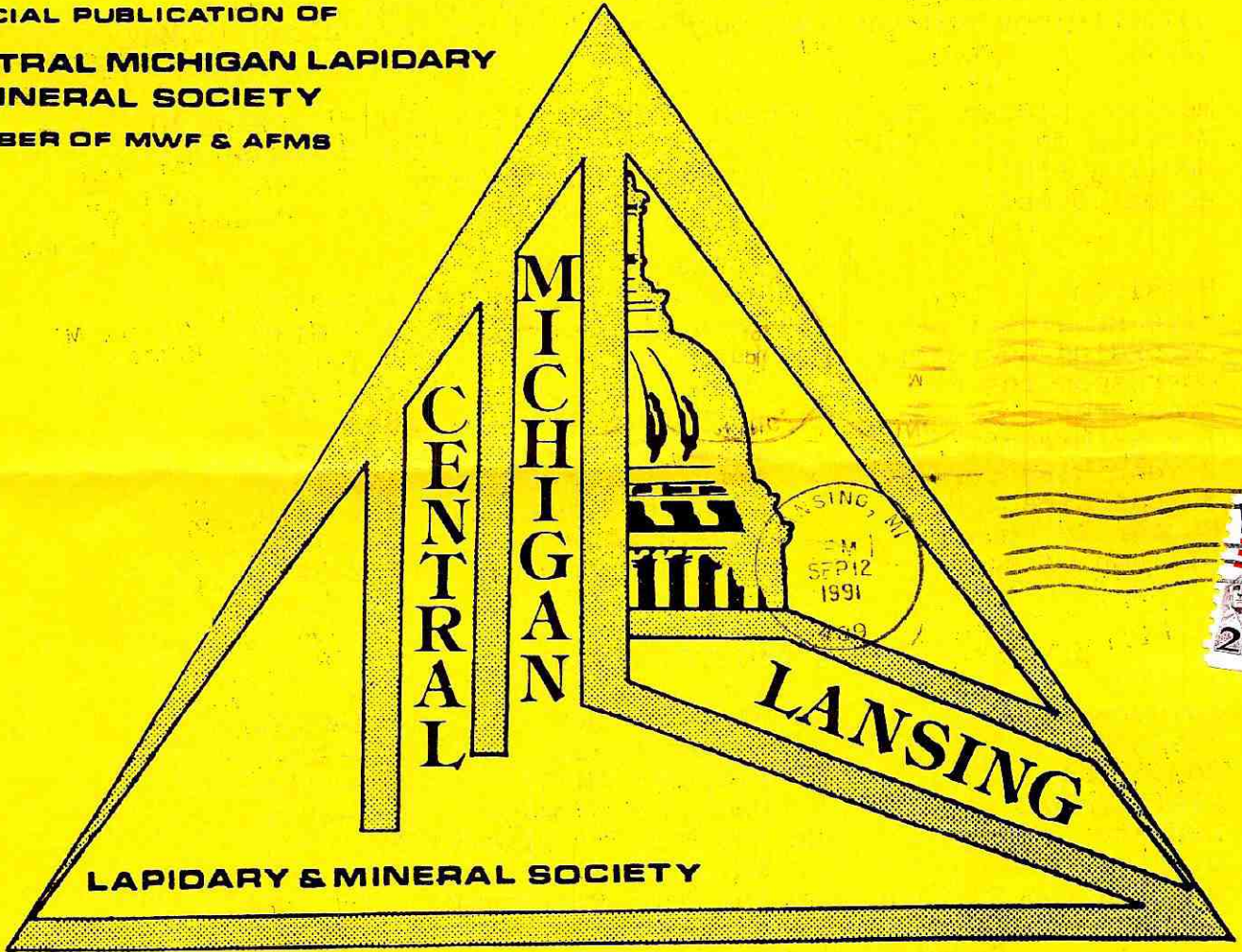


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Grit's Report

Welcome back from a wonderful and productive summer. From what I've observed, the amount of material for the Children's Table and Silent Auction that has arrived at the storage area throughout the summer, there must have been some great collecting trips. Everything was gone through on the 24th of August Work Bee. This session was well attended by club members and was sure appreciated. Many thanks to those who attended. On a rough count it looks like there are over 200 flats of material plus quite a few plastic tubs of larger material. A special thanks to those who contributed. We can sure use more minerals as always. The pebble pond could use more beach stones.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Grit

September Program

The first fall meeting is less than two weeks away on September 19th at North School. The program will be "Show and Tell". Please be ready to talk about your summer Rock and Mineral activities. The slide projector will be available if you wish to show slides. Photos, postcards, specimens - we want to see and hear about your rockhounding. Please try to limit your talk to five minutes.

Mary Gowans

Vice-president.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Summer is about over and fall and football are in the air. I do miss the odor of burning leaves, but that's not to be any more. During the summer some of our members were laid up for a while. Get well wishes were sent to John and Wilma Hopkins. They were both in the St. Lawrence Nursing Facility but are now at home again. Bill Rogers had some eye surgery. He is now out and about as usual. Our sympathy goes to George Heaton who had an uncle pass away in August. We send congratulations to Kara Miller who graduated from Sexton High School in June.

Our annual show is coming up next month. We have a new site so we will need much help to get it off to a rousing start. We are looking forward to hearing about your summer so we'll see you at the meeting.

Don Locher

EDUCATION - Florence Hill

The mineral this month is one of the halides - halite. We know it everyday as salt. Let's find out its characteristics as a mineral.

Rocks are coming in for the educational kits we have been asked to make. Does anyone have any pieces of gneiss? That would be very good to have in the kits as a metamorphic rock.

Egg Cartons - Not one word have I spoken asking for egg cartons this year, but have they been coming in! There are enough on hand for this year now. But don't throw any away! Bring them to me. I have a big barn loft, and lots of trash bags to store them for future use. Your response has been wonderful - just another instance of great people.

Be sure you let everyone know the date of our 1991 Show, and the place. The organizer of the Superfest at the Mason Fairgrounds entered a listing in the Lapidary Journal under "October 19-20 - LANSING MICHIGAN Gem and Mineral Show" This appears ahead of the listing of our Show. At least one editor has been confused by that misleading heading. It's up to all of us to fix the right date October 25, 26 and 27 in the minds of all we can reach.

4H Rocks and Minerals had eight entries at the Mason Fair this year. They all were of good quality and showed interest, study and care in displaying. The young people displaying were David Marenka, Carleen Jennings, Jim Nash, Crystal Barry, Chris Petersen of the Sandhill Club; Geoffrey Ruonavara of All-American Achievers, Tori Browers of Aurelius 4H and Michelle Iverson of Dansville 4 Leaf Clovers.

Best of Show was won by Geoffrey Ruonavara of All-American Achievers.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piatrowski judged these exhibits and gave each exhibitor an "A" (blue) award.

Betty Patterson has put an exhibit in the Rest Area at Clare. This will be there in September and October and includes flyers for our Show.

Summer Field Trip Activities - George Heaton

Bloomington, Indiana Rock Swap and Geode Collecting - June 21-23

About a dozen of our members made the trip to Bloomington, Indiana this year to enjoy the rock swap and try their luck at geode collecting. There was a lot of neat stuff to see and buy at the rock swap and even George Heaton purchased a couple of specimens.

The geode collection ~~ROCKHOUND NEWS~~ what mediSept. F11113 rock seems to be getting harder and the geodes more difficult to remove from the rock at the Harrodsburg road cuts and I did not see any exceptional geodes collected this year. We also tried collecting the creek type geodes at a couple of places around Monroe reservoir but these areas must have been picked over because I did not see anything very good collected there either.

Hungry Hollow Field Trip, Arkona, Ontario - July 27.

The fossil collecting trip to Hungry Hollow near Arkona, Ontario attracted 7 of our club members to try their luck at collecting fossils. George Heaton spent all his time digging and splitting shale in hopes of finding a nice GREENOPS BOOTHII trilobite, but all he found were pieces of heads and tails. Lila Stevens found the only good trilobite specimen. It was not perfect but it was 70-80% complete. Neil Snapp and Richard Stevens found some nice Favosites Coral heads.

August Pot-luck Picnic at Morrison Lake - August 24th

I missed the picnic at Richard and Lila Stevens place on Morrison Lake because I had to be at my uncle's funeral at Boyne City. I missed all the good food they always have at that event, and I understand there was lots of it and that it was well attended by a good number of our members. It is one of our more popular summer activities. I wish to thank Richard and Lila Stevens for hosting our summer picnic again.

Children's Table Work Party - August 24th

I thank all those people who showed up at Grit and Alice Turner's place to work on our Children's Table material to get it ready for our Show in October. I am sorry I did not think to count how many were there, but there must have been at least a couple of dozen. A great amount of work was done and the material is now in good shape for the Show. We also had a pot-luck lunch during the work party with lots of good food.

Possible September Field Trip - September 21st

I am hoping to obtain permission for us to visit the Stoneco Quarry at Lime City, Ohio on Saturday September 21st. As of Board Meeting night I have not received a reply to my letter. These quarries are often very slow to answer my letters since they may not know what their work schedule will be on the date requested. If they give permission to collect, they only allow collecting on Saturday mornings from 7:30 AM to noon. This means that we must meet at the quarry gate before 7:30 AM. It is about 130 miles from Lansing to Lime City, Ohio so you should allow at least 2 1/2 hours driving time to get to the quarry. If you travel on Saturday morning you should leave the house before 5:00 AM to get to the quarry by 7:30 AM.

To get to the quarry from Lansing take I-96 East to Rt 23. Go south on Rt. 23 to Ohio where you pick up I-475 by-pass around Toledo. You take I-475 south to where it meets I-75 and you go on I-75 to the first exit beyond the intersection of I-475 & I-75. This is the Rt. 20 & 23 exit to Perrysburg. From here you go east about 2 miles to Lime City.

Lime City cont.

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The quarry entrance is on the left about one or two blocks after you cross the railroad tracks in Lime City. There are 3 or 4 motels near the exit when you get off of I-75 at Perrysburg. They are kind of expensive. I stayed at the Days Inn and it was \$44.00 for single. I understand the other motels are about the same. I do not know of any near-by camp ground.

The material to collect includes celestite, fluorite, dolomite, aragonite, barite, sphalerite, gypsum, galena, marcasite, pyrite and sulphur. When I was there with the Friends of Mineralogy, I saw celestite, fluorite, strontianite, sphalerite and pyrite collected. The usual tools including hammers of various sizes and an assortment of various sized chisels are needed. Also bring wrapping paper and boxes for specimens. You must have hard hat, hard-toed boots and safety glasses or goggles.

I should know if we have permission to visit the quarry by club meeting night, so if you plan to be on this trip please be at the meeting or phone me at home to check whether the trip has been canceled or not.

NEIL'S NOTES - 1991 Midwest Federation Convention Report

The 1991 MWF Convention was held at The Century Center in South Bend, Indiana from August 30 to September 1. Connie and I thank you for the privilege of representing CMLMS. We arrived on Friday afternoon and began by observing the displays and demonstrations. There were 36 demonstrations, 35 dealers, 27 competitive displays and numerous non competitive displays. Connie found several dealers with fossils she liked. Unfortunately (or fortunately) we couldn't buy all that we liked.

We noted that China is a growing source of trilobites and other fossils. We attended the Friday evening social hour for delegates, dealers and members.

The Saturday council meeting began on time -9 AM- and followed the printed agenda. The program, council agenda, financial reports and other written reports are available for perusal by any member. I will have them at meetings through December, after which they will be filed with other club records.

Of the ten state directors, four were present, three others had sent written reports. Harold Rice was reported hospitalized (kidney stones?) and unable to attend. Three of our assistant directors were present. No Michigan report was given. Discussion focused on ways state directors could inform clubs of MWF services and getting directories, including other federation directories to clubs and libraries.

Highlights of the permanent committee reports follow. Much of what was reported is in the written reports or the previous executive committee minutes, 28 clubs entered the bulletin contest -Walt Voghtman - "The Rockpile" of Dearborn took the trophy. Delegates were registered from 42 clubs out of 201. The Chicago Lapidary Club has disbanded and contributed \$600.00 to the scholarship fund and the endowment fund. A new club is forming in Midland. The 1992 convention is scheduled in Brunswick, Ohio July 23-26. It will be in conjunction with the American Federation of Mineral Societies convention. This should

worth the trip. No bids were received for 1993. Therefore a field trip to the U.P. is being worked on. Bids are desired for future years. The environmental report is printed elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Education Through Sharing had nine entries from five clubs. There were two field trip entries. It's time we submitted an entry again! It is hoped that new uniform rules will be out for '92.

The election was as follows: President - Glen Hanning (Illinois);, Harold McClure, First V.P. died of a heart attack in June. Kathy Miller did not desire to skip a year. Therefore Past President Hanning was asked to fill McClure's vacancy. First V.P. - Kathy Miller (Indiana); Second V.P. - Marvin Starbuck (Mich.); Secretary - Jean Reynolds (Ill.); Treasurer - Norman Hanschu (Mich). Nominating Committee - Robert Beauvais (Mich.) and Charles Collins (Mich.). Scholarship Board of Selectors - Katharine Steinbrenner.

Under unfinished business, it was announced that the new operating procedures manual should be ready to print at the fall meeting.

New business: A resolution was passed that the MWF honor Harold McClure (deceased) for his work. The fall board meeting will be September 10-12 at the Masonic Temple in Rock Island, Illinois. A letter from MMLS (Dearborn) requested that an insurance program similiar to the California Federation be developed and backed by MWF. Considerable discussion followed. Some inquiries have been made. Among the problems to be resolved - multiple states in MWF, All clubs must participate, All members must participate. Cost \$1.40 - \$2.90 per person. What about members who no longer go on field trips and those who belong to several clubs? The matter was referred to committee for further study and report at the next council meeting. It was also requested by MMLS that MWF meet with mine and quarry owners to work out problems. This matter will be worked on by the executive committee.

The council meeting adjourned at noon. We attended the delegate luncheon, the show and a program, the Awards Banquet and contributed to several dealer's welfare.

Neil and Connie

ENVIRONMENTAL/LEGISLATION

John Boland

Following the two negotiating rulemaking sessions with all interested parties, a near 100% agreement (a consensus) was reached. Notification of 50,000 AFMS members was attempted through the federation newsletters and letters to clubs. A petition was included asking all members to sign requesting the BLM to publish the consensus agreement in the Federation Register for public comment. Some petitions were sent directly to Washington, private letters sent to Congressmen, and 4500 names were forwarded on petitions to the committee.

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were forwarded on petitions by the committee.

On May 31st a letter was received from the BLM stating "The BLM has decided that before proceeding further with efforts to develop regulations, it would be more productive to use the efforts of the negotiated rulemaking sessions as a basis for restructuring the BLM's internal paleontology program. The development of policy, Manual instructions, and regulations to address such issues as planning and environmental analysis, criteria for hobby-collecting areas, and so forth can then be done increasingly, as appropriate. Steps will also be taken to increase paleontological staff capabilities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming--states where paleontological activities have been the heaviest and most visible. Once the basic policy and Manual system are in place, we will resume work on the proposed rule on paleontological collection. We anticipate publication of the proposed rule early in 1993. The final rule would be published later in 1993 or in 1994."

"In the interim, the BLM will continue the current practice of allowing recreational collecting of common invertebrate fossils and petrified wood. Collection of vertebrate fossils will continue to require a permit. (Amateur and professional). Commercial collecting will not be authorized at any time."

"The collection of vertebrate fossils by amateurs remains one of the most controversial points. In order to make some vertebrate fossils available to amateur collectors, we will ask each BLM State Director to pursue the opening of one or more areas of sites in his/her jurisdiction to hobby collectors. Of course, we will have to comply with the requirements of applicable laws, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act"

"Concurrent with the development and implementation of each of the steps in our program, the BLM will keep the interested public fully informed and seek public comment and support. Our goal is to ensure that the needs of all interests will be met to the maximum extent possible."

If members plan to collect minerals, petrified wood or invertebrate fossils on BLM or Forest Service lands, it is best to contact the land manager's office in that state. They have often been willing to give the amateur collector specific information on the best places to collect.
(This article is copied from the reports for the MWF meeting)

Charles Moran has Rough Rock Material
 1#-12#--some cut into slabs
 Most at 25 cents/pound. Call 485-9660 anytime

Two new members were accepted into membership at the board meeting. Crystal Barry, 604 Baldwin Rd. Mason MI 48854 is sponsored by Florence Hill
 Chuck Quoto, 307 W. Willow, Lansing, MI 48906 is sponsored by Neil Snepp

Club Calendar

September 19	Regular meeting at North School 7:30
September 21	Possible field trip to Lime City, Ohio
October 3	Board Meeting at Florence Hill, s
October 17	Regular meeting at North School 7:30
October 24	Set-up for SHOW
October 25, 26, 27	OUR SHOW

Show Dates

September 21 & 22	Wonderland Show Sat. 10--7:00 Sun. 10-5:00 American Legion Post 256 1329 Michigan Ave., St. Louis
September 27 & 28	Livingston Gem and Mineral Show. 10-7:00 both days Hartland High School 9525 Highland Rd., Hartland, MI
October 5 & 6	Open House at Gerald E. Eddy Geology Center Saturday 10-5PM Sunday 10-4PM Waterloo Recreation Area 17030 Bush Road, Chelsea

I neglected to say that our club gave each 4H winner in the Rocks and Minerals category \$3.00. I will also send them our News letter. Ed.

We hope to have the raffle tickets at the September meeting. Please think about buying and selling. Jim Moses is chairman and needs our cooperation.

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