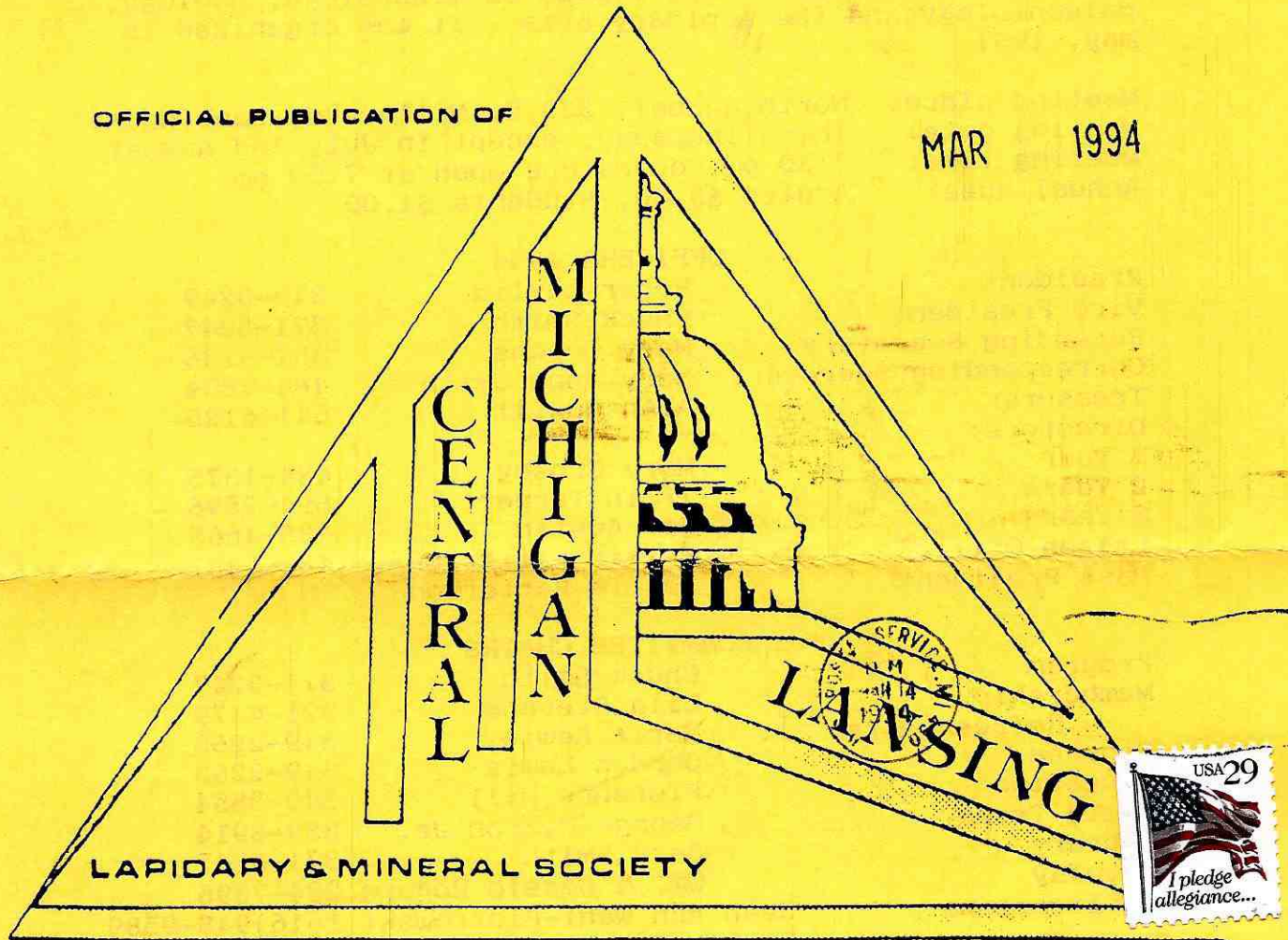


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Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August
Meeting time: 7:30 pm; doors are open at 7:00 pm
Annual dues: Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00

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DO YOU HAVE A BIG ORANGE DOT ON YOUR MAILING LABEL? IF SO, YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES OF \$5.00 FOR 1994. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE AS A MEMBER, PLEASE SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO CML&MS TO: Bessie Rogers, 2222 W. Marshall Rd., St. Johns MI 48879. 41 members have yet to renew their membership.

ROGER'S RAMBLINGS

Hopefully, the warm weather for the February meeting was a good sign of spring and not just a trick of Mother Nature. (Addendum: After Friday's snow, Saturday & Sunday's below 0 temperature, I guess it was a trick.)

The Silent Auction Sale at the next meeting gives us all a chance to expand our collections with new material from our friends or share with other club members by turning some of your excess into cash. If you forgot to pick up bid slips at the February meeting come early to prepare items for sale. Don't forget to bring small bills to pay for your purchases.

Hurray, hurray
The middle of March
Outdoor rockhounding
Can now start!

(So I'm no poet either. Think Spring!)

HERE IS YOUR SECOND CHANCE TO VOTE ON BY-LAW ADDITION editor

Published in the December Rockhound News and voted upon at the December regular meeting was an addition to the club By-laws, Article II-Dues and Fees, Section 3:

A newsletter fee of \$3.00 per year shall be assessed to those life members expressing the desire to continue receiving the Rockhound News. Honorary members are exempt.

This addition was passed at the December meeting, but has been the object of much discussion since. The fee was based on the realization that our clubs expenses, especially those related to the newsletter, significantly exceed our dues income. While we have a healthy treasury, there is uncertainty how this money may be spent given our status as a non-profit society.

23 of the 27 life member households have already remitted the \$3.00 mailing fee. However, several of the life members have written notes or otherwise contacted board members to express their displeasure with this change.

After much discussion by the board and a convened of the Constitution & By-laws Committee at the February 24 board meeting, it was decided that the addition be presented to the club once again for a vote at the March 17 meeting. In an effort to alleviate hard feelings, the board is recommending that the by-laws addition be canceled. In the event that the fee is rescinded, the money already paid will be refunded upon request.

IT'S TIME FOR THE SILENT AUCTION, EAT YOUR WHEATIES! editor

It's time to get in training: run laps around 16 foot tables; do some finger push-ups to strengthen your writing hand; prepare your signature abbreviations; and, pump iron with your piggy bank. You've got to have a competitive edge when it comes to the club silent auction. (If your not the physical type, practice looking pitiful so your rivals might have mercy on you.) Here's how it works...

IF YOU WISH TO SELL your surplus specimens, equipment, creations, etc. you will need to fill out a bid slip for each item. On the bid slip you will identify the item for sale and set a minimum bid. Bid slips will be available at the meeting. Come a little early to get them filled out if you have several items. **ITEMS FOR SALE MUST BE HOBBY RELATED. ALL PROCEEDS GOT TO THE SELLER, NOT THE CLUB.**

The items are laid out on tables with their bid slips. If you wish to purchase an item, simply write your name and bid on the bid slip. You must begin with the minimum bid, and the minimum increase thereafter is 10 cents. Be careful to pay close attention to the bidding, as the auction ends unexpectedly at the sound of Gordon Lewis' horn!

Payment is made at the end of each round of the auction, so **PLEASE BRING PLENTY OF ONES AND CHANGE IF YOU PLAN TO BUY.** Having the correct amount speeds up the auction, and makes it easier to divide money at the end of the evening.

Those who do not wish to participate in the auction are welcome to enjoy the club library; work on stuffing bags for the kids table; or, simply have some refreshments and visit.

MARCH FIELD TRIP TO DUFF QUARRY— GEORGE HEATON (& editor)

The field trip for March will be our traditional trek to Duff Quarry in Huntsville Ohio on Saturday, March 26th. Being a bit south, the weather is usually accommodating. Meet at the quarry office at 10:00 am. Being a safe field tripper is especially important in Ohio where many quarries have been closed to collectors because of law suits. **BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR HARD HAT, HARD TOED BOOTS AND SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES.**

You will be searching for vugs of mineralization within chunks of dolomitized limestone (the hard stuff). While you can find hand size piece, a 2-3 lb. crack hammer and chisels in a variety of sizes come in handy. If you are feeling energetic, take along an 8-10 lb. sledge hammer for breaking up the larger rocks. Of course, you'll also need wrapping paper and boxes to carry your treasures home.

The primary reason to collect at Duff is the bright, lustrous, unusually shaped pyrite crystals which are unique to this quarry. An article on the crystals appeared in the November-December 1987 issue of the Mineralogical Record. In the past few years the pyrite has been harder to find. June King, Midwest Federation Safety & Field Trips Chair, reported in the February MWF newsletter that Duff will soon

begin blasting at a lower level. "Each layer can mean a different selection of minerals and it could mean we will not collect the special pyrite in the near future." Only time will tell whether collecting will get better or worse. In addition to pyrite, you can find dolomite, calcite, fluorite and sphalerite (rare) at Duff Quarry.

To get to Duff Quarry, take I-75 South in Ohio to Rt. 235. Go South on Rt. 235 through Ada, Alger and Roundhead. Then go South on Rt. 117 to Duff Quarry on your left, just before coming into Huntsville. Allow 4 hours driving time from Lansing to Huntsville, Ohio. A map is included on the last page of this newsletter.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE— FLORENCE HILL

March is yet another month with two birthstones. The traditional stone is bloodstone, a variety of quartz. The jewelers' nomination is aquamarine, one of the beryls. You will hear more about them from Royal Olson and Dave Piotrowski at the March meeting.

Royal Olson has volunteered to be an assistant on the education committee, for which we thank him. His excellent and explanation of carving gypsum was much appreciated at our February meeting. We should have people carving again after seeing that demonstration.

What are you creating with your rocks and materials? We will have an exhibition at our May banquet of what you have crafted. It may be formal— cabochons, faceted stones, silverwork— or informal, which means "use your imagination."

We had a wish expressed for a study group on minerals. How many others are interested? If you are contact Florence Hill.

Belated credit must be given now to Royal Olson. Last November he visited a fifth grade room at Murphy School in Haslett, with a talk and exhibit of artifacts found while rockhounding.

Bettie Patterson has a display of amethyst in the window of Parkee Jewelry in downtown Lansing. Bettie also gave her talk "Myths, Medicine & Minerals of Birthstones" to the Voyagers group of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lansing on March 11.

SILVER SOLDER JEWELRY MAKING

Are you interested in learning the technique of silver solder? Bring your curiosity and questions to the April meeting. We will have a Midwest Federation slide program entitled "Making Silver Jewelry" accompanied by a live member demonstration.

A note of interest to those who were at the February meeting— a note was sent to the Midwest Federation calling attention to the warped condition of the slide program on cabbings.

NO FOOLING...—Neil & Connie Snepp

On April 1 the fossil special interest group will hold its final meeting in the series on invertebrate fossils. Brachiopoda, Porifera (sponges), Coelentrata (corals, strommatoporoids and graptolites, Bryozoa and Annelida (worms) will be considered.

This will be at 7:30 at the home of Neil and Connie Snepp, 1325 Orlando, Haslett; phone 339-2863. Bring your specimens and rock hounding stories. Hope to see you there!

****This is a good place to note that the club has submitted a nomination for the Midwest Federation "Partners in Sharing Award" on behalf of Neil & Connie. Now we all have to set back and wait for the results... (editor)**

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT—MARY ANNE SMITH

It has been an unusually busy month in the card department. First the good news: the club extends congratulations to newly weds Linda & Bill Henderson. We wish them much happiness.

Get well cards have been sent to Milo Hillis, Scott Taylor and John Hasford. Scott is back at home after being hospitalized; and, John is recovering from a stroke. Hopefully the signs of spring weather will make them all feel a bit better.

Our sympathy is extended to Dale Harvey who lost his wife; and, to Milo and Mary Crosby on the death of their son, Dennis. Please remember these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

As always, if you have news of one of our members fortune or misfortune please give me a call at 484-7804.

NEW MEMBERS (editor)

Our welcome is extended to four new members who were accepted at the February board meeting: Margaret Kimball of Dewitt; Denise Brock and her son Matt of Lansing; and Arlene Olson— wife of member Royal Olson of Haslett. Keep an eye out for these folks at the silent auction and help them feel welcome!

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP REPORT—GEORGE HEATON

Nine members of our club participated in our field trip to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids on Saturday, February 19th. Those who did not come can't blame the weather. It was very nice for February, being sunny and warmer outside than it was down in the mine. A good quantity of gypsum "pencil ore" and alibaster was collected for both the children's table and personal use. George Heaton even collected a few small, mediocre selenite crystals.

SHOW BUDGET. (editor) The following budget for our 1994 show was approved at the February 24 board meeting. This is primarily the same as last years budget, with increases for rent (from 3160.00), silent auction (from 250.00), raffle (from 150.00) and table/chair rental (from 300.00).

Show Chairman	20.00	School Tours	50.00
Rent	3325.00	Insurance	250.00
Publicity	950.00	Security	180.00
Flyers	600.00	Hospitality	225.00
Childrens Table	400.00	Signs	40.00
Silent Auction	350.00	Electricity	125.00
Decorations	140.00	Table/chair rent	430.00
Raffle	175.00	Fluorescent booth	10.00
Display	225.00	Working demonstrations	20.00
Tickets	25.00	Entrance display	25.00
TOTAL 1994 SHOW BUDGET.....		\$7565.00	

WANTED: LOTS OF MINERALS FOR THE EGG CARTON KITS

I am aiming for 320 new kits (we had some left over last year.) That means 3,840 individual specimens!

Donations should be typical of their kind, worth at least 5 or 10 cents, and of size to nicely fill the egg cup. Multiples of 40 save time and energy (mine!)

Currently, there is plenty of taconite, petoskey stone, and kona dolomite in store. Some hematite and gypsum (pencil ore or alabaster) would be appreciated.

Thank you, Florence

GET THOSE CREATIVE HANDS WORKING...RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Yup, our raffle application has been filed with the state and already it's time to plea for show raffle prizes. How about donating one or more of your fine creations or quality mineral specimens? Our new Raffle Chair, Bev Kemp would certainly appreciate your help. While you are at it, you might also consider some lesser items for the door prizes— give these to Show Chair Richard Stevens. (editor)

OTHER NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING, NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER (editor)

—15 officers & committee chairs were present of 22 (I assume that six others beside myself were hampered by blowing snow & ice on the roads). 2 visitors were present.

—The Treasurer inquired about the budget item of \$100.00 for the State Director and was advised that it should be sent to the Midwest Federation, Michigan Director Harold Rice.

—It was noted in the March Midwest Federation Newsletter that the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies is expected to request an additional 25 cent dues increase at the June meeting. An increase of 25 cents was just approved in Sept. of 1993, to make dues 50 cents per member effective

January 1995. (Our club pays \$1.00 per dues paying member to the Midwest Federation annually. This covers benefits from the MWF, and the amount which they forward on our behalf to the American Federation.)

CLUB CALENDAR

- March 17 St. Patty's Day; Regular Mtg & Silent Auction; new vote on by-laws change
- March 26 Field trip-Duff Quarry-Huntsville OH
- March 31 Board meeting
- May 5 Show Board meeting
- May 19 Club banquet

THINK SPRING! THINK SHOWS!!!!

- March 18-20 Mich. Gem & Mineral Soc. (Jackson) Show; FOE (Eagles) Hall, 302 5th St. Michigan Center
- March 26 Metro Rock Swap(Dearborn Club); 10am-5pm, free; Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., just east of Telegraph.
- April 6-9 Indian Mounds Show, Eastbrook Mall, 28th Street a bit West of I96, Grand Rapids
- April 9-10 Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show- Columbus OH
- April 15-17 South Bend (IN) Gem & Jewelry Show & Sale
- April 22-24 Flint Show, Williams Comm. School, 3501 Minnesota Ave.
- April 30-May 1 Gem & Jewelry Show- Kalamazoo
- May 20-22 Dearborn Show- Dearborn Civic Center, Fri. 5-10pm; Sat. 10am-8pm; Sun. 11am-5:30pm
- June 17-19 Swap, Lawrence Co. Rock Club; Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington Indiana
- June 25-26 MGAGS Rockhound Seminar
- Sept. 2-4 MWF & Michiana Gem & Mineral Soc. Show & Convention

Duff and Son Quarry, Huntsville, Ohio

About 2 Miles North of Huntsville on Rt 117

Camping at Indian Lake. Motel in Bellefontaine.

