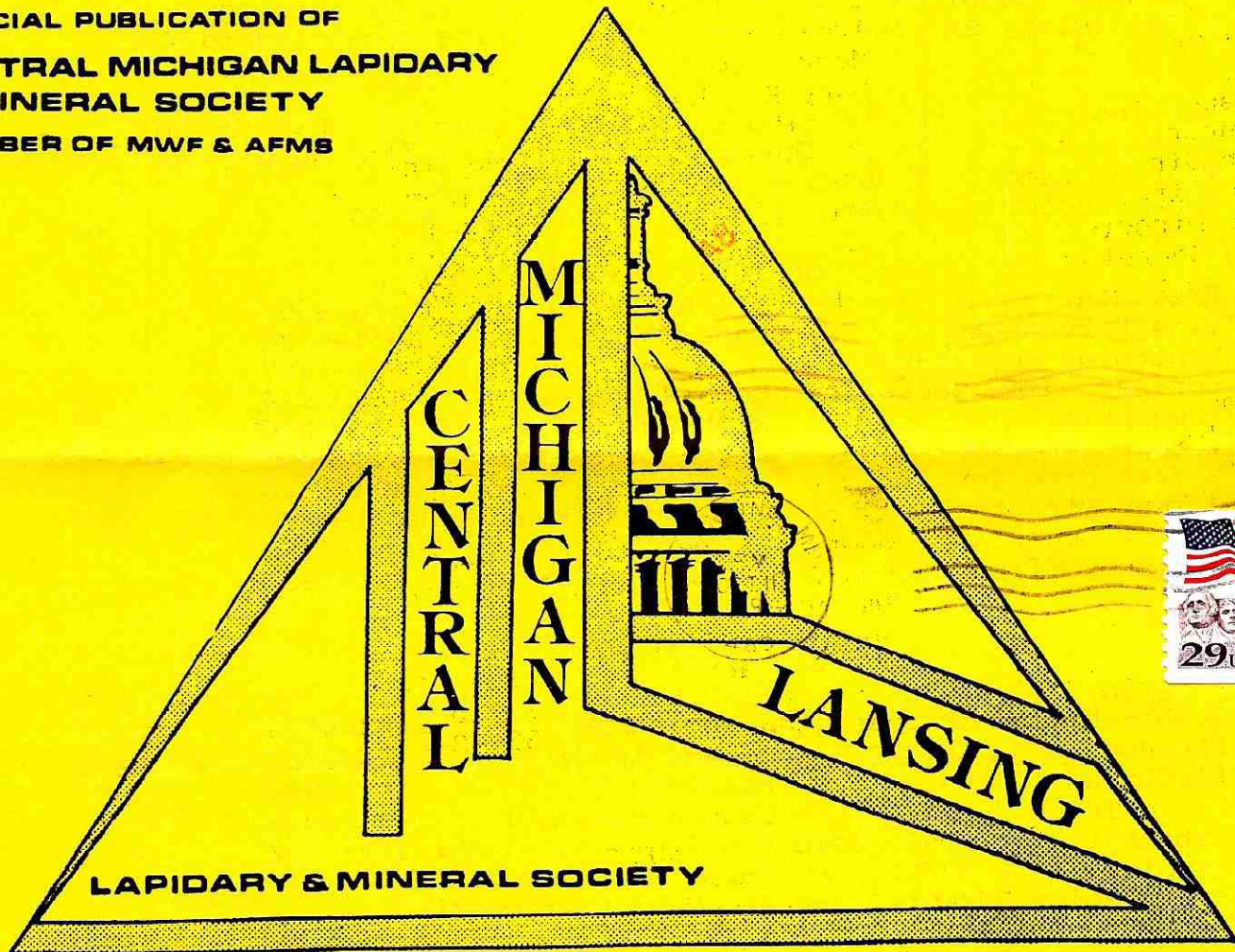


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GRIT'S REPORT The fall season is upon us. I, for one, am enjoying the cool weather, the shanging colors of the trees and signs of harvest along the roads north.

Now is the time to get serious about our up coming SHOW. Help is needed at set up Thursday night and of course Friday morning during the School Tours and many other times during and after the show. There will be sign up sheets at the October meeting. Please try to sign up Early. This helps the chair persons of the different departments and makes their jobs easier without the worry of not having enough people. In the past these jobs are done but often by the chair persons themselves. It would be nice to have more than enough help to depend on so that the hard working chairs could have a break at least to get out and see the rest of the show.

See you at the meeting
Grit

The program for the October meeting will be presented bay Dr. Kazuya Fugita, Professor in the Geological Sciences Department at MSU. The title of his talk will be, "Earthquakes in Michigan." The program will begin at 8:30 after the business meeting.

Mary Gowans, Vice Chairperson

The Society extends its deepest condolences to the family of life member Harold Martin who passed away last month. We also extend our sympathy to Rex Currier who suffered the loss of his son. Our thoughts and paryers go out to these fine people as we too share their grief. We also sent get well wishes to Frances Swagart who recently injured her leg. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We also sent a get-well card to Margaret Lohrer who had surgery.

Show time is here again and we have a new site on Marshall St. with free parking. So lets all talk it up and help where we can. A move is never easy and we will need all the support we can get.

Respectfully, Don Lohrer
Corresponding Secretary

Education - Florence Hill

The mineral of this month is sal ammoniac, another halide. There is a report on this mineral in the Newsletter.

The following people have contributed to the shows of other clubs.

George Heaton displayed at the Scarborough, Ontario Show September 14 and 15th.

Red and Bessie Rogers displayed the CML&MS club case and three cases of their own at the St. Louis Show and the Hartland Show.

Don Lohrer took an exhibit and also demonstrated gem tree making both days at the St. Louis Show.

Alice Turner demonstrated wire wrapping at the Hartland Show on Sunday.

Margaret and Howard Randolph have been busy as usual, spreading their enthusiasm for the rock hobby. (see Margaret's report later on).

NOW HEAR THIS!! ALL of you who CAN POSSIBLY MAKE IT ARE NEEDED at the SHOW Friday morning when the school groups come through. We NEED LOTS OF HELP.

Margaret's Report

July 27 (9:30-noon) - St. Michael's Church grounds in Grand Ledge, and area church Family Day with the emphasis on the environment; we displayed an extensive rock and mineral collection.

Aug. 18 (9:30-10:30 a.m.) - Our United Methodist Church in Portland - rock and mineral display for the Sunday School classes.

Sept. 15 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) - Ionia Co.'s'

Bertha Brock Park & the Co. Fall Festival - Both the Indian and the Rock & Mineral display (This was a handful - with probably 300+ adults and children)

Sept. 25 (1 - 2:30 p.m.) - Delta Center Elem. School, Grand Ledge Schools, three 3rd grade classes, approx. 90 students and 3 adults, three sessions on rocks & minerals.

Sept. 26 (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) Neff Elem. School, Gr. Ledge Schools, 10 sessions on rocks and minerals, grades 1-5, approx. 300 students and 13 adults.

Plus: I've made up and donated to Neff Elem. School 38 egg carton rock kits plus two (2) matching teachers kits, of basic rocks, minerals & two (2) fossils, consisting of quartz, quartzite, sandstone, granite, feldspar, mica, chert, conglomerate, gneiss, gypsum, Petoskey stone, petrified wood. This involved about 6 hours of gravel pit time in early September.

I am committed to doing the same for both Holbrook and Delta Center Elementaries in Grand Ledge.

Margaret's Report cont.

We also will display our Indian artifacts and related items Oct. 11, 12, & 13 on the island in Grand Ledge at the annual Color Cruise Festival. Add the hours of preparation time (wrapping & packing for take-down as well as set-up, transportation) Whew! But it is fun -- and very rewarding. And, of course, we'll be at the SHOW.

Field Trips - George Heaton

September Field Trip - Lime City, Ohio

I was surprised and pleased to see 16 of our people show up at the Stoneco Quarry at Lime City, Ohio on Saturday, September 21, even though we had to be there at 7:30 AM and could only collect until noon. I guess the fact that this quarry is known for its abundant and good quality celestite crystals as well as producing a long list of other mineral crystals sparked a lot of interest. Most of us traveled to a point near Lime City and stayed in motels Friday night so we could get to the quarry by 7:30 AM without sacrificing too much of our sleep time, but a few did rise from their beds in the wee hours of the morning so they could leave Lansing before 5:00 AM to reach the quarry by 7:30 AM. I believe everyone found some good celestite specimens. Also many of us found some good fluorite and calcite crystals. A few members of our group even found some sphalerite crystals. I think everyone, including even George Heaton, were satisfied with their finds.

October Field Trip

The field trip for October will be our Gem and Mineral Show at the Marshall Street Armory October 25-27th. I hope all of our members will be willing to participate in this event by working at one or more of the many jobs that must be done to put on a good show. The Children's Table will need lots of help, especially during the School Tours on Friday morning.

Exerpt from STRATA DATA a publication of the Gem and Mineral Club of Scarborough, Ontario

MEMORIES: MY TRIP TO BAYPORT, MICHIGAN - Manuel Pinto

I have not eaten so much in my entire life! This three day field trip to the Wallace Quarry in Bay Port was quite different than others. I did not lose one ounce, instead I gained pounds.

Why? On Saturday May 18th, I got up early in the morning and had a BIG breakfast because I thought we were going to travel straight through to the town of BAD AXE and then take a RISKY road to get to the Wallace Quarry. Instead, at 9:00 a.m. we stopped in London to have breakfast and at noon, Jennifer Blair, Karen, Al, Nuriz, Tasneem, Alisha, Lois and Pat Clarke and I stopped at Ponderosa. I paid \$3.00 for my buffet and I ate chicken, pasta, soup, salad, fruit and bread - two servings.

Memories cont.

By the time we arrived in the motel at BAD AXE at 4:30 p.m., we were hungry again and instead of going to the quarry we decided to have a buffet in the Italian restaurant, and we ate pasta for two hours. Before we went back to the motel we stopped at the variety store to buy junk food to accompany the TV in the evening.

The following day, May 19th, at 8:00 a.m. we went to the Masonic Temple for breakfast to have a family style breakfast. There we ate eggs, ham, bread, pancakes and syrup - as much as we could and again I paid \$3.99.

Finally! at 10:00 a.m. we took RISKY road and went to the quarry. There, George, Vicky, Karen, two dogs and ten other members were waiting for us at the gate. We worked for two hours and collected nice pink calcite. At twelve we stopped for lunch. The wonderful members of the Michigan Mineral Club invited us to have some delicious sandwiches, and with the lunch we brought, we had a double lunch. Anyway, at 1:00 p.m. we went back to work in a different site and collected many small geodes, pyrite and fossils.

BUT, two hours later, we stopped again. Guess why! Those nice Michigan rockhounds invited us to a barbeque. Again, we carefully maneuvered Risky Road and stopped at "watermelon" park.

OH DEAR! They prepared sausages, meat pie, hot dogs, fruit salad, cakes, salad, watermelon etc. Let me tell you it was good! That afternoon they agreed to come to Toronto next May. Therefore, BE PREPARED.

In the evening we could not go to bed before doing some exercise. Al invited us to have coffee at 9:00 p.m. but the restaurant did not want to serve just coffee. They required that we also order food or dessert with the coffee.

We were too tired to look for another restaurant so we sat and drank three cups of coffee, ate apple pie and ice cream - by that time I thought I was going to BURST. The worst part was that these fellow rockhounds did not want to talk about the 200 fossil geodes I had found. They just wanted to talk about how good the apple pie and the ice cream were.

Well, before we returned to the motel, Jennifer insisted that we had to get up at 7:00 a.m. the following morning to continue our journey to the German town of Frankenmuth. By that time the Clarkes and Al and family quit. They said "enough is enough". I don't blame them.

Of course, as soon as we arrived in Frankenmuth, the first thing we did was to have lunch at Big John's Lamplighter Restaurant. Let me tell you, it was a nice town and the prices were right.

Memories cont. Finally, at 1:00 a.m. we decided to return to Scarborough, but not before stopping at the Ponderosa in London. The food was good too but this time the price was \$11.00!

Anyway, I am looking forward to my next field trip. The Scarborough Mineral Club's members are true rockhounds.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY _ Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski
THE LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE by Scott F. Wolter

This is an entertaining and informative book focusing on the Lake Superior agates to be found in the glacial till of Minnesota and surrounding states. The author, a geologist and agate addict, covers not only the formation and mineralogical characteristics of Lake Superior agates; but also offers stories from old time agate collectors and a section of color photographs. As he says: "Long-time agate pickers probably rank with fishermen in their tendency to tell entertaining tall tales."

If you enjoy the book enough to want your own copy, they are available for \$14.95 (includes shipping) from Lake Superior Agate, Inc., PO Box 14611, Minneapolis MN 55414. The copy in our library was kindly donated by Marshall Gordon in honor of Florence Hill

CRYSTALS by Raymond A. Wohlrabe

Another kid's book that many adults should enjoy!

I'll even admit that it's used and old--but the text also offers a good explanation of crystal growth and habits; and, numerous ideas and hints for growing your own crystals. I'm especially facinated with the idea of growing a "silver tree" on a copper base -- but can you still buy silver nitrate at the pharmacy?

WE NEED YOUR COLLECTION ON DIDPLAY AT THE SHOW!!!

Attached to this month's Newsletter you will find an "application" for display at our show. Displays offer the collector a chance to show off, but also are an inspiration to those who are new to the hobby. Please do your part to make our show interesting, by sharing your collection. This year's theme of "Rough Rocks to Gorgeous Gems" is the perfect excuse for showing the many beauriful pieces of jewelry, gem trees, carvings and so on that our members create.

You may bring your completed form to the October meeting, mail it or even give me the information over the phone -- whatever is easiest for you! Please do note that set up will be delayed until 8:00 - 10:00 Thursday evening, or Friday afternoon because of our new location. I'll be glad to do anything I can to help you carry and set up in this time crunch!

ARE YOU WILLING TO LOAN YOUR DISPLAY CASE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO USE?
I've alreadyt received applications from two 4Hers who need to borrow
a case. HELP! I will personally care for the cases and keep the keys
to assure their safety. Let me know if you are willing to share a
case to keep these 4H collections safe as well.

Thanks for your help -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski
Display Chairma

Door prize winners at the September meeting were Chuck Ouoto,
Royal Olson, Milo Crosby and Betty Tack. Red says "We need more door
prizes, please."

Remember to get raffle tickets to sell
or for yourselves at the October meeting.

Marie Lewis is chairing the nominating committee. If you
are called to serve please give careful consideration to
answering "I'd be glad to".

New names to add to your directory and to welcome into the club:
Dale Harvey, 1122 Rolling Green Lane, Lansing MI 48917
Micheal F. Able, 818 Vine St. Apt 8, Lansing MI 48912

Changes of address:

Carolyn Lee, Ingham Co. Med. Care Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos
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Phyllis Hamrick-Stanz, 3806 Gold St. #6, Los Alamos NM 87544
Qusum Sammour, PO Box 686, Okemos MI 48864

CLUB CALENDAR

October 17 Regular Club meeting 7:30 pm at North School
Program: Dr. Kazuya Fugita will speak and show
slides on "Earthquakes in Michigan".

October 24 Time for Show set-up will be announced at meeting
Display set-up 8-10:00 pm

October 25 Children's Tours 9:00-1:00
SHOW Friday 6-9pm, Sat. 10-8:00 pm, Sun. 10-5:00 pm

November 7 Board Meeting at Omit's

Gem & Mineral Show - 1991

"Rough Rocks to Gorgeous Gems"

Sponsor: Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society

Dates: October 25, 26, 27, 1991

Place: Marshall Street Armory, Lansing, MI

Set-Up Time: Thursday Oct. 24, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Friday Oct. 25, 12:30- 5:30 pm

Removal Time: Sunday, October 27, 5:00 pm

All displays will be non-competitive. Any lighted case 36" wide or less will be allowed a maximum of 50 watts; over 36" wide, 80 watts. Exhibitors must furnish their own extension cord, properly identified.

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Application for display space

I wish to exhibit at the 25th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, "Rainbow of Gems" sponsored by Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society.

Classification of exhibit _____

(mineral, fossil, lapidary, etc.)

I will furnish _____ cases.

Size: _____ wide x _____ high x _____ deep. Lighted? ___yes ___no

I would like to borrow a case. _____

The Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society will furnish security and take all reasonable and expected precautions to protect the property and person of the exhibitor.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any exhibitor for any damages to or for the loss or destruction of any exhibit. This shall include the property of an exhibitor or injuries to his/her person resulting from any cause.

Submission of a signed application constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations.

Date _____

Signature _____

Street _____

City & State _____

Club Affiliation _____

Phone Number _____

Send application before October 18 to: Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski
1407 Coats Grove Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058
(616) 948-9589

