

**NOTE: This month's meeting will be held at the Meridian Township Service Center.** It is located on Gaylord Smith Dr., which is literally a driveway to the township offices and park, heading east off of Okemos Rd, just a bit North of Grand River Ave.

**J-Q Please bring refreshments. Program: Bettie Patterson on how to make a good display.**

**President's Message** -- Larry Bourland

Summer is here! Thanks for all your help this year. Well, I've survived the arm twisting, I'll be you delegate to the Midwest Federation meeting. Thank you, I'll love it.

On the business side we are looking for a new field trip chairman. If you have any interest please contact Alan Hukill. Thanks to Lila Stevens for agreeing to serve the remainder of Sofia Kauma's term as three year director.

**Program** -- Connie Snepp

The June meeting will be held at 7:30 in the Gaylord Smith Building. Proceed north on Okemos Road from Grand River and turn right just before the railroad track. From Haslett Road, turn south on Okemos Rd. and turn left just after the track.

Bettie Patterson will bring her program on DISPLAY to help you arrange your collection for our fall show. Bettie has asked that those interested in displaying at shows or in your home, bring your favorite rock, fossil or mineral to the meeting. Also, please bring some folding chairs if you can. We will also have a silent auction if you have specimens for sale.

The September meeting will feature our yearly "show and tell." If you have had an interesting field trip to share with the club, please call me at 339-2863. Also, there will be a contest for the most interesting fossil and best rock collected in the past year.

**June 27-29 Field Trip, Bloomington IN**-- Melissa Tuchowski

This is the annual Bedford Rock Swap held at the Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds in Bloomington, Indiana and geode collecting at a couple of George's suggested road cuts: Salem (on Rte 56 about 6 miles east of Salem) and Harrodsburg (on Rte 37 at the Harrodsburg and Monroe Reservoir about 12 miles south of Bloomington).

The swap is a large one and takes in swappers from surrounding states and Canada. Camping is allowed on the fairgrounds (\$6.00 per night) and motels are located in Bloomington. The road cuts offer beautiful geodes of quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite, and sphalerite. The geodes are in limestone so it can be hard "dulling" work to chisel them out. A 2-3 lb. crack hammer and several sharp chisels have been suggested by the experts as well as some heavier implements of collection.

Directions to Bloomington: Go South on I-69 to Indianapolis, then on I-465 South to Rte. 37. Go South on Route 37 to Bloomington. To get to the Rock swap / Fair grounds you go South on Rte 37 to the intersection of Rte. 37 and Rte. 45. Turn Right on Rte 45 and go southwest on Rte 45 about 1 2/10 miles then turn right and go 7/10 mile on Airport Rd. to the Fairgrounds

**While you are collecting &/or cleaning: Roger Laylin needs material for show grab bags. He will take anything in any quantity. We also need lots of stuff for the kids table!**

**Banquet Thanks (in 112 words)** -- Ed Drown

A hearty thank-you to all that pitched in to make this year's banquet happen. My deep gratitude to Marie Lewis who handled the ticket sales, wrapped the club's door prizes and harvested a beautiful bouquet for the refreshment table. Thanks to Mary Gowans and Connie Snepp for coordinating the refreshment table and to those that shared their family recipes. I would like to commend El Presidente for the selection of a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. There are many more that I did not name, you are not forgotten, thanks to you all.

**In Memory** -- Connie Snepp

We have recently lost two life members: Florence Smith, age 95, whose husband was a lapidarie and Anna Baker of Okemos, age 87, who was very interested and active in the club while he health permitted.

**Equipment for Sale, Contact Rich or Lila Stevens 616-693-2733 if Interested**

- Mini tumbler, 2 barrels, Gesswin \$20.00
- Lortone, 2 grinding wheels, belt sander drum w/belts \$35.00
- Motor w/ buffer & small grinding wheels \$10.00
- Gem Maker, B&I Manufacturing \$15.00
- 2 Timex cases, free

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**--Mary Kay Bean

Cards of sympathy were sent to the family of Florence Smith and the family of Anna Baker, both life members. Cards of cheer and wellness were sent to Wm. & Bessie Rogers, Joseph Austin, Hazel Morgan, Larry & Lorna Tripp, and Wayne Zittel. Congratulations upon graduating from high school were sent to Lindsey Bean.

**Membership**-- Florence Hill

A warm welcome to a new junior member, Kezhia Wilson, the daughter of Ron Wilson. Kezhia is interested in archaeology, fossils and minerals. She is ten years old and her occupation is "being a kid." :)

**Pot-Luck Picnic & Work Bee at Morrison Lake, August 24**

There will be a pot-luck picnic hosted by Richard and Lila Stevens on Saturday, July 25, at their home on Morrison Lake. The picnic will begin at 1:00 PM. Bring lawn chairs, folding tables, FOOD, and, serving and eating equipment. After dinner we will assemble petoskey polishing kits for the show.

Directions: Take I-96 West towards Grand Rapids to the Lake Odessa exit. Go south 1/2 mile to Portland Rd., west to Jackson Rd. (about 3 miles,) south (along side of the golf course) about 1/2 mile to Elm Rd. which is a private drive in the pine trees. Follow the road around the lake until you reach 291 Elm Road.

**Education Report** -- Margaret Green**Mineral of the Month:**

To commemorate the summer field trip season of prospecting in the field the native element, Gold has the place of honor as our mineral of the month. If you have any samples of Michigan mined gold and would like to share your treasure with other members of the club, then please bring it to the June membership meeting.

**Lots of Over-due Kudos:**

From May, a note of gratitude to Nate Krupp, Phyllis White and Katherine Straussberg for attending the Fairview Science Night May 7th. Two new great demo's were developed by Phyllis and Katherine. Thanks for all your hard work for another successful year! From April, a note of appreciation goes to my partners in presentations, Neil and Connie Snepp, Royal and Arlene Olson, Florence Hill and Larry Bourland. We made (as usual) an excellent team with lots of variety in the material for another successful year at Murphy on the 21st of April.

In April, May and June Florence, Grit and Bettie began work on the I-5 Project. In April we met with Ms. Tricia Moore and finalized some details. In May Bettie and I went back to assess a rock collection that had been donated to the Museum and picked out some display specimens. That display has now been completed and can be viewed in the exhibit area. Also a display of Michigan Basin Rocks has been prepared. There is still some room in the display case if you have a medium size specimen you feel **MUST** be included in any comprehensive display of Basin rocks.

A Special Thank-You to Bettie for hosting the Mineral ID workshop in April. Her basement is the perfect place for small groups to meet because it's big enough to fit several folks around the table and Bettie goes out of her way to insure guests feel at home and are comfortable. Thanks again for your hospitality Bettie. In addition, Robert Hansor, Dave P., and Larry brought great specimen's as visual aids and their brains for the participants to pick! Thanks to Gail, Elaine and Mary for asking good questions.

**Impression 5 / Magic School Bus Project.**

The Mineral/rock displays are completed and the first Saturday demonstration has been done. Five more Saturday presentations need to be spoken for. The dates and topics are as follows; June 27th, 1:00 p.m., Energy Theater, Meet a Rockhound: July 11, 1:00 p.m., Energy Theater, Rock Cycle, the three classes of rocks.: July 25th, 1:00 p.m., Energy Theater, Meet a Rockhound: Aug. 8th, 1:00p.m., Energy Theater, Crystals: Aug. 22nd., 1:00p.m., Energy Theater, Meet a Rockhound. (Meet a rockhound is a very non-technical, informal, sharing session with the visitors.)

Any one who desires to spend 2 hours on a Saturday afternoon sharing their rocks and our club with the visitors at I-5 please call and leave a message for me with Gary Green or on the Web. (magre@webtv.net)

**Education Rept. cont.**

In addition, If you want to participate, but do not want to do a presentation, you can put on a blue apron and help visitors enjoy the Magic School Bus exhibit. (It is well done by the Houston Science Museum and I watched visitors yesterday get excited about seeing something dear to them from books come to "life". Definitely cool.)

Now comes the sales pitch. I talked to members of the board individually about their thoughts on the club involvement in this project. Many of them saw instantly the potential benefit to the club through the exposure to the general public this opportunity would provide. I worked with Ms. Moore to limit our participation to 6 demonstrations, a display, and open participation in the helping visitors with the exhibit part. I didn't think that was too much to ask of the general membership in exchange for some free exposure for the club. So here is a plea to get a perspective on the "big picture" . Myself, I am hoping to meet some folks who enjoy our work at the museum so much they want to be members, and help out at the show!

Another Date to remember; Workbee on Saturday, July 25 at Stevens for the show.

Have a Great Summer, See you at I-5!

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**June 18** Regular Meeting, 7:30, Meridian Twp. Service Center, program: Display Hints

**June 27** "Ask an Expert" @ Impression 5 Science Museum

**June 27-28** Field trip to Bloomington IN swap

**July 11** "Rock Cycle" @ Impression 5

**July 25** "Meet a Rockhound" @ Impression 5

**July 25** Picnic @ Rich & Lila Steven's place, 1:00 PM

**Aug. 8** "Crystals" @ Impression 5

**Aug. 22** "Meet a Rockhound" @ Impression 5

**Oct. 23-25** OUR SHOW: "Gem\*Stone Journey"

**SHOW CALENDAR**

June 26-28 Lawrence County IN show/swap. Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN

Fri. 10-7, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4. Camping \$6.00 per night. Free admission.

June 27-28 MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann

Arbor \$10.00 per day, advance \$8.00 per day. See Grit & Alice Turner for more information.

July 11 Mt. Clemens SWAP. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 N. Groesbeck.

FREE admission

July 17-19 16th Annual Show. Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, Ontario. CA

Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5

Aug. 8 Ishpeming Swap, Field trips Aug. 7 & 9 Negaunee MI

Aug. 11-15 MWF/AFMS Show, Convention & Red Metal Retreat. Houghton MI

[www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrnc/](http://www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrnc/) or see Jean Ann or Dave Piotrowski for info.

Sept. 11-13 Toledo Show. Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo OH.

Fri. 4-9; Sat. 10-8; Sun. 10-5

Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.

Oct. 23-25      Lansing Show. Marshall St. Armory, Marshall St. between Michigan and Saginaw,  
Lansing. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adults \$2.00 Teens .50



