

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17TH

PROGRAM: *Fossils and Rocks We Have Known*: Neil Snepp

REFRESHMENTS. N THROUGH Z Please bring goodies.

CLUB CALENDAR

April 17th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30

May 1st Board Meeting-7:00 at the Okemos Library

May 15th Annual Banquet at the Masonic Hall in Okemos

CML&MS Program for the April 17, 2008 meeting.

Our speaker for the night is fellow club member Neil Snepp. His topic will be "Fossils and Rocks We Have Known". Neil and his late wife, Connie, served the club well over the years and actively shared their interest and knowledge of fossils, rocks and minerals with all of us. From the beaches of Florida, to the beaches of Lake Superior, and many quarries and other places in between, the Snepps were avid collectors of fossils, agates and other materials. Neil is actively carrying on their long tradition.

After Neil's presentation, we will have a short 'Mini Silent Auction' for those that bring materials to sell or share. Please give me your suggestions for future meeting program topics. Thanks. Milt Gere

Club needs and news

We need more stones for Ele's Place. They need polished stones about the size of marbles (1/2 to 3/4 inch) and of many different colors. Please bring your stones to the April meeting.

Remember that the Library will be moving to the Laylins' garage, so please return any items you have borrowed.

The Newsletter is getting a new Editor: Starting with the May issue, the Newsletter Editor will be Elaine Beane (gebeane@comcast.net) or 3840 Royale Dr., Holt, MI 48842. Please send any items for the Newsletter to Elaine, starting NOW.

We still need a location for the June Club meeting. If you have any suggestions as to meeting places, please contact Kris Wood by phone or email.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Those of you who were interested, know that the April 12th trip to Paulding, Ohio, was cancelled because of flooding. The trip has tentatively been re-scheduled on May 17th. We will need to confirm with the quarry that the flooding is no longer a problem.
2. The trip to Alpena LaFarge Quarry remains scheduled for May 3rd. If you have any questions, please check with Dan Sine.

Banquet

Larry Molloy will be our guest speaker for the Banquet & our program will be "The Life of a Michigan Copper Miner".

Tickets for the May Banquet will be available at the April Meeting. Tickets for Adults will be \$10 and children under 12 will be \$4. The Banquet will be at the Masonic Hall in Okemos (the Hall is located just West of the intersection of Hamilton and Okemos Rd), time 5:30 pm for social time, dinner at 6:30. As this will be the club's 51st year, we hope to have a great turn out, so plan ahead to ask former members, family members etc. Note from Marie Lewis, Hospitality Table Chair. The Club supplies the punch, crackers and tableware for the hospitality table, We invite You to complete the fare with your favorite before dinner snacks, spreads, dips, etc. Tickets can also be ordered by sending a check to Ernie at P.O. Box 67, St. John's, MI 48879-0067; tickets may be held at the door for pick-up.

We need club member displays for the Banquet. Please contact Dan Sine at 517-381-0805 to let him know you will bring a display. If you have display items that go with the Speaker's topic (copper country and mining), please bring them to the Banquet.

SHOW NEWS

Surprise the SHOW is only 6 months away! Leap year shifted the dates remember. The dates this year are October 24, 25 26. Show flyers are available and Alan will have some at the April meeting.

Grit and Alice have completed the table covers -60- plus, which they have **donated** to the Club!!!

We still need more egg cartons, plastic only please. 200 to 300 more are needed. Remember, if you have mineral samples of suitable size to fit in egg cartons, sets of 50 are desired.

Remember the pebble pond if you take a trip anywhere material is available, because as of now, **the pebble pond is empty. We have at least 1,200 children expected for Childrens' Day at the Show.**

Things To Do and Places To Go

April 10-12 Grand Rapids, MI. 33rd Annual Show. Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club.

Rogers Plaza Town Center Mall 28th St. Wyoming, MI. Thur.-Sun 9-9.

April 12-13 Midwest Faceters Guild 28th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show. Marshall Activity Center, 15325 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI. Sat. 9 am to 6 pm; Sun. 11 am to 4 pm.

April 18-20 Mt. Clemens Show "Rockhound 101" Roseville Rec. Center. 18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI. Hours Fri. 9-7, Sat.10-7 and Sun. 11-5.

April 26 SWAP n SELL Hosted by Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society, St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center 3271 Lincoln Ave ,St. Joseph, MI 10 am-4pm

May 2-4 "Michigan Magic" Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake Street. Fri 4-8, Sat.10-6, Sun.10-5

May 24 "Petoskey Stone Festival"Antrim County's Barnes Park, Eastport MI. 10-4

May 31-June 1 Huge Rock & Mineral Sale. Marve & Kitty Starbuck 7636 East V Avenue, Vicksburg, Michigan 9 til dark.

Minutes

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting: January 3, 2008

President: Kris Wood called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Milt Gere - The January program will be a visit with long time club member Bessie Rogers on the history and memories of the club. V.P. Gere also mentioned that on January 26 the club would have a table at the State Historical Museum and February 2 is the Okemos Science is Fun Day at the Chippewa Middle School. Volunteers welcome at both events.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, George Heaton, Arie Koewelyn, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine and Kris Wood.

[Board members absent: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Kara Miller and Jenny Martin]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Brief recap of December 6, 2007 minutes (not typed or in newsletter yet).

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith (Absent due to surgery)

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - (Absent)

Directors: 3-YR, Bob Mosher (NR); 2-YR, George Heaton (N.R.); 1-YR, Arie Koewelyn - passed around sample of business card for club, looked good.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh (Absent)

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill (Absent)

Past President: Elaine Beane - passed the Rock of Authority and gavel to new president Kris Wood.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - No Report.

Field Trip: Dan Sine - Reminder of "field trip" to Chippewa Middle School on February 2.

Reminder from Roger Laylin - January 20th (Sunday) "field trip" potluck at Alaieton Twp. Hall.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Sine.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting: **January 17, 2008**

a. Call to Order. The January membership meeting was called to order by President

Kris Wood at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. New member, Marvin Martin; Guests/visitors: May Locke, Sonya Stoner to honor father (former member/silversmith)

Bill Locke; Alesia Flowers; young folks, Leah, Dakota and Adelaya

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - The December membership meeting minutes have not been typed or published in the newsletter yet.

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/expenses to date for January 2008.

e. Announcements.

*Reminder that January 26, Sat. 11-3p. the club will have a table at the

Michigan Historical Museum (downtown Lansing) for Michigan Statehood Day -volunteers welcome.

*Reminder that February 2, Sat. 11-3p. is the Okemos "Science is Fun Day" and

club will also have a table (set up at 9:30 am) - again volunteers welcome.

*MGAGS seminar, June 28th and 29th in Grand Rapids.

*Midwest Federation Convention in June will be in Nebraska.

*Reminder "January Field Trip" will be the potluck, Sunday, Jan. 20th at 1pm at the

Alaeidon Township Hall.

*Door prizes were handled by Dan Sine.

The program tonight will be a talk by Bessie Rogers, long time club member, sharing a history/and memories of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

(a.k.a. the Rock Club).

6. Adjournment. Dan Sine moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kara Miller.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting: **February 7, 2008**

President: Kris Wood called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Milt Gere - For the February program we will need some video equipment (CD/VHS) (Milt will check with school for availability) and possibly a small silent auction. The March meeting program will be the annual Silent Auction.

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, George Heaton, Arie Koewelyn, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Alan Hukill, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Jenny Martin and Kara Miller]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Brief recap of January 3, 2008 minutes (not typed or in newsletter yet).

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - No Report

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/expenses for the month of January 2008.

Directors: 3-YR, Bob Mosher (NR); 2-YR, George Heaton (N.R.); 1-YR, Arie Koewelyn (N.R.)

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - On behalf of membership chair (Elaine Angstman), Ernie presented two membership applications, Mae Locke; and Roni Sionakides. **Alan Hukill moved to accept new member applications for Mae Locke and Roni Sionakides; Roger Laylin seconded. Vote taken, motion passed.**

Field Trip: Dan Sine - Field trip, April 12 to LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio (Dan has a handout for all interested). Dan is also trying to schedule field trip to LaFarge Quarry in Alpena, first of May? Or June?

Community Outreach: It was reported that January 26, Historical Museum table was "manned" by Roger Laylin, Neil Snapp and Richard Lassen. Club participants at the February 2nd, Okemos Science is Fun Day were Roger Laylin, Dan Sine, Karen Kanine, Richard Miller and Neil Snapp. Thank you to these folks for their participation.

Show: Roger Laylin reported that dealer contracts had been printed out. New names on postcard list, about 200 less than sent last year. Alan Hukill will be getting the show flyers printed up shortly.

Old Business: None

New Business: 1) 2008 Show Budget was discussed. **Elaine Beane moved to approve the 2008 Show Budget as proposed, Roger Laylin seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.**

2) Discussion ensued on “committees”; permanent committees (per by-laws) and special committees that can be established by the club president and who can also appoint persons to committees. Positions that are not elected are appointed by the President. It was suggested that a Website Committee be established; President Kris Wood appointed Lyle Laylin as committee chair and webmaster. Designation of a committee and subsequent appointment of a chair person enables the club to include a line item in the budget for this, and to enable the appointed committee chair to have a vote in issues presented at the board meetings.

Kris Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by George Heaton.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting: **February 21, 2008**

a. Call to Order. The February membership meeting was called to order by President Kris Wood at 7:47 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Karen Mooney-Burgess; Gary and Nancy Bauer; and Jaylin (grandchild of Sharon)

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - The January membership meeting minutes have not been typed or published in the newsletter yet, briefly summarized.

d. Treasurer’s Report. Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/expenses to date for February 2008.

e. Announcements.

*Neil Snapp - May 15th Club Banquet at the Masonic Hall in Okemos. Time to vote on the menu: Chicken (won again); potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, biscuits & gravy and dessert.

*Upcoming shows - flyers on table

*No Door prizes tonight (Dan Sine absent).

The program tonight was supposed to be CD/video on the Copper Country/Mining. North School did not come through with video equipment in which to present the program. Maybe at a future date. Reminder that the March meeting will be the annual Silent Auction.

6. **Adjournment.** Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Richard Miller.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting: **March 6, 2008**

President: Kris Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

As it is the President's job to find a speaker for the banquet, Kris asked if someone could volunteer to do this that would have better connections in finding someone - Elaine Beane said she would look into it.

Kris asked that a notice be put in the newsletter for polished stones for Ele's Place

(which they use in their program). There was some discussion of having the Board meeting on the same night as the club meeting (possibly before the regular meeting?); several folks have quite a distance to travel to meetings and this would involve one night rather than two of having to come into Lansing.

Vice President: Milt Gere - The March program will be the Silent Auction. The April meeting Program will be speaker - Larry Molloy (Oakland University) - U.P. Mining History. Also, club needs to find meeting place for June (since the school is closed by then).

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, George Heaton, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Alan Hukill, Bob Mosher, and Kris Wood.

[Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Arie Koewelyn, Jenny Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, and Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Brief recap of February 7, 2008 minutes (not typed or in newsletter yet).

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith (Absent)

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/expenses for the month of February 2008.

Show flyers have been printed; 6,000 big flyers, 4,000 small flyers [Show is Oct. 24-26, 2008]

Directors: 3-YR, Bob Mosher - May 24 is Petoskey Stone Festival @ Antrim/Eastport south of Charlevoix;

2-YR, George Heaton - info./application for Friends of Mineralogy, they go on good field trips, but one must take the Mine Safety Training course each year; see George H. if interested; 1-YR, Arie Koewelyn (Absent)

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - On behalf of membership chair (Elaine Angstman), Ernie presented a membership application for Karen Mooney Burgess. **Ernie Aughenbaugh moved to accept new member application for Karen Mooney Burgess; Roger Laylin seconded. Vote taken, motion passed.**

Publications: Roger Laylin - Reported that magazine subscription Lapidary Journal has changed to mostly all Jewelry and it has not been checked out much, recommends to Board to let the subscription run out and not renew. Board supports recommendation to not renew Lapidary Journal subscription.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - Presented Proposed Club 2008 Budget (handout). Board discussed proposed budget, Additions/corrections noted. **Elaine Beane moved to approve the amended 2008 Budget for the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society (CMLMS); Alan Hukill seconded the motion.**

Vote taken. Motion passed, the 2008 amended CMLMS Budget is approved.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin - brought several laptop computers for Board to view new website look Lyle is working on; consensus was it looks great.

Show: Roger Laylin - need more egg cartons (Styrofoam). Contracts have been sent out to show dealers.

Old Business: Discussed Banquet - May 15. Need volunteers for door prizes (Sue volunteered); hospitality; Table decorations; tickets; and need a speaker. Hopefully tickets will get printed soon - price to be \$10/adult and \$4.00 for children under 12.

New Business: None

Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Mosher.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting: **March 20, 2008**

a. Call to Order. The March membership meeting was called to order by President Kris Wood at 8:00 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Gary Bauer; and someone we hadn't seen in quite awhile - Ed Drown.

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - The February membership meeting minutes have not been typed or published in the newsletter yet, briefly summarized (noted the Feb. mtg. highlight was the vote on the menu for the May 15 Banquet - chicken won out again!).

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/expenses to date for March 2008.

e. Announcements.

*Neil Snapp - May 15th Club Banquet at the Masonic Hall in Okemos, time 5:30 pm

for social time, dinner served at 6:30. Need volunteers for ticket takers at the door. Tickets will be for sale at the next mtg, \$10 for adults/ & \$4.00 children under 12

*Richard Miller reported that he had a Petoskey stone demonstration at the Fenner Nature Center for the Maple Syrup Festival.

*Lyle Laylin - Announced that a laptop was set up for folks to preview the new look of the club's website.

*Dan Sine - reported that a field trip is scheduled Sat. May 3 to the LaFarge Quarry in Alpena (handout prepared by Dan on front table).

*Door prizes were handled by Dan Sine.

The program tonight is the annual Silent Auction.

6. Adjournment. Grit Turner moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lee Laylin.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting: **April 3, 2008**

President: Kris Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Announcements from the Pres: The speaker for the banquet will be Larry Molloy (who was originally scheduled for the April program, but will speak at the May banquet instead)

Reminder about bringing polished stones to April meeting for Ele's Place.

Vice President: Milt Gere - As mentioned above, switch in speaker for April meeting,

April program will be a talk by Neil Snepp (maybe on fossils?).

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Alan Hukill,

Lee Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine and Kris Wood.

[Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, George Heaton, Arie Koewelyn, Jenny Martin, Kara Miller, and Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Summarized March 6, 2008 minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith (Absent)

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of March 2008.

Directors: 3-YR, Bob Mosher - Shared new book "Lake Michigan Rock Pickers Guide"; and put together a notebook of information on safety guidelines/issues and rock collecting locations/areas - will be available for viewing in the club library. 2-YR, George Heaton - (Absent); 1-YR, Arie Koewelyn (Absent)

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Midwest Federation Directory is available if interested.

Past President: Elaine Beane - announced that she is currently in an apprenticeship with Lee Laylin

(newsletter editor) to learn the fine details of putting out the club's newsletter (and directory, and Banquet program) for the transition to her new role as newsletter editor. [Lee Laylin says Yeah! And we all say thank you to Elaine B. for graciously taking on this task.]

Field Trip: Dan Sine - The April 12th trip to the LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio has been POSTPONED until May 17th (due to three feet of water in the quarry and only one pump working). The May 3rd trip to the LaFarge Quarry in Alpena, Michigan is still a go. If planning to attend, please let Dan Sine know.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - Distributed copies to Board members of the approved 2008 CMLMS Budget, which was approved at the March Board meeting. Gordon also mentioned that it was time to contact MSU (because they have not yet contacted the club) to obtain names of potential students to interview for award of the club scholarship.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin - brought several laptops in to view the new updated version of the club Website - looking very cool!

Show: Roger Laylin - Dealer deposits are coming in. Indoor/outdoor carpeting purchased for the "rock petting zoo". Table covers being made by Alice and Grit Turner are finished. Discussed various publications [rock & mineral] that will put announcement in for the October Show.

Old Business: Banquet tickets are available and will be at the April Meeting for purchase.

New Business: None

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gordon Lewis.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary