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# Rockhound News

This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 15, 2015**  
**PROGRAM: Marvel Mitchell, Rock Knife Handles**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on October 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

## **Calendar for Fall 2015 and later**

October 6, 2015 - board meeting, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

October 15, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, Marvel Mitchell, demonstrating her rock knife handles

October 22, 2015 - 12 noon, SHOW set-up, volunteers needed

October 23 - 25, 2015 - SHOW

November 3, 2013 - board meeting, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

November 19, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

December 1, 2015 - board meeting, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

December 17, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

October 15, 2015 - Marvel Mitchell, rock knife handle demo

November 19, 2015 - "Mineral Names: The Places and People Behind Them," Doug Sjoquist

December 17, 2015 -

## **DONATION**

CMLMS received a donation of many Mexican Geodes and Thunder Eggs for show use. Mrs. Bob (Georgia) Curry was the donor of the specimens owned by her deceased husband. Bob was from the UP and was a geologist with the DEQ, State of Michigan. Bob retired from the State in 1990, and Georgia retired from Michigan State University the same year. Bob and Georgia are committed to education, and Georgia is pleased that Bob's collection can be used and seen at our show and will be used to further interest in geology.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY AND MEMBERSHIP**

Elaine Angstman has moved up north and will no longer be able to set up hospitality for our membership meetings. We need a new person willing to set up hospitality on membership meeting nights.

**Welcome to Dave Berquist as the new membership chair.**

# A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

## RAFFLE CHAIRPERSON STILL NEEDED

### Show Calendar

**OCTOBER 22nd** - Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena.

**OCTOBER 23rd** - Children's Tour starts at 9:00 am. 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.

**OCTOBER 24th** - Show continues 10 am – **6 pm (new closing time)**.

**OCTOBER 25th** - Show continues 11 am – 5 pm, followed by tear down and put away.

### Show Work Schedule

#### Thursday, October 22

12:00 noon - Unload the trailer, Setup and cover tables, for 13 dealers. We have before had *two mineral tables and can be considered if enough workers are available and one fossil table*. We will set up the entry way for Kids Morning similar to last year to accommodate the entrance displays which Theresa H. has coordinated. She will need assistance as the magnetic cereal person will not be available. Do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning.

**PLEASE** do not plan on setting up displays until after tables are all set up and covered (about 3:00 pm.). *The building will be open until 9 PM if necessary.*

#### Friday, October 23

8:30 am - Gather for 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 set up displays.

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

**Saturday and Sunday** - come 30 minutes prior to opening.

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

*Because of the new 6 pm closing on Saturday we will not push for complete adherence.*

#### Sunday, October 25 - 4 :00 pm Raffle Call

5:30 pm - BREAKDOWN SHOW, fold and stack tables, chairs, and covers.

THANKS TO ALL! Show Chairman Roger Laylin

**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 Nate Krupp that you will have a display for the show, *please* give him the completed form below, or call him.

OFFICIAL "YES, Nate, I CAN HELP YOU WITH A DISPLAY"

You can count on me to bring a display to the show. I will bring:

\_\_\_\_\_ standard club case(s) \_\_\_\_\_ pony case(s) \_\_\_\_\_ faceting case(s).

If another type of display please draw a rough sketch on the back of this form or give details so

space can be allocated.

OR, Hey, I want to borrow a case. We have *several Club* cases that are in need of a display, ask Nate.

OR ALSO, I can't display this year, but would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases on the back side of this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

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!

Specimens for the Big Rock Rack (Touch and Feel Table) (pet rocks). This display has been well received the last several years. New specimens are always welcome as well as the old, if you have any to display, please bring them Thursday. Thank You.

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

Getting away from the show Arena 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 evening set up, or any day of the show. One of the great limitations of the show facility is that there is limited refrigeration. ***This problem has been relieved again for this year as Marve Oesterle has volunteered the needed Dorm Refrigerator .***

*If you have questions or suggestions* please give me a call at 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 25**

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 between now and the show. Please contact ***President Sue Casler . (no one else volunteered)***. Thank you for your support of the raffle!

Raffle Tickets are available. They remain \$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 Sue Casler ***at the October 15th*** CMLMS meeting, or give ***her*** a call to reserve your time. Tickets don't sell themselves!!

**OTHER Show Stuff:** What you can do to help out! ***Sign up to help at a work station*** during the Show. There are over 80, 2-hour time slots available. HELP is always needed – Kids Table, Admission Tickets, Raffle Tickets, Spinning Wheel, Silent Auction, Swap Table (if you bring material). 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 and the Hospitality Room! 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 as well as Friday LUNCH.

## CLUB NEWS

**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. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

1. Marble Elementary School, 729 Hagadorn Ave. East Lansing,  
Thursday, November 5, 2015: Set-up at 5: 30 pm, opens 6:30 pm, closes at 8:00 pm  
Location: Library

According to the contact person, we will be with the Lego Man because we are not messy will be away from the noise and mess that some of the other exhibitors have.

2. Glencairn Elementary School, 939 North Harrison Road, East Lansing,  
Thursday, November 19, 2015. Same times. Location: Undetermined at this time.  
This is a club meeting night, but I am hoping maybe one person could go.

3. Donley Elementary, Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Science Night. More information later.

Please mark your calendars and email me at: [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) and let me know which events you can attend.

### Field Trips!

KGMS has been able to schedule a field trip to the Byholt Gravel Pit on October 10 from 12:00-16:00 and we would like to extend an invitation to our club members. Further information (e.g. directions) for the field trip can be found on the KGMS web site (<http://kalamazoorockclub.org/field-trips/>). Club members can just show up and do not need to RSVP.

Field Trip to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.), 1200 Judd S.W., Grand Rapids, MI, October 24, 2015, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

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](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.**

## UPCOMING SHOWS

Third Weekend: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm, Carter Middle School, Rogers Lane Dr., Clio Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; bwrockbarn@century.net; www.flintrockandgem.org

October 9-11: WARREN, MI, Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Show. Fri 9 am - 6 pm; Sat 10 am - 7 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm Macomb Sports & Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren. Contact: Patti Graves-Wesolosky (586) 531-1680; knottyfaces@hotmail.com; www.michmin.org/show

October 16-18: FORT WAYNE, IN Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Fort Wayne. Contact: Russell Greim, (260) 403-0450, thestratadata@gmail.com, or members.tripod.com/3riversgemqmineral

October 17-18: CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL South Suburban Earth Science Club Annual Show, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Prairie State College, 202 Halsted Contact: Daniel & Peggy Bolm, (708) 822-0361; peggyjanekb@comcast.net

October 24-25: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH Akron Mineral Society Semi Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm, Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls. Contact: Joyce Kish, (330) 753-7081; gemboree@outlook.com

November 7: TAYLOR, MI The Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Auction, 6 pm, Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor. Contact: Dan Gumina, (313) 766-8944; r+brains@aol.com; www.mmls.us

November 9: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction, 7 - 9 pm, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 3924 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. Contact: Mildred Hurt, (248) 398-6693; hurtmillie@gmail.com; www.michmin.org

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, September 17, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The September membership meeting was called to order by President Sue Casler at 7:46pm at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Welcome Rick and Kay from St. Johns, friends of Mary Gowans, and to Barb Kruser and Bob Stevens.

**Minutes** of the June Membership Meeting were printed in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane's report is current up through the banks last report. There is no change in the savings or certificate of deposit. \$ 38,096 is our balance as resources for our up coming show.

### **Announcements:**

1. Volunteers are needed to fill the positions of Membership Chairman, Vice-President, and Hospitality.
2. Mary Gowans received an email from a sixth grade teacher in DeWitt, who thought we were doing classroom presentations. If anyone is interested in doing this, please contact Mary.
3. Sue Casler discussed some collecting rules for Petoskey Stones. They can be picked up from

State Forest Land. Rock Shows coming up in Holland and Hartland.

Membership Meeting programs: October: Show, plus Marvel Mitchell will do a program on knife handles. November: Either Gemologist or Professor Doug Sjoquist program about mineral naming.

4. Show: Roger Laylin

September 26 (Sat.)-loading the trailer at Laylins.

About 980 departing gifts are done with about another 300 bagged, but not complete-waiting for confirmation on the number of students.

Need: workers to set up on Thursday, October 22 (as many as possible); volunteers to work at the show; raffle worker to organize prizes

New hours for the show: Friday - 6-9pm, Saturday - 10am-6pm, Sunday - 11am-5pm

We will probably set up the entrance as was done last year. We have thirteen dealers this year.

We have a geode cracker and gold panning. NEW, got a huge grinder machine. Geoscape Rock shop in Paw Paw, MI

**Adjournment:** Sue Casler moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Sherry Sparks. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Angstman on behalf of Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, October 6, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Augenbaugh, Dave Berquist, Gaylord Brooks, Sue Casler, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Beane, Nate Krupp, Lee Laylin, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine.

**President/Vice-President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15pm at the Okemos Library. Sue passed around show fliers and other information. The program for the October membership meeting will have Marvel Mitchell presenting her knife handles; the November meeting will have Doug Sjoquist speaking about how minerals are named; the December Membership meeting will be a Holiday party and rock exchange.

Sue announced that Dave Berquist has volunteered to fill the board position of membership chairman. Thank you, Dave.

Dave Berquist attended the Alpena field trip over the weekend and was pleased with his finds.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane, absent, no report.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist has prepared the September membership meeting minutes and has submitted them for publication. She anticipates the submission of these board meeting minutes by tomorrow's deadline.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard will send a thank you note to Georgia Curry for the Mexican Geode donation.

**Directors:** Gaylord Brooks (3-year): no report. Lyle Laylin (2-year), is preparing a micro-mount display for the show. Nate Krupp (1-year), absent, no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Augenbaugh, no report.

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

**Past President:** absent

**Membership:** Dave Berquist has filled this position.

**Field Trip:** Dan Sine, absent. Trips are as previously reported.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides established the newsletter deadline for tomorrow noon (10/7).



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

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans has had contact with staff from DeWitt and Grand Ledge Schools asking for presentations. Mary will contact them with further clarification about how we can help. CMLMS has been invited to three elementary schools' Science Nights: 1. Marble Elementary School, November 5. 2. Glencairn Elementary School, November 19. 3. Donnelly Elementary, February 17, 2016. Contact Mary if you are able to exhibit at these events.

**Library:** Roger for Lee Laylin, no report.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist displayed one memorial case at the Holland, Tulip City Show.

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

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin is working with the change of service problem.

**Show:** Roger Laylin: Roger has contacted the MSU Geology Club requesting help at the show. He has sent show info emails and postcards. The trailer is packed and ready. Six hundred dollars has been spent on geodes for the new geode cracker. Roger has enlisted help for announcing busses and doing the bus orientation; may need pebble pond help. The inclusion of an additional dealer makes it necessary to reconfigure the floor space.

Theresa Hubbard: Has had significant difficulty in arranging schools this year, for various reasons. East Lansing Schools are off that day, and Haslett has changed their curriculum. Because of severe budget woes, Lansing Schools will only be able to attend with a subsidy of \$1600. Springport, Mason, Lansing and Homeschoolers will provide the estimated 700 students that are expected; students will be allowed 1 hour on the floor.

Theresa has changed the entry configuration to improve the flow of traffic. Volunteers are needed for the Children's Tour, starting at 8:30am on Friday.

Ernie Augenbaugh: Has received a thank you letter from Dennis and Lorraine Demerly, long-time dealers who have now retired. Along with the letter, they sent a box of specimens. A discussion ensued about how we should use the specimens. Alan Hukill **made a motion that the opals, turquoise and chrysocolla should be used for the special auction and the rhodochrosite, petrified wood and agates be used at the regular auction at the show.** The motion received support from Lyle Laylin. Theresa Hubbard will send a thank you note to the Demerlys for their generous contribution.

**Adjournment:** Mary Gowans made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by Lyle Laylin and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary