

Rockhound News

**Keep the MAY newsletter, which includes the 2011 CMLMS Directory!!!
All CMLMS members who paid their 2011 dues were mailed a copy.**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 16, 2011

Masonic Hall in Okemos: Show & Tell +Mini-Silent Auction

Everyone please bring cookies (and rocks) to this meeting!!!

Location & Time: The CMLMS June 2011 meeting will be held on June 16, 2011 at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI at 7:30 pm. This is the same location as the May Banquet.

CMLMS Calendar for September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

Thursday, September 15, 2011

CMLMS meeting at 7:30 pm, North School, Lansing.

September Program: Dave Westjohn is working on a very interesting presentation about Field Trips. Come and bring your favorite find from this summer!

Club News

- **We had a wonderful time at the Annual Banquet, with a great meal and a great presentation. Thanks to everyone who pitched in with ticket sales, hospitality table, door prizes, exhibits, decorations, and getting the meeting room set up. Start thinking about how YOU can help in 2012!**
 - **Field Trip:** June 25, 10 am to 2 pm, Lafarge Quarry, 1435 Ford Ave., Alpena, MI. Contact Dan Sine 517-749-0414, daniel.sine@opm.gov.
 - The CMLMS Nominating Committee is seeking potential nominees for CMLMS President and Vice President. If you are interested (or even slightly positive about the idea), please send an email to Elaine Beane (gebeane@comcast.net) or Mary Gowans (gowans@msu.edu). Volunteering is better than being drafted!
 - **Work Bee at Laylins' Backyard on Thursday, July 21 from 2 pm to dark. Come one, come all!** We will work on gifts and sale items for the October Show - Children's Tour; the big outdoors job is sorting and boxing Children's Table rocks and fossil specimens. Picnic dinner at 6 pm: bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and a folding chair; lemonade, iced tea, milk, & water will be provided – if you prefer other liquids, please bring them. If you can take the afternoon off, come at 2 pm; if you can't, come at 5 pm, or as soon as you can and join in the fun and fellowship. **This is a great opportunity for new members** to get to know more good folks. - If you have any questions, please call the Laylins at 517-349-3249.
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Message from Show Chair, Roger Laylin:

We need to make decisions soon about this year's Show advertising and several other matters.

- Billboard results last year we not good; the entry survey indicated that more people attended as a result of information from friends and from show flyers rather than information from other sources.
- This year we could purchase: a) yard signs [fifty 8" x 24" signs, printed both sides with wire for about \$500]; and b) ads in the place mats that many of the restaurants use [price is yet to be determined, but should be reasonable]. Three different companies print the place mats, so we can shop around.
- At our Show-Wrap Up meeting last December, we discussed offering each student class some financial assistance (\$100) to help cover transportation costs. The past two years have shown a marked decrease in children's attendance on Friday morning (< 500 each year). Two factors appear to have affected attendance: 1) declining school budgets and 2) the shift of Earth Science to the Spring semester for Lansing schools. At present, we can't predict October conditions (but school budgets aren't increasing). The bus-subsidy proposal should be examined and a decision made.
- The use of Gum Ball Machines to sell tumbled stones was discussed several years ago, but no action taken.
- The Mineral I. D. (WHAT'S MY ROCK'S NAME) table was proposed last fall, but no action was taken.
- The development of a CD-DVD advertising the Show to Schools was proposed, but no action was taken.
- We also talked about setting up a table (s) at the Show on Saturday and Sunday for kids to create their own Mineral Kit; prepared mineral kits would be available for Friday morning.

We need to take some time at the June meeting to discuss these interesting ideas and any other ideas the membership might wish to bring forth, approve those we like, and get volunteers to work on them!

