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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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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 15, 2014  
ANNUAL BANQUET  
PROGRAM: Karen Brzys, The Agate Lady**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on May 15, 2014 at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

**5:30 p.m. - Gathering and Social Hour; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - Program**

**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, \$10.00 ADULTS/\$5.00 CHILDREN  
CONTACT ERNIE AUGHENBAUGH AT 989-224-7619 OR BY EMAIL AT  
ESASLAPIDARY@HOTMAIL.COM**

**PLEASE LET ERNIE KNOW NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY12.**

**ALSO**

**PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER DISH FOR THE HOSPITALITY TABLE.**

## **OUR SPEAKER**

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 Gumee Museum in Grand Marais, Michigan. Mark the date! ([www.agatelady.com](http://www.agatelady.com)). Members are encouraged to bring guests and a display of agates.

**Calendar for Spring 2014** and later

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

**May 29, 2014** - Board Meeting, Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m. **Note date change!**

June 19, 2014 - Membership meeting, show work bee and silent auction.

July/August - Summer vacation! Happy and successful rock hounding!

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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

May, 2014 - Annual banquet

June, 2014 - Show work bee and silent auction

July/August - Summer vacation!

**WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER  
Sofia Kauma, Lansing**

## 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](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

### 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.**

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](mailto:l.r.laylin@gmail.com) to volunteer or to donate.

## CLUB NEWS

**Field Trips!** In planning: Charlotte, Pipe Creek, and others. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov)

Educational opportunities

1. May 10, 2014 - A Tour of the Bruce Dice Mineralogical Museum at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Call Dan for more information.

2. May 24, 2014 - Grand Ledge, Michigan Educational Walking Tour, a non-specimen-collecting tour of the Grand Ledge limestone, 10 - 2. Sponsored by KGMS (Kalamazoo Rock Club). Check with Dan for more information.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club ([jwphilipps@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in  
Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)**

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

### West Michigan MWF Mineral Study Group

May 12, 2014, 7 pm - 8:30 pm at home of Kreigh Tomaszewski. They will be studying minerals that had a hexagonal crystal class. This is a regular study group. Contact Kreigh for more information at [kreigh@tomaszewski.net](mailto:kreigh@tomaszewski.net).

### Upcoming shows

May 16, 17, & 18: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Gem and Mineral Show, Southgate Civic

Arena, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate, MI. Times May 16, 4-7, May 17, 10-6, May 18, 11-5.  
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 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Des Moines (Iowa) Lapidary Society's Gem, Mineral and Fossil show, at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, Iowa State Fairgrounds.

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 17, 2014**

**Call to Order:** The April Membership meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by vice-president, Sue Casler, at the Okemos Masonic Center.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitor:** Former member, Sofia Kaume, came back to visit this evening. Welcome back, Sofia.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The March membership Meeting minutes and the April Board Meeting minutes were printed in the April newsletter. There were no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood is absent, but March report is available.

#### **Announcements:**

1. Roger Laylin: Re: Neil Snapp estate. Roger has acquired two pony cases and may be able to obtain three club cases if they are not sold at the estate sale. Danita Brandt of the Michigan State University Geological Science Department was able to be the recipient of a rare trilobite burrow that belonged to Neil. There are only two known burrows, of which Neil's was one. Danita had previously done a paper on that specimen and it is Neil's legacy to Michigan State University and perhaps to the Museum at the University of Michigan for display. Roger has ordered some fossil molds for children to make "fossils" at the show. The cost was \$50.00. Roger states that we will need to work on egg carton kits at the June meeting.
2. Sue Casler states there will be a silent auction then. More books from the library will be offered at the sale. The Fairview Elementary School Science Night was attended by Roger Laylin, Theresa Hubbard and Jan Sjoquist. The Cole Academy science fair was held today without participation by CMLMS.
3. Gordon Lewis announced the winner of the \$2,000.00 CMLMS scholarship to a MSU geological science student. Tyler Ruchala will be presented with the check at the GLG graduation and awards reception on May 3. Jan Sjoquist will make the presentation. Doug Sjoquist will also attend. Gordon also demonstrated the form to be used in requesting money from the CMLMS treasury.
4. Dan Sine: Trips to Sylvania and Paulding Ohio and to Pipe Creek in Indiana are in the works. The Sylvania trip will have a limit of 20 people. Dan will try a Charlotte Quarry trip on a Thursday to give opportunities to people who may have to miss a Saturday trip. Dates to be determined.
5. Jan Sjoquist made a plea for help with club activities via a "Help Wanted" list with contact people listed. There are a lot of great, fun tasks to do. No experience needed.
6. Ernie Augenbaugh: Banquet tickets are being sold; be sure to get yours before they run out! Bring a snack for the hospitality table. Marie and Lee will do the table decorations. The program will be presented by Karen Brzys, the Agate Lady. Displays are welcome.

**Door Prizes:** Ten door prizes, thanks to Dan Sine.

**Program:** DVD selection.

**Adjournment:** Sherry Sparks moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Elaine Beane. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, April 29, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Lyle Laylin, Milt Gere, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Dan Sine, Nate Krupp, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Mary Gowans, Jan Sjoquist, Alan Hukill.

**President:** Elaine Angstman - absent. Vice-president Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at the Okemos Library. The board meeting date was changed for both May and June meetings because the library had scheduled another event that was going to conflict with our regular meeting date.

**Vice President:** Sue Casler - May meeting is the annual banquet. There was discussion about where we stand with the banquet. 58 tickets have been sold to date. The cut off date for getting tickets will be May 12. June meeting will be a silent auction and a show work bee making egg cartons.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist absent. Roni Sionakides is taking the minutes for the board meeting. Minutes for the April membership meeting and the May board meeting will be published in the May newsletter.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard - will send a get-well card to Jan Sjoquist. It was noted that Sandy Hukill was back in the hospital. She also mentioned getting many emails from China regarding minerals for sale that led to a discussion about the website links to officers.

**Treasurer:** Kris Wood absent, report submitted.

**Directors:** Milt Gere (1 yr.): No report.

Lyle Laylin (2 yr.): No report..

Nate Krupp (3 yr.): Reported on the Webelo Woods geology pin day. No one has contacted him to assist. Roger Laylin offered display cases for showing.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh received an application from an old member. Dan sine made a motion to accept Sofia Kauma as a returning member, Theresa Hubbard seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill: No report. There was concern about banquet invitations being sent to other clubs. Milt Gere and Ernie Aughenbaugh will contact the clubs with invitations.

**Past President:** Elaine Beane, absent, no report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman, absent. See Roster Secretary above.

**Field Trip:** Dan Sine - Two educational opportunities were mentioned: May 10 tour of the Bruce Dice Mineralogical Museum at Calvin College and May 24 Grand Ledge Walking tour. The Hansen Quarry at Sylvania, Ohio will be closing operations and is not allowing any field trips into the quarry. Charlotte, Pipe Creek and others are being scheduled.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides: Deadline for the newsletter is May 2, 10 am firm.

**Outreach:** Mary Gowans absent, no report.

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

**Library:** Roger Laylin reported - the silent auction at the June meeting will include more books being discarded from the library. Lee Laylin wants all outstanding books returned at the June meeting so she can inventory them.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist, no report.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis - Jan Sjoquist will present the scholarship award May 3 at the awards luncheon at MSU. Thank you to Gordon Lewis, Milt Gere and Jan Sjoquist for all their work on the scholarship award. Tyler Ruchala was the recipient of the scholarship.

**Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin, no report.

**Show:** Roger Laylin - Help is needed to sort and organize the materials gotten from the Snepp collection for the show. It was suggested that the club should send a thank you card to Neil's daughter, Jeri Johnson. Theresa Hubbard will send one. Roger suggested inviting the person who found the mammoth tooth to display it at the show. Ernie said there will 12 dealers again this year.

**Old Business:** There was a wrap up discussion about the Snepp estate sale and what the club acquired.

**New Business:** None was presented.

**Adjournment:** Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Theresa Hubbard supported the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, acting Recording Secretary