

REGULAR MEETING: SEPT. 20, 7:30 PM

FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES J-Q PLEASE BRING REFRESHMENTS

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: PSEUDOMORPHS

Our September program will be a Midwest Federation slide program on pseudomorphs. A pseudomorph is a mineral whose outward crystal form is that of another minerals. They are referred to as being “after” the mineral whose shape has been taken. Probably Michigan’s most famous pseudomorphs come from the Michigamee area, chlorite “after” garnet. **Please bring any pseudomorphs from your collection to help illustrate our program.**

CHILDREN’S TABLE WORK PARTY & POT LUCK –George Heaton

On **Saturday, September 22** we will have a children's table work party and pot-luck at Grit and Alice Turner's garage where our club's children's table stuff is stored at **2667 Pine Tree Rd.** Please come and help and bring food and eating tools for the pot-luck lunch. Work will **begin between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m..** I plan to be there about 9:00 a.m. Lots of work needs to be done to prepare material for our October show. A significant part of our show income is derived from our children's table. **We need help and donations of material.** Please mark this on your calendar and come to help.

PERMANENT FLUORESCENT MINERAL DISPLAY - Ed Drown

The show committee has decided to begin assembling a permanent display of fluorescent minerals (are there any fluorescent fossils?) for the show booth. Since I was not quick enough to duck under the table I have the job of putting one together. We will take donated material that is a minimum of 2" x 2". If we receive duplicates of a species (or locale) or too many of a particular fluorescing habit, they'll be returned (probably in October). Specimens selected for inclusion in the collection will be numbered and cataloged with the donor's name, etc.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT—Connie Snapp

In June we sent a note to Larry and Sue Kirkby thanking them for their donation of equipment, supplies and mineral specimens that had belonged to their father. Cards went to Norma Kelley who spent time in the hospital and to Betty and Peter Tack who are shut-in much of the time.

During July I sent a sympathy card to Bessie Rogers on the death of her sister along with a get-well note for Bessie’s own health after a small stroke. Cards were sent to Barbara Smith as she had multiple

surgeries this summer, and to Daphene Hansor. Long time member Read Myers passed away in Arizona on July 22 at the age of 95. We took a card for the family at the time of our funeral home visit.

When we returned from the North, we learned that Daphene passed away on August 14; sent a sympathy to Bob. Daphene was an avid collector over many years and, despite her lengthy, debilitating illness, faithfully attended our club meetings.

Bill Gardner is recuperating from the knee surgery that will keep him from our show this year. We sent a “thinking of you” card as he undergoes surgery.

Many of our members enjoyed Wilma Hopkin’s 90th birthday party on August 18th, then some went to visit Florence Hill with a birthday cake in anticipation of her 94th birthday. Florence says she is doing about the same and is always happy for visitors.

Sent a belated card to Secretary Mary Gowans who had gall bladder surgery the middle of August. She is now on the mend with a few new “stones” for her collection!

THE SHOW IS COMING & YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!!!

A reminder that our club show, “Michigan’s Geological Treasures,” is quickly approaching October 26-28. For a successful show we need **everyone** to do their part!

While we have many chairpersons already, note that at least **10** positions are still **open**. Chairpersons are still needed. Time is running short. Please volunteer to chair, be a co-chair, or be a committee worker in any category. Your efforts will be appreciated!

Please keep your eyes & ears open for upcoming show work bees! Also, if you have any helpful ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the 4 Show Co-Chairpersons. We would like to hear from you.

Thank you.

Milt Gere, Show Co-Chair, (home phone 517-669-8116, e-mail miltgere@aol.com)

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Committee Chairpersons updated as of 9/6//01

Show Co-Chairpersons: Ed Drown, Bettie Patterson, Alan Hukill & Milt Gere,

Armory: Rental/Etc.: Neil Snepp Special for Children's Tour

Finance: Alan Hukill School Arrangements: Mary Gowans

Electrical: Chuck Smith In/Out Door Help: **open**

Dealer Liaison: Grit Turner Pebble Pond: **open**

Material Transport: **open** Grab Bags: Fossils: Connie Snepp

Display: Neil Snepp Minerals: Roger Laylin

Publicity: Shar Gere, Alan Hukill & Larry Bourland Critters: Marie Lewis

Children's Table: George Heaton* Children's Jewelry: Lee Laylin

Tickets: Margaret Green Educational Displays: Margaret Green

Raffle: Gail Hopkins Basic Rocks: Margaret Green

Demonstrations: Alice Turner* Rock & Mineral Uses: Milt Gere

Silent Auction: Larry Bourland & Elaine Angstman Geologic Maps, etc.: **open**

Announcer / Door Prizes: Bettie Patterson* Fossils: **open**

Fluorescent Booth: Ed Drown* Bus Parking: Roger Laylin & Rich Stevens

Hospitality Room: Jean Ann Wahl-Pitrowski Tour Security: **open**

Fossils: Connie Snepp*

Mineral Kits: Lila Stevens*

Petoskey Polishing Kits: Lila Stevens* (* = also at Children's Tour)

Member Swap: Guidelines: Gordon Lewis

Show Table: Bettie Patterson

Loading Ramp/ in & out: **open**

Signs: **open**

Table Rental/Arrangements: Roger Laylin

Table Covering: Mary Crosby

Decorations (tables, etc.): **open**

Security: Night Arrangements: Neil Snepp

Dealer Set Up: Grit Turner

Show Hours: **open**

AVOID THE RUSH, PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

The Roster Rooster, Wayne Zittel, will accept your 2002 dues now through the February meeting. Do it now, before you forget! Bring your check to the meeting or mail to Wayne Zittel, 3401 Walker Rd., Lansing MI 48906-3205

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS: Betty Patterson rockybet@cs.com

USED LAPIDARY MACHINERY FOR SALE

- * Lortone buffed polisher with foot control, 3" buffing wheels. Looks like new
- * Lortone arbor w/ motor, 6" felt buffing wheels & shields.
- *Lortone w/ 6" rubber expando drives for sanding belts with back & bottom pans.
- * 10" vibrating flat lap with 1 grinding pan & 1 polishing pan
- * small tumber

Contact Grit Turner to make an offer: 694-9596

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP, FLINT RIDGE, OHIO – George Heaton

Our September field trip was to Flint Ridge, Ohio on Saturday September 1. Four of us including my brother Roger, his wife Elsie, my sister Joan and myself arrived at the Flint Ridge State Park shortly after 10:00 am and spent a few hours checking out the flint knappers show before going on to the flint diggings at the Nethers farm.

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This was interesting watching the knapping demonstrations, seeing the tools they use, and exhibits of their handiwork. Many of these people are highly skilled at working flint into arrow and spear points, knives, etc. and produce beautiful work that is well worth seeing. The show was very large and we were able to see only about one quarter of it before we decided we had better go on to the Nethers farm flint diggings if you were going to do any collecting.

When we arrived at the Nethers farm there were several other people busy collecting flint. Most of them were knappers collecting material to work into flint points, knives, etc. This was fine for us since their needs differ from those of the mineral collector or lapidary. The knappers do most of the hard work while the mineral or lapidary person need only look through their rejects to find material suited to his needs.

George Heaton collected 100 lbs. of flint. Some with quartz crystal lined vugs and some he hopes to cut into slabs for trading stock. I did not find any other Friend of Mineralogy or Lansing club members, but I could have easily missed them since I did not set a special meeting time or place, but let everyone set their own schedule. I might add that the weather was perfect again.

JULY FIELD TRIP REPORT – George Heaton

Our July field trip was to the Wallace Quarry near BayPort Michigan on Saturday July 14th. The visit to the Wallace Quarry was made possible thanks to the efforts of Bob Frost who made the arrangements for us. This proved to be a very popular trip, attracting at least 25 or more people. So many I failed to get an accurate count. I think we had about 8 or 10 Friends of Mineralogy members and the rest were from my Lansing club plus a few guests.

Mr Bronson, the quarry manager, did not allow us to visit the north end of the quarry where most of the brown and iridescent calcite is found, and he wanted us all to stay together with Bob Frost. We spent all of our time in the part of the quarry where the small millerite geodes are found. With a bit of hard work, removing the blocks of rock from the top of the quarry wall to get down to the thin mudstone layer where these little geodes are most plentiful, some of us were able to collect quite a few of these little nodules. Most of these nodules are solid but a few will be hollow, quartz lined geodes and some of these will contain other minerals including millerite.

We are low on material for the kids table!! Please take a look in the basement or garage & see what you can donate. Bring material to Turners by Sat. Sept. 22 or call George Heaton.

JUNE FIELD TRIP REPORT – George Heaton

Our June field trip was to the rock swap at the Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Bloomington Indiana and geode collecting at the road cuts near the Harrodsburg exit on Rt. 37, June 22-24. This event was blessed with the best weather they have had in years. We had comfortable temperatures with low humidity instead of the usual heat with high humidity of most years. The dealers at the show did not need to use their fans to be comfortable.

There was lots of interesting stuff to see at the show but I thought most of the dealer's prices were rather high for a flea market type show so I didn't buy anything. Only about half a dozen of our club members showed up at this event and I believe only my brother Roger, my nephew, and myself did any collecting for geodes this time. I suspect our Children's Table will not have as many geodes for our show this year as we have had in past years.

regular Meeting minutes June 21, 2001

The June membership meeting was called to order by President Ed Drown at 7:40 p.m. at the Okemos Community Church.

Recording Secretary: Minutes were published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Alan reported on the treasury balance.

Corresponding Secretary: Connie - no report

Roster Secretary: Wayne - no report

Membership: Earl - no report

Director's Reports: Director Gere - no report

Director Hopkins - no report

Director Turner - no report

Liaison: Bettie - no report

Past President: Mary Kay - no report

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Hospitality - Phyllis - no report

Finance: Gordon - no report

Education: Margaret reminded members that silliminite is the mineral of the month, and she has a display available.

Field Trip: George not present; Ed reported that George requested that if you have any questions, please call him.

Library: Lee Laylin - no report

Display: Grit listed flyers and dates: Sept 22, Fossil Festival, Sylvania, Ohio; and Greater Detroit, October 12-14.

Door prizes were won by David Piotroski, Christina Juroszek, Kara Miller, and Joe Manina.

Publication: Jean Ann - no report

Show: no report

Old Business: None

New Business: Ed announced that ballots were being passed out to vote on adoption of the revised constitution. After ballots were counted, the revised constitution was adopted by a vote of 33-0. Ed announced that a delegate is needed for the conference at Rice Lake, WI on Sept 7, 8, 9. Club pays mileage and other expenses.

Motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m, seconded and passed.

Program: Joe Manina will discuss gemology/faceting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gowans, Recording Secretary

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FALL SHOWS

Sept. 21-23 Hartland Show. Hartland High School- Highland Rd. (M-59), Hartland MI

Sept. 22-23 Gerald E. Eddy Geology Arts Fair. Eddy Discovery Center, 10730 Bush Rd., Chelsea MI

Oct. 12-14 Pennsylvania Mineral Symposium, Penn State campus. "Pegmatite Minerals"

Register by September 30 for lower rate of \$20. for the symposium. Registration

postmarked after September 30 will cost \$25. <http://www.ems.psu.edu/nms/sympos.htm>

Oct. 12-14 Detroit Show. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P,
12 Mile & Hayes, Warren MI. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.

Oct. 20-21 Flint Show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive, Clio MI.

Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5

Oct. 26-28 OUR SHOW! Marshall Street Armory. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5

Nov. 6 Dearborn Club Auction. Allen Park Civic Hall, 15871 Philomene, Allen Park MI

Sales 6-7; auction 7 pm.

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OFFICIAL "YES, NEIL, I CAN HELP YOU WITH A DISPLAY" FORM

You can count on _____ to bring a display to the show.

I will bring _____ standard club case(s)

_____ pony case(s)

_____ faceting case(s)

_____ something else. Please draw a rough sketch:

_____ Hey, I want to borrow a case.

No, _____ can't display this year, but would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases below: