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## Rockhound News—October 2019

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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, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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, 2019**

**PROGRAM: Show set-up at Fairgrounds**

**REFRESHMENTS: Pizza provided by CMLMS**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on October 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ingham County Fairgrounds [note change of venue], Mason, Michigan. Show setup starts at 12 noon. Please come if you can make it.

## **Calendar for Fall 2019**

October 17, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mason at Fairgrounds

October 17-20, 2019- Show weekend at Mason Fairgrounds

October 19, 2019 - Archaeology Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Michigan Historical Center/Museum

October 21, 2019- Possible field trip to Charlevoix to hunt Petoskey Stones- email if interested in attending, we are seeing how much interest there is for a trip.

November 7, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

November 21, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

December 5, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

December 19, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

October 17 - Meeting at Mason Fairgrounds after show set-up

November 21 – Dr. Micheal Velbel on Meteorites, voting on 2020 officers

December 19 - Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of officers, mini silent auction

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**Richard Baibak**

**This month is all about the SHOW! Please help the CMLMS by volunteering to help during the weekend events- we need everyone to help out a few hours to make the show a success!! See below for the Show Calendar and volunteer times.**

**Show Calendar**  
A Message from CMLMS Show Chairpersons,

Thursday, October **17<sup>th</sup>** Show setup begins, doors open at 11:30 am and continues till we are SHOW ready.

Friday, October **18<sup>th</sup>** Children's **Tour starts at 8:30 am.** Come at **8:00 am** for your work assignment.

Dealer setup begins at 1pm or as soon as children leave;

Public Show is open from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Saturday, October **19<sup>th</sup>** Show continues 10 am – 6 pm .

Sunday, October **20<sup>th</sup>** Show continues 11 am – 5 pm, followed by: Tear down and put away.

**SHOW WORK SCHEDULE**

Thursday, October **17:**

Unload the trailer, Setup all Tables and cover Display and Demonstration tables. We have occasionally 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 to accommodate the entrance displays which Theresa H. has coordinated. She will need several assistants Friday morning to provide information to the children. This year the jewelry, mineral kit sales will be at the southeast end of floor in area of the dealer space.

**FINALLY** 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.)

For those folks that continue to work until meeting time PIZZA will be ordered for about 5PM.

**Regular Meeting** will be held on site at usual 7PM time

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

Friday, October **18:**

8:00 am Gather for final preparations and work assignments. Children arrive at 8:30AM/ till 1PM

(or when children leave) We 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 go to your WORK Station. Meet friends and have a good time!

**Saturday and Sunday** come 30 minutes prior to your volunteer time. Continue with volunteer work assignments, eat, drink and spend \$ \$ \$ \$.

**Sunday, 4:00 pm Raffle Call**

5:30 pm BREAKDOWN SHOW, reload the trailer, Fold and stack tables, chairs for pick up.

THANKS TO ALL --Show Chairpersons

**ADDITIONAL SHOW REQUESTS**

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*, Contact him.

If you bring pretty rocks for the Pebble Pond, please run a hose over them and wash them off! Otherwise, we may 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 re-leaved again for this year, as Marve Oesterle has volunteered the needed Dorm Refrigerator.***

*If you have questions or suggestions* please give me a call 269-948-9589 or e-mail (new) jadawp2@gmail.com. Thanks for your help; and, see you at the show!!!

**Show Raffle -- Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 20**

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 *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 & 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 Admission and Raffle Tickets at the show. Please see Sue Casler or Elaine Beane *at the Thursday evening* CMLMS meeting

***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, Geode cracker, and Children's activity table (gem trees, etc)

Pitch in and work! Those who do 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.

**Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier put out your sign.**

MEMBERSHIP TABLE!

This year the Club is have a membership table to help answer questions for potential members, accept renewals and be the volunteer check in area.

## VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

**Display Chair** - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

**Liaison Officer.**

**Three Year Director.**

## CLUB NEWS

**Outreach Committee:** We are always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities.

Contact Theresa Hubbard, thrshubbard@yahoo.com to lend a hand.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

### Field Trips!

If you are interested in a Petoskey hunting trip to Charlevoix later in October, please send an email or call Carl Mennare. We are trying to see if there is enough interest for this trip.

Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

## CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**October 18-20: FORT WAYNE, IN** Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Fort Wayne. Contact: Russell Greim, (260) 403-0450;  
[3riversshow@gmail.com](mailto:3riversshow@gmail.com) [www.3riversgem\\_mineral.tripod.com](http://www.3riversgem_mineral.tripod.com)

**October 19-20: CLIO, MI** Flint Rock & Gem Club Annual Show. Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796,  
[bwrockbarn@centurytel.net](mailto:bwrockbarn@centurytel.net) [www.flintrockandgem.org](http://www.flintrockandgem.org)

**November 1-3: CLEVELAND, OH** Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History Symposium. Fri 3 - 10 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 9:30 am - 3 pm. Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, Univ. Circle, Cleveland. Contact: Janet Clifford,  
[janet15clifford@gmail.com](mailto:janet15clifford@gmail.com)

**November 2: TAYLOR, MI** Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock Swap. Sales tables 6 pm; Oral auction 7 pm. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor. Contact: Dwayne Ferguson, (313) 550-9809,  
[shelby0671111@yahoo.com](mailto:shelby0671111@yahoo.com) [www.mmls.us](http://www.mmls.us)

**November 2-3: MIDLAND, MI** Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm. Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd., Midland. Contact: Debra Young, (989) 245-0343; [debiyoung50@yahoo.com](mailto:debiyoung50@yahoo.com) [www.midmichrockclub.com](http://www.midmichrockclub.com)

**November 11: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI** Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. Contact: Brad Zylman, (612) 600-9484; [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, September 19, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** One new member (Richard Baibak) signed up tonight and Nate gave him a copy of the September newsletter. Alicia David (nee Mennare) had a baby so that's another new member.

**President's announcements:** Nate Krupp: Our annual show is next month and we'll need a lot of volunteers. A work bee is this Saturday (in two days!) to unload the trailer, replenish the specimen boxes for sale and reload the trailer. Kid's jewelry making and rock critter assembly is also needed. The Okemos Library, where our Board of Directors meet, wants us to put a display in their display cabinet. After discussion it was decided to try to emplace the display while Board members are there on October 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can put in Show fliers advertising our Show. Give items for display to Board members or come to the meeting. Let Nate know if you need a display case to display items at the Show. Forms for that are in the newsletter or I have some tonight. Tonight's program is show and tell and a member silent auction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane presented her report covering June-September 25, explaining past expenditures and planned ones for the show, receipts, and items not yet cleared, etc.

**Field Trips:** With the Show approaching, Carl hasn't scheduled anything. He may set up Charlevoix in late October or early November to search for Petoskey stones.. Email Carl if interested.

**Education and Outreach:** Theresa stated that some of the Lansing School District have now scheduled a half day on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, so many of the classes that were scheduled for our Friday morning education program have cancelled. Mason and Holt School Districts have no school on that day and some Montessori schools have a half day. Theresa will have a table at Woldumar Nature Center's Heritage Days Festival offering Petoskey polishing on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, so she needs small, round Petoskey's that are easy to polish. She also announced that the MSU Museum Fossil Day is October 6<sup>th</sup>, 12-4 p.m. where you can bring a fossil for identification.

**Show:** Robin announced the new Show volunteer sign-up sheets for members to sign up tonight, as well as new membership forms for new and renewing members. A Facebook page has been created for the Club and the Show placed in the Events area so share it with others. Roger says the work bee this Saturday will be 9:30 a.m. until we're done, with a potluck lunch. Roger needs



to tell the Kalamazoo Rock Club how many of their members we could use to fill volunteer slots at our show (returning the favor of us helping at theirs) before October 1<sup>st</sup>, discussion followed. New this year are “Staff” badges to identify volunteer workers. The Yooperlite discoverer, Eric Rintamaki, will be at our show.

**Door Prizes:** About 8 were handed out to lucky winners.

**Adjournment:** Adjournment for Silent Auction at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nate Krupp, Acting Recording Secretary.

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, October 3, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Roni Sionakides, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Chuck Taricska.

**Board Members Absent:** Lyle Laylin, Dan Sine.

**Members Present:** John and Chris Juroszek at the beginning of meeting.

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library. He mentioned he needs more rocks for the Okemos Library display. He also wants member-created jewelry, faceted items and crystals.

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith. The speaker for November will be Mike Velbel, Professor of Geology at Michigan State University and he will speak on meteorites.

**Treasurer:** 1. Elaine Beane reported on the bank statement received from September 1, to October 1, 2019. She said she submitted the corporate registration for the society to the State of Michigan and paid the Show raffle fee. 2. She passed out the list of various areas at the show and the amount of starting cash she is proposing to distribute. There was discussion on how best to adjust some of the areas.

**Recording Secretary:** Roni Sionakides asked for approval of the September 5, 2019 board minutes. Jessica Clark moved **to accept the minutes as written**, Mary Gowans seconded. The September board minutes were approved as written. The September 19, 2019 membership meeting minutes were completed. She also explained those minutes will have to be approved by the membership at their October meeting and not by the board.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard sent a card to Grit and Alice Turner since Grit was admitted to an assisted living facility. Ernie Augenbaugh said Grit had passed away on October 2. She will send another card to Alice. She also sent a card to Ruth Ann Lehner regarding her son and mother.

**Directors:** 1. Lyle Laylin, absent, no report.

2. Chuck Taricska, no report.

3. Jessica Clark discussed free or cheap ideas for making the show room a little more colorful and welcoming. She suggested balloons or pumpkins to put at tables. It was noted we would need to check with the fairgrounds to see if helium balloons would be allowed. It was also mentioned we used to have mums between the various displays in the past.

**Show:**

1. Roger Laylin sent out 520 emails and 56 postcards from raffle addresses. Twenty-eight

emails were returned, probably because of poor handwriting on the ticket.

2. Ernie said both Paleo Joe and Eric Rintamaki were invited to set up at the show and both will come as demonstrators. Tables and space for them was discussed. Grit and Alice Turner and Scrimshaw Carl will not be demonstrators this year.

3. Roger contacted the Marines to get a crew together to provide security but hasn't heard back. Will try to contact them again about October 5-6. There was discussion on other options.

4. Robin Smith put the list of volunteers on the society's webpage. She also discussed advertising. The *State Journal*, their website and their community papers were discussed on how to get to the most readership. She would like to do spot color in the paper ads. We need to put an ad on our *Facebook* page. Roger has already placed an ad in the *City Pulse* events calendar. *Craig's List* was mentioned as a source for advertising. Steve Smith mentioned we have a \$50 free credit from *Facebook*.

5. Milt Gere talked to Marie Lewis who has a club case to donate. She also has two large display cases she wants to sell. He also said the Seaman Mineral Museum at Michigan Tech and the Michigan Geological Survey will both have displays for the show.

6. Sue Casler suggested Dr. Vorce be a speaker at a society event.

7. Theresa Hubbard said she will not be at the children's activity table on Friday and Saturday and will need a volunteer to replace her. She will be at the Children's Tour on Friday morning. The Children's Tour starts at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. as in the past.

8. Roger Laylin has 5 road signs and fliers. He said Lyle Laylin has power strips for displays.

**Roster Secretary:** Robin Smith presented the application for membership from Richard Baibak. Carl Mennare made a **motion to accept Richard Baibak as a member**. Steve Smith seconded. Motion passed. Robin Smith had already given him the new member handout. It was agreed by the board that Membership would be reported with Roster.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant position.

**Past President:** Sue Casler had no report but she said she signed up the board with the Okemos Library for meeting through January 2020.

**Membership:** Robin Smith will combine with the Roster report.

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, no report. They will query the society if anyone is interested in a Petoskey stone collecting trip to Charlevoix.

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska said the deadline for the newsletter is October 9. Roger will send show details for publication. The membership meeting at the fairgrounds in October and the slate of officers for 2020 that will be presented at the meeting both need to be included.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard said about 500 children will be coming to the Children's Tour on Friday. She attended the Heritage Days at Woldumar Nature Center September 29th offering Petoskey stone polishing and information on how to distinguish between a true Petoskey stone and a fake. She said Dave Berquist sent her a list of the events he did this past summer that included contacts and listed what he did in our name. She will contact the various events coordinators.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans, no report.

**Library:** Jessica Clark, no report.

**Display:** Vacant position.

**Finance:** Milt Gere, no report. He mentioned he will have a budget proposal ready in November.

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin, absent, no report. It was mentioned we should have a second person to have access to the website.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Slate of officers was discussed. Needed are a Three-Year Director and a Recording Secretary. All other officers - president, vice president, treasurer, corresponding secretary, elected for 2-year terms, will continue to serve. Two directors will advance.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Milt Gere. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Recording Secretary Pro Tem