degrees, so you will probably find it most comfortable to dress in a few layers which you can adjust to your level of activity. Boots and a hard hat, and of course some form of eye protection are recommended. Do not forget to bring a lunch and something to drink. We stay down in the tunnels until about 3:00pm. Also to be noted there are no bathrooms available underground so budget your timing accordingly.

This trip will give us excellent opportunity of gathering "pencil ore" for the children's table. If everyone would be so kind as to gather a few extra pieces to contribute, we will end up with an ample amount for both the children's table and the egg cartons. Types of materials to be collected on this trip will include massive gypsum in the form of "pencil ore", alabaster and gypsum crystals (selenite). Good luck to all!

Directions: Take I-96 to the 28th Street-West exit in Grand Rapids (this will be the 2nd 28th St. Exit). Go west on 28th St. to Clyde Park. Take Clyde Park to Grandville Ave. And turn left (West). Grandville Ave. Becomes Chicago Drive just west of Clyde Park. Take Chicago Dr. to Judd Ave. And turn right (north). Take Judd to Michigan Natural Storage which is on the right just before the railroad tracks. Allow about 1 ½ hours driving time from Lansing.

I sure would appreciate a RSVP to confirm your participation on this trip so that I may have a head count and also phone numbers in case of cancellation due to adverse weather. Questions/concerns please feel free to contact me: (517)339-0459 Hope to see you there...

50 YEARS OLD: THE METALLIC AGE

-Silver Hair-

-Gold teeth-

-Lead bottom-

(contributed by Wayne Zittel, as seen on a sweatshirt)

DUES ARE DUE: from the Roster Rooster (a.k.a. Wayne Zittel)

Last chance to get your name in the new directory. Your annual dues may be paid at the February 19th club meeting or you may still mail your check (made out to CML&MS) to: Wayne Zittel, 3401 Walker St., Lansing MI 48906-3205. Adult dues are \$5.00 each, students 18 and under, \$1.00 each.

“IMPORTANT” NOTICES FROM THE BOARD MEETING:

--Who made the cauliflower and spinach salad for the club potluck??? Please get the recipe to Sally Barber. :)

--The club copier will be sold at the March silent auction. It produces copies with a dark smear and refuses to stay fixed for long. We have declared it “RETIRED.”

--Please get any mineral odds & ends to Florence Hill so she can make up some new “welcome” bags for our new members.

--THANK YOU to this year’s banquet chair: Ed Drown.

--Have you provided any of the following services in 1997? If so, please let Bettie Patterson know NOW as she is in the process of completing the 1998 All American Club Award application:

Service to members away from meetings

Club publicity

Service to other clubs

Service to federations

Service to own region

Service to distant communities or projects

Service to or involvement in public agencies

EDUCATION REPORT-- Margaret Green

Mineral of the Month: Staurolite or “fairy crosses”

Fenner Nature Center Lecture Series:

Sunday, Feb. 15th, 1:30p.m. Neil and Connie Snepp bring fossils to Fenner.

Thanks to Grit, Neil & Connie, Florence, Royal, Gordon, Phyllis, Sue and Lawrence Mouton and Family we had a very successful demonstration at the Okemos Science is Fun Day this past January. Chris Marshall put together a very interesting group of presenters this year. Lawrence probably saw more of the program than anyone else from our club, but we all managed to see at least a few new presentations. Several teachers contacted us about classroom demonstrations.

Mrs. Tyrrell, the coordinator for the Maplewood Elementary Science Night Program contacted me about our being participants. She is interested in a display of Michigan rocks and minerals and the Mirage. The program is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending as a demonstrator, please contact me. I will be unable to fill a slot for this program as I have class that evening. Our club has 3 tables reserved in our name.

Note to the General Membership: Once again I am attending a Thursday evening class. If you need to get in touch with me call me at home or e-mail (Magre@webtv.net)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT -- Mary Kay Bean

***Mary Kay is in Arizona to attend the Tucson Show & have a visit with her parents. I took the liberty of updating & adding to her report. Jean Ann*

Flowers and a card were delivered to both Judith Miller and Norma Kelley on the 23rd of January where they are in serious condition at Sparrow Hospital. I'm certain they would appreciate support from club members, as would Lee Olson who continues to recover from her recent surgery. Cards of cheer were sent to Bettie Patterson with a flower arrangement. Bettie has been battling an upper respiratory infection for quite some time. It was good to see her at the February board meeting.

Also in January, a card of sympathy was sent to Gordon Lewis whose father made his transition earlier this month. Our thoughts are with you.

We are saddened to report that Mary McMahan passed from this life on February 7. She will be buried next to Mac in Pennsylvania. Mary was a long time overseer of the swap table at the show. Our sympathy to her family, especially granddaughter Mary Lou and daughter-in-law Nadine.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

Phillip Colgan (student member)

interests: Archaeology, Cabbings,

112 Wicklow
Eaton Rapids MI 48827 663-7852

interests: Fossils, Lapidary & Minerals
1865 Lansing Rd.
Charlotte MI 48813

Nathan Oesterle
(student member, son of Marvin)
interests: Fossils, Geology & Minerals
877 Hagadorn Rd.
Mason MI 48854

Alexander Kruzel
interests: Fluorescents, Geology, Lapidary &
Minerals
1027 Seymour Ave
Lansing MI 48906

John Johnson

AND Milt, Shar & Jonathan Gere are settled in their new home here in Trollville:
1621 E. Pratt, Dewitt MI 48820. Welcome back :)

CLUB CALENDAR

February 19 Regular meeting, North School, 7:30. J-Q bring refreshments.
Program: Cabochons
February 21 Field trip: Michigan Natural Storage, Grand Rapids. We go down @ 10:00.
March 5 Board meeting, Meridian Twp. Service Center, 7:30.
March 19 Regular meeting & Silent Auction

Useful? Facts from the AFMS Newsletter 2/98

*Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical most commonly
used to clean elephants.
*Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.
*An iguana can stay under water for 28 minutes.

*The first Ford cars had Dodge engines.
*Camel's milk does not curdle.
*Leonardo DaVinci invented scissors.
*Giraffes have no vocal chords.

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.
- March 20-22 Jackson Show. Commonwealth Commerce Center, 209 East Washington, Jackson.
Fri. 1-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$2.00 Seniors \$1.00
- 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
- May 22-23 Falls of the Ohio St. Park, Clarksville IN. Symposium & fieldtrip \$45 including bus & lunches
"The Recent History of the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District." Jean Ann has more info or
<http://www.cismall.com/fallsoftheohio/symposium.html>
- 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 Community 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/
- Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.