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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, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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, April 17, 2014

PROGRAM: DVD

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on April 17, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Spring 2014 and later

April 16, 2014 - Fairview Elementary School Science Fair, 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

April 17, 2014 - Cole Academy Science Fair

April 17, 2014 - Membership meeting

April 18 & 19, 2014, 9 am - 4 pm, Neil Snepp estate sale

May 1, 2014 - Board Meeting, Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m.

May 2, 2014 - **10 AM, newsletter deadline, FIRM**

May 15, 2014 - Annual Banquet, see Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

June 5, 2014 - Board Meeting, Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

April, 2014 - DVD, possibly on jewelry

May, 2014 - Annual banquet

June, 2014 - Show work bee

July/August - Summer vacation!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Wendy Roiser - Lansing

Kyle Smith - Holt

Steven Nichols - Brooklyn, MI

Patricia Samota - Lansing

MAY BANQUET

Banquet date is May 15, 2014, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. The speaker will be The Agate Lady, Karen Brzys. Karen is a well-known expert on agates who has written books, created DVDs, developed online courses and on-site courses, and created agate works which she sells at shows. She also has the Gitche Gume Museum in Grand Marais, Michigan. Mark the date! (www.agatelady.com). Members are encouraged to bring guests and a display of agates. Tickets are now available - \$10 adults, \$5 children. **Contact Ernie at esaslapidary@hotmail.com or 989-224-7619, or at the membership meetings.**

IN MEMORY OF

A donation to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship Fund has been made in memory of the following deceased members.

Louis Armstrong	Nancy Collins	Howard
	Randolph	Margaret Randolph
Arthur Krave	Virginia Krave	Bessie Rogers
	Oleta Scorpio	
Thea Mae Kurtz	Kathleen Martin	Onie Segar
	Leonard Stuttman	
Pat McCort	Annie Passaneau	Neil
	Snepp	Connie Snepp
Eva Whipple	Richard Stevens	

NEIL SNEPP ESTATE SALE

Neil Snepp Estate Sale

April 18 and 19, 2014 (Friday & Saturday), 9 am to 4 pm each day

1325 Orlando Drive

Haslett, Michigan

See estatesales.net/estate-sales/mi/haslett/48840/596391 for photos and more information, or, if you don't want to type all those letters and number, go to estatesales.net, click on the state of Michigan on the interactive map, scroll down to Lansing, then scroll down to the date. There are 88 photos of rocks, books, a few antiques and collectibles. Items include an extensive collection, of agates, fossils, shells, minerals and rocks. Rock cutting and polishing equipment. Display cases. Miscellaneous assortment of tools and other rockhound items.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

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 or 517-351-6135.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY by Roger Laylin

So you think you know petrified wood! Well the table book *Ancient Forests* by Frank J Daniels and Richard D. Dayvault will convince you that you ain't seen nothing yet. With over 400 pages of color photos of identified petrified wood slabs and other associated tree parts it is hard to imagine the time effort and imagination it took to put the material together. It would take several days to thoroughly enjoy this book.

LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO HELP OUT WITH submitting information to the Lansing State Journal for their Sunday Non-Profit Spotlight article. This would be a good way to publicize our society and annual show to the greater Mid-Michigan community. For a look-see at the form that has to be filled out online, go to lsj.com/nonprofit. The LSJ will write the article from our submission of the completed form. Please contact Roger Laylin at 517-349-3249 or email at l.r.laylin@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this article.

UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIRS/EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS

Reminder to the membership: CMLMS is a service organization. Please consider if you can give an hour or two to helping out with the educational projects and/or the annual show in the fall.

1. Fairview Elementary School Science Fair on April 16, 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The days will be longer; the days will be warmer and hopefully the sun will be shining. Please think about helping with this Science Night in the spring.
2. Cole Academy on April 17. Cole Academy will conflict with our membership meeting night.
3. May 10, 2014 - Nate Krupp plans to volunteer his help at the geology station at a Cub Scout/Webelo event in Mason at Camp Kiwanis on Saturday, May 10. They will be working on a geology badge and one more adult is needed. Please contact Nate at 517-626-1136 if you are interested in working with the oldest Cub Scouts.
4. July 31, 2014 - Ingham County Fair at the Fairgrounds, a fossil “dig” for children, 1 ½ hours. Volunteers are needed to help the children. Donations of fossils would also be happily accepted. Call Roger Laylin at 517-349-3249 or email at l.r.laylin@gmail.com to volunteer or to donate.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! Dan says he’ll start planning field trips for this year when he sees the green of the grass!!! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov

April 26, 2014, 10am - 4pm - Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact person is Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). Expect to find selenite, alabaster gypsum, epsomite hairs, and fossils. There is a \$3 fee for entering the mine to cover the cost of electricity and elevators. There are specific directions and those are available from Dan Sine.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club (jwphilipps@gmail.com) has invited CMLMS members to participate in their summer trip and the information was distributed: June 20-28, 2014, Wyoming. Collecting will be at many sites for specimens such as agate, moss agate, various petrified woods, jasper, fossils, opalized wood, fish fossils. Contact Jim Philipps if you are able to join them; be sure you mention your membership in CMLMS.

Cincinnati Dry Dredgers(drydredgers.org). They are having a GeoFair on May 3-4 and have scheduled field trips in 2014.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org
FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—**

www.foundmichigan.org

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

Spring, 2014 - Beginning Metalsmithing / Jewelry Making Classes will be offered several times in April and possibly May at the Absolute Gallery in 'Old Town' at 307 East Grand River, Lansing, Michigan. The inexpensive, four-hour class includes instruction, use of shared tools and equipment and copper materials to make a simple pendant. A second short class emphasizing setting a cabochon stone will also be offered. Instructor will be Milt Gere. Contact Absolute Gallery, phone: 517-482-8845, for details.

Upcoming shows

May 2 - 4, 2014: Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society, at Kalamazoo County Expo Center (at Fairgrounds), \$3.00 adult admission, contact for information kalamazoorockclub.org.

June 7-8, 2014: Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society Rockhound Weekend (workshops/demos), Western Michigan University. Info: call 734-421-8159.

July 9 - 13, 2014: AFMS Convention, Tulsa, OK.

October 18 & 19, 2014: MWF Convention, in conjunction with the 59th Annual Des Moines (Iowa) Lapidary Society's Gem, Mineral and Fossil show, at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, Iowa State Fairgrounds.

FALL SHOW NEWS

from Roger Laylin

Show Information: We will be using specular hematite, gypsum and perhaps taconite for kids ex it gifts this fall unless someone has other items. Looking for other suggestions.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, March 20, 2014

Call to Order: The March 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Vice-President Sue Casler at 7:45pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Steven Nichols, Tricia Samota and Kyle Smith.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The February membership meeting minutes and the March board meeting minutes were printed in the March newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The February treasurer's report is available.

Announcements:

Sue Casler: Program schedule is silent auction, March; April program to be determined, but goal is one on gems or diamonds; May is Banquet; June is work party. There are upcoming show notices on the head table.

Mary Gowans, absent but Sue reminded members of upcoming science education events and encouraged anyone interested to participate in any way. The next program will be at the Fairview Elementary School on Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. See the March newsletter.

Roger Laylin: Needs assistance picking up the remaining Snapp collection before and after the estate sale on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. The estate sale is a good opportunity for people interested in rocks, minerals and fossils, and shells to add to their collections or to purchase equipment for cutting and polishing specimens. There will be display cases for sale as well. Sale will be in Haslett, Michigan at 1325 Orlando Drive. Exact times are not available.

Roni Sionakides: Roni has copies of the March newsletter available for members who may not have

received theirs. Please let Roni know if you are not receiving your newsletter.

Roger Laylin: Show fliers are available for our 2014 show.

Theresa Hubbard: Re: Children's tour (show): Theresa brought an educational tri-fold display she prepared for use at the show or for school science fairs. The one she showed was about the iron ore industry in Michigan and samples of ores are included. Theresa would like at least ten more boards done by the show in October. Boards on copper, aluminum, limestone, minerals used everyday, state of Michigan fossil/stone/gem are needed. Theresa also hopes to do an attractive interactive board for students to explore.

Theresa would like assistance in developing these educational materials by providing specimens or by doing a board. She has blank tri-fold boards available to anyone able to help out. Please email Theresa at: thrshubbard@yahoo.com or call her at 517-203-9620. Theresa is re-designing the show space to optimize exposure to the educational displays.

Dan Sine: Field trips: April 26 trip is filled (gypsum mine). A lot of trips will be coming as the weather permits.

Ernie Augenbaugh: Banquet tickets are now available at \$10.

Sue and Roni reminded members of banquet particulars: The Banquet will be Thursday, May 15 at the Okemos Masonic Center with social hour at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The program will be presented by Karen Bryz, the Agate Lady. There will be twelve special door prizes awarded!

Door Prizes: by Dan Sine. Thanks, Dan!

Adjournment: Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by May Kay Bean. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Program: Silent auction—with many filled tables!

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, April 3, 2014

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Mary Gowans, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, Kristen Wood.

Members Present: none.

President: Elaine Angstman and Vice-President Sue Casler, absent. Roni Sionakides presided over the meeting that was called to order at 7:10pm at the Okemos Library.

Vice President: Sue Casler was absent but sent in a report via Roni Sionakides that the April program will be a DVD, topic will be determined at a later day.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist states that the minutes of the March membership meeting have been submitted for printing and the April board meeting minutes will be submitted prior to the Monday deadline.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard has sent a card to Doug Sjoquist. No action will be taken on the request of the Arizona rock club who wanted to swap specimens. We were unsure about their request for material. Jan Sjoquist responded to the request of a man who wanted to know what to do with his Petoskey Stone. Many options and connections were supplied to him and he was invited to attend our club meeting with his specimen for further evaluation.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent, but sent March report by email.

Directors: Milt Gere (1yr) and Lyle Laylin (2yr), no reports. Nate Krupp (3 yr.) relayed a thank you communication from Jessica Yann for our participation in the State's Archaeology Day 2013 at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. Nate plans to volunteer his help at the geology station at a Cub Scout/Webelo event in Mason at Camp Kiwanis on Saturday, May 10. They will be working on a geology badge and one more adult is needed. Contact Nate Krupp if you can help.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh presented membership applications for Wendy and Tom Roiser, Kyle Smith, Steven Nichols and Patricia Samota.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill extended an invitation by Tulip City Club to attend their banquet on

April 30. Let Alan know if you are able to attend. Newsletters received from the AFMS and MWF state the need to pay our dues by May and to file the required IRS 990N. Roger will check with Kris to see if this was done because the dues payment was not indicated on the Treasurer's report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent; no report.

Membership: Ernie Augenbaugh made a **motion to accept Wendy and Tom Roiser, Kyle Smith, Steven Nichols and Patricia Samota into membership.** The motion was supported by Gordon Lewis and approved by the board. Welcome to CMLMS!

Field Trips: Dan Sine absent; no report.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: April newsletter deadline is Monday. May newsletter deadline is early morning May 2.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent; no report.

Outreach: Mary Gowans, absent, sent reminder about the Fairview science program on Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and about the Cole Academy science night on April 17. This date conflicts with CMLMS membership meeting schedule, but Theresa Hubbard has volunteered to represent our club at Cole Academy.

Display: Jan Sjoquist will bring the memorial display cases to the Kalamazoo Show May 2-4, 2014. The show theme is *A World of Color*.

Library: Roger Laylin promoted a book on Petrified Wood that is ready to be checked out from the CMLMS library. It is a table-top book of 400 pages. The library received \$ 68.00 from the silent auction at the March membership meeting.

Finance: Gordon Lewis gave an update about the \$2,000.00 scholarship to be awarded to a MSU geology student. Applications have been received and three candidates will be interviewed on April 8, 2014. The scholarship committee consists of Milt Gere, Jan Sjoquist and Gordon Lewis.

Show:

Ernie Augenbaugh states that he has twelve dealers.

Roger Laylin:

1. Shared a newspaper article about the non-profit Capital Region Foundation that was featured in the Lansing State Journal. The LSJ has a column each Sunday that spotlights non-profit organizations (LSJ.com/nonprofit). We need a member to submit an article to the LSJ non-profit spotlight about our club as an additional way to promote our fall show and the CMLMS. It would be ideal to have this published in September. Please see Roger if you are willing to help by writing an article.

2. Ingham County Fair plans to have a new children's event on Children's Day on July 31, 2014. They are requesting help by CMLMS. The plan is to have a sand pit where children can dig for fossils. Fossils are needed as well as people to man the station for one and one half hours. Roger Laylin made a **motion to participate in the Kid's Day event at the Ingham County Fair.** The motion was supported by Alan Hukill and passed by vote of the board. Members are asked to supply fossils for this. If you have some to donate, or would like to help at the "dig," please see Roger. A discussion followed about molds that are available for children to make their own "fossil."

Old Business: Roger Laylin called for action to satisfy a motion passed at the February Board meeting, and amended at the March meeting, to make a donation to the AFMS Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roger will request that our treasurer, Kris Wood, draft a check and mail it to Marge Collins. This donation is in memory of several deceased members and the names will be in the club newsletter and also in the Memorial Book that is kept by our Correspondence Secretary, Theresa Hubbard.

New Business: Roger Laylin: The estate sale of Dr. Neil Snapp has been scheduled for April 18 and April 19. More information and 88 photographs can be seen at estatesales.net. Go to Michigan-then Lansing-then the date. The sale will offer fossils, rocks, mineral, shells, equipment and WWII items, etc.

The Snapp estate sale will include club cases and flat cases used for display. A discussion was held about club needs for more cases. Alan Hukill made a **motion to have Roger Laylin make an**

offer to purchase the cases. The motion received a second by Lyle Laylin and the motion was approved by a vote of the board.

Adjournment: Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was supported by Nate Krupp. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary