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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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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

**SPEAKERS: GARY KATT and CHRIS COOPER on  
“Rock collecting adventures in the Keweenaw Peninsula**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS annual banquet will be held on May 16, 2019, 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, MAY13.**

**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 SPEAKERS**

Chris and Gary will be talking about their fun filled adventures rock collecting in the Keweenaw Peninsula. They will discuss how they find and where to look for Greenstones (Chlorastrolite), Lake Superior Agates, Datolite, Copper Replacement Agates, Thompsonite, Copper and Silver, Yooperlites, and other minerals. This talk should appeal to anyone who likes to go out and find their own minerals.

Gary Katt is an avid rockhound who enjoys the adventure of finding his own rocks and minerals. He has been collecting in the Keweenaw for the last 10 years, gaining valuable experience by meeting and learning from other collectors he meets. Gary's favorite minerals to collect include Greenstones, Lake Superior Agates and Yellow Datolite. Gary currently works as an Engineer at the Palisades Nuclear Plant and has degrees in Ocean Engineering and Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

Chris Cooper is an avid rockhound and has been collecting rocks and minerals since he was a kid. He is a member to the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club. Chris focuses his collecting around the Great Lakes Region and mainly in the Keweenaw Peninsula. He also collects old Michigan geology books/ maps, and enjoys hunting/collecting meteorites.

Chris started a Facebook group called Great Lakes Rocks and Minerals, which has 45 thousand members. It's a fun educational group that focuses on identifying and sharing knowledge about what rocks, minerals and fossils this region has to offer. Sharing the rockhounding hobby and making friends to share these memories with is the true treasure! Chris is a maintenance technician at Spectrum Health. He and his wife Megan have a 2 year old daughter who also loves rocks.

### **Calendar for spring/summer 2019**

May 2, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

May 16, 2019 - Banquet

June 6, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

June 20, 2019 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

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

### **CMLMS 2019 MSU Geology Scholarships** .... Update by Milt Gere

This year CML&MS offered two Geology Scholarships, one for \$2,500.00 and another for \$1,500.00 to Geology students within the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Michigan State University. The scholarships were funded by the club donating \$3,000.00 from Annual Show earnings, and Lyle Laylin donating \$1,000.00 to this year's scholarship fund.

Dr. Danita Brandt, Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences ( Geology ), provided five scholarship applicants to be interviewed. Ms. Pam Robinson and Ms. Elizabeth McElroy, of the Department, added assistance to setting up the interviews.

We interviewed the applicants on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. All five were good applicants, which did not make selecting two winners very easy. However, we selected **Lynnea Jackson for the \$2,500.00 scholarship and Dominic Aluia as the \$1,500.00 winner.**

Ms. Lynnea Jackson is from Okemos, Michigan. She is now a junior and will graduate next year. She is very interested in Vertebrate Paleontology and plans to continue in that field of Geology to obtain a PhD degree. She would like to eventually teach, do research and be a curator of paleontology at a museum.

Mr. Dominic Aluia is from Shelby Township, Michigan. He is a senior and is graduating this May. He is an Environmental Geoscience major, interested in Groundwater Geology and Hydrogeology. He hopes to work in Environmental Geology for awhile, then return to school for an advanced degree.

Both winners have agreed to attend a future CML&MS meeting and give a short presentation related to their studies. Both will also be invited to our Annual Banquet.

The CML&MS Interview Committee consisted of members: Elaine Beane, Lyle Laylin and Milt Gere; with alternate members: Jessica Clark and Chuck Taricska.

Additionally, Elaine Beane sent Thank You notes to the interviewees, notification to the two winners, and prepared checks and certificates for the winners. Lyle Laylin will attend the MSU Awards Brunch to present the checks and certificates to the two winners.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 16 - Banquet, speakers Mr. Chris Cooper and Mr. Gary Katt will be talking about their fun filled adventures rock collecting in the Keweenaw Peninsula. See Dan Sine for tickets.

June 20 - Work Bee for annual show, Prepping Egg Crates.

July/August - off for summer

September 20 - Show and Tell

### 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.

**Liaison Officer.**

### CLUB NEWS

**The Kalamazoo Club needs volunteers for their upcoming Rock and Mineral Show!!**

The Kalamazoo Club has asked for volunteers to help them with their annual show.

*“Our biggest need would be on Saturday and Sunday (May 4 and 5), especially for shifts including the lunch hour to ensure everyone gets a break to eat. Volunteering for a four hour shift would still leave some time in the day to enjoy the show for a few hours, although we welcome any amount of hours people are willing to give. We provide food/refreshments for volunteers during working hours. If you have people who are interested in experiencing the crafts & games first-hand, that could be an added bonus. We have a number of other areas to volunteer if working with kids is not an ideal assignment.”*

The Kalamazoo Club will return the favor and help us out during our Show in October if we can lend them a hand at their show. The Kazoo show runs from May 3-5.

**If you would like to help out the Kalamazoo Club, please contact Donna Seibert at [dsseib@yahoo.com](mailto:dsseib@yahoo.com), and she can give more info on time and place—THANK YOU**

**Outreach Committee:** We are always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities.

Contact Theresa Hubbard, [thrshubbard@yahoo.com](mailto:thrshubbard@yahoo.com) to lend a hand.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests. Please use this valuable resource, we have noticed a decline in book lending.

### **Field Trips!**

None scheduled at this time. See Carl Mennare to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-599-1882 or cmenn@yahoo.com. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

### **Beginning Jewelry Making Class:**

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

A one day **jewelry making** (silversmithing/metalsmithing) **class for beginning smiths using cut & solder fabrication methods** is being offered. Make a simple copper pendant or key fob. Copper materials, a small polished stone cabochon, instructions, and the shared use of tools will be provided. Learn basics of metal smithing (silversmithing) jewelry, using copper sheet and wire, etc. Learn work safety, basics of design, and basic processes of sawing, filing, texturizing, soldering and polishing. Go on to learn the process of how to bezel set a cabochon stone. Leave with a finished cab-set copper pendant or key fob.

**Class Location:** the **Lansing Makers Network** workshop, **2400 West Saint Joseph St., Lansing, MI 48917** (the former Leaseway car-hauling facility). The location is about 1/2 way between Martin Luther King Blvd. (M-99) and Waverly Road, on West Saint Joseph St.

**Make class reservations at:** (to be listed on-line soon) ....

<https://www.lansingmakersnetwork.org/classes-and-workshops> , then “Upcoming Classes”, then “more info” and follow instructions to register for the class on “Eventbrite”.

**Questions or comments about the class content?** Contact Milt Gere ... Phone: 517-669-8116 ... e-mail: GemsHerbsEtc@aol.com

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**May 3-5: KALAMAZOO, MI** Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri 4 - 8pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo.

**May 4-5: SHARONVILLE, OH** Cincinnati GeoFair 54th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show of Greater Cincinnati. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville. [www.genfair.com](http://www.genfair.com)

**May 18-19: ST. JOSEPH, MI** Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 a.m. - 6p.m., Sun 12 - 6 p.m. Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave., St.

Joseph, MI. Contact: blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com

**May 18-19: NORTH OLMSTED, OH** Parma Lapidary Club Show, Sat/Sun 10-5. Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain Road, North Olmstead. Contact: [www.parmalapidary.com](http://www.parmalapidary.com).

**June 8-9: MANSFIELD, OH** The Richland Lithic Lapidary Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Arts & Crafts Building, Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield. Contact: Tom Kottyan, (419)562-1152; [theminerallhouse@netzero.net](mailto:theminerallhouse@netzero.net)  
<http://www.rlls.webs.com>

**June 21-23: BEDFORD, IN** Lawrence County Rock Club Annual Show. Fri 10 am - 6:30 pm; Sat 9 am - 6:30 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Lawrence County Fairground, US Hwy 50, Bedford. Contact: Dave Treffinger, (812) 295-3463; [www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org](http://www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org)

## CMLMS MINUTES

### CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 18, 2019

**Call to Order:** President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** None.

**President's announcements:** Nate Krupp 1. Copies of current newsletter by door for those who want a printed copy.

2. Two videos for tonight's program.

3. May 16 is the banquet date, 5:30 to 6:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner. The speakers will be Chris Cooper and Gary Katt talking on Keweenaw rock collection adventures.

4. Kalamazoo show is May 3-5 at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. The Kalamazoo club is trying a reciprocal volunteer program - we volunteer at their show and they volunteer at ours. Nate has a few Kalamazoo show flyers with contact information.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane reported on the balance through March 29. She transferred funds from savings to checking to accommodate 2018 show advertising in the State Journal, printing of the 2019 show flyers and two smaller expenditures.

### **Announcements:**

1. Milt Gere reported 5 students were interviewed for the two scholarship grants. The two who were awarded the scholarships will be invited to the May banquet. Both have agreed to talk to the society next year. The \$2,500 scholarship was awarded to a woman who is studying invertebrates; the \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to a man who had not indicated any specialty.

2. Sue Casler discussed the evening's silent auction of books discarded from the society's library. There will also be books offered at the June and September membership meetings and those left over will be sent to the show's silent auction. These books are old and were purchased as memorials for deceased members.

3. Dan Sine said banquet tickets are now available. The deadline is May 10 when he has to give the Mason's a count of people coming. No tickets will be available for sale at the door but reserved tickets can be picked up at the door.

4. Roger Laylin has a lot of Perky boxes for sale.

5. Field Trips: Carl Mennare said he has processed insurance for the trip to Kentucky with the

Jackson club. He mentioned geodes could be found there.

6. Roger Laylin reported on the science night at Hiawatha Elementary School. The team was Roger, Dan Sine and Theresa Hubbard. They distributed about 50 show flyers. He said it was the school's third year for a show and was not well organized. They gave out taconite pellets. The kids got interested in the pellets when they learned they were magnetic.

7. Newsletter: Chuck Taricska said to send or call him with announcements.

**Door Prizes:** Dan Sine hosted the door prizes.

**Adjournment:** Lee Laylin moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane Baclawski seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Post adjournment:** - Welcome and Introduction of New Members: Membership chair Robin Smith introduced new members Lexie Crook who likes wire wrapping and Danielle Smith who is an artist.

**Program:** Two short videos - Light Up the North and The Agate Lady.

**Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Recording Secretary Pro Tem.**

### 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