

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 21, 2011**

**PROGRAM: *Crystals and How They Form in Sedimentary, Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks***

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with last names M-Z bring goodies!**

**Program: Vice President Dave Westjohn will speak on *Crystal Formation in Sedimentary, Igneous, and Metamorphic Rocks*. -- Don't miss it!**

**Location & Time:** The CMLMS April 21 meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up.

## CMLMS Calendar for May 2011

Thursday, May 5, 2011 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

Thursday, May 19, 2011 CMLMS Annual Banquet at Masonic Hall, Okemos

**Banquet Tickets on sale at the April meeting or contact Ernie Aughenbaugh!** Come for a great meal plus a great presentation on the geologist Bela Hubbard. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Please contact Sharon Bacigal if you can bring snack food for the Hospitality Table. Come to the Banquet at the Masonic Hall in Okemos on Hamilton Street. See you there!

**CMLMS Directory – LAST CHANCE!!!** If you have had any changes in your name, address, phone # or email address, please mail or email your information to Elaine Beane, Editor, who is working on the CMLMS Directory ([gebeane@comcast.net](mailto:gebeane@comcast.net)). DO IT NOW, PLEASE. . . . .  
**The May Newsletter will include the Annual CMLMS Director. All members will receive a mailed copy. SAVE THE MAY NEWSLETTER!!!**

## Club News

- **This also is the time of year that we collect small polished stones for Ele's Place**, which gives them to grieving children as "remembrance" stones. Ele's Place does a lot of good work, and we like to help them. **Please bring your polished stones to the April meeting or to the May Banquet meeting.**
- **Show fliers are available at the April meeting. Get some and post them everywhere you go!!!**
- **We are just one month away from the CMLMS Annual Banquet**, which will be held at the Okemos Masonic Hall (Hamilton St.) on Thursday, May 19. Social Hour starts at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:30. **Adult tickets are \$10; Children's tickets are \$4; get them at the April meeting. Come One, Come All!!!**
- **See Roni Sionakides or Milt Gere to Volunteer for various banquet tasks:** Sue Casler is doing door prizes, your Editor is producing the Banquet Program, Lee Laylin & Marie Lewis are doing decorations, Dan Sine is coordinating displays, but we still need help with taking tickets, help with setting up exhibits, and bringing snacks for the hospitality table. **Please call. A few brave volunteers cannot do it all. Step up, folks, and help with this annual event. This is the CMLMS' 54th anniversary!**
- **Gordon Lewis, Alan Hukill, & Grit Turner** interviewed geology students at MSU to select a recipient for the annual scholarship that CMLMS grants to an undergraduate student in geology.
- **Field Trips: Please contact Dan Sine** if you want to join the Field Trip to the LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio on May 14, 2011. Several clubs will participate in this popular trip. Call Dan!
- **School science fairs and presentations:** On April 14, Fairview Elementary School had a Science Night in which CMLMS participated with displays. On May 11, Resurrection School in Lansing will have a science fair; contact Lyle Laylin (webmaster) if you are able to help with this event.

**Check the MWF News at [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf) for shows and events.**

**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting, February 17, 2011**

**Call to Order** - The February membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors** -- Guest/visitors this evening were:

Chris Cooper (Tulip City Club); club member Marvin Oesterle introduced his daughter, Alexis; and Travis Vivian (VP of Friends of UM Museum of Paleontology) was in attendance with his two children, Tyler and Cadie.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** -- Sue Casler – January membership meeting minutes will be available in next newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report** Kris Wood – Absent.

**Announcements**

\*March meeting "program" will be the annual Silent Auction.

\*Dues are **over-due** for 2011, see Ernie Aughenbaugh (the guy who sits by the door with his laptop!).

\*Annual Audit Committee – iMarvin Oesterle and Elaine Beane have volunteered to be on the committee.

\*Club banquet is May 19<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$4 for children). Volunteers for various committees are needed.

\*Dan Sine – Field trips: February 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – Gypsum mine in Grand Rapids (several members are going).

May 14 (Sat.) - LaFarge Quarry, Paulding, Ohio

October – Kalamazoo club is going to LaFarge Quarry in Alpena

Dan hopes to schedule our club trip to Alpena in April or June.

\*Door prizes – Dan Sine.

**Program** - "Recent Meteorite Recoveries in Michigan" by MSU geology professor Mike Velbel.

**Adjournment.** Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Sharon Bacigal.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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**Call to Order** The March membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:48 pm at the North Elementary School.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors**

Guest/visitors this evening were: Mike Wood; and

(soon to be new member) Travis Vivian with his two children, Tyler and Cadie.; Travis is the VP of Friends of UM Museum of Paleontology.

**Minutes of Last Meeting.** Sue Casler – February membership meeting minutes will be available in next newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report.** Kris Wood – A copy of the Treasurer's report for February was available for those interested in reviewing it.

**Announcements.**

\*The program for the April meeting (4/21) will be on "The Formation of Crystals", speaker TBD.

\***Dues are past due for 2011**, see Ernie Aughenbaugh (the guy who sits by the door with his laptop!).

\***Banquet tickets are for sale** – See Ernie. [Club banquet is May 19<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$4 for children)].

\*Dan Sine – Need **displays for the Banquet**. Please contact Dan and bring your displays.

**Field trips:** March 26 – field trip to Archie's Shop in Mason, sign-up sheet on front table. May 14 is the probable date for the annual field trip to the LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio.

**Educational opportunities** – New Covenant school, classroom visit, Dan Sine plans to take gypsum and fossils to hand out to students; also, Fairview Elementary is having a science fair night, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 pm (similar to the Science is Fun Day that was held at Okemos HS), anyone interested in having a display/set up, please see Dan.

In addition, Richard Miller announced that Jennie and Kara will be having a Petoskey Stone polishing demonstration at Post Oak Elementary school, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

\***Door prizes** – Dan Sine (Dan out did himself at this meeting - there was a total of 25 door prizes!

A BIG thank you to Dan!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary