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# Rockhound News

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, 2175 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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 2016**

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

**PROGRAM: Sallie Labadie “Michigan Mastodon Dig”**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on May 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

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

**PLEASE LET ERNIE KNOW NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY16.**

**ALSO**

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

**5:30 SOCIAL HOUR, 6:30 DINNER**

## **OUR SPEAKER**

Sally Labadie taught for 37 years of which 32 years were in Coruna; and was an Administrator for 5 years; following which she spent 13 years at Michigan State University in the Education Department teaching Science Methodology and as Coordinator for the Elementary Interns Program. She retired in 2013 after 50 years of service to education!

Sally and her husband Harold owned and operated the Love Funeral Home in Bancroft, Michigan, retiring in 2008 after 40 years.

Presently Sally is Secretary of the Friends of the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology. In addition, she was the first and only female President of this organization. She is also President of the Bancroft Historical Society and is presently working on archiving obituaries and history. In 2015, she published the History of Bancroft and has also self-published four children's picture books, one chapter book and a memoir “The Good, the Oops and the Funny” events in the life of a teacher.

## **Calendar for Spring 2016 and later**

May 19, 2016, Banquet, speaker Sally Labadie, see Dan Sine or Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

June 2, 2016 - 7:00 p.m., **Thursday**, board meeting, Okemos Library - note day

June 16, 2016 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, work bee

July & August - off for summer

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is now the Sunday after the board meeting]

## **ORANGE BARREL ALERT!!!**

Okemos Road where the humpback bridge crosses the Red Cedar River has been undergoing repairs since last year. It is now open **southbound only** from Hamilton to Mt. Hope; northbound is completely closed. Plan to travel to the Masonic Center using routes other than Okemos Road between Hamilton and Mount Hope. The detour is via Hagedorn north to Grand River. Okemos Road is open both ways north of Hamilton.

### **2016 Scholarship Award: And the winner is**

Brett Flessner is a graduate of Lakewood High School in Lake Odessa. He has a passion for the outdoors and has a rock collection that is growing; one specimen was purchased at our show for \$ .25.

Recent trips to Turkey Run in Indiana and to the outcropping in Grand Ledge with MSU have expanded Brett's experiences and reinforced his love for geology. He is anxious to attend a field camp in Utah this summer and this scholarship will be used to help finance this trip.

Last summer, Brett served an internship with an environmental remediation company in Lansing. He continues to work with them part time and is rewarded by having the opportunity to make a positive impact to the environment and the community. Brett is seeking a degree in Geological Sciences and expects to graduate in the spring of 2017.

Congratulations for a job well done. Jan Sjoquist, Lyle Laylin and Milt Gere were the scholarship interview committee.

### **In Search of.....BANDED IRON FORMATION SLAB**

Michigan State University has acquired a 29-ton, 1.9 billion year old specimen of banded iron formation (BIF), a gift from the City of Ishpeming in the Upper Peninsula. The specimen was dedicated on May 3, 2016 and is placed at the entrance of the Natural Science Building on the MSU Campus. The purpose of this magnificent specimen is to reflect the importance of the field of earth science.

Dr. Warren Wood approached me at the MSU Awards Brunch with a request to CMLMS for help in finding a large slab of the banded iron (i.e., jaspilite) that could be used in a display used to explain the banded iron formation. It will be a teaching specimen.

This is a request for such a specimen. Please let me know if you have a good- sized slab (6 inches or more) that you would be willing to have used for this purpose. Or—if you know of someone to contact about obtaining a slab, please let me know.

Jan or Doug Sjoquist  
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### **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 19, 2016 - Annual banquet, speaker Sallie Labadie on "Michigan Mastodon dig"

June 16, 2016 - Show work bee, mineral beryl, variety emerald for May and moonstone for June

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY AND VARIOUS CHAIRS**

We need members willing to set up hospitality on membership meeting nights. Please consider taking a few minutes to help out.

Show chair is open. Currently the board will pick up the duties but a permanent chairperson is needed.

Library chair is open. Please let the board know if you are interested in either position.

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

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

### **Field Trips!**

Paulding and Graymont, Ohio are being considered. 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). 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.

### **Fossil Park Field Trip**

Dave Berquist, who lives in Delta Township, is seeking up to 3 persons interested in going to Sylvania, Ohio to Fossil Park for a one-day car pool excursion. He has a van with room to bring back finds. He is will to travel any day, subject to schedules of all persons who are interested. he can be contacted by email at [3waverly@gmail.com](mailto:3waverly@gmail.com) or phone at 517 643-2301. For more information on Fossil Park their website is [www.olanderpark.com](http://www.olanderpark.com).

This is from the website:

Fossil park itself is open year round. Please check the website at [www.olanderpark.com](http://www.olanderpark.com) and that will give you updates and what you can and can't do.

The rules for the fossils themselves is, what you find, you keep. I just ask if you could send pictures of what you find and the time you spent there to us, so we can put it on our face book page or you can put it on the face book page at The Olander Park System. It's nice to see what people get or find.

Tools are not allowed.

Hansen's quarry is still operating at full throttle. We have an agreement with them on fossils. They just blew up part of their southeast quarry and that's where we get the fossil from. The park people go in and load our trucks and take it to Fossil park.

There are restaurants, gas station, stores across the street and downtown Sylvania is only 2 miles away with the same things, plus our other parks are close by. The corner of Centennial Road and Sylvania Avenue will be closed for 68 days. This would be out of your way, but nice to know.

**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)**

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

### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

May 11: WYOMING, Michigan, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Tailgate Sale, Wesley Park United Methodist Church, 1150 - 32nd Street, Wyoming. 9 - Noon. Contact Gordon Spalenka, (616) 249-0513; [gnsपालका@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnsपालका@sbcglobal.net) [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com).

May 14-15: NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio, Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show, North Olmsted Soccer Plex, 31515 Loraine Road, North Olmsted. Sat & Sun 10-5. Contact John or Sue Zabrowski, (440) 213-1153; [parmalapidary@yahoo.com](mailto:parmalapidary@yahoo.com).

May 14-15: ST. JOSEPH, Michigan, Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society, Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph. Sat 9-6, Sun 12-6. Contact Larry, [tire309@yahoo.com](mailto:tire309@yahoo.com), Nancy at 269-983-4900.

June 11: WYOMING, Michigan, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Tailgate Sale. Wesley Park United Methodist Church, 1150 - 32nd St., Wyoming. 9 - Noon. Contact Gordon Spalenka, (616) 249-0513; [gnsपालका@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnsपालका@sbcglobal.net) [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com).

### **CMLMS MINUTES**

#### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 21, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

**Visitors:** There were no guests or visitors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March Membership Meeting and of the April Board Meeting were printed in the April Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane submitted her report.

#### **Announcement:**

1. Sue Casler reviewed the Banquet plans and extended the invitation to the Tulip City Banquet for two people to represent CMLMS.
2. Theresa Hubbard shared information about the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine that will soon be closed to club trips.
3. Roger Laylin will be completing the club directory to be emailed soon.
4. Roni Sionakides attended the Fairview Elementary Science Night, the only representative of CMLMS.
5. Jan Sjoquist reported that the CMLMS Scholarship candidates are to meet with the interview

team on Monday, April 25. Rob expressed the desire for more contact with the scholarship winners. We have had differing engagements in the past with a recent winner attending several meetings and helping at the show, yet others with minimal interaction. Winners always receive an invitation to the banquet, but the banquet is held after the MSU semester ends and many students are gone.

6. Possible future programs were discussed with a suggestion for scrimshaw.

**Mineral of the Month:** Theresa Hubbard presented some fascinating information about diamonds, dispelling the common belief that diamonds come from coal. Canada now produces 20% of the world's diamonds. She described how Conflict Diamonds still make it into the U.S. market, being filtered through other countries.

**Adjournment:** Roni Sionakides made a **motion to adjourn the meeting;** Diane Baclawski supported the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

**Program:** *African Rift Valley-Cracks into the Earth*, DVD from "The Great Courses."

Respectfully submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting Notes, May 3, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Mary Gowans, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Gaylord Brooks, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Lee Laylin, Dan Sine, Dave Berquist.

**Members Present:** Bob Mosher.

***Attendance does not provide the quorum needed to conduct business, therefore, the following is submitted as meeting notes.***

**President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at the Okemos Library. A quorum does not exist but the meeting will continue with discussions.

1. Banquet plans were reviewed. Board members will donate special door prizes.
2. Jan Sjoquist announced the scholarship winner, Brett Flessner. Brett plans to attend the banquet.
3. The June work meeting will include information on the May and June birthstones, emerald and moonstone.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane presented current financial information.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist has submitted the April membership minutes for publication.

**Directors:** Gaylord Brooks, absent; Lyle Laylin, no report; Nate Krupp is compiling information to plan membership meeting programs. Discussion ensued about the three-year term of directors.

**Roster Secretary, Liaison Officer, Past President, Membership, Field Trip, Education, Library, and Finance Chairs** were absent. Dan Sine requested a date selection for Paulding field trip.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans lead a discussion about the number of school science fairs we would like to attend. More members are needed to help with these science nights before we add more.

**Show:** Roger Laylin has prepared exit gifts and advertising. There are 300 egg carton kits left from last year. Approximately 500 were sold.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary