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This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

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 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

**Meeting place: Masonic Center, 2175 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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2016**

**PROGRAM: DVD Minerals of Brazil**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on November 17, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for Fall 2016 and Winter 2017**

November 3, 2016 - **Thursday**, board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

November 17, 2016 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

December 1, 2016 - **Thursday**, board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

December 15, 2016 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is the **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

November 17, 2016 - election of officers, DVD Minerals of Brazil, mineral of month - citrine

December 15, 2016 - installation of officers, holiday party with Rocky Gift Exchange

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

**Chip and Laurie DeLeeuw - Milan**

**Riley Scharnwebor - Lansing**

**Angela Kiebler - Okemos**

**Sue and Harley Smith - Eaton rapids**

**Linda Ondrias - Laingsburg**

## **NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 SOCIETY OFFICERS**

**Slate of officers presented by the board:**

President - Sue Casler, Vice-president - Nate Krupp, Recording Secretary - Jan Sjoquist, Corresponding Secretary - Theresa Hubbard, Treasurer - Elaine Beane, 3-year Director - Chuck Taricska, 2-year director - Gaylord Brooks, 1-year Director - Lyle Laylin

## **Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh**

### **Dues are now being collected for 2017**

Membership dues for 2017 are being collected through the end of April at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you are receiving a paper copy and have a red check on the label this will be your final issue. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. Also, if you receive your newsletter or any other notifications by electronic means, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

### **OPPORTUNITY**

Here is a perfect opportunity to become involved in an occasional task to help promote the mission of CMLMS. We have two beautiful cases that display memorial specimens honoring deceased members.

These memorial display cases are requested by local clubs for use during their shows and are always on display at our CMLMS Show. I have done this for quite a while and would like someone to help out.

The usual procedure is to set up the display, usually on a Thursday afternoon, and to take the displays down on the last day of the show, usually on a Sunday at 5:00 p.m. It takes only 30 minutes to do this for the specimen arrangement is mapped out for each case.

The only required show to set up for would be our CMLMS Show. Other club shows are optional.

Please let me, Jan Sjoquist, know if you are willing to help. Or, contact our President, Sue Casler.

Jan: [sjoquistj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjoquistj@sbcglobal.net), 517 543-1464

### **FROM SUE CASLER, RAFFLE AND ADMISSION TICKET TABLE**

A BIG thank you to the following folks who helped take a shift or two or more selling admission and raffle tickets: Roni Sionakides worked pretty much the entire show! Sue St. Charles, Lee Laylin, LeeJean and Rich Sabotta, Fiona Fairty (friend of Sue C.), John Crockett, Chris and John Juroszek, and Bonnie Eckhardt. Thank you to all - especially in light of the absence of our admission ticket chair, Elaine Beane (who planned to work the entire show). Also, a big thank you to all the folks, members, friends and dealers that donated items for the raffle.

### **REPORT OF 51st GEM MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**

This year about 47 of our members, 21 volunteer friends and 7 MSU Geology Club members took an active part in creating the Show. They all deserve thanks from the non-participating members.

The helping support of as many members as can attend is **DESPERATELY** needed as at nearly 300 hours of manning public show activities is required. This **does not** include the efforts

necessary to cover the 3-4 hours on Friday morning attempting to inspire the children to learn more about rocks, minerals and the natural world. The 21 volunteers who assisted the 34 members present on Friday morning made it just barely possible to service the 400+ children that were on the floor at one time about 10 a.m. IF THOSE VOLUNTEERS HAD NOT BEEN THERE FRIDAY MORNING IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT THE PROGRAM. Just belonging to the Society is not enough, participation in activities is desirable. 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 to be held 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. Leora requests that for future years shows members make a commitment that they will be available to help Friday a.m. as well as at the regular Show. She also reminds all that she and I as well as most of her volunteer friends are well into our 80s and are no longer able to do as much as we once could.

Theresa Hubbard, Children's Day Coordinator, again put in much individual effort and combined with other VOLUNTEERS did a great job in greeting the students and explaining the displays. This year all local schools were sent invitations. 14 responded with nearly 1,000 children in attendance. We are continuing to provide financial support to schools for the transportation of the children.

The total counted attendance is currently unavailable. It will be reported at a later date.

Ernie was able to have S and S Gold and Diamonds replace the retired Jewelry Shoppe owners who have retired. The added 13th dealer along with our Geode Cracking station filled out the floor and created better flow of the attendees. We hope to make these a permanent addition.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins managing the hospitality room did another superb job keeping us all well fed and happy. Yes the white bean chile was sneaky HOT. 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 own fault.

Chuck Collins once again provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving some other member from an early morning call. MANY MANY THANKS CHUCK!

Ernie Aughenbaugh along with arranging for the dealers this year contacted the demonstrators to assure their attendance. He again did an excellent job as all the demonstration tables were occupied most of the time. His efforts in these duties must be appreciated by all.

The Children's table was again managed by George Heaton with assistance by Doug and Jan Sjoquist and numerous others. The Swap table was again dominated by George and Roger Heaton. Unfortunately Roger was under the weather most of Saturday.

The Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel, managed by Elaine Angstman, Sherry Sparks and Gaylord Brooks, attracted a crowd at each offering, however while all items sold the return was only a bit below average. We hope that Elaine will be able to continue chairing these activities while residing at Branch, Michigan and Demming, New Mexico.

Our Raffle was managed by Sue Casler, which offered 36 prizes, all of which were very nice. While we had sales of 1,119 tickets final results will not be available until all mailings are completed. This year Sue Casler had her ticket pulled No. 1 and yours truly drew a blank. Mary Gowans caught up for many empty years.

The new Fluorescent Booth as designed and constructed by Lyle Laylin was again a big success. As a part of the new booth the repaired lamp provided exceptional illumination of the specimens. The designed and reconstructed interior of the storage trailer organized the contents efficiently and saved much lifting of boxes.

Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The 4 geology students who turned out Thursday noon were a great

help setting up the 200+ tables. At tear down on Sunday evening, the group's energy and strength was much appreciated! We trust the help from the Geology Club continues.

The efforts put forth by members working on the Children's Tour and at all of 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. Our new activity "Geode Cracking," which was manned primarily by Lyle with assistance by Chuck Taricska, more than paid for the purchased geodes with many left over.

The dealers on a whole seemed satisfied with the results of the weekend and all indications are that the Show was again an educational and financial success and was enjoyed by those in attendance. A special THANK YOU to all of you in charge as well as all of the members who assisted so ably during the 51st Show.

The pebble pond always needs refilling. The "Kids" have 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. Dr Peter Voice, of Western Michigan University, deserves special thanks as he helped although his students were unable to come. Jan Sjoquist invited 1 and Lee and I accounted for the other 19 volunteers previously mentioned. I must ask does anyone else have any friends? **PLEASE** recruit your friends and relatives or enemies as one apiece would make a big difference. The more the merrier.

**A HEART FELT THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.**

AGAIN PLEASE: MEMBERSHIP, THIS CHAIR NEEDS A NEW BODY, **AS THIS IS MY LAST YEAR.** AFTER ALL THE YEARS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO PASS MY EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION FILES TO A NEW CHAIRPERSON.

L. ROGER LAYLIN, GENERAL CHAIRMAN

**Note:**

**There will be a Wrap Up Meeting at the Laylin's on November 28th or 29th, decision to be announced at the Regular Meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to comment please send an e-mail.**

## CLUB NEWS

**Outreach Committee:** Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

**Field Trips!**

There are no field trips planned at this time. Many of the quarries are no longer allowing rock hounds to have access to their premises for collecting purposes. If you know of any place that will allow enthusiasts to collect, please let Dan Sine or someone on the board know.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**November 14: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI** Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. 7 pm. Contact Brad Zylman, beylman@twmi.rr.com www.michmin.org.

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 20, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at the Mason Fairgrounds Arena at 7:27 p.m. The meeting was held after show set-up and there was no program.

**Guests or Visitors:** None.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The September Membership Meeting Minutes and the October Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the October Newsletter.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane absent, no report.

**Announcements:** Sue Casler announced the slate of officers for 2017:

President: Open; Vice-President: Nate Krupp; Recording Secretary: Janet Sjoquist; Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard; Directors: 1 year: Lyle Laylin, 2 year: Gaylord Brooks, 3-year: Chuck Taricska.

Jan Sjoquist, Display Chair, made a request to be replaced and will submit a plea in the November Newsletter.

**Adjournment:** Rick Andrews made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by Theresa Hubbard and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 3, 2016**

**Members Present:** Ernie Augenbaugh, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist.

**Members Absent:** Elaine Beane, Dave Berquist, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans, Lee Laylin.

**President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Okemos Library. The slate of officers for November's election remains as previously presented. The November Membership Meeting will include a DVD on the Minerals of Brazil and Columbia.

**Vice-President:** Vacant, duties are assumed by Sue Casler, President.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist has submitted the October Membership minutes for publication.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard has sent cards to Marvin Oesterle expressing sympathy for the loss of his mother, and to Elaine Beane and Bob Mosher.

**Directors:** Gaylord Brooks (3 yr.): Absent, no report. Lyle Laylin (2 yr.), no report. Nate Krupp (1 yr.), has made contacts for 2017 membership programs. Danita Brandt, Mike Godfrey and Dr. Warren Wood have agreed to present programs. Members Doug Sjoquist and Theresa Hubbard have also volunteered, if needed.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Augenbaugh had nothing to report, but due to the absence of Membership Chair, Dave Berquist, presented five applications for seven new members for consideration. Milt Gere made a **motion to accept these applicants into membership: Chip and Lori Deleeuw, Riley Scharnweber, Angela Kiebler, Linda Ondrias and Sue and Harley Smith.** Alan Hukill supported the motion, a vote was taken and passed to welcome these new members.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill, nothing to report.

**Past President:** Elaine Angstman, absent, no report.

**Membership:** Dave Berquist, absent. New membership applications were presented by Roster Secretary, Ernie Augenbaugh.

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine has had contact with a club from Knoxville, Tennessee. CMLMS has been extended an invitation to join them for a field trip. One of their trips may be to Georgia for Kyanite.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides: Deadline is Monday, 8am for newsletter.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard: November gemstone is Citrine.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans, absent, no report.

**Library:** Roger states that Lee has purchased some new books.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist requests to be replaced. (Memorial display was at the CMLMS Show). See Sue or Jan if you are willing to take the Memorial Displays to any local shows.

**Finance:** Milt Gere, no report.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin spoke about Facebook, currently administered by Kris Wood.

**Show:** Roger Laylin reported on CMLMS Show workers: Friday a.m. - 27 members on floor; 7 members, demonstrated; 21 non-member volunteers. Saturday-Sunday - 47 members. Without those 21 volunteers, we would not have been able to function adequately on the floor during the children's tour. MSU Geology Club provided help setting up and tearing down.

Theresa Hubbard: One new school, Dimondale.

Sue Casler: There were 36 raffle prizes. Board members will help to distribute them.

A discussion was held to generate ideas for solving our show issues of time, space and membership involvement. New ideas are needed from the membership. The discussion will resume at post show meeting and/or membership meeting. Roger will notify the board when this meeting is scheduled. Members are welcome to attend.

**New Business:** Theresa Hubbard has had contact with the Woldumar Nature Center regarding usage of their facilities.

**Adjournment:** Lyle Laylin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Roni Sionakides and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!