

## **R-Z Please bring refreshments to the September 17 meeting!**

### **PROGRAM: SHOW & TELL** -- Connie Snepp

September is "show & tell" time!! I hope several of you have considered telling us about an exciting field trip you have had since last September. If you will let me know before the meeting, I can be sure you are on the agenda. (Phone 339-2863)

We will have an area for you to place your most interesting rock or fossil collected since last year. It should be labeled but don't put your name on it. All in attendance will be the judges and a prize will be given in each category.

In October we hope to have our scholarship winner, Jeffrey Anderson, with us to share some of his interests and experiences. Also, that same evening we have invited the two students picked by Florence Hill to receive the American Federation scholarships: Karen Stockstill and Michael Brennan.

### **FIELD TRIP: CORYDON INDIANA, SATURDAY SEPT. 26** -- George Heaton

The field trip for September will be to the Corydon Crushed Stone Co. Quarry near Corydon Indiana on Saturday September 26. The Corydon quarry is known for its beautiful pink dolomite crystals and some very nice calcite crystals. Purple fluorite is sometimes found with the pink dolomite. We will plan to meet at the quarry office at 11:30 am (daylight savings time) on Saturday. (This part of Indiana is on the same time as MI.) Corydon is located very near the bottom of Indiana and is a long drive from Lansing, probably at least 9 hours. To be at Corydon Quarry at 11:30 am you may want to plan to leave Friday afternoon or night and travel most of the way.

After our visit to the quarry on Saturday we can also visit an interesting road cut on Rt. 56 between Salem and Scottsburg in Washington Co. on Sunday morning before heading home to Lansing. This road cut is large and contains quartz, dolomite and calcite geodes. The calcite crystals here are especially attractive.

To get to Corydon you can take I-465 South to I-65 and go south on I-65 almost to Jeffersonville IN which is located on the Ohio River across from Louisville KY. At Jeffersonville you can take I-64 east to exit 105 at Corydon and Rt. 135. Go north on Rt. 135 about 1/4 mile to the first road to the left. You take this road west to the quarry, which will be on your right. There are motels and restaurants near the intersection of I-64 and Rt. 135.

### **CHILDREN'S TABLE WORK BEE** -- George Heaton

On **Saturday, October 3** 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. We especially need large tumbled stones that can serve as "critter" bases.** Please mark this on your calendar and come to help.

**“You miss more by not looking than by not knowing.” John McCormick**  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT** -- Mary Kay Bean

The spring and summer of 1998 presented a particularly difficult time in the lives of several of our cherished members’ lives. Florence Hill was involved in an automobile/truck accident near St. John’s, Michigan, while on CML&MS business. Her many serious injuries placed her in Sparrow Hospital for quite some time. Then nothing short of a miracle occurred and Florence was released to a convalescent home in Diamondale where she progressed very well and was able to return home in a few short weeks. Of course, the club sent and/or delivered flowers and cards throughout her journey back to health at the young age of 91 years. Both Florence and I agreed that her work here is far from being finished when I last visited her on the 29th of August.

Our very dear Past President, Royal Olson (please see memorial), however, had another path to take when enjoying one of his very favorite passions... he successfully landed his glider just north of Chicago on the first of August whereupon he collapsed. A memorial service was held for him on the 8th of the month. Along with his dear wife, Lee, we members will never forget the man who changed the ambiance of our meetings during 1996/1997. His memory shall always remain in our hearts and minds. Cards and flowers were sent along with our support.

Joe Austin, another spirited member of the club, has diligently fought an internal, physical situation since February; in all of those months, he has not been out of Sparrow Hospital and the Mayo Clinic more than two weeks. Joe is home now as of the 30th of August. Along with the cards and flowers, he has asked that the members say a silent prayer for his well-being in the future. He assured me it was his intention to participate in the Sept. 17 meeting.

On the 29th of August, bearing watermelon, I visited William and Bessie Rogers at their home in St. Johns. I am pleased to report that Red appears to be doing quite well (although he tells me looks are deceiving!) I was surprised to find that Bessie appears to be having more trouble than ever getting from one place to another even within their home. I believe that cards or even a visit would be welcome to both of them.

Two life members were sent cards of reassurance during the first week of August. Frank Card is now in a nursing home and his wife Cora has suffered from double pneumonia for several months. I believe that cards from those who know them would be appreciated. It would be well to note also that life members, Frank and Frances Swagart are not in good health and were sent cards of cheer in May and June.

Many of you may remember former participant, Larry Lemanski. Although he was not an active member during the past few years, he was a gentleman who dedicated his life to helping children learn about the environment, attending many field trips as well as meetings. The Board of Water and Light analyst and humanitarian passed away at the age of 49 years. He was buried on August 22, 1998 and a card of encouragement was sent to his family.

Mary Gowans, recording secretary, underwent surgery on the 6th of August. Belated greetings were sent. She is doing very well and is happy to return to her post!

On a lighter note, "The Rock Cycle", a grouping of four charts per packet were delivered to my home for our perusal and will be made available for order at the September 17 meeting at North School. They are products of the GeoScience Industries in Fort Collins, CO.

**CML&MS DUES: ARE THEY A BARGAIN OR WHAT?**

Here's a breakdown of how your \$5.00 dues are spent:

MWF & AFMS Dues	\$2.00
Insurance	\$1.85
Newsletter, 10 issues a year @ \$.80 a copy	\$8.00
Administrative costs: banquet subsidy, outside speakers, postage for club business, directory, etc.	\$1.00
TOTAL expenditures	\$12.85

We have 93 members and 79 life members.

**FROM THE "ROSTER ROOSTER"** -- Wayne Zittel

We are pleased to welcome Clifton Brown to our club. Clifton is an electronic engineer by trade and is interested in faceting, fossils, lapidary crafts and tumbling. Please add his address to your directory: 1841 Linden St., East Lansing MI 48823; 351-8792; CLBROWN@timet.net

We also have a few changes of address of "old" members:

Adeline Balzell

Fountain View  
Bldg. 2, Room 13  
640 Randall St.  
Cooperville MI 49404  
616-837-5014

William Timko  
1227 W. Stoll  
Dewitt MI 48820  
482-7064

Bettie Patterson (10-1-98)  
4519 Seneca  
Okemos MI 48864

Joe Austin  
1132 Weber #4  
Lansing MI 48912  
482-5835

**MWF BANQUET NOTE**-- Connie Snapp

Neil and I felt so very proud of our club when Neil was installed as President of the Midwest Federation. Ten people from CML&MS were present at the banquet and at least 20 members were in Houghton for some part of the week.

Bettie Patterson's hard work paid off when Gail Hopkins accepted the MWF first place award for our club in the "All American Club" competition. We received honorable mention in the American Federation. Then, of course, there was the beautiful AFMS Scholarship award plaque awarded to Florence Hill and accepted by State Director Marv and Kitty Starbuck. Neil and I were fortunate to receive a first place award from both the MWF and AFMS for our case of trilobites.

Thank you to all for your support.

**A NOTE FROM FLORENCE HILL:**

"Many thanks to the members of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society for your cards, flowers, visits and good wishes. Your thoughtfulness has meant a lot to me."

### A TRIBUTE TO ROYAL OLSON -- Mary Kay Bean

Elysium, in Greek Mythology is the magical, beautiful dwelling place of all truly virtuous people after death. It is said that each time a living being entertains a positive thought or memory of the beloved departed, the spirit of that deceased one hears and cherishes that thought.

Royal Olson, multi-faceted (no pun intended), glider pilot, dare-devil, risk-taker, silversmith, mentor, prankster, psychologist, instructor, sculptor, dedicated husband, father and grandfather, our club Past President, is held by all who knew him to have been the consummate friend, as well, capable of paradigm shifts within the course of a single day. With his loving wife, Lee, by his side, we could always count on an unpredictable yet light and airy countenance to prevail at our rather unorthodox club meetings during his "reign."

No one who leaves, no doubt gliding in bliss toward his Elysium Field, is ever "gone" as long as someone who truly loves him remains, because the very remembrance alone keeps him safe and treasured in our minds. We must admit to ourselves, perhaps in quiet times, that we are all a little bit better persons for having allowed Royal to touch our hearts. Death shall have no dominion. Never will Royal Olson be forgotten.

### REFLECTIONS -- Florence Hill

As you may know, I was honored this spring by being chosen MWF's Honorary Scholarship Awardee. This gave me the task of selecting two midwest area graduate students in geology to receive the AFMS Scholarships. Out of this experience I gained a tremendous respect for three intangibles that I want to share with you.

First, our college students are OK. Working with MSU's Geology Scholarship Committee, I asked for applications. Ten came in, plus one from Paleontology. I wished that I had eleven scholarships to give them. They were all good student, all with definite aims, and all **working** at whatever they could to support themselves. It was hard to make a choice. These young people were committed to a field of our interests and will be responsible members of society, performing all sorts of good thing for the world. They were not out making headlines in a drunken riot, as was a small percentage of their fellow students.

Second, my respect for the AFMS Scholarship increased. I saw what it means to a real young person struggling to make a go of it. The vision someone in the AFMS had way back in 1964, and the support of thousands of us rockhounds have produced miraculous fruit. The first money given out was to one student for the whole country in 1965 and was in the amount of \$600 total for two years. This year (1998) each of the seven Federations had two new students (plus last year's students) to the tune of \$2,000 a year for two years. That means \$56,000 going out this year to help 28 worthy students who will be responsible workers in the earth science field.

Third, I felt seriously the importance of hanging together and cooperating. Just see what vision and the support of people like you and me have accomplished. I have always felt that the potential of the Federations has barely been touched. We are all in this hobby to have fun and make our own lives richer. The rockhounds I have met are all marvelously kind, friendly people,

ready to help one another -- even though we may seem a little weird to others! Let's continue to work together. Any ideas for the MWF Endowment Fund? Think what the possibilities may be for that.

**REFLECTIONS, cont.**

There are many things besides scholarships -- even the possibilities of quite selfish returns. Think it over.

The people who volunteer their time -- and expense money -- to Federation business care what becomes of each of us. They are giving a lot of their time and effort. It's really a wonder that a volunteer group like this can get anything done. Let's support very good idea wholeheartedly -- and keep coming up with good ideas ourselves and work for them. What do you want the Federation(s) to do? After all, it's our Federation and **WE are** the Federation. It's up to us to make it worthwhile.

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Events have occurred since this was first written to make an added note necessary. Ask your delegate to the Convention at Houghton to tell you about the discussion at the Council meeting of suggestions for the use of the interest on the MWF Endowment Fund. Things are happening!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A "HARVEST LUNCH"**

It seems that we have life back under control and will return to our tradition of inviting the club out to our house in Hastings for some relaxing socialization the week after the show. As it stands now, the menu will be lasagna, salad & plenty of pies (fruit & pumpkin)! Mark your calendar for October 31 at NOON. Look for further details & directions in next month's newsletter.

Dave & Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

**CLUB CALENDAR**

- Sept. 17 Regular meeting, North School, 7:30. Show & Tell/ Best Find Contest.
- Sept. 26 Field trip to Corydon IN, be at quarry 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 3 Children's Table work bee & potluck. Home of Alice & Grit Turner. 9:00 a.m. ish
- Oct. 22 Show set up
- Oct. 23-25 OUR SHOW: "Ruby Anniversary" Fri. 6-9 p.m., Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.  
Marshall Street Armory, Lansing.
- Oct. 31 Harvest Lunch at Dave & Jean Ann's place, 12 noon

**SHOWS AND SUCH**

- Sept. 18-19 Holland Show, Holland Civic Center, 150 W. Eighth St. Holland MI.  
Fri. & Sat. 10-9
- Sept. 19-20 Falls Fossil Festival, Falls of the Ohio State Park, Clarksville IN. Swap, talks, field trips. Sat. 9-7, Sun. 9-5.
- Oct. 3-4 Eddy Center Geology Arts Fair. 10730 Bush Rd. Chelsea MI. State Park motor vehicle permit required for entry. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4.
- Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 East Eight Mile Rd, Detroit. \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 seniors, \$2.00 under 15, Free under 5 yrs old. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-6.
- Oct. 23-25 CML&MS show: "Gem\*Stone Journey" Fri. 6-9 pm, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.  
Marshall Street Armory, Lansing.
- Nov. 7 Dearborn Auction. Allen Park Civic Hall, 15871 Philomena, Allen Park.

Nov. 6-8      Blackhawk Rock Club Show, Colonial Village Mall, Rockford IL