

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: November 20th

PROGRAM: Dr. Danita Brandt on new research on trilobites.

REFRESHMENTS :R THRU Z please bring goodies.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM : The program for the November meeting will be **Dr. Danita Brandt** talking about her new research on trilobites. **Dr. Brandt** came and spoke to us a few years ago and we are happy to have her return.

CLUB CALENDAR

November 20th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30 P.M.

December 4th Board meeting at Okemos Library 7:00 P.M.

December 18th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30 P.M.

PLACES TO GO AND THING TO SEE AND DO

Things in the world of rocks and minerals have quieted down and the next show is not until March.

SHOW REPORTS AND NEWS

THANK YOU

Yes a big one to all of the members who took an active part in making this 38th Show a success. A special thanks to Mary Gowans, Childrens Tour Chairwoman, for her diligent efforts in contacting teachers and arranging the schedule for the 1400 + and 300 + parents and teachers . Surely their attendance and obvious enjoyment of Friday morning made the efforts (tired legs)by everyone worth while. There are many empty spaces in Grit's Barn that need to be filled before our next Show so keep Digging. Show attendance was nearly at prior years level . The free pass as a part of the childrens gift did not return as many parents as I had hoped but a few were used. The increase in the attendance fee was not questioned and contributed to our increased revenue (see treasurers report) . We were pleased to welcome the new Dealer Eldon Potter , Silver N Things , who replaced the Gardners , A&B Jewels and Tools. We also were happy to see Forence Hill who put in a FULL Friday morning and visited friends Sat. afternoon. WAY TO GO !! We were sorry however that Milo and Mary Crosby and John and Alex Takis and any other old timers I did not mention were unable to attend. Again thanks to one and aaaaaaaaaaall for the effort put forward to make the Show a success and enjoyable to all.
ROGER LAYLIN, General Chairman

Milt's Mutterings for November ---

Thanks to all of you that worked to make the 2003 Gem & Mineral Show a huge success! That's 38 good ones now. Attendance was up for the Children's Tour as well as for the regular show itself. This would not happen without the help from so many of you.

THANKS!

Also, thank you to all of you that donated raffle prizes and helped sell raffle tickets. We ended up with 22 prizes in all. Shar & I appreciated the help from Marie Lewis, Mary Gowans, Wayne Zittel, Gaylord Brooks and Jonathan Gere at the show.

Now on to other things -- This month new officers will be elected, they will be installed in December and take over in January. There will be a need for committee chairs and committee members to help carry on the club's programs and activities through the new year. Please volunteer again.

Note to - Current officers and chairpersons-- Please turn in your duty folders at the November meeting. Thanks. Milt

See you at the meeting, Thursday, November 20, 2003. Milt

Michigan Mineral References -- Ed Drown

The second (revised 1985, updated 2001) edition of "The Mineralogy of Michigan" written by E. Wm. Heinrich is available on the Web at:

(this is one long address)

http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-glm-rcim-geology-Mineralogy_Of_Michigan.Pdf

This is an indispensable resource for collectors of Michigan minerals - now in an accessible format for the techies. It appears that this version has been updated quite a bit from the 1976 edition - so it will pay to check this version out if you have found the first edition valuable in the past.

Birds of a Feather (or would that be "Atoms of a Unit Cell"?) -- Ed Drown

There are a few clubs/societies out there that cater to particular facets of the hobby and here is one of them:

Calcite collectors: The International Calcite Collectors Association (ICCA) is a group of folks dedicated to the over 2,500 distinct crystal forms of calcite. Their quarterly newsletter "The Spar Box" covers new and old calcite localities, crystallography, recent finds and lists of members willing to trade. Just follow this link for more information:

<http://www.rockhounds.com/icca/>

Note from the Editor: Some how in getting ready for our trip I lost the Minutes from the last meeting. Apologizes to all and especilly Sue Casler.

Dues are due: If you have not paid your dues, Ernie will be glad take them at the Nov. meeting.

Children in the petting zoo. The zoo was a big success. Thank You.

Gary and Marie Brooks