

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 18, 2012**

**PROGRAM: *Three Precious Gems* DVD**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M-Z, Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS September Meeting will be held on October 21 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our usual meeting place.

**Calendar for Fall 2012** and later

October 18, 2012 *Three Precious Gems: Rubies, Emeralds, Sapphires* (a DVD from Jewelrytelevision). Discover the rich history of rubies, emeralds and sapphires, gain insight into today's mining, cutting and grading techniques.

October 25, 2012 **SHOW Setup!** We need all the help we can get! Setup starts at Noon. and runs 'til we're done (about 7 or 8 pm). Come for the whole thing, or an hour, any help helps! Bring your friends!

October 26, 27 and 28 **SHOW TIME!** Volunteers get free admission. We need everyone to pitch in. Contact Roger Laylin to find out where you are needed.

November 1, 2012 Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

November 15, 2012 *Danville's Fossil Forest*, presented by Scott Elrick, courtesy of the Illinois State Geological Survey (DVD)

December 6, 2012 Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

December 20, 2012 Holiday party; Rock Exchange; good treats to eat!

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh  
Dues are now being collected for 2013!!!**

## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

### NOMINATIONS AND OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

Nominations Committee: Milt Gere, 517-669-8116 or miltgere@aol.com, Sue Casler, 517-694-1233 or Elaine Angstman, 517-676-4172 or eangstman@hotmail.com.

Elections will be held in November. Volunteers are needed to help out with this important part of the leadership. Please call to volunteer for an officer or committee position on the board. It takes all of us to make the society healthy and functioning. Without officers there is no Society!!

#### Committee positions that need to be filled

**Publications Committee:** This position is responsible for the monthly newsletter and publishing the directory. A new editor, preferably someone who is not on the current board, is needed for the 2013 year.

**If no one volunteers the last newsletter will be published in December 2012.**

**Display committee:** A new committee chair is needed. We also need a person or persons to take the beautiful new cub display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary and gem clubs in Michigan.

If you are going to a Michigan show, please consider taking the club's display with you. Call or email Jan Sjoquist to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

**Show committee:** Show Chair *Pro Tempore*, Roger Laylin, needs an apprentice to help with the 2013 show committee and who will be willing to take over the show chair position. Call or email Roger Laylin to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

**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.

## CLUB NEWS

**Field Trips!** See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information.

- Grand Rapids Gypsum mine, October 20, 2012, 10:00am-4:00 pm. Cost, \$ 2 per person; must be a member to participate. If interested, email Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). There are still a few places left for this trip!
- In planning - the Sylvania Quarry in Ohio yet this fall.

Minimum age for above trip, again 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](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)**

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

## FALL SHOW NEWS

**A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin**

**The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 26, 27, and 28. Here's the Show Calendar.**

**OCTOBER 25** - Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena

**OCTOBER 26** - Children's Tour starts at 9:00 am Friday. **Show up at 8:30 am for your assignment.** Dealer setup begins at 1 pm; Public Show is open from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday.

**OCTOBER 27** - Show continues 10 am – 7 pm on Saturday.

**OCTOBER 28** - Show continues 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday, followed by: **Tear down and put away.**

**Show Work Schedule**

**Thursday, October 25**

**11:30 am Club trailer with show material delivered to Main Arena; start unloading & setup.**

**12:00 noon Tables and chairs are delivered; setup and cover tables, continue unloading the trailer**  
(as last year, 2 mineral tables, 1 fossil table)

**3:30 pm Set up displays AFTER TABLES ARE ALL SET UP and COVERED!**

**5:30 pm Supper.**

**7:30 pm Do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning.**

**The building will be open until 9 pm if necessary.**

*Friday, October 26*

**8:00 am** Final preparations and work assignments. **Children arrive at 9:00 am.**

**1:00 pm** Move leftovers to main Children's Table and arrange tables for **Dealer set up.**

Late-comers and folks coming from their jobs, set up displays.

**6:00 pm Welcome the Public to the Show!** Meet friends and have a good time!

*Saturday (9:30 am) & Sunday (10:30 am), October 27 & 28*

Continue with volunteer work assignments, eat, drink and spend \$ \$ \$ \$.

*Sunday, October 28*

**4:00 pm Raffle Call**, winners selected.

**5:30 pm BREAKDOWN SHOW**, fold and stack tables, chairs, and covers. Load club trailer.

**THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS!!! – Show Chair Roger Laylin**

**Demonstrators Needed** - Demonstrations Coordinator Ruth Ann Lehner is putting out a call for CMLMS members or friends who have a lapidary or mineralogy skill and are willing to demonstrate that skill at the Show. Please contact Ruth Ann at 517-643-4406; e-mail [ruthie48@netzero.com](mailto:ruthie48@netzero.com). Thank you!

**Member Displays** - One of the important features of any show are the display cases that the club members and nonmembers bring to the Show to show off their collections or skills. Viewing these displays gives visitors and club members the opportunity to see mineral specimens and fossils they have never before seen. This is where learning begins and inspiration for new collections starts. If you have not yet told Neil Snapp that you will have a display for the show, please call him at 517-339-2863!

**PLEASE DO NOT SET UP DISPLAYS UNTIL ALL THE TABLES ARE SET UP!**

**Specimens for the Big Rock Rack (Touch and Feel Display of BIG Rocks).** This display has created much interest since we started it several years ago. We need some new specimens as well as the old, if you have any to share, please bring them on Thursday. The rocks need to be big, but not huge.

**Hospitality Requests - Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski**

Remember to bring your goodies for the lunch room. If you have not already signed up and are in doubt as to what is needed, please phone Jean Ann Wahl Piotrowski at 1-269-948-9589 or email Jean Ann at [jadaw@gmail.com](mailto:jadaw@gmail.com). If you can contribute a snack to sustain the show crew, please bring it to Thursday set up, or any day of the show.

**2012 CMLMS Show Raffle - Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 28**

**Prize Items Are Needed for the Raffle!** - A number of members have donated some very nice Raffle Prize items for this year's Raffle. However, more items are needed to raise the chance to win. Please contact **Kris Wood**. Thank you for your support!

**Raffle Tickets are available.** They are **\$1 each or 6 for \$5**. The chance of winning is much greater at our raffle than with most games of chance and sales help support the CMLMS Geology scholarship at MSU. Remember your friends, relatives and neighbors may wish to purchase tickets too. Why not sell some tickets to them and help a good cause at the same time?

**Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets at the show.** Please contact Kris Wood. **Tickets don't sell themselves!!**

**OTHER Show Stuff: What you can do to help out!**

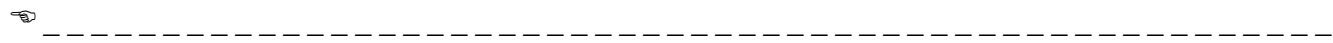
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier.
- Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the Show.

- Invite friends to help on Friday morning. We have never had too much help for the Children’s Tour. We will give a free pass to any non-member that helps on Friday Morning.
- Sign up to help at a work station during the Show – Kids Table, Admission tickets, Raffle tickets, Mineral Kits, Spinning wheel, Silent Auction, Swap Table (if you bring material). There will be sign-up sheets at the membership meeting for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to sign up! Remember that 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. The club hospitality & break area at the show is intended for use by the actively working club members and the dealers.

Friday Morning Children’s Tours - Theresa Hubbard - 203-9620  
 Displays - Neil Snepp-339-2853 (Neil's goal is to have 60 displays, so let’s help him out).  
 Children's Table - George Heaton - 339-8914  
 Fluorescent Booth - Dan Sine - 381-0805  
 Silent Auction - Elaine Angstman - 676-4172 (She expects to be visiting her daughter till after Sept 20.)  
 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 - to be announced  
 Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator - Jean Anne Piotrowski - 269-948-9589 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. Last year Show Chair had 14 non-members helping; can you beat that number?

Raffle Tickets are expected to 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.



**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); or \_\_\_\_\_ others.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## CMLMS MINUTES

### CMLMS Membership Meeting, September 20, 2012

**Call to Order:** The September membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:38 pm at the North Elementary School. President Beane used a new wireless microphone, compliments of Richard Miller. Thank you, Richard.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Welcome to Carol Idalski of Potterville, Michigan, guest of Jan Sjoquist.

#### Announcements:

- Richard Miller - Petosky Stones are needed to complete the Petosky Stone polishing kits for the show. Richard needs 120 more stones. If you are able to contribute Petosky Stones, please contact Richard. Any number will be greatly appreciated. The kits are a very popular educational items at the show.
- Jennifer Martin - Jennifer and Kara will not be at the show to help with the Petosky polishing projects that are done all three days of the show. Volunteers are needed to help Richard Miller direct the polishing activity with the children.
- Roni Sionakides - the printed September newsletter went out prior to the addition of these dates that were included in the email version - October 25, 2012, show set up at Ingham County Fairgrounds noon to 7-8:00 pm; October 26, 27, 28, CMLMS Show, Ingham County Fairgrounds.
- Roni announced that she will not edit the newsletter next year, and a new editor will be needed. Please consider volunteering to do this essential task for the club.
- President Elaine Beane - Nominations for new officers are coming up. New people are needed. Please think about how you can help the club continue. It would be interesting to still have a club without officers or a newsletter.

#### Show:

- Roger Laylin has date replacement stickers for last year's yard signs. However, some of the signs disappeared during use last year. If you still have a sign that needs the new dates added, let Roger know.
- Five hundred show reminder post cards are ready to be mailed.
- Six hundred egg cartons are done.
- A certificate has been prepared for Lila Stevens. For years, Lila has prepared the egg carton kits for the show without reimbursement for expenses. In appreciation for her hard work and dedication, an honorarium of \$100 will be presented to her.
- Theresa Hubbard - approximately 700 students are signed up so far. Still waiting to make contact with some teachers. Andrea Bozoki has contact information for a Montessori School.
- Show workshop will be at the Laylins on Saturday, September 22, 2012, anytime after 9:30 am. Rain date or completion date will be the following Saturday.

#### Field trips:

- Dan Sine - field trip to Sylvania, Ohio still has not been scheduled. A trip to the Crandall Pit in Charlotte should be held before the end of October. This trip will be open to members of every age. All children must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Dan also reported about his successful trip for geodes at Lawrence County, Indiana. He hopes we can visit this location as a club field trip next year.

**Door prizes:** Dan prepared eight door prizes for this evening's drawing. Thanks again, Dan! We all love getting a prize!

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Jan Sjoquist: The minutes of the May and June membership meetings were printed in the September newsletter, as well as the September Board Meeting. The June Board meeting minutes are outstanding.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood: absent.

**Adjournment:** Sue Casler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Richard Miller. The meeting was adjourned by 7:59 pm.

**PROGRAM:** Mini silent auction and summer show and tell. Lyle Laylin showed some amazing specimens from some "undisclosed" locations in the Upper Peninsula!

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS Board Meeting, October 4, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Theresa Hubbard, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Angstman, Roni Sionakides, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Bob Mosher..

**Board Members Absent:** Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Alan Hukill, Mary Gowans, Dan Sine.

**Guests:** None.

**President:** Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:09pm at the Okemos Public Library.

She has the sign up sheets for the show that were out at the September membership meeting. They will be available at the October 18 meeting also.

Has had a request to place an ad in the newsletter. We will not accept ads as we are not equipped to do so because of labor intensiveness, etc. Lyle does include items on the website from eBay and Craig's List , but does not work directly with these.

**Vice President:** Sue Casler has made these program plans for membership meetings:

October 18: Three Precious Gems: Rubies, Emeralds and Sapphires, a DVD presentation to gain insight into today's mining, cutting and grading techniques.

November 15: Danville's Fossil Forest, DVD.

December 20: Holiday party and rock exchange (optional). Bring a wrapped specimen or related item to exchange, if you wish.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist: Minutes are up-to-date and published or submitted for newsletter, except for the June board meeting minutes which are still incomplete.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard, no correspondences.

**Treasurer:** Kris Wood was absent, but provided the September 1- 30, 2012 report. President Elaine Beane read the report.

**Directors:** Bob Mosher (1-yr.), performing on-going study of the sands of the Great Lakes, with many board members providing specimens. Photographs are included. Also doing a study of the sediment of the Mason Esker. (esker: long ridge of coarse gravel deposited by a stream flowing in or under glacial ice sheet). See Bob for reports. Milt Gere (2-yr), no report. Lyle Laylin(3-yr.), no report, but shared information about the passing of life member, Len Stuttman.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh: Membership information brought up-to-date.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill: absent, no report.

**Past President:** Roni Sionakides: No report

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman, brought up to current on membership information and corrections. Dialog about change to membership applications to indicate method of delivery preference for newsletters.

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine was absent. Upcoming trips: Grand Rapids Gypsum mine, October 20, 2012, 10:00am-4:00 pm. Cost, \$ 2 per person; must be a member to participate. If interested, email Kreigh

Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). Charlotte Crandall quarry: Saturday, October 6.

**Outreach:** Mary Gowans was absent, no report.

**Education:** Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides: Roni will discontinue producing the newsletter by January, and a new editor will be needed. Supports having a box to check on application form so members can state their preference as to how they would like newsletters delivered - email or by postal service.

Problem with errors in telephone numbers and email addresses. Current information is not being supplied by members.

**Club Display:** Jan Sjoquist: The display cases are organized and simple to set up and take down. A new display chair is needed, and this is a very fun way for new members to contribute to the functions of the CMLMS. See Jan if interested, or if you would like to be a co-chair.

**Library:** Lee Laylin per Roger: No report.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis, no report.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin: Newsletters from 1988 to the present are available online. Lyle has received an exciting donation of newsletters dating from 1957, and he will be sharing those soon!

**Show:**

- Theresa Hubbard: We are expecting 1000 school students on Friday, Oct. 26. She has had a time deviation request from a teacher that we will not be able to honor because of the need of vendors to set up on time. Alternative solutions were explored. She is generating a list of items for students to find at the show and confirmed the availability of the specimens (e.g., dinosaur "poop"). "Rocks and minerals" are now in third grade curriculum. A display is needed to demonstrate the difference. A sign-up sheet will be at the October 18 membership meeting for those interested in helping at the Friday's Children's Tour. You do not have to be a member to help. Many workers are needed!
- Milt Gere: Has contacted several universities and mining concerns with an invitation to display at our show. MTU will not participate this year. However, CMU and LCC will be among the displayers this year.
- Roger Laylin: Many pick-up loads of rocks, minerals, and related materials have been donated by Lila Stevens and have now been relocated. These specimens and materials will enrich our shows for many years. This includes a large number of Petoskey Stones that are needed for polishing kits and activities. As a very sincere token of appreciation, a certificate was presented to Lila, as well as a small monetary honorarium. Thank you, Lila. Still has fliers and postcards for distribution. See Roger. Tables and chairs have been ordered. Raffle tickets and license are ready. Newspaper article has been written and edited. It was suggested that a sentence be included about the CMLMS scholarship to a MSU geoscience student, and that was supported and worded by group input. Article will be submitted for publication.

**Old Business:** An ad hoc nominating committee was formed: Milt Gere, Sue Casler and Elaine Angstman.

**New Business:** Theresa Hubbard reminded us of the interest in lapidary indicated on membership forms and proposed that a class on cab. making be made available to members. A discussion followed and it was determined that we do not have the equipment nor the facility to do so. However, there are some area clubs that offer classes, such as the Livingston Club in Heartland. Ernie Augenbaugh volunteered to teach faceting to interested members. Ernie will have his equipment at the October show and will be happy to work with individuals who wish to learn to facet. See Ernie! (Thanks, Ernie, for this generous offer!)

**Adjournment:** Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Mosher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary