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**Silent  
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# Rockhound 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, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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, March 15, 2018**

**PROGRAM: Annual Silent Auction**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - K Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

**NOTE: Membership meeting time change, now at 7:00 p.m. with doors open by 6:30 p.m.**

## **Calendar for winter 2018**

March 15, 2018 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

April 5, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

April 19, 2018 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

May 3, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

March 15 - Silent Auction.

April 19 - TBA

May 17 - Banquet, speaker Mr. Dan Fountain on "Michigan Gold and Silver."

## **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.**

## **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Library Chair - maintains the library, checks books out and in.

Liaison Officer.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary**

### **Dues are now being collected for 2018**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2018 are NOW OVERDUE. Please try to get them paid ASAP so you will not be removed from the list for the newsletter. 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. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

If you are unsure if you have or have not already paid dues for 2018, check with Elaine Beane, current Roster Secretary.

### **CLASS BEING OFFERED**

**Class offered -- by Lansing Makers Network and Milt Gere**

Jewelry making (silversmithing/metalsmithing) class for beginning smiths to be offered Saturday, April 7, 2018. Learn the basics of using cut and solder fabrication methods of metal smithing (silversmithing) jewelry, using copper sheet and wire, etc. All supplies and use of shared tools supplied. Go on to learn to bezel set a cabochon stone and leave with a finished cab-set copper pendant or key fob.

Class information will be listed soon on [www.LansingMakersNetwork.org](http://www.LansingMakersNetwork.org) under 'classes.' Sign up on their link to 'Everbrite.'

### **FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP**

From Dave Berquist

The Portland Area Historical Society (PAHS) asked Dave Berquist to present on the Michigan Basin. This happened at the Portland Senior Center in January. He had posters showing a top-down view of the Basin, a cross-section of it, the mining industry, and a map showing significant minerals and ores in Michigan. Dave thanks Theresa Hubbard for information about salt, Roger Laylin for samples from the Detroit Salt Mine, Nate Krupp for an anecdote about storing blocks of salt in his basement, and James Peters of the Michigan Archaeological Society for a tour of Salt Springs Park in Saline, Michigan.

A video of Dave's presentation is available on the Facebook page of PAHS. For a wry look at the Michigan Basin use *Google*, type "Portland Michigan Area Historical Societ." Dave's show is the first video on the right side of their Facebook page. There are other videos about mounds in the Portland area and local landmarks.

### **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](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6136.

Re: Bennett Woods Science Night

Mary – please share our thanks yet again with your society members for joining us at this year’s Bennett Woods Family Science Night. We had more student project posters and even more families join us last night. It would not be possible without volunteers like your group who are willing to share their love of science with everyone. Thank you again, Kyan.

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

### **Field Trips!**

None scheduled at this time. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan has an email list of all who want to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**March 16-18: JACKSON, Michigan,** Michigan Gem and Mineral Society. Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm, Jackson county Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson Street, Jackson. Contact Sally, 517-522-3396.

Jessica Clark is willing to provide transport for members from Mason to the Mineral Show on March 17 in Jackson, Michigan. Please call her at 517-242-0554 for more information.

**April 5-7: WYOMING, Michigan,** Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Thurs & Fri 9:30 am - 9 pm. Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm. Roger's Plaza Town Center, 28th & Clyde Park. Contact Kreigh Tomaszewski, 653 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, 49507; (616) 243-5851; kreigh@gmail.com.

**April 7-8: CANTON, Ohio,** Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave, Canton. Contact: Scott Walton; (330) 493-5752; 1timothy412@att.net.

**April 28-29: CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio,** Summit Lapidary Club Semi-Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls. Contact: Sandy Shorter, 8510 Grouse Ridge Dr., Chardon 44024; (440) 479-0069; gemboree@outlook.com

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, February 15, 2018**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos, Michigan.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Guests were Renee Leone, Jolanta Piecuch, and Douglas and Peggie Demond.

**President’s announcements:** S. Casler. 1. The Science Fair at Bennett Woods School. M. Gowans said members have committed to be there on February 22. 2. M. Gowans said she is in touch with Fairview Elementary School. No date has been set. She offered to provide

information to interested members.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the Membership meeting on January 18 and the Board meeting on February 1 were published in the February newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** E. Beane said the Society is solvent and has funds for its Mineral Show in October.

**Announcements:**

Jessica Clark is willing to provide transport for members from Mason to the Mineral Show on March 17 in Jackson, Michigan.

**Activities**

Scholarship winner Cameron Andrews spoke of his plans to focus on Environmental Studies at MSU. As a child he became interested in water, Michigan's Lower Peninsula as an inland sea, the uplift of the Lower Peninsula, and glaciers.

**Door Prizes**

D. Sine ran the drawing.

**Program** to follow adjournment: Paleo Joe [Joe Kchodl] presentation of fossils in Michigan.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Bonnie Echardt, seconded by Mary Gowans. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, D. Berquist, Recording Secretary

**CMLMS, Board Meeting, March 1, 2018**

**Meeting was cancelled because of inclement weather**

