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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, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI

Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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 17, 2018

ANNUAL BANQUET

**SPEAKER: DAN R. FOUNTAIN on
MICHIGAN GOLD AND SILVER**

Location and Time: The CMLMS annual banquet will be held on May 17, 2018, beginning 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 DAN SINE AT 517-763-2954 OR BY EMAIL AT
DANIEL.SINE@OPM.GOV. PICKUP WILL BE AT THE DOOR.**

PLEASE LET DAN KNOW NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY14.

ALSO

**PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER DISH FOR THE HOSPITALITY TABLE
AND A DISPLAY IF YOU WANT.**

5:30 SOCIAL HOUR, 6:30 DINNER

OUR BANQUET SPEAKER

Dan R. Fountain, author of the books *Michigan Gold Mining in the Upper Peninsula* (1992) and *Michigan Gold and Silver Mining in the Upper Peninsula* (2013).

Dan Fountain is a historian with a deeply rooted appreciation for Michigan's mining heritage and an avid interest in the rich and colorful history of the early settlers and miners.

Dan grew up in the Upper Peninsula mining town of Ishpeming, surrounded by the open pits and towering headframes of the area's iron mines. Much of his understanding and curiosity about the region's mining history - and his own interest in the searching out old mining sites - stems from growing up in that atmosphere.

Three generations of his family were involved in the iron industry, so it was no surprise that Dan made his living in the mines, working more than 30 years at the Empire and Tilden mines as an electronic technician. He is a graduate of Northern Michigan University, holding a degree in electronics.

For more than three decades, Dan has conducted extensive research on gold and silver mining in Michigan. He used the modern tools afforded by digital libraries and online searching, but also has spent countless hours in museums and libraries seeking long-forgotten historical documentation.

To get a better feel for the stories, he has gone out and hiked many miles in the rugged forests of Upper Michigan in search of the numerous gold and silver mining prospects about which he writes.

Dan has served on the board of directors and as president of the Negaunee Historical Society, and continues to be involved in on-going research concerning gold and silver mining, maritime history and other subjects of local historical significance.

Calendar for spring/summer 2018

May 17, 2018 - Banquet

May 24, 2018 - Attwood Elementary School Science Night, 5:30 p.m.

June 7, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

June 21, 2018 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

September 6, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 17 - Banquet, speaker Mr. Dan R. Fountain on "Michigan Gold and Silver." See Dan Sine for tickets.

June 21 - Show work bee and silent auction

July/August - off for summer

September 20 - Show and Tell

2018 CMLMS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Liam Peterson is the winner of the CMLMS Scholarship for 2018.

Liam is projected to graduate from MSU in the Summer of 2019. He is seeking a degree in Geological Sciences (BS). Liam is involved in a challenging research project and he intends to begin another project to widen his geological perspective. After graduation, he will pursue a master's degree in igneous petrology or planetary sciences and then a doctorate. His goal is to acquire knowledge, skills, and experiences, to gain perspectives throughout his education. He envisions pursuing a career in minerals exploration or in geochemical laboratory work. His ideal career would be to work for a research institution.

In addition, Liam has possession of some lapidary equipment! He is interested in speaking to members about using it!

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Library Chair - maintains the library, checks books out and in.

Liaison Officer.

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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 517-351-6136.

May 24, Attwood School Science Night and the time is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Set up 4:30. Location 915 Attwood Street, ½ mile south of Jolly. Contact Mary Gowans for more details.

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

Field Trips!

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

Field trip to a gravel mine near Leslie, Sunday, May 20th at 10:30 am. Address: 3805 Annis Road, Mason, Michigan. Just past his house same side, closer to Edgar Road is pit - Going away from Tuttle Road. Directions: U.S. 127 south of Mason to Barnes Road exit, west on Barnes Road to Tuttle Road (about 1 mile), south of Tuttle to Annis Road (2 miles), west on Annis to address (about 1+ miles). Other trips to this gravel mine may be scheduled this summer. It's a newer sand operation and no one has been in it yet. Should be some nice finds.

UPCOMING SHOWS

May 12-13: TOLEDO, OHIO, Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Rock/Jewelry Open House. Sat 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sun noon - 4 pm. St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo. Contact Michelle Gregore, 9525 Wolfinger, Holland 43528; (419) 270-7507; mgrigoretgrb@gmail.com.

May 19-20: ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN, Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society Show. Sat 9-6, Sun noon-6. Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave., St. Joseph. Contact: Nancy Wolff, blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com.

May 19-20: NORTH OLMSTEAD, OHIO, Parma Lapidary Club Show, Sat/Sun 10-5. Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain Road, North Olmstead. Contact: www.parmalapidary.com.

June 1-3: WAUSEON, OHIO Stateline Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri noon - 6 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8514 SR-108, Wauseon. Contact: Glenda Gafner, 3720 Britton Hwy, Britton 49229; (517) 403-6310; ggafner@frontier.com

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 19, 2018

Call to Order: President S. Casler called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos, Michigan.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Speaker, Dr. Warren W. Wood.

President: Sue Casler said Roni Sionakides would be Acting Recording Secretary since Dave Berquist was absent.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the March membership meeting and the April board meeting were published in the newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane reported for April.

Banquet: Dan Sine said tickets are available and to let him know if wanting to attend. He will hold tickets at the door. Schedule is 5:30 social/hospitality, 6 p.m. prelims before dinner served at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 8 p.m.

Scholarship: Milt Gere said Elaine Beane, Doug Sjoquist and himself met with 4 students at MSU. The scholarship was awarded to Liam Peterson who is studying geology and math.

Education: Theresa Hubbard talked for a few minutes about a website selling fake Petoskey stone bracelets. The stones are from Asia. The site is HOMES (acronym of the Great Lakes).

Fairview Science Night: Roger Laylin said he was the only one to show up and he gave away 35 exit gifts. The school committee had the society in an out of the way room so few people visited. But they were very accommodating with snacks and food. Construction at the school was probably a factor for lower turnout than in the past.

Announcements:

1. Larry Bourland announced he is selling his entire collection and moving onto a boat. The sale will be May 4-5; he left flyers for the event.
2. Dan Sine had a sign-up sheet for those interested in field trips.
3. The Society received a promotional brochure from City of Jackson for places and events to visit.

Door prizes: Dan Sine held the drawings for the door prizes.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lee Laylin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Program: Dr. Warren W. Wood on “The Origin of Water and Banded Iron Formations (BIF).”
Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

CMLMS, May 3, 2018, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Dave Berquist, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Chuck Taricska, Lyle Laylin, Dan Sine,

Board Members Absent: Ernie Augenbaugh, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans.

Members Present: None.

President: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Sue had the most recent American Federation newsletter that had an article warning clubs about phishing scams.

Vice-President: Nate Krupp reported he helped Scouts on a mineral merit badge project. Dave Berquist provided some leads to Nate on future speakers. Nate intends to compile a list of past speakers. The membership meeting in June will include a work bee and a silent auction.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane presented and explained the Treasurer’s Report, March 1 through April 30, 2018.

Recording Secretary: Dave Berquist, April Membership minutes were recorded by Roni Sionakides in Dave’s absence and are in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard, no report.

Directors: Director 1 - Gaylord Brooks was absent, no report. Director 2 - Chuck Taricska brought up a potential speaker, Peter Malenski, MSU employee and geologist. He did a talk on impact craters which sounded interesting. Director 3 - Lyle Laylin reported that he will not be at the banquet (Roger will bring projector and Nate will bring backup projector). Lyle will also not be at the June Board meeting, he will be picking up material for the children’s table.

Roster Secretary: Elaine Beane discussed some discrepancies of new members paying dues, with applications not yet completed. Sue mentioned that application forms are with the hospitality boxes at the Masonic Center. Theresa offered to send application forms to the “new” members, if they are not at the June meeting. Sue also mentioned that for new members that signed up at the October

show, paid dues, and were accepted into membership in November, their membership is valid for the following year.

Liaison Officer: Vacant.

Past President: Elaine Angstman was absent.

Membership: Dave Berquist had no new applications to present. Another business card design proposal had been sent to the board from Dave, size was larger for legibility; however, card was twice the size of standard business card and Dave had a small stack of samples. It was voiced by several members of the board that these were too big and felt that standard size should be used. Roni suggested that we use both sizes. Dave will get the standard size business cards with the logo printed.

Field Trips: Dan Sine discussed possible field trips to Alpena and Rockport. A trip to a quarry near Leslie on May 19 is arranged [Editor's Note: this field trip has been rescheduled.].

Publications: Roni Sionakides reminded the Board of the Monday 8 am cutoff for info for the newsletter.

Education: Theresa Hubbard, no report.

Community Outreach: On behalf of Mary Gowans, Milt Gere thanked Bonnie Echardt and Dave Berquist for representing the Society at the Science Fairs of Beagle and Delta Center Schools. Dave forwarded information to Mary Gowans about another Science Night, May 24, Attwood School and the time is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Library: Vacant.

Display: Vacant. Jan Sjoquist will take the Society's display to the Kalamazoo Show.

Finance: Milt Gere thanked those who had been on the Scholarship interview committee. He also suggested contacting Danita Brandt (MSU) to begin the process earlier, possibly by February. This would give time for applicants to prepare and to schedule interviews.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin mentioned that the "temporary" CMLMS website he is working on is back up again for board review and comment. The original website is still available during reconstruction.

Show: 1. There was a proposal presented by a couple of board members to add to the show a children's activity table with making gem trees and dinosaur picture gluing. Sue asked if this was a board decision or a decision for the Show Chair. It was determined that it was the Show Chair decision, therefore, Roger Laylin will order tables for the children's activities. Theresa Hubbard will be in charge of this activity and will line up volunteers.

2. Roger mentioned that if there were any club size display cases at Larry Bourland's sale to pick up for the club.

3. Roger discussed the issue of flyers for the October show to be placed in the Lansing State Journal and also distribution in community newspapers. Several options and costs were discussed.

4. Roger also mentioned that the dates for our show are incorrect at Midwest Federation website. He is trying to remedy this issue.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Roger Laylin suggested not issuing membership cards to established members with each year renewal. Roger Laylin moved **to cease issuing membership cards**. Lyle Laylin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to include "**except for circumstances of new membership**". The motion with amendment carried.

Adjournment: Roni Sionakides made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Milt Gere. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Berquist, Recording Secretary

Collecting Rocks

I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day
To pick up rocks that do not pay;
For there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.
A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back,
And after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e'er I go,
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.

Author Unknown

Via: Tutton Rock & Gift Shop
Summerville GA. date unknown