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## **Rockhound News—November, 2018**

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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: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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 15, 2018**  
**PROGRAM: Craig Whitford speaking on Meteorites**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - K Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on November 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for fall and winter 2018**

November 12, 2018 - Post-show meeting, 2:00 p.m., home of Roger Laylin

November 15, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

December 6, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

December 20, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

January 3, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 17, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

November 15 - Craig Whitford, speaking on meteorites, voting on 2019 officers.

December 20 - Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of officers, mini silent auction

January 17 - To be announced.

## **ELECTION OF 2019 OFFICERS**

At our November membership meeting elections for the 2019 club officers will be held. The proposed slate of officers was presented at the October 18 membership meeting which was at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. \*After the meeting, Steve Smith agreed to step into the Vice President position.

### **2019 Slate of Officers (\*as Amended)**

President: Nate Krupp

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Vice President: Steve Smith

1-Yr Director: Chuck Taricska

Treasurer: Elaine Beane

2-Yr Director: Lyle Laylin

Recording Secretary: Dave Berquist

3-Yr Director: Jessica Clark

## **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

**Display Chair** - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

**Library Chair** - maintains the library, checks books out and in.

**Liaison Officer.**

**Field Trips** - plans field trips and contacts various gravel or mining operations.

**To all recently new members:** We are delighted that you are interested enough in the Club's activities and stated mission to wish to join the group. We wish you to truly JOIN by becoming involved in our activities and welcome your thoughts about Club activities. All are welcome to attend Board meetings and share your thoughts. We value your participation since 'many hands make light work.' - Roger Laylin.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR/PUBLICATIONS CHAIR**

**The newsletter editor will be leaving the position at the end of the year and a new editor will be needed in 2019. Please consider volunteering for this position. The newsletter is our best method of communicating to the society as a whole for events, meetings, and other goings-on. Duties include writing the newsletter, printing the paper copy that will be distributed by mail, mailing those copies, and sending an electronic copy to the webmaster for distribution to the email list. If no one volunteers to take over the newsletter it will be published for 2019 in January and possibly April and September. No paper copies will be sent out. IT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL.**

### **POST-SHOW MEETING**

There will be a Meeting at my home on Veterans Day the 12th at 2 PM to discuss the show results and to offer suggestions for future shows. All are welcome but if you can't come and have a suggestion send an E-mail message. Roger L.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary**

### **Dues are now being collected for 2019**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2019 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. 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. **DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

### **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 517-351-6136.

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

### **Field Trips!**

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan has an email list of all who want to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

## CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

### UPCOMING SHOWS

**November 12: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI** Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 3922 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. Contact: Brad Zylman; (612) 600-9484; bzylman@twmi.rr.com

**November 17-18: TOLEDO, OH** Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Rock/Jewelry Open House. Sat 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sun noon - 4 pm. St. James Lutheran Church Gym, 4727 West Sylvania Ave, Toledo. Contact Michelle Gregore, 9525 Wolfinger, Holland 43528; (419) 270-7507; mgrigoretgrb@gmail.com

### CMLMS MINUTES

#### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 18, 2018**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Fairgrounds at Mason, Michigan.

**Welcome back of members Sherry Sparks and Elaine Angstman:**

#### **President's announcements:**

1. November meeting Craig Whitford will speak on meteorites, voting on officers for 2019.
2. December Christmas Party and installation of officers. Milt Gere will do the honors.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the Membership meeting in September and the Board meeting in October were published in the newsletter. No corrections were suggested.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane gave an update on show transactions.

**Election of Officers for 2019:** Slate of officers presented - president-Nate Krupp, Vice President, no one, open, Recording Secretary-Dave Berquist, Corresponding Secretary-Theresa Hubbard, Treasurer-Elaine Beane, 1-Year Director-Chuck Taricska, 2-Year Director-Lyle Laylin, 3-Year Director-Jessica Clark. Elaine Beane made a **motion to accept the slate of officers**, Lyle Laylin seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Announcements:**

1. Roger Laylin said all is ready for the show. Friday Children's Tour be at fairgrounds at 8:30 a.m., volunteers should park in back. Several display cases still need a display.
2. The club still needs to contact Al Hukill and arrange to collect the society's historical records from him. There was a discussion about storage and renting space..
3. Richard Miller said he was set for Petoskey stones.

**Adjournment:** Sherry Sparks moved to adjourn the meeting, Lyle Laylin seconded, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Post adjournment business: Steve Smith volunteered to take the Vice President position to complete the slate of officers.**

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

#### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 1, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Ernie Augenbaugh, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Lyle Laylin.

**Board Members Absent:** Dave Berquist, Dan Sine, Gaylord Brooks, Mary Gowans, Chuck Taricska.

**Members Present:** None.

**President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Thank you's to Roger, Ernie and Elaine for show.
2. Election of officers - she queried if the board would need an amended slate with the post meeting addition of

Steve Smith to the slate. The slate as amended will be published in the November newsletter.

**Vice-President:** Nate Krupp will contact the November speaker, Craig Whitford, and confirm the date, time, etc. November, also voting for 2019 officers. December will be holiday party, rocky gift exchange, silent

auction and installation of 2019 officers. He talked to Kara Miller at the show and said she was still interested in doing Petoskey stone polishing with Jenny Martin at the schools. Suggestions for January meeting - DVD, Richard Lassin would do an update on the back 40. Jan Sjoquist has a contact who can talk about the mining world in Michigan.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane deferred her report to when we talk about the show.

**Recording Secretary:** Dave Berquist absent, Roni Sionakides taking minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard had no report.

**Directors:** Director 1 Lyle Laylin said we should look into storage for the history records that Alan Hukill has, and for other items such as from Roger's barn. He checked online and said that indoor storage units with climate control could run \$106 per month for a 5 X 15 foot unit. At Simply South Storage at Jolly and Okemos a 10 X 10 foot driveup unit was \$87 per month. Director 2 Gaylord Brooks, absent, no report; Director 3 Chuck Taricska, absent, no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Elaine Beane received four applications for membership but with no money. Only one had payment for membership. There was a misunderstanding with receiving the applications, money should have been collected with the application. There was some discussion on how best to proceed.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant.

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

**Membership:** Dave Berquist, absent, no report.

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine absent, no report. Sue picked up a flyer at the Rock Show in Macomb with many quarry trips run by Joel Vicary (note-folks needed to have mine safety training certification to participate). Theresa needs rocks for gem tree bases, about 1 ½ inch diameter. Roni asked about who was going to be doing field trips and has some information on a gravel mine in southeastern Ionia County to pass on.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides reminded the Board of the Monday 8 a.m. cutoff for info for the newsletter. She also gave a rough timeline for newsletter publication in 2019 if no one volunteers for the Publications chair.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard had no report.

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

**Library:** Vacant. Lee Laylin purchased \$214 in new books, many for children.

**Display:** Vacant.

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

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin, no report.

**Show:** Roger Laylin received the newsletter from the Livingston club and discussed their member fees - \$50 and \$25 teens to support their work room. Marge Collins acknowledged our donation to the AFMS.

1. He reported on the situation with tables at the show which was problematic and was given a recommendation for another rental place, American Rentals, that can meet our requirements, but the company requires a non-refundable deposit of 35% at least a couple months in advance. He will check this company out.

2. He went over costs of ticket, postage, raffle tickets, etc.

3. Lyle mentioned lack of paper bag for the children's tour. He also said we should create a list of all supplies needed so we can check against what we have and get replacements.

4. Elaine Beane spoke about the show totals of attendance and income. The children's tour had 741 children and about 50 teachers and parents.

5. Lyle would like to add a new station with 4 or 5 magnifier lamps.

6. It was mentioned that we might consider hiring someone for digital advertising since none of us are that familiar with it. It was suggested we could spend \$1,500-\$2,000.

7. Roger set up a wrap-up meeting at his place on November 12 at 2 p.m.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None presented.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Lyle Laylin. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

## **FROM SUE CASLER, PRESIDENT/RAFFLE CHAIR**

A very BIG thank you to our show chair Roger Laylin!! And to our show co-chair Ernie Augenbaugh!! Thank you for your hard work and leadership on a successful Rock and Mineral Show! I heard many positive comments on our show from those in attendance. Roger will cover the complete show details in his report.

For RAFFLE, we sold 1,198 tickets (exceeding last year's sale of 1,104) and we gave out 52 prizes. Roni Sionakides' contribution of the globe bookends (2nd prize) was an eye catcher! Thank you to the following folks who helped sell raffle tickets: Terry Kirk, Sally Hedin, Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Jessica Clark, Kris Wood and Mary Gowans. Special thanks to Kris Wood for soliciting donations from the dealers for the raffle. And to John Juroszek for obtaining the raffle license and tickets. Thank you to Roger Laylin for delivery of local area prizes, and to Jan Sjoquist and Nate Krupp for delivery of prizes in their areas.

NOTE: To the following club members, Terry Kirk, Joel Stanewich and Rob Roland - you all won raffle prizes and I'll have them for you at the club meeting(s) for pickup.

## **REPORT OF 53rd GEM MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**

This year again about 45 of our members, 13 volunteer friends and 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 greatly appreciated and needed.

Theresa Hubbard, Children's Day Coordinator, put in much individual effort this year. She organized and directed the educational entry displays and spearheaded the preparatory work as well as managed the new children's activity table, which was very well attended. She and Ernie created the base work for the kids to complete.

Leora Laylin, who creates and oversees the jewelry, critter making process, suggested the rearrangement of the children's entry to avoid the congestion. The Mineral Kits and Jewelry-Critter sales tables were moved to beyond the displays and passed the children's table. This arrangement seemed to work very well, although with fewer students there was never the occasional mob. Sales at the tables were not adversely affected.

Our friend Clara Bratton, thankfully, has assisted Lee in the arrangement of the sales tables and has sold the Mineral Kits for many years. She, together with Lee's other many Audubon Society friends, has made this activity a success over the years. A **replacement** to take-over Lee's efforts in this activity is desperately needed.

We had about 750 grade school children from the Lansing and other area school systems. We continue providing financial support to Schools for the transportation of the children.

The total counted paid attendance was 1,341, a slight decrease over last year, but their interest and purchases appeared to be normal. The Exit Gifts and free passes given to volunteers provided for the return of numerous friends and children.

At the information desk I received numerous patron complements about the quality of OUR SHOW and how they enjoyed it more than others they have attended.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins, managing the hospitality room, did another superb job keeping us all well fed and happy. 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. Once again Rob Roland made a substantial dollar donation to the food budget. Many thanks, Rob!

Chuck and Marge Collins and Karl Hallberg provided security this year and did an excellent job of protecting our valuables. MANY MANY THANKS!

Ernie Aughenbaugh, along with arranging for the Dealers this year, contacted the Demonstrators also to assure their attendance. He again did an excellent job. His efforts in these duties must be appreciated by all. Dave's Rocks and Carvings again replaced Red Metal who were absent due to illness. George Heaton and brother Roger were both absent also because of ill health.

The Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel, managed by Elaine Angstman, Sherry Sparks, and Gaylord Brooks and others, attracted a crowd at each offering. However, while all items sold, the return was near average.

Our Raffle, managed by President Sue Casler, awarded 52 prizes, all of which were very nice. Final results will not be available until all mailings are completed.

The Fluorescent Booth continues to be an important attraction. The "Yooperlites" were an added attraction this year. The Geode Cracking activity was manned primarily by Lyle with assistance by Chuck Taricska and others and more than paid for the purchased geodes. More will be needed next year.

The Dealers on a whole seemed satisfied with the results of the weekend and all indications are that the 53rd Show was again an educational and financial success – and was enjoyed by all.

Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The Geology Student turnout Thursday noon was absent as they were excused because of their efforts on the Wednesday table delivery. 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 53rd Show.

The **pebble pond always needs refilling so go to the beach and gather pretty stones.** The "Kids" have also 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. The books and maps he brought all disappeared.

I must ask does anyone else have any friends? **PLEASE** recruit your friends, relatives or enemies as one person each would make a big difference, the more the merrier.

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

AGAIN, PLEASE: MEMBERS, THIS CHAIR NEEDS A NEW PERSON. AS THIS IS MY THIRD, "LAST YEAR", AFTER ALL THE YEARS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO PASS MY EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION FILES TO A NEW CHAIRPERSON. YOU BETTER HURRY BEFORE I FORGET WHERE IT IS.

Roger Laylin, Ex-chairman

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