

**FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH J-Q: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!**

**BOARD MEETING BRIEFS, APRIL 2 1997--** jawp

**Leila Stevens, Program-- Mr. Bob Reszka** from the Eddy Geology Center will be our speaker at the January meeting. His specialty is the **ROCKS of the Michigan basin**. You may bring in some of your perplexing finds for him to identify.

**We welcome one new member: Eric Eddy**, 2521 W. Needmore Highway, Charlotte MI 48813; eddyb@voyager.net. Eric is a student of Larry Bourland's at Charlotte High School. In addition to rocks, minerals and fossils, Eric enjoys computer games and science fiction.

**Banquet Report, Lee Olson:** The banquet will be **May 15th** at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos -- **Ticket Prices** will remain the same as last year, **\$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children**. Tickets will be on sale at April Club meeting or by **contacting Marie Lewis at 349-2263**. There is an absolute **deadline, for purchase and payment by May 1st**. The speaker will be June Culp Zeitner, author of the familiar Gem Trails books and a longtime editor for the Lapidary Journal. At the April meeting we will vote on the menu for the meal. We have an entree choice of chicken or swiss steak. We are planning to have **displays**, as usual. If you are interested, please **contact George Heaton at 339-8914**.

**Finance Report, Gordon Lewis:** The board agreed to increase our MSU geology scholarship to \$2000.00 from \$1500.00 effective this year. This year's recipient is Christopher John Hoard.

**New Business:**

**American Federation "All American Club" Competition--**No one felt they had time to complete this report in time for this year's deadline. **Bettie Patterson will take on the job of compiling information throughout this year for next year's report**. Committee Chairpeople need to make an extra effort to keep Bettie informed as to our activities. Involvement with other clubs is especially important.

We discussed the possibility of having a **short silent auction** at each meeting. This was tabled so that we may consider any potential complications and necessary rules.

**DUES ARE DUE--** Bessie Rogers

The following members have not yet paid dues for 1997. If you wish to remain a club member, please send your dues: \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students 18 years of age or younger, to Bessie Rogers: 2222 W. Marshall Rd, St. Johns MI 48879 or pay at the meeting.

E. Angstman			M.A. Smith
M. Bucklin	J. Esch		family
P. Booncharoen	D. Gibbs	Kemps	
A. Cooley	Gere family	L. Mouton	
S. Cheyne	P. Harris	S. Moore	C. Smith family
W. Davis	J. Hansen	R. Miller	J. Slayton
P. Eppelheimer	S. Kauma	L. Parks	D. Slayton
	Krupps	V. Snook	T. Shooltz

L. Scofield

L. Volk

J. Vestula

### **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PRIZES, NOW**--jawp

Please take a look at you stock and see if you have something to share!

Lee Olson would appreciate donations of **door prizes for the banquet**-- specimens or any other items concerned with our hobby. Please give Lee a call at 339-2059 or just bring your donation to the April meeting.

Gail Hopkins is in need of good **raffle prizes for our show**, so that she can list the “teasers” on the raffle tickets. You can contact Gail at 886-6047.

### **FIELD TRIP REPORT**-- Melissa Tuchowski

Well, we had a great turn out for our March field trip to Michigan Natural Storage for gypsum: thirty one folks, including a good number of grandchildren and student members! It looked like everyone did their part to haul out some pencil ore and alabaster for Florence's egg carton kits and for the kids' table at our show. Jan Hutny and Magda and Muika Hutna had the find of the day: a cache of 1/4 to 1/2 inch selenite crystals! Ed Drown was equally pleased with the micro selenite crystals which he found in the “sugar” layer. The rest of has had to be contented with pretty shades of alabaster...

**The field trip for April will be to Hungry Hollow near Arkona, Ontario on Saturday April 19.** Let's hope George's good weather spirits will be with us so we can enjoy sifting for fossils in the sunshine. The fossils here are plentiful. You can leave the sledge hammer at home, and instead bring your garden tools-- scratchers and trowels work great for loosening up the gravel and exposing fresh material. You may want to bring several small boxes, pill bottles or film canisters if you wish to sort your fossils as you pick. Milk jugs with the top cut off work fine if you're just out to accumulate some goodies for the kids' table! Bring your light hammer and a couple sharp chisels just in case.

We will meet at the North end of the steel bridge over the Ausable River at Hungry Hollow at 10:00 a.m. It is a three hour drive from Lansing. To get there take I-69 east to I-94 at Port Huron. Go north on 94 about 5 miles to the Blue Water Bridge, which crosses the St. Claire River to Sarnia, Ontario. There is a 1.25 (?) toll for passenger cars, small trucks and vans. After crossing the bridge and going through customs, the expressway Rt. 402 is right in front of you. Take 402 east from Sarnia to exit #44 for Route 9. Go north on Rt. 9 about 1/2 mile to Route 7. Turn right, east, on Rt. 7 and go about 2 miles to where Rt. 7 turns north, left. Go north on Rt. 7 about 4 1/2 miles to Arkona. In Arkona, turn right at the traffic light on Rt. 12 and go about 2 miles to Hungry Hollow Road. It will be on your left, going north. There is a small, green, arrow shaped Hungry Hollow sign on your right just before the road but it is easily missed. Turn left onto Hungry Hollow Rd. and go a little more than 1/2 mile to a steel bridge over the Ausable River. Cross the bridge and turn left onto a small gravel road at the north end of the bridge. There is room hear for several cars to park and this is where we will meet. The clay pit where we will collect is beyond a gate at the end of the road.

***“The rock shop had great security. There was a copper in every room!” Garret Ryan, Grosse Pte. North High class of '96, via Mt. Clemens “Crystal Gazer” 4-97***

**IN MEMORIAM**-- Florence Hill

CML&MS has recently lost two of our life members. Harold VonStuck and Leon VanAtta. Failing health has kept both of them from meetings lately.

Harold died March 19 at the age of 90. In the early years of the club he was a very active member. His chief interest was lapidary. Leona died March 26 at the age of 90. She became an enthusiastic rockhound by going on Wayne Henderson's field trips.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Harold and Leona.

**WITH OUR MEMBERS**-- Florence Hill

--Sunshine Lady, Mary Kay Bean is in need of sunshine directed her way. She underwent back surgery at Ann Arbor several weeks ago, and is at home recuperating.

--Lindsay Bean injured her foot March 31, and is hobbling about on crutches.

--Life member Anne Baker underwent surgery Feb. 18, and is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Burch of Okemos.

--Bettie Patterson had cataract surgery March 19, and is patiently (?) waiting for those new glasses.

--A lady called to say she has some lapidary equipment and supplies of which to dispose. If interested call 332-0992 and identify yourself as a club member.

**MARGARET GREEN'S EDUCATION REPORT:**

**Mineral of the Month:** Bettie, Dave and I thought it would be worthwhile to focus on minerals more commonly found in Michigan. This month's choice is celestite which we will be collecting later this summer at the Maybee quarry.

A suggestion has been made to have a **book discussion circle**, possibly just before our regular meeting. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please let Margaret know.

**There will be an Open House at Bettie Patterson's home on Saturday in April 26th from 1pm to 5 pm.** (See map for directions). The long-standing members of this club are willing to support this activity for the newer members of the club, so folks, you'all come on down so we can get to know ya! Bettie is an excellent hostess and no matter how many times I have seen her extensive collection, I always enjoy seeing it again because I notice something I hadn't seen before!

Open Houses are this year's educational program for all our club members, but a special invitation is extended to club members who have recently joined and to members who miss general membership meetings. This is your opportunity to meet and mingle in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. The plan is to get you "hooked-up" to someone else in the club who shares your particular facet of rockhounding and facilitate a sharing of information, knowledge or skills and materials.

Connie and Neil Snepp's open house was awe-inspiring! I heard many gasps of admiration when folks walked into the house and saw the many beautiful fossils so well presented in the cases and arranged on the tables! I think it was a splendid evening and was enjoyed by all. Thanks Connie & Neil for opening your lovely home, sharing your wonderful collection and for the warmth of your generous hospitality.

**Science Nights:** Ralya, Wed. April 23rd, 6:30-8:30 pm in the library.  
Fairview, Thur. May 8th, 6:00-8:00pm in the multi-purpose rm.  
Murphy, Tues. May 13th, 6:30-8:30pm in the gym.

Sign-up sheets will be at the April general membership meeting. Special note to student members: this is an excellent opportunity to have fun, meet some new friends and support your club.

A world of encouragement to those who may feel some trepidation about participating as demonstrators at a Science Night event. Hey, that's OK. But don't let your worries and doubts keep you from having a good time while working to make a difference in your community. Please feel free to drop by and look at how it is done or buddy up with someone who is an "old hand" at this. Or, team up with a student member who has a demonstration. Science Nights are not as intensive as making a classroom presentation on your own, so please consider being a part of the team. The best part of science night is when the schools reciprocate our efforts by attending our show in October!

**Thank you's and Credit due dept.:**

--First, a round of Thanks goes to the student members of our club who supported the field trip to the Grand Rapids Gypsum mine. Everybody looked great decked out in their mining gear and having a good time.

--Connie Snepp gave a fossil talk to twenty three 4th graders at Colt Middle School in Waverly on February 11. Neil served as the "materials man." On January 23, Neil & Connie hosted nine Cub Scouts from Williamston who came to their house to work toward their geology badge.

--Bettie Patterson, our club's liaison officer, was very busy in February. She presented her display and talk on the "Myths, Medicines and Minerals of Your Birthstones" to the following groups: 35 members of the Jamisonville United Methodist Church on Feb. 2; 18 residents of the Abbot Parkside Apartments on Feb. 10; 35 members of the Presbyterian Women of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Feb. 11; and, 65 members of the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society on Feb. 20!

--Royal and Arlene Olson participated in the Greenwood Elementary Science Night, March 4th by demonstrating Arkansas quartz crystals and Michigan Gypsum.

--Grit Turner did a display with the Kreps Cases at Neff Elementary on March 10 for their science night.

--Florence Hill spoke to the Okemos Women's Club (hosting the Haslett Women's Club) on March 6th. Twenty five ladies learned about the Geology of Michigan. Florence attended Science Night at Holbrook Elementary on March 18, showing Michigan rocks and minerals.

--Margaret Green was a guest speaker at McDonald Middle School on March 7 for Judy Caswell's two 7th grade science classes. They now have a start toward mineral collecting in

Michigan. On March 11 Margaret demonstrated fluorescent minerals to the students at Delta Center Elementary for their science night.

**Education Report, cont.**

--On March 25 the 4th graders in Elaine Karley's class at Colt Elementary. Oood and Aaad and generally got excited about glaciers thanks to a joint effort presentation from Mary Gowans and Margaret.(They loved your slides and chart Mary.)

--Kara Miller presented her specialty, Petosky stone polishing, twice the second week of April. Once to Ms Cruze's class at Riddle School April 8th and again to Ms. Kent's class at Lyons Elementary. April 10th. Margaret went along as chief helper.

**A special note to student members:**

--Don't be shy about doing a demonstration for one of the science nights coming up. I've got "stuff" you can present if you don't have a display.

--Lila Stevens was contacted by a rock club in Kentucky. Their student members are looking for "Rockhound Pen Pals." Anyone interested?

**Personal note:** Are you interested in being a part of the Education Committee? Do you have some ideas you would like to share? If you don't see me at a meeting, please feel free to call me at home during the day. Margaret.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

April 17	Regular meeting, North School, 7:30 p.m. Program: Rocks of the MI Basin. J-Q please bring refreshments.
April 19	Field trip to Hungry Hollow, Arkona Ontario for fossils, 10:00 a.m.
April 26	Open house at the home of Bettie Patterson, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
May 1	Board meeting. Meridian Twp. Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
May 15	Club Banquet. Speaker: June Culp Zeitner. Get your tickets NOW!
Oct. 24-26	OUR SHOW: "Ruby Anniversary"

**MAP TO BETTIE'S HOUSE:**

## **SHOW CALENDAR**

- April 9-12 Indian Mounds Show. Eastbrook Mall, Corner of 28th St.& East Beltline (M-37), Grand Rapids. 10am-9pm Free
- April 11-13 Mount Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 N. Groesbeck. Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-6. Adults \$1.00, Kids 13-17 .75
- April 26-27 Blackhawk Rock Club Show. Discovery Center Museum, 711 North Main St., Rockford IL. Sat 10-5, Sun. 12-5. Admission \$1.00
- May 2-4 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 3-4 Cincinnati Show. Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Ave. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$5.00 or both days for \$8 (\$1 off coupon on flier), kids 6-15 \$1.00
- May 9-11 Flint Show. IMA Sports Arena, 3501 Laper 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 16-18 Dearborn Show. Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan & Greenfield. Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5:30
- May 17 AE Seaman Mineral Museum Benefit Auction in conjunction with the Dearborn Show. 8:15-9:30 pm. All sale items from the Seaman Museum Collection. Everyone is invited.
- June 27-29 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 28-29 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 19 Mt. Clemens swap & sale. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 N. Groesbeck. 9 am - 5 pm. Free.





