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**NOTE: NEW MEETING
PLACE
Masonic Center
Okemos, Michigan**

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Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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, November 21, 2013

PROGRAM: DVD, Iron Spirits, Life on the Michigan Iron Range

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on November 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Fall 2013 and later

November 21, 2013 - Membership meeting, **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

December 4, 2013 - Board meeting, WEDNESDAY 6:30 to 8

December 9, 2013 - Newsletter deadline

December 19, 2013 - Membership meeting, **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

November 21 meeting – DVD – Iron Spirits, Life on the Michigan Iron Range

December 19, meeting – Holiday Gathering, Treats/Rock Exchange

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alicia David, Holt

Paul and Terry O'Grady and Family, Pentwater

David Berquist, Grand Ledge

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh
Dues are now being collected for 2014!!!**

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

NOMINATIONS AND OTHER BOARD POSITIONS

Nominations committee: Sue Casler, 517-694-1233, Elaine Angstman, 517-676-4172 or eangstman@hotmail.com

Elections will be held in November. Volunteers are needed to help out with this important part of the leadership. **Please call to volunteer for an officer or committee position on the board. Or bring your nomination to the November membership meeting.** It takes all of us to make the society healthy and functioning. Without officers, there is no Society.

Elected Positions Available - Vice President, 3-year Director

TRANSITIONS

Neil Snepp

On A Sad Note

On October 11th, we lost a long time, wonderful member of CML&MS, Neil Snepp. Most of us did not call him doctor, but he received his Masters and Ph.D. at Ohio State University and was an Assistant Professor of Agriculture, Counselor for Veterans Affairs and Personnel Specialist, Rotary Club member, Order of the Eastern Star member, past President of the Mid-West Federation. He was also a Veteran, serving in WWII and Korea, retiring from the Marine Corps as a Colonel in 1981, but all that is not what we remember him for. We remember his tireless work for our club, identifying fossils (and boy, was he good at that), telling lots of stories, helping with the rock show, finding people to fill all sorts of positions at the show (he had lots of connections!), laughing and joking with everyone, always ready to talk and share ideas with anyone who would listen, a great sense of humor and story teller. He will be sorely missed by our club and anyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov

None scheduled

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—
www.foundmichigan.org**

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

SHOW MESSAGES

A Note From The President

Hard to believe that the show has come and gone so fast. I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work and time, the show would never take place without all your help. I especially want to thank Roger Laylin, show chairman, for all his time and effort on the organizing of everything show related. I have seen the numbers and the show was a great success again this year. We were short a few workers as always, so please plan on

helping out where ever you can for next year's show, there are always openings, just ask, we will find a job for you, no problem. We need you!! I know my Silent Auction had the best year ever and some of that is because of the generous donations from Lila Stevens and hard work of Sherry Sparks. Thanks to you both. Theresa Hubbard did a great job organizing the Friday Kids Day with around 1200 kids showing up and seemingly ran smoothly (I was very busy at the spinning wheel to see much). A big thanks to Jean Ann Piotrowski (and help) in the kitchen and all the members who brought food everyday. Our Hospitality Room is the greatest! Again, thank you to everyone who did their share to help make 2013 another great show! President Elaine Angstman

A Show Summary From CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

Once again the 30 or so CMLMS members, the 10 volunteer friends and MSU Geology Club Members, who took an active part in making this 48th Show a success, deserve the thanks of the other members! The lack of *full participation* of those able is discouraging to those of us who put forth so much effort to create an enjoyable time for the grade school students and the public. I realize that unforeseen last minute emergencies can occur to prevent your helping. But it is known a year in advance when the Show is scheduled and it seems to me that schedules could be arranged, annual leave requested, if you are truly in accord with the tenants of the Society.

Children's Day coordinator, Theresa Hubbard, did a fantastic job. She was able to have all 3rd grades in the Lansing school system attend along with other local schools. There were 1065 + kids in attendance during the morning, not including the accompanying 130 parents and teachers. The club's supplementing or providing the school's transportation costs enabled their attendance. The children's exit gift free pass led to several parents returning with their child and assured every child a remembrance.

The total counted attendance was 1460, a slight decrease over recent years, however those who came were not hesitant to purchase items they desired.

We welcomed two new dealers this year, Silvertown and The Jewelry Shoppe. This was occasioned by the retirement of the Mooreheads and family illness at the J. C. Pearls Shop.

Yet once again Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins, in managing the hospitality room, kept us all well fed and happy. The dealers all are most appreciative of the great food which they don't get at all Shows. Thanks also to the many members who contributed the good food that we happily consumed during the show. No one went home hungry; if they did it was their fault.

Chuck Collins again provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving me or some other newbie from an early morning call. THANK YOU CHUCK!

The blue table covers on the demonstrators and display tables, provided by Grit and Alice Turner; add a professional look to the Show and are greatly appreciated, but some are becoming soiled and it appears a trip to the cleaners is necessary.

Ruth Ann Lehner was missed this year because of Mel's argument with the lawn mower and she has said they expect to move to Georgia permanently. Thanks for your preliminary work arranging for the demonstrators. Ernie has volunteered to take over that duty in the future to convince 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, assisted by Sherry Sparks, the offerings at the spinning wheel and the silent auction. Then setting up and running the silent auction. Her efforts at these two show attractions would be difficult to replace.

The Mineral Identity (What Am I Ask Us) Table was manned by yours truly with “confirming” assistance by Milt Gere and Danita Bandt. Forgot all about it till the first person asked what’s this one!

Ernie Aughenbaugh arranges for dealer contracts, keeps in contact with them, and handles any problems or complaints they may have. I certainly appreciate your running interference again

this year! The two new dealers were good. 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 Club student turnout Thursday noon was absent as a “glitch” occurred with information transmittal. 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.

The dealers on a whole seemed satisfied with the results of the weekend and all indications are that the 48th Show was again an educational and financial success – and was enjoyed by all.

The pebble pond always needs refilling. The “kids” nearly drained the supply of the more desirable fossils and mineral specimens 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 recruit your friends and relatives, the more the merrier.

A HEART FELT THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. LRL

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 17, 2013

Call to Order: The October membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Angstman at 7:42pm at the Okemos Masonic Lodge.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Alicia David was a visitor and she submitted her application for membership. Long time members Chuck and Al McCort were able to attend this evening’s meeting. Welcome Alicia, Chuck and Al.

Minutes of the September membership meeting and the October board meeting were published in the October newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Kris Wood submitted the report for review.

Announcements:

The Michigan Historical Museum reports that 625 visitors were in attendance for Archaeology Day. JoAnne Arasim sent a thank you letter to Sue Casler to express her appreciation to the CMLMS members who helped to make the day a success by providing a demonstration about copper.

Show: Theresa Hubbard has estimated the attendance of school students to be approximately 1100.

Nate Krupp: Please notify Nate of display case needs.

Roger Laylin will have MSU geology students involved in set up and tear down. He will have 200 tables to set up beginning at noon on Thursday. Show security will be provided by the Capitol Attachment of the Marine League. Roger would like to explore getting post cards

printed next year.

Roger has received notice that Ruth Ann Lerner is moving and will no longer be able to arrange the demonstrators. Ernie Augenbaugh agreed to take over those responsibilities. Roger made a plea for members to turn out to help at the show and to recruit friends and family to volunteer also.

Information about the funeral arrangements for Neil Snepp were shared.

Sue Casler: Membership meeting programs: November 21, 2013: *Iron Spirits, Life on the Michigan Iron Range*; December 19, 2013: Holiday treats, rock exchange and member stories.

Door Prizes: Provided by Dan Sine

Adjournment: Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Sherry Sparks. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm

PROGRAM: *Illinois Fluorite Story* DVD. Fluorite display provided by Elaine Angstman. Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 6, 2013

Board Members Present: Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lee Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Theresa Hubbard, Jan Sjoquist.

Board Members Absent: Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Kris Wood.

Member Present: Bob Mosher

President: Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 6:38pm at the Delta Township District Library.

Show Discussion: Silent auction revenue was significantly increased, attendance was increased to **1460 admissions**; the school tour count was at **1188 students**. However, there was too little help at nearly all stations and that puts a burden upon those who do work. We need more help from the membership in order to staff a show.

Vice President: Sue Casler presented information on future membership meetings;

November: *Life on the Michigan Iron Range*, DVD

December: Holiday rock exchange, membership stories, treats.

January: Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist. Subject to be announced.

February: Norwood (Formation) Chert.

March: Silent Auction

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist has submitted the minutes from the October membership meeting for publication. Meetings of the November board meeting will be submitted by the newsletter deadline on Monday, November 11.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard will send a sympathy card to the family of Neil Snepp with a choice of memorial options. Connie Snepp will be included in the memorial.

Treasurer: Kris Wood absent but sent treasurer's report for October. She is working on the show report.

Directors: (1yr) Milt Gere, (2yr) Lyle Laylin, (3 yr) Nate Krupp: No reports.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, no report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, absent; no report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman presented the three applications for membership: Alicia David, David Berquist and the family of Paul and Terry O'Grady. Milt Gere made a motion **to accept**

all applicants into membership. Lee Laylin made a second to the motion. A vote was taken and the memberships were approved. Welcome to our new members!

Field Trips: Dan Sine, absent; no report.

Publications: Roni Sinonakides absent. Newsletter deadline is Monday, November 11, 2013.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin absent. No report.

Outreach: Mary Gowans was absent, no report.

Library: Lee Laylin: There is an over-abundance of books in the library and many books have not been circulated. She would like to weed out the outdated and underused books and put them up for members to purchase at the March silent auction. If the books do not sell at the March membership meeting then they would be made available at the October show silent auction. Memorial books will be retained. Elaine Beane made a motion **to weed out the library's books and to distribute them as stated.** Milt Gere supported the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Display: Thanks to Ray and Carol Idalski for setting up the memorial display and to Doug Sjoquist for taking down the display at the show.

Finance: Gordon Lewis. No report.

Show: Roger Laylin: Show wrap-up meeting at his home **Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome. Roger discussed the need for wi fi at the fairgrounds and the plans for repairing the fluorescent booth by replacing the glass and light bulbs. Lyle has located sources and prices and this project will be included in the 2014 budget. Roger has halite specimens from Detroit that will be distributed in the future.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Old Business: Election of officers: a notice will be placed in the November, 2013 newsletter requesting volunteers to fill the ballot. Milt's director term is to expire and a replacement is needed. Sue Casler will notify Roni about the newsletter posting.

New Business: The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Delta Township District Library. Dates for the January board meeting were discussed.

Adjournment: Milt Gere made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyle Laylin supported the motion, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

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