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SHOW SCHEDULE ISSUE

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

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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 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

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, October 17, 2013

PROGRAM: DVD, Illinois Fluorite Story

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on October 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Fall 2013 and later

October 17, 2013 - Membership meeting

November 6, 2013 - Board meeting, WEDNESDAY 6:30 to 8

November 11, 2013 - Newsletter deadline

November 19, 2013 - Membership meeting

December 4, 2013 - Board meeting, WEDNESDAY 6:30 to 8

December 9, 2013 - Newsletter deadline

December 19, 2013 - Membership meeting

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 MEMBERS

June Downing of Portage

Marilyn Powers of Marshall

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

FALL SHOW - SCHEDULE

Show News: A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 24, 25 and 26

Show Calendar

OCTOBER 24

Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena.

OCTOBER 25

- 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 26

Show continues 10 am – 7 pm on Saturday.

OCTOBER 27 Show continues 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday, followed by tear down and put away.

Show Work Schedule

Thursday, October 24

11:30 am - Club trailer with show material delivered to Main Arena; to unload for setup.

12:00 noon - Tables and chairs are delivered; setup and cover tables, continue unloading the trailer (as prior years, 2 mineral tables, 1 fossil table).

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

4:00 pm - Check with Show Chair Roger Laylin if you want to join him in ordering pizza (or other) for supper, scheduled from 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

8:00 pm - ? - Hold a short CMLMS Meeting to discuss anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning. The building will be open until 9 pm or later if necessary.

Friday, October 25

8:30 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 setup. Late-comers or those folks who have been busy at other jobs set up displays.

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

Saturday (9:30 am), October 26 & Sunday (10:30 am), October 27

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

Sunday, October 27 (we are not bothered by day light saving time, I believe)

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 - 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. Thank you!

Member Displays - One of the important features of any show are the display cases that the club members and non-members 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 Nate Krupp that you will have a display for the show, please call him at 517-626-1136

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

Big Rock Rack (Touch and Feel Table) (pet rocks) - This has created much interest since we started this display. New specimens are always welcome as well as the old, if you have any to share, please bring them Thursday evening. They need not be huge.

Hospitality Requests – Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Getting away from the show for nourishment just isn't possible for our dealers and the club folks who put in a full day working to make our show a success. Thus we try to keep everyone happy and healthy with our club hospitality. I need your help with the snack portion of the menu: salty snacks (like chips, pretzels, crackers), sweet snacks (like cookies, quick breads, muffins) and healthy snacks (like fruit, veggies, cheese). If you can contribute a snack to sustain the show

crew, please bring it to Thursday set up, or any day of the show. One of the great limitations of the show facility is that there is **NO refrigeration**. **If you have a suitable small one, can we borrow it? If you have questions or suggestions**, please give me a call 269-948-9589 or e-mail jawp2@voyager.net. Thanks for your help; and, see you at the show!!!

Show Raffle - Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 27. **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. Prizes may be donated until noon on Oct. 27th. Raffle Tickets are available at \$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 see Kris Wood at the October 17 CMLMS meeting, or give her a call to reserve your time. **Tickets don't sell themselves!!**

If you bring pretty rocks for the Pebble Pond, please run a hose over them and wash them off! Otherwise, we start out the day with muddy water and the rocks don't look pretty any more. We shouldn't have mud puddles at the Children's Tour!

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. More important this year over 1100 kids expected.

—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, Exit Gifts, Pebble Pond, Petoskey Stone Polishing, Swap Table (if you bring material). There will be sign-up sheets at the October 17 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 and break area at the show is intended for use by the actively working club members and the dealers.

Please plan to show up early on October 24 to give Show Chair Roger and the club your support, if you cannot make it on Thursday for setup, but can help at the show, please **call Roger or a Table Coordinator (below) to find another time to help!**

The chairpersons are as follows:

Friday Morning Children's Tour = Theresa Hubbard (517-203-9620)

Displays = Nate Krupp (517-626-1136)

Fluorescent Booth = Nate Krupp (517-626-1136)

Silent Auction = Elaine Angstman (676-4172)

Demonstrations Coordinator = Ruth Ann Lehner (643-4406)

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

Raffle Coordinator = Kris Wood (517-769-6578)

Show Announcer = Roger Laylin

Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator = Jean Anne Piotrowski (269-948-9589)
or Lee Laylin (349-3249)

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.

CLUB NEWS

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

October 12 (12-4): Byholt Gravel, 12 - 4 pm, 11360 S. 4th St., Schoolcraft, Michigan, south of Kalamazoo

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

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 flintrockand gem.org

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, September 19, 2013

Call to Order: The September membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Angstman at 7:43pm at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Pat Robbins of the Harris Nature Center.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the September board meeting were printed in the September Newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: May through August reports are available for review on the front table along with other notices.

Announcements:

Roni Sionakides: Please contact Roni if there are any changes in your contact information. Roni shared information about a rock collection auction on September 21, 2013.

Sue Casler: The Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing will host an Archeological Day on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**. CMLMS was asked to participate by providing a demonstration about copper. Sue suggested that we demonstrate how to pound copper as was done to form the ancient copper artifacts. She will provide all the materials needed if members would staff the demonstration. Nate Krupp, Elaine Angstman, Roni Sionakides, Doug and Jan Sjoquist will form two shifts to work that day, from 10am to 3pm.

Pat Robbins: Pat is representing Harris Nature Center. The nature center is developing a playscape exploration area and would like ideas to make this into a fossil dig. Several suggestions were made, yet more are welcome. Contact President Elaine Angstman for Pat's contact information if you can contribute in any way.

Dan Sine, Field Trips: October 5, 2013, trip to Schoolcraft gravel pit, Kalamazoo Club hosting. Contact Dan for more information. October 19 trip to Grand Rapids is full. October 12, 2013: Alpena with Kalamazoo club; see Dan.

Door Prizes: Drawing for door prizes, Dan Sine.

Adjournment: Rick Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Dave Masarik. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Program: Show and Tell/Silent Auction

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, October 2, 2013

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Nate Krupp, Gordon Lewis, Theresa Hubbard, Jan Sjoquist.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Beane, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Roni Sionkides, Dan Sine, Kris Wood.

President: Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 6:38pm at the Delta Township District Library. No announcements.

Vice-President: Sue Casler reminded us about the program on fluorite for the October meeting. Sue has prepared and distributed materials for presentation at Archeology Day at the Michigan Historic Museum on October 12. Two shifts of members will demonstrate how copper was worked.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist has submitted the minutes of the September membership meeting for publication and will have the minutes of the October board meeting ready for the October 7 newsletter deadline.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard will be sending cards to Sandy Hukill, Kris Wood, and Neil Snapp.

Treasurer: Kris Wood absent; no balance changes.

Directors: Milt Gere (1 yr): no report; Lyle Laylin (2 yr): no report; Nate Krupp (3yr) Presented ideas to include in future shows, discussion ensued. We would need more member involvement to institute change.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, no report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, absent; no report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent; no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman presented two applications for membership: June Downing of Portage, and Marilyn Powers of Marshall. Ernie Augenbaugh moved to accept June Downing and Marilyn Powers into membership of CMLMS. Nate Krupp made a second to the motion. A vote was taken and June and Marilyn were approved for membership. Welcome June and Marilyn!

Field Trips: Dan Sine was absent, but sent a report:

- October 5: LaFarge and Rockport Quarries, Alpena.-

- October 12 (12-4): Byholt Gravel, Schoolcraft MI.

- October 19 (10-4): Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine, filled but contact Kreigh Tomaszewski to be placed on the waiting list.

For more information, contact Dan.

Publications: Roni Sionakides, absent, states that October 7 is the newsletter deadline.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin absent; no reports.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans, absent; no report.

Library: Discussion about what to do with books that are not checked out.

Display: Carol and Ray Idalski have agreed to take the two memorial cases to the October show in Jan's absence.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin alerted us to the club site link Rock n Fun, items for sale on Craig's List include a complete workshop with saws, polishers, tumblers, materials, etc. for only \$700, complete.

Show: Roger Laylin:

- Theresa Hubbard: School tour on Friday morning will be very well attended. She has worked directly with busing to assure the availability of transportation for the schools. CMLMS will subsidize transportation costs; offering new schools full subsidy the first year. Theresa has 12 buses reserved and she relayed the excitement teachers expressed for making this possible. Three hundred (300) more exit gifts will be needed and these can be done at the October membership meeting.

- Theresa Hubbard requested displays to demonstrate curriculum topics.

- Nate Krupp (show displays) is receiving responses from display participants. Let him know if you need a case or if you have a display.

- Roger Laylin: Things are in order. If you have yard signs from past shows, please up-date the info and contact him. We have plenty of egg cartons, but need to make more exit gifts at the October membership meeting. Raffle prizes should be brought to the show. Please recruit your friends to help at the Friday morning school tour! Lots of hands are needed.

Old Business: Sue Casler: the next board meeting will be held on a WEDNESDAY. Days vary according to library use.

New Business: Jan and Sue made an inquiry as to availability of funds to provide to speakers for membership meetings. The board does offer transportation costs, etc. for speakers and they have done so in the past.

- The formation of a nominating committee is over-due.

Adjournment: Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and received a second by Lyle Laylin.

Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist. Recording Secretary