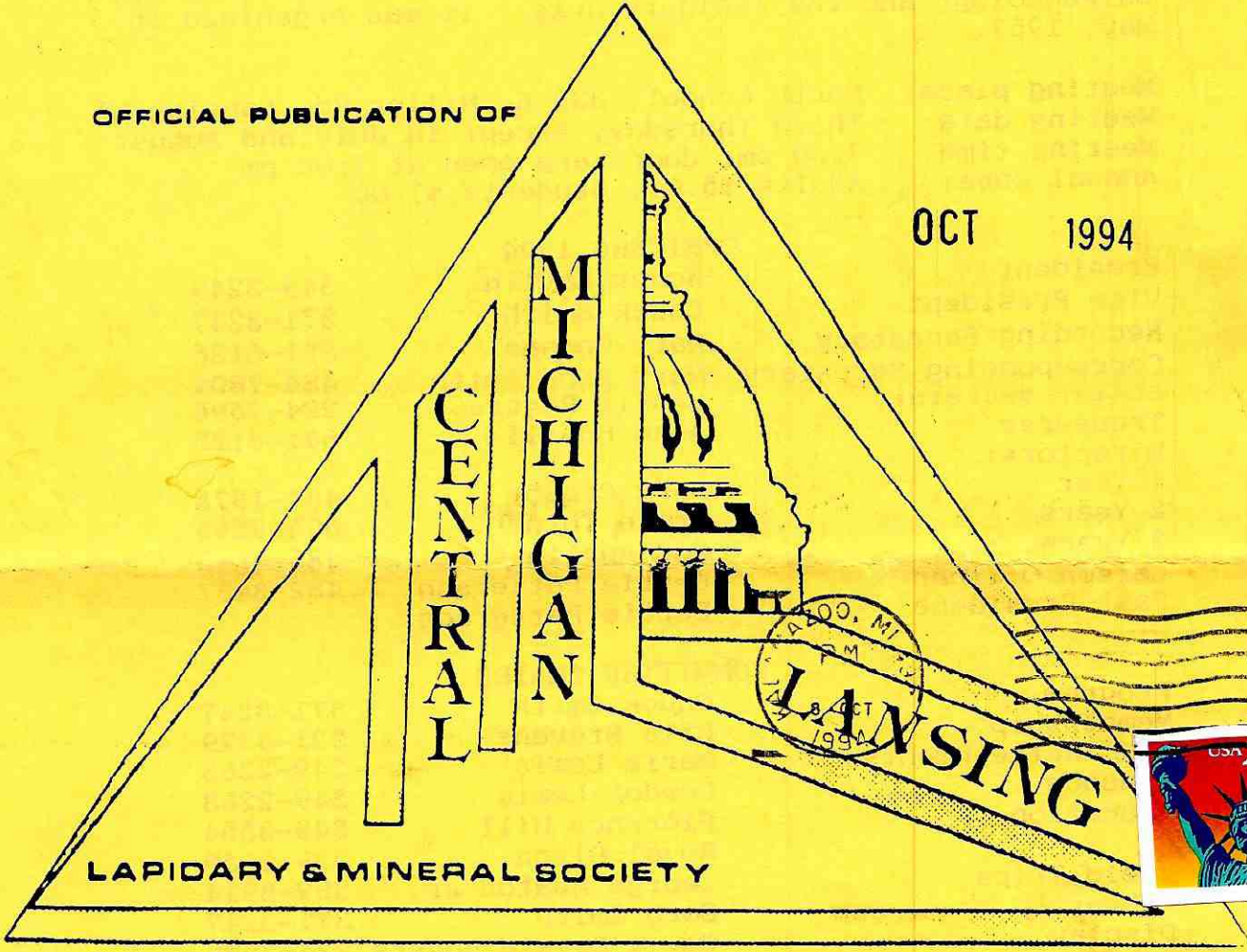


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May, 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI  
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August  
Meeting time: 7:30 pm; doors are open at 7:00 pm  
Annual dues: Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00

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DON'T FORGET CHANGE OF MEETING DATE TO OCTOBER 13!!!!

ROGER'S RAMBLINGS

IT'S SHOW TIME! Richard Stevens advises that plans are progressing in good order and that the committee chairs report all is well. We all know that come Thursday October 20th much work will be required.

If we all pitch in and help we can make this show the best ever. So, lets get our names on the work schedules and follow through on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Remember, donations for the raffle and door prizes will be welcomed.

See you at the week early meeting on October 13th.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS jawp

For our October meeting, Chuck Smith is working on a special slide show treat featuring crystals and minerals.

In November, we will be honored to have Dr. Danita Brandt from Michigan State University give a slide show and talk on trilobites.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP-- George Heaton

The field trip for October will be our Gem and Mineral show at the Marshall Street Armory, October 21-23. 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; and, George would like enough help on Saturday and Sunday so he can goof-off now and then and look at stuff, have a snack, check the silent auction, etc.

Y'ALL COME TO OUR HOUSE FOR LUNCH, OCTOBER 29 jawp

It has become a tradition for any club members who are willing to journey West, to come to Dave and Jean Ann's place for lunch and socializing the Saturday after our show.

Head west on M-43 towards Hastings, and then south on Barber Rd.-- we live on the corner of Barber and Coats Grove Roads a mile or two north of town. Detailed maps will be available at the show along with a sign up sheet so we have some idea of how much food to prepare.

This year's menu will include pizza and pumpkin pie, both from scratch. Not sure what else we will have yet. Come around NOON. We really enjoy this chance to relax & visit after the hard work of the show; hope you can make it.



Dave &  
Jean Ann's  
place →



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT— Mary Ann Smith

In the past month, a card of sympathy was sent to Rich Stevens on the death of his sister.

I have also sent a thinking of you card to Oleta Brockway who is pending surgery. Oleta would be happy to receive notes of cheer from all her friends in the rock club.



★ CONGRATULATIONS DUE TO OUR CLUB CELEBRITIES: ALICE TURNER, NEIL & CONNIE SNEPP — Florence Hill ★

In case you hadn't heard— Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is very proud to have some members who have received recognition regionally and nationally.

★ Neil and Connie Snepp were named the outstanding couple in the Education through Sharing contest, in both the Midwest Federation and the American Federation. ★

Alice Turner's video on wire wrapping won top honors as the best "how-to" video in both the Midwest and American Federation programs competition.

★ Congratulations to these folk! You have earned your spot of fame. ★

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP— George Heaton

The September field trip to the Wallace Quarry near BayPort Michigan attracted 10 of our members. There were also some people from the Flint club on a field trip. The weather was pleasantly cool but not cold which made it great for pounding on rocks without getting too hot and sweaty. There was a lot of the brown and iridescent calcite available but in mostly small vugs. I heard that Marie Lewis found a large specimen, but since I did not see it I do not know how good it was. Selenite crystals were found with the brown calcite in some specimens. George Heaton and Bill Henderson found some of these. Some fossils were also collected by Neil and Connie Snepp and Bill Henderson.

When we went to leave the quarry we found the gate closed and us locked in. Mary Bronson, the quarry secretary had told us she would leave the gate open and we were to close the gate but not lock it when we left, and she would come back later and lock the gate. George Heaton went to a nearby house and tried to phone the Bronson's home but received no answer. Some resourceful members of our group began to dig away a pile of dirt and rock piled at one end of the gate which kept cars from driving around the gate. In the meantime we heard a chainsaw operating which seemed to be coming from quarry property. George Heaton found two men cutting firewood and asked if they had a key to the gate which they did. One of the men walked back to the gate with George to unlock it, but in George's absence the digging away of the mound was completed and all the cars but George's had gone around the gate. The woodcutter unlocked the gate and let George out. After this we piled some of the rocks back to rebuild the pile but we did not get it back quite as large and high as it had been.



NEW MEMBERS ACCEPTED jawp

Linda Henderson, wife of Bill, has officially joined our ranks as a member. Welcome!!!

We also welcome Margaret Bucklin, a recent retiree who purchased a rock tumbler and wants to learn how to use it! She also enjoys reading, music and travel. Her address: 5702 LeBaron Ct., East Lansing MI 48823 339-8115.

COMMUNITY SERVICE -- Florence Hill

Among the activities that should be credited to Neil and Connie Snapp are the following: They exhibited and demonstrated at the Kalamazoo Show April 29-May 1. They displayed at the Dearborn Show May 20-22. Besides attending the Midwest Federation Convention at South Bend Sept. 1-4 in Neil's role as Chairman of the MWF Endowment Fund, they showed their fossil case there, by request.

A NOTE FROM AL & PAT McCORT:

Will you please change our permanent address on the club roster to: Al & Pat McCort, PO Box 22, Kirkland AZ 86332-0022, Phone (602)442-9545.

We have had this trailer here in Kirkland for the past four summers & decided we would stay full time & forget about Quartzite in the winter.

Where is Kirkland AZ? It is 26 mi. south & west of Prescott AZ. Or another way is about 60 mi. northwest of Wittenberg AZ.

I fell & broke my right hip in Yuma AZ August 20 & they put four screws in to put it back in place. Sold the trailer in Quartzite the same time. (While I was in the hospital.) Therefore Pat had to do all the moving. In the process she cracked something in her back. Had two invalids here for a week or so. Both of us are getting better now.

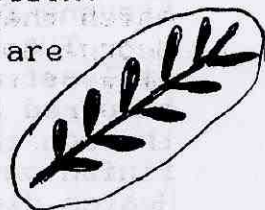
Pat's arthritis is giving her a rough time now. Not too much can do about it.

Well, make the change for us & tell all we are still alive and kicking here in Kirkland AZ.

FOSSIL STUDY GROUP REPORT-- Connie Snapp

On September 23, seven people met at the Tripps' home for an evening with plant fossils. Larry and Lorna had arranged many of their outstanding specimens on tables in chronological order. Larry delivered a talk to rival an excellent college lecture complete with hand-outs and free pre-cambrian algae specimens. We were, indeed, fortunate to share the Tripps' expertise and to enjoy their collection. Thank you, Larry and Lorna, for a job well done.

We hope to focus on vertebrate fossils next and are looking for a host.



REPORT ON OUR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS — George Heaton

Starting with our Memorial Day weekend field trip I have four summer field trips to report as follows.

1. Our Memorial Day weekend field trip was hosted by the Scarborough Ontario Gem and Mineral Club. You will remember that last year we hosted their club with a trip to the Stoneco Quarry at Lime City Ohio. This year it was their turn to give us a trip on our holiday weekend. The Scarborough Club made arrangements for us to visit the Mara Limestone Quarry at Gamebride Ontario which was well known for its Ordovician fossils, especially for its trilobites. We had ten of our club members and seven from the Scarborough Club on this trip. George Heaton found collecting rather poor. He only found boring stuff like brachiopods and gastropods. Some of the others had good luck. Neil and Connie Snapp were the most successful with about six good trilobites. Following our time in the quarry we met at a park in nearby Beaverton for a pot-luck picnic provided by the Scarborough Club members. As usual at these events there was lots of good food and again George Heaton did not over eat but ate just the right amount.

2. The June 17-19th field trip to Bloomington Indiana for the rock swap and geode collecting attracted about a dozen of our club members. There was lots of interesting things to see and buy at the swap and old friends to meet from other clubs. While working the road cut for geodes Neil Snapp hit his thumb with a hammer which ended his road cut collecting, so he and Connie went collecting in the creeks where they found some nice geodized fossils. George Heaton's collecting was cut short because his aunt died and he had to leave for Boyne City to attend her funeral. How the others did at their geode collecting I do not know because I was not there to find out.

3 & 4. We had two trips to the Stoneco Quarry at Maybee Michigan on July 23 and August 27. We had only about 10 people for the July trip and about 12 for the August trip. On both trips there was no fresh material to look over and although a few good specimens were found by some, collecting for the most part was rather poor with only old rock piles to hunt over.

Besides the field trips we also had our summer pot-luck picnic hosted by Richard & Lila Stevens at their summer place on Morrison Lake and our Children's Table work party and pot-luck at Grit and Alice Turner's place where our children's table stuff is stored.

The Morrison Lake picnic on July 30th was attended by about two dozen of our members which was enough to provide a very good selection of very good food. This event has always been popular and George Heaton again ate just the right amount of food. I wish to thank Richard and Lila Stevens for hosting this event again.

The Children's Table work party was well staffed with at least a dozen or more workers showing up. The party was hampered by heavy rain which caused a small river to flow through the garage where we worked, but we were able to finish our work and eat more good food, and again George Heaton did not over-eat, but ate just the right amount. :)

COLLECTORS IN SOUTH AFRICA LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO SWAP jawp

The following letter from the Mineralogical Society of Southern Africa was sent to Kathy Miller and distributed at the Midwest Federation Convention in South Bend. Perhaps there are some interested folks in our club.

A number of our members are very keen to swap mineral specimens with American collectors, either on a one to one basis or an inter club basis. Would it be possible for you to circulate my name and address to your affiliated clubs and societies for this purpose?...

I will put names of USA contacts in our monthly Newsletter of which I am the Editor and which is circulated to all the clubs and Societies in S.A. and Namibia and Zimbabwe so any potential swoppers will get wide coverage and hopefully establish a lot of contacts...

My Fax No at home is 021- 689 3038 and my home Ph No is 021- 685 4301. Thank you very much for your anticipated assistance.

Kind Regards,  
Carol Crawford  
Vice Chairman

1 Glebe Road  
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Rep. of South Africa

50 Ways to Help the Club Show -- Dave & Jean Ann with  
apologies to Paul Simon

...I'll repeat myself at the risk of being crude, There must be fifty ways to help at the club show...

Come help with the lights, Dwight  
How about a display, Ray  
Cover those tables, Mable  
See you Thursday night...  
We need those sacks, Jack  
All the rocks you can pack, Mac  
Donate a prize, guys  
The show depends on you...  
Give George a break, Jake  
Take a few bids, Sid  
Work the ticket booth, Ruth  
Isn't this fun...  
We'll need some ice, Mike  
Something to eat, Pete  
Loan out your case, Grace  
See you there!

(By the way, Mary Crosby would appreciate help covering the tables with plastic on Thursday, October 20. Sorry neither Dave or I were at the Sept. meeting -- I had to be at school for open house & Dave unexpectedly had to work late-- one of us will be there this month to accept display forms.)

TIME TO SPRUCE UP THE ROCKHOUND NEWS? jawp

At the last board meeting I asked and received permission from the board to do a little experimenting with the cover of the Rockhound News. I have visions of some cover art which is relative to our hobby. Are there any talented folks out there willing to submit contributions?

As Bettie Patterson pointed out, the inside of the newsletter could stand some sprucing up too. How about it? I would appreciate contributions of artwork, cartoons, helpful hints or humorous anecdotes. Let's work together to make the newsletter better than ever.

BOARD BRIEFS SEPTEMBER 29, 1994 (not covered elsewhere)jawp

--10 members & 2 guests present

--Mary Crosby reported on progress of nominating committee. Mary Gowans and Alan Hukill have agreed to run again for their respective posts of Recording Secretary & Treasurer. Chuck Smith has agreed to run for President. The committee is still working on the offices of President & Director. Election will take place at the November meeting, where nominations can be made from the floor--with the permission of the nominee.

--Education, Florence Hill. There will be no 5 minute talk at the October meeting. Be sure you sign up to help at the show.

CALENDAR

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| Oct. 13    | Regular Meeting, North School, 7:30  |
| Oct. 14-16 | Detroit Show, Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile Rd. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-9, Sun. 10-4                          |
| Oct. 20    | SHOW SET UP  |
| Oct. 21-23 | OUR SHOW -- BE THERE!  |
| Oct. 28-30 | Midwest Faceter's Guild Show, Dearborn Civic Center  |
| Oct. 29    | Harvest bash at Dave & Jean Ann's house, noon  |
| Nov. 5     | Mid-Michigan Gemcraft & Mineral Society Swap, 9am-5pm, Midland Community Center, 2001 George St., Midland MI |

