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**Silent
Auction
Issue!**



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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 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: Masonic Center, 2175 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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2017

PROGRAM: Silent Auction

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 16, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Winter/Spring 2017

March 16, 2017 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., Silent Auction

March 23, 2017 - Lansing Charter Academy science night

April 6, 2017 - board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

April 20, 2017 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m., speaker

May 4, 2017 - board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

May 18, 2017 - membership meeting, Banquet

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is the **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 20, 2017 - Dr. Michael D. Gottfried, Associate Professor in vertebrate paleontology at MSU will speak on New Zealand invertebrate paleontology

May 18, 2017 - Annual Banquet

June 15, 2017 - Show work bee

SILENT AUCTION IS COMING - BRING LOTS TO SELL!!

Silent Auction information: Now is the time to start thinking about rockcleaning (a more weighty form of housecleaning!) and get together those items you want to contribute to the silent auction. Mineral specimens, jewelry, rock-related equipment, books/magazines may be sold at the silent auction. Please have your auction sheets filled out when you arrive. But if you forget there should be a few available at the meeting. **Also bring change for cashing out.**

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!

Fay and Carl Mennare Jr.

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh

Dues are now being collected for 2017

Membership dues for 2017 are being collected through the end of April at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you are receiving a paper copy and have a red check on the label this will be your final issue. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should

be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. Also, if you receive your newsletter or any other notifications by electronic means, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS CHAIRS

The following chairs need volunteers willing to do a little service to the society:

Display chair: Maintaining the permanent display case, exhibiting on behalf of the Society at shows, notifying members of area shows and enlisting members to display at these functions, and the acquisition and care of display specimens belonging to the Society.

Education chair: Ascertaining the needs and wishes of the membership with regard to courses of instruction, sponsoring and organizing such special courses, educating members through instructional articles in the newsletter and/or presentations at general meetings, and informing the membership of regional educational opportunities.

Library chair: Carrying on all operations of the Library of the Society, including the purchase of new accessions and checking out books to members at meetings.

Roster secretary: Collects all dues, maintains an accurate list of all members with their addresses, provides such list to the editor as it is made, and forwards to the Treasurer all dues received.

CLUB NEWS

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.

March 23, 2017 - Lansing Charter Academy.

April 19, 2017 - Fairview School Science Night. Call Mary Gowans for more information.

May 12, 2017 - Delta Center Science Night, 4:30 setup, show 6-8 p.m.

Attention Outreach Team members and society members. Following is the letter from the Fairview teacher in charge of the Science Night. I know that it is a way off, but please let me know if you are interested and what you will need. So far they are offering an 8-foot table which is not enough.

We cordially invite your organization to participate in this exciting whole family learning event on Wednesday, April 19. It begins at 5:00 PM and ends promptly at 6:30 PM. Our mission is to have students and families learn about various types of sciences and how they relate to their community.

We request that a part of your display highlights at least one career related to your organization. For example, if I had a booth about different types of animals, I could relate wildlife biologist, veterinarian, etc. Our goal is to provide our students with pathways to a dream job, which would include the educational journey and field experiences that may be involved.

We will provide you with one 8 foot table and a light dinner for your participation. Additionally, your company or organization's logo will be featured on our Community Partners wall located in our main lobby.

If you will participate, I will need the following information:

special accommodations (e.g. access to water, low lighting, etc.)

your focus or topic (e.g. dental health, nutrition, exercise, etc.)

updated contact person(s) name, email, phone number

Please contact Mary Gowans if interested in participating in the Fairview Science Night.

Library: Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

Field Trips!

There are no field trips planned at this time. Many of the quarries are no longer allowing rock hounds to have access to their premises for collecting purposes. If you know of any place that will allow enthusiasts to collect, please let Dan Sine or someone on the board know.

Currently Dan is in the process of obtaining an agreement to collect in a quarry in the Onondaga area near the Ingham/Jackson County line with a field trip in April or May and a second trip in June, July, or August. Dates will be announced in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

Trip to Salt Springs Park in Saline, Michigan March 14, 2017

The proposed trip would include:

Car pool to the Senior Center at 1320 Baldwin Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, south of U of M. Scrabble games from 10 to 11:45. They have 6 to 12 players.

They don't serve lunch so we could bring lunches, walk or drive to a restaurant.

In the afternoon visit Salt Springs Park in Saline, Michigan - James Peters of the Michigan Archaeological Society says:

The park is open but undeveloped and in a natural rough state and the footing can be difficult. At this time only the parks commission and the archeology team are operating at the site.

However, let me extend you an offer to allow me to accompany your club into the park. I'll be able to show you some good rocky spots. You may also be able to help me identify some large boulders in the park. We plan to have a future boulder display and I could use some expertise.

If you like I can meet you at the north park entrance off Monroe Street at the city waste treatment plant gate. Pick at a day and time of your choosing. We can proceed from there. Please note that anything of an archaeological nature found in the park remains the property of the city.

2. Mastodon at Natural History Museum, Ruthven Museums Building, 1109 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, open Monday through Saturday, 9 to 5.

For this field trip those that do not play Scrabble can visit the Museum first and then meet the players at Salt Spring Park for the tour. I would play Scrabble and then go to the Park to meet Mr. Peters.

Contact Dave Berquist if interested and for more details at 517-643-2301 or email at 3waverly@gmail.com

Dave Berquist, Membership Chair

UPCOMING SHOWS

March 25: TAYLOR, Michigan, Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock Swap. Sat 10 am - 5 pm. St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph Rd., Taylor. Contact Lou Talley, (734) 837-8920; ltalley1970@gmail.com

April 6-8: WYOMING, Michigan, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Thurs

& Fri 9:30 am - 9 pm; Sat 9:30 am - 8 pm. Roger's Plaza Town Center, 28th St. at Clyde Park, Wyoming. Contact Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616) 243-5851; kreigh@gmail.com

Midwest Federation Annual Meeting, May 2017

The 77th Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual 2017 show of the Cuyuna Agate and Mineral Society from May 6 - 7, 2017. Show will be held at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Each society affiliated with the MWF is entitled to 1 delegate and 1 alternate. CMLMS will sponsor a delegate with a grant of \$300.00 to help pay for banquet, travel milage, etc. Please contact Sue Casler if interested in attending.

BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR TULIP CITY

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club is holding its annual spring banquet and is offering us two tickets. Date is Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6 p.m. punch, 6:15 p.m. potluck, place Howard Miller Community Center, 145 S. Church Street, Zeeland, Michigan. If interested, see Sue Casler.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, February 16, 2017

Call to Order: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Fay and Carl Junior Mennare.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The January Membership Minutes and the February Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the February Newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane, presented the report.

Announcements: 1. March program will be the Silent Auction. Bid slips are available at the meeting. April program will be Mike Godfrey from the MSU Museum on New Zealand invertebrate paleontology.

2. Reminder that dues need to be paid.

3. Upcoming show flyers.

4. Bob Reszka said he and two other geologists are setting up a display at the Harris Nature Center in Meridian township. He talked about a need for donations or help with a large truck to move boulders into place at the center.

Door prizes: Dan Sine presided.

Adjournment: Rick Andrews made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by Lyle Laylin and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Program: Theresa Hubbard presented a slide program on quartz and spoke about safety using silicates in lapidary work. Many members brought in samples of the huge variety of quartz for display.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, acting Recording Secretary.

CMLMS, Board Meeting, February 27, 2017

Board Members Present: Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Dave Berquist, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Chuck Taricska.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Angstman, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lee Laylin, Dan Sine, Jan Sjoquist.

Members Present: None.

President: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. at the Okemos Library. 1) Sue went over the calendar starting with the various science nights: Bennett Woods on March 2,

Lansing Charter Academy on March 9, Fairview on April 19, Delta Center on May 12.

2) Sue will not be at the March 16 Membership Meeting: Nate Krupp will preside.

3) May banquet speaker is still to be decided.

4) There was discussion on stipend for monthly speakers who are not club members.

5) Sue passed around correspondence for Tulip city's banquet on April 26 and the MWF's 77th annual convention in Brainerd, MN on May 6-7, sponsored by the Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society.

Vice-President: Nate Krupp went over the next programs: Silent Auction in March with Dave Berquist doing the mineral of the month on potash; April Dr. Mike Gottfried of MSU speaking on New Zealand paleontology; May banquet; June work bee for show.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane gave the report through the month of February 2017.

Recording Secretary: Janet Sjoquist absent. Roni Sionakides taking minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard - no report.

Directors: Chuck Taricska (3 yr.) no report. Gaylord Brooks (2 yr.), absent, no report. Lyle Laylin (1yr.): no report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, 38 members from 2016 not paid. Discussion about membership and dues payment by members. Ernie wants to resign his position.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, absent, no report.

Past President: Elaine Angstman, absent, no report.

Membership: Dave Berquist presented a membership application for consideration. Elaine Beane made a **motion to accept Fay and Carl Mennare Jr. into membership.** Milt Gere supported the motion, and the motion was carried. Welcome Fay and Carl into CMLMS!

Field Trip: Dan Sine, absent, Milt Gere reported that Dan may have a new gravel mine for a possible field trip. Dave Berquist is working on a day trip to Ann Arbor & Saline Salt Springs Park trip. He thought visitors may be able to collect rocks.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: Newsletter deadline is at 8 a.m. on the Monday following the Board Meeting. Theresa Hubbard wants additional information on the silent auction included in the newsletter.

Education: Theresa Hubbard is finally getting Lansing School District settled from the show.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans, absent. Sue went over Mary's calendar.

Library: Lee Laylin has resigned. The library will use an honor system to borrow books.

Display: Jan Sjoquist, absent - no report.

Finance: Milt Gere has contacted MSU and has a schedule for the scholarship selection. Milt, Lyle Laylin and Jan Sjoquist will meet to make the selection. Scholarship award is \$2,500 this year. Elaine Beane will be alternate on the selection committee.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin - no report.

Show: Ernie Augenbaugh has received three dealer contracts out of the 13 he sent out. All are due back by April 20..

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion on the Harris Nature Center Geological Boulder Trail project that Bob Reszka presented at the February membership meeting. Roger Laylin made a **motion to donate \$500 to the Geological Boulder Trail Project.** Lyle Laylin seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Elaine Beane made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by Lyle Laylin and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary.