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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 21, 2015

ANNUAL BANQUET

PROGRAM: Patty C. Rice, Ph.D. speaking on amber

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on May 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

**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, MAY18.

ALSO

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER DISH FOR THE HOSPITALITY TABLE.

OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Patty C. Rice received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Her extensive amber collection has received numerous trophies and first-place awards in mineral shows through out the U.S. and Canada. Her travels include Poland, New Zealand, Dominican Republic, Germany, Sweden, and Russia where she observed first-hand amber museums, the industry and mining techniques. As a popular amber lecturer, she has authored many articles in professional gem and mineral journals. In New Zealand, she visited the Kauri forests similar to the trees that produced the amber resin.

Calendar for Spring & Summer 2015 and later

May 21, 2015 - Annual Banquet, see Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

June board meeting - May 28, 2015, Thursday, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

June 18, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, show work Bee & Roger Laylin on running a show

July/August - summer break

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

May 21, 2015 - Annual Banquet. Speaker Dr. Patty C. Rice on amber.

June 18, 2015 - Roger Laylin on "How to Put on a Show," show work bee.

NEW MEMBER - WELCOME

Justin Ralph

Scholarship Award: And the winner is

The CMLMS 2015 MSU Scholarship of \$2,000.00 has been awarded to **Emily Pasek**. Emily is from Northville, Michigan and is pursuing a B.S. Degree in Geological Science. She plans to graduate in June of 2016. Following graduation, Emily intends to study igneous petrology in a master's degree program.

Emily has been collecting rocks since age 3, and she has shared that interest with other family members. She has attended a 6-week MSU Field Camp in Utah, Nevada and Wyoming, and is active in the MSU Geology Club.

Emily is passionate about the value of education and would like to pass along her knowledge in the field of Earth Science to those without such a background. She plans to write books for children in order to provide a resource for them to learn about the planet and to generate excitement and respect for the environment. Knowledge is the key for future policy makers.

Congratulations to Emily! CMLMS is proud to support her in her continuing education.

Library News

Librarian, Lee Laylin, asks that everyone who has checked out books from the library turn them all in by the June Meeting.

Message From Show Chairman, Roger Laylin

ROCK SHOW needs help. Kris Wood our most able Raffle Chairperson for the last several years asks that she be replaced because of health issues. She expects to be available for advise and some help at show time. We need one or two members to **VOLUNTEER** to take over the duties of this Fund raiser. Please speak to me for an explanation of the work.

Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

CLUB NEWS

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.

Field Trips! IMI (Irving Materials Inc. - Indiana Quarries) has made one day available for collecting at their popular collecting sites which include Pipe Creek Junior, Pendleton, and Cordon.

1. **Paulding, Ohio**, June 13, 8 am - 1 pm, 11435 Road 176. Fossils. Be on time!
2. **Pipe Creek Junior** Saturday, June 20th, from 10 am to 2 pm, 6377 West 600 S, Swayzee, IN 46986. Fossils and Calcite.
3. **Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine**, June 27, 10-4, email kreigh@tomaszewski.net
4. **Pendleton** Saturday, August 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm, 5002 S. State Road 67, Anderson, IN.

Calcite crystals, white and amber, some sphalerite.

5. **Corydon** Saturday, September 12th, 10 am to 2 pm, 1100 Quarry Road NW, Corydon, IN 47112 (north of Louisville, KY). Pink dolomite crystals in small vugs with occasional fluorite.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Hardhat, work type shoes, safety glasses

AGE: Must be at least 16 years of age

BRIEFING: Site-specific presentation will be administered prior to collecting

SIGN WAIVER: Each person will be required to sign a liability waiver

Please inform me if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

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.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

May 16-17 - North Olmsted, Ohio, annual show, contact Martha Lamparyk 440-926-3680 or www.parmalapidary.com for details

May 22-24, MWF 75th Annual Convention, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Road, Wheaton, Illinois

May 29-31 - Wauseon, Ohio, annual show, contact Doris Braezicki 517-263-1660 or www.statelinegms.com

June 13 - Wyoming, Michigan, Indian Mounds Club, tailgate sale, contact Gordon Spalenka 616-249-0513

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 16, 2015

Call to Order: President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:37pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

Guests/Visitors: Welcome to guests Sally Labalie, Bob Reszka, last year's scholarship winner Tyler Ruchala, and Tyler's friend Erin. Also welcomed were the new members, Heather Proctor, Kelvin Malloy and son Kelvin, Jr.

Minutes: The March membership meeting minutes and the April Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane explained the revised Treasurer's reports that were submitted.

Announcements: Sue Casler states that Ernie Augenbaugh has tickets for sale for the Annual May Banquet. The speaker, Patty Rice, will present about amber. The June membership meeting will be a work party and show information by Roger Laylin.

Mary Gowans thanked those who participated in the Fairview Science Fair: Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, and Dave Berquist.

Jan Sjoquist encouraged members to sign up for the bus trip to Cranbrook on September 26. We need 30 people to sign up in order for the trip to go. Call or email Jan if you are interested: sjoquistj@sbcglobal.net. Phone 517 543-1464.

Roger Laylin shared information about the Loto Tumbler and provided examples of the stones he polished in only 6 days.

Rob Roland will attend the banquet at Tulip City. He sent a RSVP.

MSU Science Festival is April 15-19.

Dan Sine shared information via email about a field trip to Penfield Quarry in Penfield, New York, on May 2.

Adjournment: Roni Sionakides made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. Lee Laylin supported the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Program: Diane Baclawski presented a program about the Glacial History of Michigan, featuring the work of Frank Leverett and Frank Taylor.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, May 4, 2015

Board Members Present: Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Angstman, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans, Nate Krupp, Lee Laylin, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller.

Members Present: Bob Mosher, Dave Masarik.

President: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:12pm at the Okemos Library. She discussed the CMLMS Banquet plans that are now complete. Dan Sine will oversee the displays, and members are asked to contribute. Sue passed around the book, *Amber*, written by our banquet speaker, Patty Rice. Information about the Michigan History Conference and the new rock shop in Paw Paw was shared.

Vice-President: Sue Casler, see above.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane states that the report from the membership meeting is the present report. Transactions at this board meeting includes a \$ 2,000.00 check written to the MSU Scholarship winner, Emily Pasek, and a check for \$ 250.00 for the banquet speaker.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist has submitted the April Membership Meeting minutes for publication. She anticipates that the May Board Meeting minutes will be ready by the publication deadline.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard has received two checks from the Lansing School District for show transportation. She also received the membership number of Phyllis White.

Directors: Gaylord Brooks (3yr.), absent, no report; Lyle Laylin (2yr) reports the purchase of show materials at the Quartzite Show and he will submit a statement for reimbursement. Nate Krupp (1yr.), absent, no report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, nothing new to report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, no report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent, no report. Ernie Augenbaugh presented an application for membership. Theresa Hubbard made a **motion to accept Justin Ralph into membership**. Roni Sionakides supported the motion; a vote was taken and Justin is welcomed as a new member to the CMLMS. Justin is 13 years old and is from Ovid. Welcome, Justin!

Field Trips: Dan Sine recapped the previously submitted field trips:

June 13 (Paulding, Ohio), June 20 (Pipe Creek), August 8 (Pendleton), September 12 (Corydon). Dan is hopeful that a trip to the Crandall Quarry in Charlotte can be scheduled.

Jan Sjoquist presented a request to have CMLMS assist in payment for a bus trip to Cranbrook Science Museum on September 26, 2015. There was a discussion about the use of club funds for the trip as well as subsidy for the banquet tickets. Roni Sionakides made a **motion to approve between \$ 400 and \$500 for the purpose of promoting interest and increased knowledge of members** via the Cranbrook trip. Elaine Beane supported the motion. A vote was taken and the expenditure for the bus trip for members was approved.

Publications: Roni Sionakides has the CMLMS Banquet program in the works. The deadline for the newsletter is in one week, May 11.

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

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans, absent, no report.

Roger Laylin provided fossils for an outreach project involving approximately 50 students at the Ebersole Education Center.

Library: No report.

Display: Jan Sjoquist and Carol Idalski set up the memorial display at the Kalamazoo show on April 30. Doug Sjoquist and Jan picked it up on Sunday, May 3.

Finance: Gordon Lewis: no report.

The MSU Scholarship committee: Lyle Laylin, Milt Gere and Jan Sjoquist with the help of Sue Casler, has announced the winner of the \$ 2,000.00 Scholarship. She is Emily Pasek from Northville, MI. She will be presented with her check during the awards presentation at MSU on May 9, 2015.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin has received a bill for \$ 424.00 for two years of service.

Show: Roger Laylin has purchased a lot of zip-lock bags of differing sizes; see him if you need them. He also purchased polish as requested.

Ernie Augenbaugh has replaced two dealers. The new dealers are: Beauties of Creation and Peacock Rocks. Ernie and Jan Sjoquist were set up at the recent Kalamazoo Show. They reported on the large attendance and a discussion ensued about attracting larger numbers for the CMLMS Show. No specific action was taken. The need for greater participation by members was discussed. What can we do to involve more members?

Sue Casler mentioned the need for a volunteer to organize the show raffle. See Sue if you can help with this.

Old Business: Re: location for Board Meetings. Scheduling concerns at the Okemos Library was discussed. We cannot have a stable night of the week for the meetings, and they can be scheduled only in 3-month blocks. This leads to confusion and inconvenience for board members. However, no change will be made at this time.

New Business: none.

Adjournment: Elaine Beane made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. The motion received a second by Theresa Hubbard and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

BUS TRIP TO CRANBROOK MUSEUM

Bloomfield Hills, MI

Saturday, September 26, 2015

10am to 5pm

From Frandor

Transportation: Dean Trailways, mini-coach (29passenger limit)

Join fellow members of CMLMS on a fall road trip to see the magnificent mineral collection at Cranbrook Science Center. We will charter a Dean Trailways mini-coach. Bring sack lunch to eat on the bus.

Cost: \$ 20.00 per person

Includes admission

Payment can be made at the Banquet, the June membership meeting, or by mail by August 15.

Attempt will be made to generate a cancellation list.

If you are interested, please sign up at the next meeting or email:
sjoquistj@sbcglobal.net

****Space is limited to 29 members.**

Children over the age of 10 are welcome with an adult.



*Cranbrook founder George Booth started his mineral collection in 1926 with only a few hundred specimens. Since then, it has grown to more than 11,000 specimens, including 300 minerals from Michigan, such as gypsum, copper and halite. There are 1,800 specimens on display in the **Mineral Study Gallery**.*