

Rockhound News

**Keep this newsletter, which includes the 2011 CMLMS Directory!!!
All CMLMS members who have paid their 2011 dues receive a mailed copy.**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 2011

Annual Banquet at the Masonic Hall in Okemos

Program: *An Evening with Bela Hubbard* by Kyle Bagnell

Location & Time: The CMLMS Annual Banquet will be held on May 19, 2011 at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI at 5:30 pm (Social Hour), 6:30 pm (Dinner), and 8:00 pm (Program). Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children – to reserve your tickets, contact Ernie Aughenbaugh at 989-224-7619 or esaslapidarylapidary@gmail.com.

Please bring snack food or soft drinks for the Hospitality Table.

CMLMS Calendar for June 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

Thursday, June 16, 2011

CMLMS meeting at 7:30 pm, location to be determined.

June Program: Show & Tell (finds from your field trips) and a Mini Silent Auction.

Club News

- **Volunteers are needed for various banquet tasks:** Please bring appetizers (cheese, crackers, veggies, nuts, chips, or fruit) for the **Hospitality Table**. Punch will be provided. We still need help with setting up exhibits. **Please contact Roni Sionakides or Milt Gere to Volunteer for various banquet tasks.**
- **Please get your tickets and help out or there will not be a banquet next year!**
- **Dan Sine, Field Trip Chair, has arranged a great calendar of trips for this summer:**
 1. May 21, 10 am to 2 pm, Crandell Brothers Sand and Gravel, NE corner of Stewart Rd. and M50, Charlotte, MI. Contact Dan Sine 517-749-0414, daniel.sine@opm.gov.
 2. May 28, Trip to Flint Ridge, Ohio. 10 am Meet at McDonalds, Rt 41, Troy, OH, I-75 Exit #74. Contact Ed McDonald, 260-908-2324.
 3. May 28, 10 am to 4 pm, Alabastine Gypsum Mine, 1200 Judd SW, Grand Rapids, MI. Contact Kreigh Tomaszewski, kreigh@tomaszewski.net.
 4. June 25, 10 am to 2 pm, Lafarge Quarry, 1435 Ford Ave., Alpena, MI. Contact Dan Sine.
- The CMLMS – MSU scholarship has been awarded to Mr. Phillip Allore of Harbor Springs, MI. Mr. Allore is an Environmental Science major (going to Geology) and will use the scholarship for his Junior Year.
- **Minutes from March and April are next, followed by the CMLMS 2011 Directory. SAVE IT!**

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting, March 3, 2011

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist, and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, and Dave Westjohn]

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Dave Westjohn (Absent) –The March program is the Annual Silent Auction; April will be on “Crystals.”

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – Summarized minutes from February 3rd meeting. Complete minutes in newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Patton – sent a card to Alice Turner recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Treasurer’s Report: Kris Wood – reviewed month of February 2011. The audit package is ready for the committee.

Directors: [1-YR] Mary Gowans – No report. [2-YR] Bob Mosher – Discussed micro-fossils from a sample of clay from Grand Rapids alabaster mine. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Looking for complete set of club newsletters. Alan keeps the CMLMS history.

Past President: Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – Banquet – May 19th, tickets are available. Ernie A. to sell/record ticket sales; Decorations – Lee and Marie; Alan Hukill sent out 11 invitations to other clubs; Program – Roni (Bela Hubbard program, 60 min.); Dan Sine will have some “special” door prizes; Sue – “regular” door prizes. Sharon B. - hospitality.

Field Trips: Dan Sine – March 26 – 11am/1pm tour of Archie’s Shop in Mason.

Field Trip waiver: **All club members intending to go on club field trips will need to sign this form, valid for one year.**

Lyle Laylin moved to accept safety sheet/field trip waiver as prepared by Dan Sine; motion seconded by Milt Gere.

Vote taken, motion approved (not unanimous – S. Casler did not concur with mine paragraph).

Publications: Elaine Beane – Members who want to be included in the 2011 directory, must pay their 2011 dues.

Education & Community Outreach: Jennie Martin/Kara Miller (both absent) have been busy with Petoskey stone polishing demonstrations at area schools. On April 14, 6-7:30 pm Science Night at Fairview School, club to participate.

Display: Jan Sjoquist reporting for Dave Westjohn, re: club display at the Kalamazoo show in April, Dave will take display to set-up and Jan will take display down at end of show. Display case at Fenner is filled with Indian artifacts.

Finance: Gordon Lewis – handed out copies of the approved budget for 2011.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin – The President's mailbox has too much junk mail; Lyle will work on a solution.

Show: Roger Laylin – Found a dealer replacement for "Silver Smithing".

Old Business: Scholarship – Impression Five Science Museum; and By-Laws Amendment on Memorials, both tabled.

New Business: Due to time, meeting was adjourned. Mary Gowans moved to adjourn, seconded by Milt Gere.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting, April 7, 2011

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist, and Dave Westjohn. [Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Mary Gowans, Lyle Laylin, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, and Kris Wood]

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library. Announcements: June Board Meeting at the Library; club invited to Indian Mounds Club banquet & Tulip City banquet; info. on Copper Country Mineral Retreat; & email about potential closure of NM Rockhound State Park to collecting.

Vice President: Dave Westjohn – April program will be on "Crystals", Dave presenting. May program is Club Banquet.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – The March minutes will be published in a future newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Patton – Post cards were sent with a reminder to pay dues for 2011.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood (Absent) – President Sionakides reviewed the emailed report for March.

Directors: [2-YR] Bob Mosher – Reported on the Grand Rapids Mine clay sample; re: dangerous minerals, Dr. Kedzie's 1880's paper on arsenic pigments in wallpaper and household items. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh – Presented new member application for Travis Vivian and children. **Sue Casler moved to accept new member application; Roger Laylin seconded; Motion approved.** Welcome Travis and family.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Milt Gere provided CMLMS newsletters Alan needed. 2011 Show flyers are now available.

Past President: Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – Reminder of Banquet – May 19th. Bring appetizers for Hospitality Table.

Field Trips: Dan Sine – (Absent) – May 14th – LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio.

Education & Community Outreach: April 14th, 6-7:30pm, Science Night at Fairview Elementary School (Dan Sine).

May 11th – Science Night at Resurrection School (volunteers needed). Discussion – how to bring Schools back to club school tour day in October rather than club going to science nights. Do we need more education at the club show?

Display: Dave Westjohn - club display will be at the Kalamazoo show, the last weekend in April.

Finance: Gordon Lewis – MSU Scholarship interviews 4/13. Interview team: Alan Hukill, Grit Turner and Gordon Lewis.

Show: Roger Laylin – Another dealer has backed out of the October Show. Ernie A. will work on getting another dealer.

Old Business: By-Laws Amendment: Memorial for Deceased Members, presented by Elaine Beane & Committee of Pres., V.P. & Rec. Sec. The "Memorial" By-Law is amended to include: *In lieu* of a mineral specimen or book, a donation may be made to the Midwest Federation or American Federation or Scholarship fund with a specified not-to-exceed dollar (\$50) amount. If a donation is made *in lieu* of a mineral specimen or book, a plaque will be needed to display the name of the deceased for whom the memorial donation was made. Roger Laylin moved to vote on the amendment as presented: Vote taken (9 yes, 2 no); motion passed as written to include (\$50) amount.

New Business: Due to time, meeting was adjourned. Sharon Patton moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alan Hukill. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

The CMLMS 2011 Directory is next. Please keep this Issue!

Notes: In compliance with the CMLMS Constitution, only members in good standing (dues paid) are included in this directory. At the request of senior members, Membership numbers and types are included in each listing (following telephone number). LM=Life Member; RM=Regular Member, dues paid. Please send changes to Elaine Beane at gebeane@comcast.net.

