

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 18, 2010

PROGRAM: Madagascar Fossil Fish by Ms. Summer Ostrowski

REFRESHMENTS: Last names N through Z - Please Bring Goodies

Location & Time: The CMLMS November Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables.

Program: MSU scholarship winner Ms. Summer Ostrowski will present a program about her research on Madagascar Fossil Fish.

CMLMS Calendar for December 2009

December 2, 2010 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

December 16, 2010 Membership Meeting at North School

Show Thank You! – A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

All of the CMLMS members who took an active part in making this 45th Show a success deserve our thanks!

- Mary Gowans, Children's Tour Chair, rates an oak leaf cluster on her gold star for her diligent efforts in contacting teachers and arranging the schedule for the students and the accompanying parents and teachers. Despite the curriculum change whereby Earth Science studies were moved to the spring; and the teachers not being able to justify a fall field trip, Mary's efforts increased attendance by 150 to a total of 853 children and about 100 parents and teachers. The Children's exit gift free pass led to Saturday and Sunday attendance by a few parents and children who otherwise may not have attended.
- We were pleased to welcome The Dinosaur Den, our new Dealers for the year. Welcome to Tom and Wendy Roiser, who are local.
- What can we say -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins in managing the hospitality room, kept us all well fed and happy. Chuck also provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving me from an early morning call. THANK YOU CHUCK!
- Thanks also to the many members who contributed the good food that we happily consumed during the show. No one went home hungry, and more than one Dealer praised the eats!
- The blue table covers on the demonstrators' and display tables were provided by Grit and Alice Turner; the covers add a professional look to the Show and are greatly appreciated!
- Ruth Ann Lehner deserves special thanks for convincing a fine group of artists and lapidary skill demonstrators to attend our show. They perform their skills, explain what they are doing, and both educate and entertain Show visitors.
- Elaine Angstman puts in year-round hard work acquiring and preparing the offerings at the spinning wheel and the silent auction – and then setting up and running the silent auction. Without her efforts at these two features the show attractions would be much reduced. This year the silent auction set a new record for proceeds.
- Ernie Aughenbaugh arranges for Dealer contracts, keeps in contact with them, and handles any problems or complaints they may have. I seem always to forget to thank you for doing all of this, but not this year! – ERNIE, THANK YOU A WHOLE BUNCH!
- Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was very good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The Geology Student turnout Thursday noon was very helpful and it was GREAT on Sunday evening. Their energy and strength were much appreciated! We trust the help from the Geology Club continues.

- The efforts put forth by members in charge of all the various show functions was again exceptional -- publicity, children's table, silent auction, spinning wheel, demonstrators, displays, admissions, raffle, florescent booth, security, dealer liaison, treasury and last but not least FOOD.
 - A special THANK YOU to all of you in charge as well as all of the members who assisted so ably during the show.
 - Overall attendance increased to 1408, an increase of 146 over last year's 1262. Not included in these numbers are several adults and about 20 boy scouts and girl scouts that were admitted free, plus an unknown number of people who entered by doors other than the main entrance.
 - The Dealers seemed very satisfied with the results and all indications are that the 45th Show was an educational and financial success – and was enjoyed by all.
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There will be a wrap-up Show Board meeting at the Laylins, 1770 Sandhill Rd. (northwest corner of Dobie and Sandhill), Alaiendon Township, on a date to be determined (after we get back from our trip). I will notify the Board of the day and time. Please contact Roger Laylin in early December if you wish to attend.

Thank You Message from Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Once again we did a great job of keeping folks full and happy while they are working at our show. It's thanks to everyone's generosity that we can manage to serve good food on a small budget. Special thanks go to Chuck Collins for all his help, and to everyone who brought in the delicious food (and the necessary junk food). Many folks asked for two of Lee Laylin's recipes, and here they are:

MILLER ROAD BAR-B-QUE

For 4 people

1 pound hamburger
2 TBL diced celery
2 TBL diced onion
1 TBL brown sugar
1 TBL vinegar
1 teaspoon mustard
¾ cup catsup

Brown meat, add remaining ingredients, cook 30 minutes over low heat. Stir occasionally. Serve in hamburger buns.

For a lot of people

10 pounds hamburger
1&1/4 cups diced celery
1&1/4 cups diced onion
10 TBL brown sugar
10 TBL vinegar
10 teaspoons mustard
7&1/2 cups catsup

ANGEL COOKIES

One box Angel-food cake mix (Betty Crocker or Pillsbury)
2/3 cup sugar-free jam or marmalade (Smuckers or Polaner)
1 cup dried fruit, chocolate chips or nuts (optional)
Mix well (this takes a while and you may want to do it by hand, since it is hard on the mixer)
Drop by scant tablespoon-full on greased pan or pan lined with parchment paper
Bake at 325 degrees for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned.
Cool a couple of minutes before removing from the pan.

2010 Show Needs

- We need new and different materials, especially fossils for the Children's Table. The pebble pond always needs refilling, so get out there and collect over the coming year!
 - All the volunteers that assist us during the Children's Tour (Friday morning) help make that day a success; please continue to recruit your friends and relatives, the more the merrier.
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Club News -- Nominating Committee -- The 2011 slate of nominations will be announced at the November 18 membership meeting. Please come and vote!

**Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh:
Dues are now being collected for 2010.**

New Members -- Twelve new members have joined CMLMS!

Welcome to: Carl & Barb Trost of Stockbridge, Charles Wolf of Portland, John Hoskin & Sally of Grass Lake, John Esch of Laingsburg, Michael & Carol Lemense of East Lansing, Doc Katranji of Haslett, Michael Trelfa of Center Line, Don Lauhoff of Howell, and David Houseman of Grand Ledge.

**For Interesting Places To Go and Shows To See, Check the
Midwest Federation News at www.amfed.org/mwf**

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society - Board Meeting: September 30, 2010

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lee Laylin, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Bob Mosher, Roni Sionakides, Mary Anne Smith and David Westjohn.
[Board members absent: Richard Lassin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine and Kris Wood]

Vice President: Rich Lassin (Absent) - Program Review: The October meeting is the night before our show, so the meeting will be at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena, and include members there for show set-up. The November membership meeting will include a talk by Ms. Summer Ostrowski (scholarship winner), on "Fossil Fish from Madagascar".

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Summarized Sept. 2, 2010 board meeting minutes (will be published in October newsletter).

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Smith - No report.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood - Absent. [Sent copy of Treasurer's report to President Sionakides which was reviewed; if there are any expenses/disbursements - let Kris know. Also, Kris is in need of raffle prize donations]

Directors: [1-YR] Bob Mosher - passed around some radiolaria drawings by the 19th century German naturalist Haeckel and some photographs Bob took of microfossils from a piece of shale collected at the Alpena LaFarge quarry; ≤5-millimeter size bryozoans, crinoids, blastoids, and brachiopods at 10X to 20X magnification.

[2-YR] Mary Gowans - No report.

[3-YR] Dave Westjohn - No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - passed around various flyers for rock shows.

Past President: Milt Gere - sending a thank you note to Crandel (for gravel pit field trips).

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Two applications were received for new members.
Mary Gowans moved to accept new member applications for David Schalk and Beth Schwartz.

Lyle Laylin seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion approved. Welcome to two new members!

Field Trips: Dan Sine (Absent) - Folks were reminded of Oct. 2 field trip to LaFarge Quarry in Alpena; and also Oct. 2 & Nov. 13 field trips to the Alabastine Gypsum mine in Grand Rapids (Michigan Natural Storage Co.). Pre-notification and substantial equipment list are required for gypsum mine trips.

Publications: Elaine Beane - October newsletter - items for newsletter should be provided no later than Tuesday, October 12th.

Display: Dan Sine/Dave Westjohn - Dave reported that club display has been repaired, cleaned up, and is ready to go.

Web Master/Website: Lyle Laylin - reported he purchased a saw through the Equipment for Sale on the club's website, and suggested that others interested in purchasing equipment should check out this feature of the website. Also, Lyle was contacted by a person who would like someone to appraise a rock collection - Roger and Gordon will contact.

Show: Roger Laylin

- 1) the bill boards (Adams Outdoor Adv.) are up, check website for locations;
- 2) work party was held on Sept. 25 --trailer filled up and back at the farm;
- 3) had to make a substitution on one of show vendors (Stones & Bones bowed out due to conflict); new vendor is The Dinosaur Den, a local business;
- 4) 650 postcards were sent out based on raffle ticket names and addresses.
- 5) Oct. 21, our usual meeting night is the night before the show starts and we will be working at the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds for Show set-up. The tables arrive at noon, trailer arrives, need to set up for kid's table, pebble pond, displays, etc. Volunteers are welcome to arrive anytime Thurs. afternoon/evening to help. The club meeting will be short and bring us up to date on any announcements.

Mary Gowans - Friday am Children's Tour Coordinator reported that we have up to eight schools coming, with about 545-600 children and adults. Jenny Martin will be Mary's assistant for the Children's Tour.

Old Business:

Discussion of Impression 5 Science Center scholarships and the By-Laws Amendment for memorials will be tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Nominating Committee needs to be formed ASAP for 2011 club office nominations. Schedule: October-Slate of Officers compiled by Nominating Committee; Nov.-Membership Votes for Slate; Dec.-Installation of Officers.

Nominating Committee will be Milt Gere, Elaine Beane, and Roger Laylin.

Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by David Westjohn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Casler, Recording Secretary