

**FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH R-Z: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. The kitchen people would appreciate it if you would put your name on your dish. Please see Mary Crosby if you are the person who left your bowl behind in February. THANKS!!!**

**MARCH PROGRAM: ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION** (jawnp & Connie Snepp)

Now is the time to "Spring clean" your collection, ferreting out duplicates and no longer needed specimens. Anything hobby related is acceptable. Turn them into cash at the REALLY BIG silent auction at the March meeting. And please don't forget that the **club copier will be sold** to the highest bidder. Alan Hukill will be in charge of this event.

IF YOU HAVE THINGS TO SELL: Bid slips including a brief description of the item, your name, and the minimum bid need to be attached to each item you wish to put up for auction. BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE TOP & PUT **YOUR NAME** ON THE BOTTOM PORTION OF YOUR TAG! Failure to do so makes it nearly impossible to get the money in the proper hands. Plenty of tags will be available at the meeting. **All** money goes to the person who sells the item, not to the club. Unless, of course, the slip does **not** have a name at the bottom, then we will assume the proceeds are to be donated to CML&MS. :)

HOW TO BUY: Bring lots of small denomination bills and change, a few bigger bills might come in handy as well. Hard core bidders will want their own pencil. No bids may be placed before the auction begins. You must begin with the stated minimum, and increases must be at least 10 cents. At the sound of the horn, all bidding must stop. **THE ITEM GOES TO THE LAST COMPLETED BID.**

**SILENT AUCTION COMMANDMENTS** (thought this ditty was worth repeating :)  
via Montana Council Reporter 5/96 & Tulip City Conglomerate 8/96

1. Though shall not test the strength of crystals by biting or squeezing.
2. Thou shall not drop any specimens.
3. Thou shall not place any specimens in thine own pocket.
4. Thou shall not climb over thy neighbor to write thy name on the auction slip.
5. Thou shall not criticize the chairman nor his committee on the way the auction is run, lest thou be appointed chairman of the next auction.

**MARCH FIELD TRIP: SHELBY GEMSTONES** -- Melissa Tuchowski

The recent unpredictability of the weather gives rise to an opportunity to hound in on a alternative form of collecting: factory manufactured gem stones. Shelby Gemstones of Michigan offers a short audio visual program in their on-site theater (with opportunity for questions/answers), an exhibit area, retail show room, and a tour into the factory itself (personnel availability permitting) to view the crystal growing chambers. The rough and finished specimens are amply found even in the most adverse weather and safety equipment is unnecessary. All that's needed is a monetary exchange for specimens found. The field trip is to begin at 12:00 o'clock noon on Saturday, March 21, 1998. Shelby Gemstones is located at 1330 Industrial Drive, Shelby, Mi. Take I-96 west to US-31 (Muskegon,) and proceed North on US-31 about 35 miles to the Shelby exit turn right at the off ramp and follow signs to the Shelby Gemstone factory. I will have brochures available at the March meeting. The drive is approximately 145 miles, please figure your driving time accordingly so as to arrive at the factory a little before

NOON. As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to contact me at 339-0459, Melissa.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO THE APRIL PROGRAM--** Connie Snapp

You won't want to miss the April meeting. Remember that stunning entry case prepared by Joe and Alberta Manina for our 1997 show? Joe will show us how he crafts the faceted stones. We are fortunate to have such talented people in our local club. Special thanks to Roger Laylin, Gail Hopkins, the Hansors and all who brought cabochons to help with last month's program.

**An invitation from Indian Mounds (Grand Rapids) Club:**

On behalf of the 1998 show committee of Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club we invite members of your club to display at our annual show at Eastbrook Mall in Grand Rapids April 8th to 11th. Set up time is after 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 7th and take down is after 9:00 p.m. on the 11th.

It would be most helpful to me if you would let me know as soon as possible the names of those bringing displays and the base size of their cases, especially the width. I will need the information no later than March 25th so we can order the tables needed.

If you have any questions or are able to display, please contact Naida House (616) 281-8132.

**A POSTCARD FROM MARY KAY & LINDSEY**

(Thought you all might enjoy Mary Kay's description of the Tucson Show.)

Greetings to all our friends at the CML&MS from Tucson and the BIG SHOW!

Two minutes after leaving this major tent, it collapsed with the weight of the rain pouring down!

Such a shame-- hundreds of dollars in rocks, minerals & fossils will have to be "re-mined."

Meanwhile the rest of the show goes on in its unbelievable splendor. My feet have blisters upon blisters, my head is spinning with the sheer enormity and I've already UPS'ed many pounds of glorious stones back to Michigan.

Dad is doing well, so we intend to return on the 11th, see you on the 19th!

**A Contribution from Past Prez. Royal Olson (original source unknown):**

Da true story of da creation of da U.P....In da beginning dere was nuttin. Den on da first day God created da U.P. On da second day He created da partridge, da deer, da bear, da fish and da ducks. On da third day He said let dere be Yoopers to roam da U.P. On da fourt' day He created da udder world down below. On da fif' day He said "Let dere be trolls to live in da world down below." On da sixth day he created da bridge so da trolls would have a way to get to heaven. God saw it was good and on da seventh day He went huntin.

Holy wah, dat's not de end, dere's udder tings on the back side of dis here paper...

One day it's warm, the rest of the year it's cold.

People who say "I have half a mind to go the U.P." have all the right equipment.

Nearly 30% of the residents in Schoolcraft County are graduates of the sixth grade.

If you fly a straight line from Sault Ste. Marie to Ironwood, you'll see a lot of trees.

Da town of Dollar Bay was named after the annual salary in the area.

The U.P. is da biggest supplier of mosquitoes to the free world.

There are two seasons in the U.P. -- Swat and Shovel.

People in the U.P. wear boots because they are in style- not because there is snow on the ground.

Michigan's U.P. was never considered as a site for the state capitol; however, it does have a town named Ralph.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

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| March 19      | Regular meeting, North School, 7:30. R-Z bring refreshments.<br>Program: Silent Auction |
| March 21      | Field trip: Shelby Gemstones, tour begins at 12:00 noon.                                |
| April 2       | Board meeting, Meridian Twp. Service Center, 7:30.                                      |
| October 23-25 | Our SHOW- "Gem*Stone Journey"   |

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## SHOW CALENDAR

- 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 Lapeer 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/ccrmc/](http://www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrmc/)
- Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.



