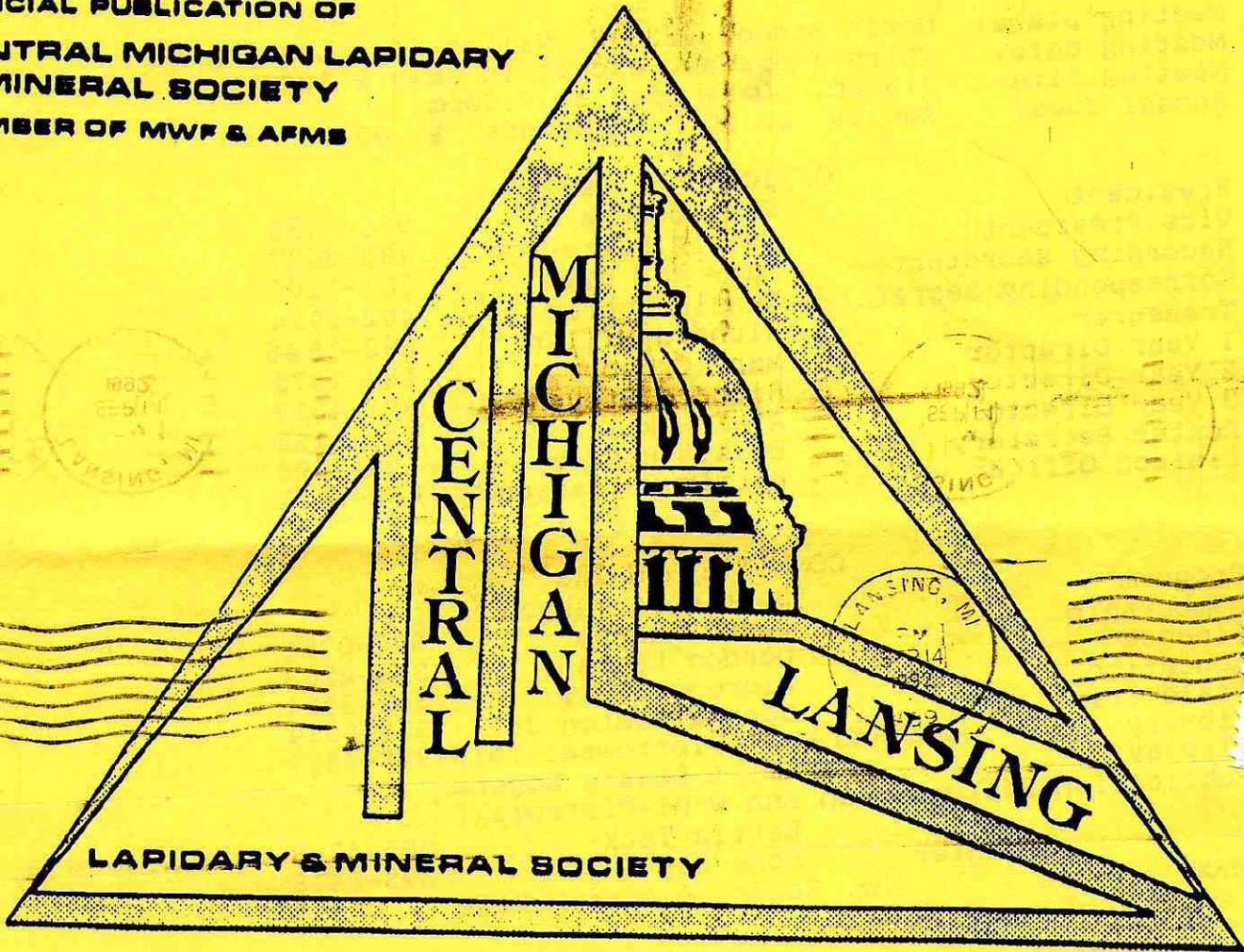


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing MI
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July & August
Meeting time: 7:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm
Annual dues: Adults \$3.00 Students \$1.00

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President's Memo - Mary Gowans

Welcome back. It's fall and time to gather summer rock collections for the September meeting.

Club members attended summer field trips and the August pot-luck at Steven's cottage. Also many attended group meetings to work on materials for the show. And we are not finished yet. If you have some time now, give Florence Hill a call.

Planning for the October Show is almost complete. Please come to the September meeting and find your "nitch". One of the reasons for our successful shows in the past has been the cooperation of a large number of members. See you at the North School at 7:30.

Program Chairman - Betty Patterson

The September meeting will be our annual "Show and Tell". If you have been on a collecting trip or have acquired an unusual specimen or two and would like to tell us about it, Please let me know before the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Kay Bean

Don Lohrer faithfully, efficiently and with special kindness carried out the duties of Corresponding Secretary from 1986 until May of 1992. His transition took place on the 10th of June. Memorial services were held at the Tiffany Funeral Home on the 13th and I am pleased to say that many CML&MS members attended to pay their respects to a truly gentle man who had shown in many ways how he cared for each of us with his personal notes of concern on behalf of the club during our difficult moments. Don Lohrer will long be remembered, missed and honored.

Before Don passed, I promised him that I would take over his responsibilities if there should come a time when he needed the assistance. Little did we know that that time would arrive so soon..

During the summer months, cards of sympathy were sent to the family of Leon North, the third president and honorary member of the Society. He, too, will be fondly remembered by all fortunate enough to have known him. David Slayton was sent a card of sympathy at the time of the loss of his father.

A number of other special members had had a rough few months! "Get Well" cards were posted to William Rogers, John Hopkins, Milo Hillis and Read Myers. We continue to wish these special friends a pleasant and speedy recovery,

Finally, I would be very grateful if any of the members would contact me upon learning of some misfortune among us...or, indeed, if someone has an event to celebrate...My telephone number is (517) 351-1107. If I'm not available for your call,

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Summer Field Trip Activities - 1992

George Heaton

June Field Trip - Bloomington, Indiana Rock Swap and Geode Collecting - June 19-21

This trip was poorly attended relative to previous years. Visiting both the swap and geode collecting were Neil and Connie Snapp, George Heaton and his brother Roger, and George's nephew Jason Wolf. Also seen at the swap were Read and Erma Myers, and Chuck and Marge Collins. As far as I know these are the only members and their guests from our club who made the trip this year. It is possible I could have missed some people at the swap since it is a very large swap with many swappers, dealers and visitors, and I was not at any one place all the time. There were lots of nice things to see at the swap, especially for the fossil collectors. George Heaton, his brother and nephew had good luck geode collecting and were able to take home a good quantity of geodes. George Heaton still has not opened most of his geodes.

July Field Trip - Stoneco Quarry, Lime City, Ohio July 19th

Our field trip to Lime City was well attended with about 14 of us making the trip. The weather was good as it almost always is on trips arranged by George Heaton. Lots of fairly good celestite was available for collecting and most of us did quite well with this mineral, but good fluorite seemed scarce this time and I did not see much collected. I also saw very little sphalerite this time.

Children's Table Work Sessions

We had two Children's Table work parties this summer on the Saturdays of July 11 and August 22. These work parties also included pot-luck lunches with lots of good food to suppress hunger pangs and keep energy levels up so lots of work could be done. We had good participation at both work sessions. We went through lots of material, sorting, labeling, pricing and packing to get the stuff ready for our show. I think the work is now about 98% or better complete - at least enough to declare it ready for the show. I thank all those people who helped. Their work is greatly appreciated.

August Picnic

We had a pot-luck picnic at Richard and Lila Stevens' summer place on Morrison Lake on Saturday, August 15th. I am sorry I had to miss the picnic. I was with the Canadians on their Central Canadian Federation Field Trip to Kentucky and Indiana. I cannot give a report of this particular picnic, but this has always been a popular event, with good attendance and lots of good food. I thank Richard and Lila for hosting it again this year.

August Field Trip - Irving Materials Quarry, Anderson, Indiana -
August 29th

I counted 11 people on our field trip to the Irving Materials Quarry near Anderson, Indiana on Saturday, August 29th. As usual we had near perfect weather. Lots of beautiful calcite was found. Marie Lewis and Lila Stevens collected a lot of nice pieces for our Children's Table. Neil Snapp found a pocket of the amber colored calcite from which he took a very nice double terminated nail-head calcite about 3 inches long plus several smaller crystals. George Heaton opened up 4 good pockets of the dark iridescent calcite from which he was able to extract nice specimens plus a lot of lesser quality stuff for the Children's Table. Marshall Gordon was able to extract some nice specimens with the help of his Ryobi Rock Drill. I saw a nice crystal group that Roger Laylin collected. Gordon Lewis found a nice group of large colorless calcite crystals, but they were in a vug near the middle of a very large and hard rock and looked nearly hopeless to extract. He was still sitting there, alone, pounding away, when I left for home, so I do not know if he was successful in his endeavor.

Field Trip to Hungry Hollow, Saturday, September 26th

The field trip for September will be to Hungry Hollow near Arkona, Ontario on Saturday, September 26th. The Hungry Hollow field trip will be for fossils and the fossils are usually plentiful at Hungry Hollow. We will meet at the north end of the steel bridge over the Ausable River at Hungry Hollow at 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 26th.

To get there from Lansing, take Rt. 69 east to Rt. 94 at Port Huron. Go north on Rt. 94 about 5 miles to the Blue Water Bridge which crosses the St. Clair River to Sarnia, Ontario. The Bridge is a toll bridge and costs 75 cents for passenger cars, small trucks and vans. After crossing the bridge and going through customs, the expressway Rt. 402 is right in front of you. Take 402 east from Sarnia to exit #44 for Rt. 9. Go north on Rt. 9 about 1/4 mile to Rt. 7, turn right (east) on Rt. 7 and go about 2 miles to where Rt. 7 turns north (left). Go north on Rt. 7 about 4 1/2 miles to Arkona. In Arkona, turn right at the traffic light on Rt. 12 and go about 2 miles to the Hungry Hollow Road. There is a small green, arrow-shaped Hungry Hollow sign on your right just before the Hungry Hollow Rd. but it is easily missed. Turn left on Hungry Hollow Rd. and go a little more than 1/2 mile to a steel bridge over the Ausable River. Cross the steel bridge and turn left onto a small gravel road just at the north end of the bridge. There is room here near the entrance to the gravel road for several cars to park along the side of the road, and this is where we will meet. The clay pits where we will collect are beyond a gate at the end of the road.

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Education - Florence Hill

Nine 4H youngsters had exhibits in the Rocks and Minerals project this year.

They were:

Michelle Iverson of the Dansville 4-Leaf Clovers

James Nash and Christopher Pederson of the Sandhill 4H Club

Lindsey Bean and Geoff Ruonavara Jr. of the All-American Achievers

Cory Sipkovsky, Corenine Watters and David Buchko (David entered a 5-8 year old exhibit) of the Columbia Creek Cloverleafs

Lauren Langschwager of Capital Kids

We congratulate these young people on their interest and efforts. CLMS matches their Fair award with a check for the same amount of money.

The July workshop and class at the Okemos Farmer's Market was a success in spite of the weather. Peter and Betty Tack's helpers finished packing all 1500 giveaways for the School tours at the Show. Ten people worked on hand polishing Petoskey stones, so now we have a corps of potential demonstrators.

David Piatrowski's 5-minute talk September 17th will be on sedimentary rocks. Limestone and sandstone, here we come! Plus lots of others we may not recognize.

What do you want to learn this year? Even though show business will keep us occupied through September and October, now is the time to consider and plan for exploring some phase of our hobby. Your education committee will try to set up learning opportunities - classes, or one-on-one instruction. So let us know what your interests are. committee members are David Piatrowski, Lila Stevens and Florence Hill.

Community Service - Florence Hill

The MGAGS Seminar June 27-28 at Mott College in Flint listed Alice Turner, Florence Hill and Bessie Rogers on their speaker's list. Bessie was forced to cancel this year because of Red's situation, but she'll be back in 1993 no doubt!

Bettie Patterson has set up a display of fossils at Impression Five Museum to remain through their special Dinasaour Exhibit. She also gave a slide lecture at the Museum on July 18,, using two MWF programs on fossils.

Florence Hill gave instruction on hand polishing Petosky stones to two groups of Museum visitors, thirty-two in all

Have you visited Impression Five lately? It has some exciting things to see and do.

If you have given lessons, talks or exhibits anywhere, let us know, for the record.

CHILDREN'S TABLE - Florence Hill

Many thanks for the shower of egg cartons! There are plenty on hand for this year, but there's another year coming, so don't throw any away. They get scarcer all the time.

Now another request for the Show. We need lots of interesting stones for the Pebble Pond Friday morning. Kids love looking all the little cuties in the "pond" over thoroughly. (just as you and I do) before they choose their "limit" to take home. Ask Mac McMahon if it's worth it.

IN MEMORIAM - F. Hill

Our club has lost two special members this summer.

June 10 brought the death of Don Lohrer. Don had endeared himself to all whose lives he touched with his sensitive notes of sympathy and cheer. He was always generous with his time and talent, demonstrating the making of gem trees at neighboring shows and at Fenner Arboretum. He really enjoyed making his stock of "rock critters" for the club show, and watching the children's delight in them. He left a request that his memorial should be a book about dinosaurs "for the children to enjoy". Our sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter. Don will be sadly missed.

Leon North, the third president of our Society, died June 29th. He was made an Honorary Member by this Society this past year, and seemed to appreciate the honor. His health had not been good for sometime, so newer members did not have the opportunity to know him, but he left a remarkable record of service to his community. Our sympathy goes to his family..

Take Note Fossil Hounds - Midwest Federation Newsletter of 9/92

Refer to the May 1992 CMLMS Newsletter concerning the desire of the Midwest Federation to establish a non-profit corporation to allow lobbying to influence legislation which limits collecting activities of amateurs on public lands. At the Brunswick meeting such a non-profit lobbying group was approved. However, the new group was not to include American Federation in its name nor to use AMFS funds. At two organizational meetings the name of American Lands Access Association was chosen and a director from each of the 6 Federation was chosen.

The purpose of this association is to ensure the right of amateur collecting and recreational mining and use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes. Dues were set at \$25 per year. Letters will be sent to all clubs explaining the new organization and soliciting individual members.

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Take Note Fossil Hounds cont.

Senate Bill 3107 must be addressed. The inclusion of paleontology in laws concerning archeological finds would limit fossil hunting and greatly increase federal interference. Please write to your Senators and request that Bill 3107 be defeated.

HOW ABOUT DISPLAYING AT OUR SHOW?

The summer has passed all too quickly and once again it is time to get down to work for our SHOW. One of the many things YOU CAN DO to help out is to provide a display of your collection or creations. Last year we had many fine displays, including a few from our Junior members. This year can be even better.

While invitations to display are sent to members of other clubs, their participation is limited by time and distance. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR DISPLAY, PLEASE! Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of the display application. I look forward to receiving many of these at the September meeting or in the mail -- filled out, not blank.

If you can not display but have a case that someone else could fill, please let me know. I appreciate your help.

Jean Ann Wahl-Pictrowski - Show Display Chrm.

Mary Crosby would appreciate help covering show tables with plastic table covers on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Bring your scissors.

SHOW DATES

September 19 & 20
Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5

September 26 & 27
10-7 both days

Wonderland Show
American Legion Post 256
1329 Michigan Ave., St. Louis

Livingston Gem and Mineral Show
Hartland High School
9525 Highland Rd. Hartland

CLUB CALENDAR

September 17
September 24
Oct. 1
Oct. 16
Oct. 22
Oct 23, 24 & 25th

Regular meeting at North School
Show mtg. at Bettie Patterson's
Board mtg. at Bettie Patterson's
Reg. mtg. at North School
Set-up for SHOW
OUR SHOW

Raffle Tickets will be available at the September meeting.

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Sponsor: Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society

Dates: October 23, 24, 25, 1991

Place: Marshall Street Armory, Lansing, MI

Set-Up Time: Thursday Oct. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Friday Oct. 23, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Removal Time: Sunday, October 25, 8:00 pm

All displays will be non-competitive. Any lighted case 36" wide or less will be allowed a maximum of 50 watts; over 36" wide, 80 watts. Exhibitors must furnish their own extension cord, properly identified.

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Application for display space

I wish to exhibit at the 27th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, "Out of the Earth" sponsored by Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society.

Classification of exhibit _____
(mineral, fossil, lapidary, etc.)

I will furnish _____ cases.

Size: _____ wide x _____ high x _____ deep. Lighted? ___yes ___no

I would like to borrow a case. _____

The Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society will furnish security and take all reasonable and expected precautions to protect the property and person of the exhibitor.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any exhibitor for any damages to or for the loss or destruction of any exhibit. This shall include the property of an exhibitor or injuries to his/her person resulting from any cause.

Submission of a signed application constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations.

Date _____

Signature _____

Street _____

City & State _____

Club Affiliation _____

Phone Number _____

Send application before October 20 to: Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski
1407 Coats Grove Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058
(616) 948-9589

Exhibition: Michigan Library & Museum Society
Dates: October 23, 24, 25, 1992
Times: Tuesday, Oct 23, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 24, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 25, 9:00 am

All displays will be non-commercial. Any display that contains
any material that is obscene, defamatory, libelous, or otherwise
in violation of applicable laws or regulations will not be accepted.

Exhibition Information

Exhibitors are responsible for the content and accuracy of the
information provided on their exhibit labels and brochures.

Classification of exhibit

I will exhibit: General Special

Step: Yes No

I would like to borrow a case: Yes No

The Central Michigan Library & Museum Society will furnish
and take all responsibility and ensure arrangements to ensure the
proper and secure display of the exhibits.

The Central Michigan Library & Museum Society will not be
responsible for any damage to or loss of exhibits. This
includes, but is not limited to, the exhibits, the property of an exhibitor,
and any other items brought to the exhibition.

Exhibitors are responsible for the security and protection of all
exhibits and for the safety of the exhibition.

Signature _____

Title _____

City & State _____

Club Affiliation _____

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