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**NOTE: NEW MEETING
PLACE**
Masonic Center
Okemos, Michigan

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Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August
Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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, September 19, 2013

PROGRAM: Show and Tell and Mini Silent Auction

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on September 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Fall 2013 and later

September 19, 2013 - Membership meeting, show and tell your summer rock collecting and mini silent auction - bring rock stuff to sell

October board meeting - **October 2, Wednesday, 6:30, Delta Township library**

October 7 - deadline for October newsletter submissions

October 17, 2013 - Membership

November board meeting - day, time and place to be announced

November 19, 2013 - Membership

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

October 17 meeting – DVD, Illinois Fluorite Story (Midwest Fed. DVD)

November 21 meeting – DVD – Iron Spirits, Life on the Michigan Iron Range

December 19, meeting – Holiday Gathering, Treats/Rock Exchange

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jack Farrell Novotny of Kalamazoo, Michigan

FALL SHOW - NEED HELP

**Show News: A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin
Preparation Work**

As in past years, to get ready for our Show the Club Trailer will at the Laylin's sometime during the week of September 16th. We need to sort and repack the contents left from last years Show which have been left in the trailer all year. If SOME of this can be accomplished during the week, we can have Saturday, September 21, to decide what other stored material will be required for the Show.

On Saturday, September 21, we will start about 9:30 am. There is much material to be sorted, boxed, priced and moved to the trailer. Please bring any materials you may wish to add to the children's table this day as it creates unnecessary problems if brought to the Show. Please remember we can always use stones for the **PEBBLE POND!** As many of you know the Club took over the job of constructing the Mineral Kits following Lila Stevens retirement. Jointly we have made over 300 which added to the left overs should be enough. Hopefully we will not run

out this year. Spearheaded by Dan Sine, Exit Gifts are all ready to be passed out. There will be about 100 left to complete.

We will work until the jobs are completed, with a break for a *picnic lunch*. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Kris Wood is again chair of the Raffle this year. John Jurosick will obtain the license, and arrange for the tickets. Lets make the Raffle a good one again by donating interesting gifts and specimens.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September and the October meetings for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to sign up! Also invite your friends to join in on the Friday morning School Tour. We can always find a spot for them to help.

A reminder: the Show Committee will be enforcing the rule that in order to have free admission to the show a member must put in at least 2 hours at some show duty, enter a display, or demonstrate a lapidary skill. Remember that the club hospitality-break area is intended for use by the dealers and actively working club members.

If we want to continue to have a show, more people are going to have to step up to do their share. Please plan to show up on September 21st and give me and the club your support. If you cannot make it Saturday, please call 349-3249 and find another time to put in some support time. Help can be used during the week of the 16th. There are still lots of materials to go through at the Laylin's barn.

If you can't make it to the meeting, but can help at the show, please call the chairperson of the work area that you want to sign up for. The chairpersons are as follows:

Friday Morning Children's Tours = Theresa Hubbard 203-9620

Displays = Nate Krupp 626-1136 - goal is to have 60 displays, so let's help out

Children's Table = George Heaton 339-8914

Fluorescent Booth = Nate Krupp 626-1136

Silent Auction = Elaine Angstman 676-4172

Demonstrations Coordinator = Ruth Ann Lehner 669-3787

Admissions Coordinator = Elaine Beane 272-9661 & Sue Casler 694-1233

Raffle Coordinator = Kris Wood 517-769-6578

Show Announcer = Sam Febba { Children's Morning }

Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator = Jean Anne Piotrowski 269-948-958 - or local phone Lee Laylin 349-3249

All these folks put in many hours to make the show a success, so let's plan on giving them lots of help. Involve your friends, especially on Friday, Children's Morning; we can offer volunteers a free lunch and a free admission to the show.

Raffle Tickets may be available at the September meeting. Please bring items that you wish to donate to be included in the raffle, or notify the Chairperson about your items.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN OR
OBTAIN A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

OFFICIAL "YES, NATE I CAN HELP 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); or _____ others.

Please draw a rough sketch on the back of this form if you are bringing an "other."

_____ I need to borrow a case. _____ I can't display this year, but will let someone else use my case.

If you are willing to loan a case or cases, please describe them on the back of this form.

Please sign your name _____

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

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.

Interest Group forming:

If you are interested in working with a microscope and microfossils, call Bob Mosher. He would like to form a small group.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov

September 14, Lafarge Quarry, Paulding, Ohio, fossils

October 19, 10-4pm, Grand Rapids Alabastine Gypsum Mine

In planning are trips to Onsted in the Irish Hills, Michigan, the Crandall Quarry in Charlotte. Contact Dan Sine if you have places for field trips.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org
FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—
www.foundmichigan.org**

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

September 13, 14, 15 - Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club show, Holland Civic Center, 150 W. 8th Street, Holland, Friday 9-8, Saturday 9-7, Sunday 11-5, see tulipcity.org for info.

September 21, 22 - Huge rock and mineral sale at the Starbucks, call 269-649-1991 for info.

September 21, 22 - Livingston Gem & Mineral Society show, 9525 Highland Road, Howell, MI, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4, info camber459@gmail.com.

Oct 11,12 & 13 - The Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at the Macomb Community College, South Campus Expo Center.

October 19, 20 - Flint Rock & Gem Club show, Carter Middle School, Clio, MI, 10-5 both days, info flintrockandgem.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 12 (Saturday), 10am to 3pm, Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum

The club has an opportunity to have a table with proposed demonstration of ancient copper mining. We will be pounding copper pieces with “hammerstones” (a.k.a. beach cobbles) and will distribute small pieces of copper with copper information sheet. We need approximately four volunteers for two shifts (10am to noon AND 1-3pm). We need to know if we will have volunteers by the close of our September 19th membership meeting, so we can let the Museum know of our participation. (If we can't get volunteers, we will not participate.)

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Board Meeting, September 5, 2013

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides, Milt Gere, Dan Sine, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Alan Hukill, Nate Krupp, Elaine Beane, Gordon Lewis.

Board Members Absent: Theresa Hubbard, Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Mary Gowans.

Member Present: Bob Mosher.

President: Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm at the Delta Township District Library. The meeting location and day was a deviation from the usual because of remodeling of the Okemos Library. It is estimated that we will not return to Okemos until January.

Announcements: Publications and notices were passed and the information will be published in the newsletter.

Vice President: Sue Casler announced membership meeting programs:

September: Show and Tell plus silent auction (at the Masonic Hall in Okemos).

October: DVD on Fluorite

November: DVD on Iron (more about later).

December: Rock Exchange

January: Speaker in planning stage

Sue discussed the Archeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum on Saturday, October 12, from 10am to 3pm. The CMLMS was asked to provide an activity for children and the discussion evolved into doing a demonstration instead. Sue had the idea of pounding copper with a stone to demonstrate how the copper of the ancient mines was worked. This would tie into the presentation by Dr. John Halsey. Sue will not be available on Archeology Day, but she is willing to prepare all needed materials. Two shifts of two or more members are needed to carry this plan to fruition. Topic will be discussed at the membership meeting. Nate Krupp stated that he would be willing to help. This is a perfect opportunity for members to become involved in a short-term project.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist states that all minutes are up-to-date and she is ready for the new year.

Treasurer: Kris Wood, absent, report will be delayed due to the passing of her mother. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Kris and her family.

Directors: Milt Gere (1-yr.), Lyle Laylin (2-yr.), and Nate Krupp (3-yr.), no report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, no report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill reports that Kitty Starbuck has suffered a stroke. Get well, Kitty!

Past President: Elaine Beane, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman presented Jack Novotny of Kalamazoo for membership consideration. Alan Hukill made a **motion to accept Jack Novotny into membership** and the motion received a second by Dan Sine. The motion was passed. Welcome Jack!

Field Trips: Dan Sine:

September 14: Paulding, Ohio, LaFarge Quarry (6 clubs).

October 19, 10-4pm: Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine; contact Kreigh Tomaszewski.

In the works: Charlotte, Crandall Quarry.

For more information, contact Dan Sine.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: September 9 is deadline for newsletter.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin: Absent, no report.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans: Absent, no report.

Library: No report.

Display: Jan Sjoquist did a display at the Charlotte Community Library for the month of July. It generated a lot of interest. Jan will be out of state during the show in October, but the display cases will be loaded into the club trailer and available for the show. Someone is needed to set up and tear down the display. See Jan.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin: Needs help organizing newly acquired materials.

Raffle and Publicity are being done by members. Postcards (652) are ready as are 82 emails.

Ernie now has 12 dealers with the temporary acquisition of Jacqueline with hand made beads.

We will need 1500 tri-folds of the Michigan Visitors Center.

September 21-work day at the Laylins'. Come anytime; bring your own lunch if needed.

Old Business: Gordon Lewis: MSU scholarship. Gordon has some drafts of application forms to serve as a model for the one we are to create. The application process demands are set by MSU and we need to comply in order to grant assistance to their students. Milt and Gordon will follow up.

New Business: Elaine Angstman shared a letter from gem cutters from Sri Lanka. Elaine has the website info if you are interested in their services.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 6:30-8 pm at the Delta Township District Library.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

What I Did On Summer Vacation

By Marvin Oesterle

“Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention. At the main desk we have a lost child.” I said to myself, what kind of parent could lose their own child. The announcer continued, “He says his name is Nathan.” I said to myself...*Oh, my God, she's going to kill me!* As I headed for the main desk of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, I clearly saw two things. One was my wife and daughters rapidly approaching from the opposite direction. The other was just how this had all happened.

My wife and I decided to split up so that I could go through the Coors Mineral Hall at my leisure. Son Nathan was delegated to me while she took the two girls. If you have never been there, I can tell you that they have magnificent exhibits. As I turned a corner, there was the most beautiful and staggering sight I had ever seen. The museum had transported a section of the Sweet Home Mine to its new home where it can be viewed by all. The lighting was perfect and there, spread out in front of you, were hundreds of huge pink cubes of rhodochrosite crystals. I once saw a video of what the miners had to go through to “harvest” the crystals. I'm glad I only had to pay the museum's admission fee.

Then you enter into an amazing room filled with gold in all of its natural glory. There were huge nuggets, small nuggets, delicate gold crystals, quartz with gold veins and everything else that a recovering gold addict shouldn't see. Gold played a large part in Colorado's history and this exhibit is a real tribute to the men and women who were part of that period. The museum had many other impressive exhibits and I was about to view the replicated silver mine shaft when the announcement broke my reverie. Obviously, Nathan had decided somewhere along the journey that his mother was probably having more fun and went to find her.

On the other hand, maybe it was geologic overload that struck him. After all, it was only a few days earlier that he toured Dinosaur National Monument in Vernal, Utah. And only a few days before that, the family was looking at the rock faces of Mount Rushmore and wandering through the caves at Jewel Cave National Monument near Custer, South Dakota.

The Jewel Cave is the second longest cave in the U.S. (next to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky) and the third longest in the world. Our guided tour began just inside the cave and I was expounding to our children about dogtooth spar when the guide approached me and asked if I would assist her on the tour. Obviously, she could tell that my rockhounding knowledge would make me a valuable addition. My job was to be the rear guard and make sure the group kept together. Later, she told me that she just picks the tallest person in the room so she can easily see them.

Everything was going well and I was performing my job with proper diligence when one of the ladies on our tour came scurrying up behind me. She said she needed the group out of the way so she could take a clear picture. In other words, she hid from me! I kept a very close eye on her the rest of the tour.

Now, you are all probably wondering, why it is that I'm still alive today after the incident at the Denver Museum. Well, I simply told my wife that those rhodochrosite crystals were the SECOND most beautiful and staggering sight I had ever seen after her on our wedding night and I couldn't be blamed for being distracted. My Mama didn't raise no fools.