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# Rockhound News—November, 2019

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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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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 21, 2019**  
**PROGRAM: Dr. Michael Velbel will be speaking on Meteorites**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - K Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on November 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.** NOTE: Hamilton Road is OPEN again, all construction is completed on Hamilton Rd.

## **Calendar for fall and winter 2019**

November 21, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

December 5, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

December 19, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

January 2, **2020** - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 16, **2020** - 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 21 – Dr. Michael Velbel, MSU, will give presentation on meteorites, voting on 2019 officers.

December 19 - Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of officers, mini silent auction.

January 16 - To be announced.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Paul Gordon, Jordan Lindsay, Andy Drier, and Jake Chybowski from Lansing, Susan Myers from Holt, Brian and Amy Miller from Mason, Brian and Vicki Meade from Albion, Zoe Wojcik from East Lansing, Mort, Ruth and Amanda Tatara from Mason, Heather Thomas from St. Johns, Chad and Riley Donovan and Heather Kauffman from Charlotte.

## **ELECTION OF 2020 OFFICERS**

At our November membership meeting elections for the 2020 club officers will be held. The proposed slate of officers was presented at the October 17 membership meeting which was at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

### 2020 Slate of Officers

President: Nate Krupp (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term)	Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard
Vice President: Steve Smith (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr)	1-Yr Director: Lyle Laylin
Treasurer: Elaine Beane	2-Yr Director: Jessica Clark
Recording Secretary: No Nominee	3-Yr Director: Sally Hedin

### **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.

**Liaison Officer.** Maintains contacts and shares club info from similar groups around the state.

**Recording Secretary:** Takes minutes during club and board meetings, provides electronic copy of minutes for publication in newsletter

**To all recent club members:** We are delighted that you are interested enough in the Club's activities and stated mission 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.

### **POST-SHOW MEETING**

We are still planning on having a show wrap up meeting. If you have any thoughts on last month's show, including any ideas for next year, or things you think can be done differently, this will be the time to discuss. Time/Date to be announced.

## **Message from the Membership Chair Robin Smith** **Dues are now being collected for 2020**

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 2020 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. **Renewal forms are available on the web site <https://www.michrocks.org/club-info/join-us> and at meetings. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!!!**

## CLUB NEWS

**Thank You!** Thanks to long-time club member Marie Lewis. She donated a 'Club Case' type showcase along with accessories, to the club prior to this year's show. The case was used by Marie and her late husband, Gordon, to display rocks and minerals at many shows over the years. This year the case was used at the show again and is now stored with club materials for use at future shows.

**For Sale:** 3 Showcases For Sale: Club member Marie Lewis has three (3) large showcases for sale. They were used by her and her late husband, Gordon, to display their rock and mineral collection. Contact her for details. Thank you

Following are the showcase measurements:

Showcase #1 .. 20 inches wide, 79 inches long, 40 inches high.

Showcase #2 .. 19 inches wide, 45 inches long, 54 1/2 inches high.

Note... Top 20 inches is showcase, remainder of height is storage.

Showcase #3 .. 13 1/2 inches wide, 72 inches long, 54 1/2 inches high.

**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 Theresa Hubbard to lend a hand. 517-203-9620; thrshubbard@yahoo.com.

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

### Field Trips!

None scheduled at this time. If you have any ideas for field trips or want to get on the list for field trip notices, please contact Carl Mennare. Cell phone **517-599-1882** or [cmenn@yahoo.com](mailto:cmenn@yahoo.com).

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## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Nov. 23-24: MADISON, WI** Madison Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Alliant Energy Center. Contact: Nevin Franke, (608) 251-2601; [burniesrockshop@gmail.com](mailto:burniesrockshop@gmail.com) [www.madisonrockclub.org](http://www.madisonrockclub.org)

## CMLMS MINUTES

**CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 17, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** None.

**President's announcements:** 1. Nate Krupp presented the slate of officers for 2020. Serving a second year of their term: President Nate Krupp, Vice President Steve Smith, Treasurer Elaine Beane, Corresponding Secretary Theresa Hubbard; advancing directors - Jessica Clark to Two year,

Lyle Laylin to One-year. To be newly elected: Recording Secretary - no nominee, Liaison Officer - no nominee, Three-year Director - Sally Hedin. Lyle Laylin moved to accept the slate as presented; Sue Casler seconded. Motion carried.

2. Nate said all the club display cases at the show are filled.

3. Nate said next month the membership meeting will be back at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

4. Roger Laylin said George Heaton is getting better and will bring cookies to the show.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane presented her report and that she is moving money into the checking account to pay show bills.

**Announcements:**

Ernie Aughenbaugh expressed a concern about those who don't have email getting their newsletter. Nate responded that he brings copies to the membership meetings. Sheri Sparks and George Heaton are not getting it.

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare said there will be no field trip to search for Petoskey stones due to lack of interest.

**Show:** 1. Theresa Hubbard needs people for the Children's Tour on Friday morning. It starts at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roger Laylin said a Pebble Pond person is needed.

3. Lyle Laylin has badges for volunteers. They will be at the Membership Table.

4. Roger Laylin said David Piotrowski will give the school bus indoctrination.

5. Steve Smith said the *Facebook* site had 1,974 hits.

6. Reminder that volunteers need to park in back.

7. Nate Krupp asked what to do with the rock tumbler and grit that was donated to the club by Mary Anne Smith. Suggestions were sell at the Society's Silent Auction or have it offered as a special door prize at the banquet. This was approved by the Society.

8. Theresa Hubbard said the last school would arrive at the Children's Tour at 11:30 a.m.

9. Robin Smith will have membership and renewal forms at the show. She wants to update addresses and emails.

**Door Prizes:** None.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting and Steve Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

**CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 7, 2019**

**Board Members:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Chuck Taricska.

**Board Members absent:** Mary Gowans, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Dan Sine.

**Members Present:** None.

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

1. Nate asked who sends dues to the MWF and Roger Laylin said he and Elaine Beane filled out the form and sent dues for both paid and life members.

2. Nate passed out the October board meeting minutes.
3. Nate asked about the MWF calendar of events and Roger said he sent in the calendar listing with the dues.
4. Elaine Beane explained the MWF insurance and what it covers.
5. Nate talked about what clubs can do: MWF - can nominate for scholarship and an honoree college student; AMF - can nominate a club member for Rock Hound of the Year; AMF has a video or slide program contest; MWF has an All American Club award.
6. From the memorial display records and papers Jan Sjoquist turned over to the club Nate found a 10-year-old letter from Dave Westjohn to Larry Borland about an educational DVD he created. He queried if anyone knew anything about this (none did).
7. Nate asked if the club usually has a speaker at the December membership meeting. The meeting has a brief business meeting with installation of officers but no speaker.

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith reported he is still waiting for follow-up from Mike Velbel, the November speaker.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane reviewed the show income. She still has a few checks to deposit.

1. She discussed her problem with getting an accurate report because of the way we count money. She suggests we change our system. The only numbers she was sure about were from the Children's Tour. The main show is still confused. The Children's Table and Raffle cash boxes were switched. She asked for suggestions for a better system.
2. Theresa Hubbard said there were about 480 children in attendance at the Children's Tour. Revenues this year are similar to 2017 and 2018 but they are down about \$1,000 because of the Children's Tour having fewer students attending.
3. Elaine said there are still problems with people coming in the side doors and not paying an admission fee. There was discussion on whether this was a problem if a few got in free but she commented it was more like 50 or more.
4. Elaine said she will no longer be sitting at admissions all the time. She suggested a committee to operate the station.

**Recording Secretary (pro tem):** Roni Sionakides. Motion by Steve Smith and seconded by Lyle Laylin to **approve the October 3, 2019 minutes with corrections**. Motion was approved. Corrections to the minutes: 1. Under Show, Number 6, change Vorce to VOICE.

2. Under Past President change 'signed up' to 'will sign up.'
3. Under Show, number 2, strike off 'and both will come as demonstrators.'

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard sent a sympathy card to Alice Turner and a thank you card to Marie Lewis for her donation of a case. She is looking for memorial information for Grit Turner for the memorial book and newsletter.

**Directors:** Director 1 - Lyle Laylin made some plaster of paris molds for Theresa for the Children's Activities. He had trilobites, brachiopods, shark teeth and others.

Director 2 - Chuck Taricska was contacted by a home schooler regarding an enrichment fair on May 15 and 16. There was discussion on this issue. Theresa followed up and said we can be a demonstrator. There is a \$25 participation fee. We may just observe this year to see what it is like.

Director 3 - Jessica Clark had an awkward discussion with Chris Wood on the society's *Facebook* page. Chris was upset we had set up another page but she had not followed up on adding administrators when asked to do so. Recommendation we keep our new *Facebook* page.

**Show:** Roger Laylin and Robin Smith

1. Robin Smith suggested holding a show board meeting before the show perhaps in January or

February to discuss issues and solutions.

2. Roger Laylin will have a show wrap-up meeting before the November membership meeting.

3. Elaine Beane suggested putting the Petoskey stone polishing sales with the children's tables.

4. Theresa Hubbard has some thank you notes from teachers and will send to the newsletter for publication.

5. Lyle Laylin suggested the society could supply a few fossils and a magnifier to each school for the children to use. Robin said we could set this up at a school science night and leave with the school.

6. Theresa said the children's activities table was extremely busy. People came so their children could participate in the various activities and crafts. Donations were less than expenditures this year.

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Robin Smith presented a list of new members who filled out applications at the show. Elaine Beane made a motion and Steve Smith seconded to accept the following applicants for membership: Paul Gordon from Lansing; Susan Myers from Holt; Brian and Amy Miller from Mason; Brian and Vicki Meade from Albion; Zoe Wojcik from East Lansing; Mort, Ruth and Amanda Tataro from Mason; Jordan Lindsay and Andy Drier from Lansing; Heather Thomas from St. Johns; Chad and Riley Donovan and Heather Kauffman from Charlotte; Jake Chybowski from Lansing. Motion was approved.

Roger Laylin and Robin Smith discussed who would create a society directory.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant position.

**Past President:** Sue Casler, no report.

**Field Trips:** Carl and Fay Mennare, absent, no report.

**Publications:** Chuck Tariscka advised the newsletter deadline will be the Monday following the meeting.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard received an email from Dave Berquist that he attended Michigan Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Center and sent pictures to her.

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

**Library:** Jessica Clark, no report.

**Display:** Vacant position. Nate said that included with Jan's papers was a sample of calcite on copper that was purchased for a person who may not have been a member. Discussion followed on checking the membership book to determine that person's status.

**Finance:** Milt Gere has completed a budget for 2020. The board will vote on it at the December meeting. He also reported on Mary Gowans who is back in long term assisted care. Theresa will send her a card.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin, no report.

**Old business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Steve Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Recording Secretary Pro Tem.



## **Message from Sue Casler, Raffle Chair:**

We sold 924 raffle tickets and gave out 50 prizes, with a first prize of \$100. A BIG thank you to all our dealers, club members and friends for their contributions of various treasures for the raffle. Thank you to the following folks who worked shifts to sell raffle tickets: Jessica Clark, Sallie Hedin, Dayle Agius, Nate Krupp, Kris Wood and John Juroszek. Additional thanks to John Juroszek for obtaining the raffle license and to Roger Laylin for delivery of local area prizes. Everyone's contributions and assistance were much appreciated toward the goal of funding our clubs annual MSU scholarship. Thank you! Sue

## **Message from Theresa Hubbard, Outreach Chair:**

The children's activities area was very busy. Several people commented that it was the reason they came to the show. So I would say it was a success. We owe this success to a few people that really went "above and beyond", contributing supplies, time and labor. First I want to thank Ruth Ann Lehner for contributing many supplies, making wire trees and making 100 plaster fossils as well as helping out all weekend. Also thanks to Erin Beck for making wire trees and doing a great job with the kids at the show, handling the fast pace of keeping up with them for two days. And Christine Mansfield for making wire trees and working the activities along with Erin and Andy. Also, Ernie Aughenbaugh for making trees and bracelets for the Friday morning children's tour and for nagging us until we finally made the children's activity area a reality.

Also, as chairperson of the children's educational tour that happens on Friday morning before the dealers move in, I would like to recognize and thank of the Leora Laylin for her many years of making sure the mineral kids, critters and jewelry tables were all set up and staffed every year. She always made the event runs smoothly and even came back this year with a couple extra helpers to pitch in, as we needed people to staff the tables.

A big thank you goes to Lyle Laylin for creating and setting up the lighted magnifying glass table. Several teachers told me they thought that it was great addition to the tour. Lyle's great educational displays are excellent and we can't thank him enough for bringing them.

## **Message from Robin Smith, Show Chair:**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers that helped in making the Central Michigan 54th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary & Jewelry Show such a success! Could not have done it without YOU!

## ***In memoriam***

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we lost a long time member of the club, Irwin (Grit) Turner. He was born May 3, 1926 and is survived by his wife Alice. He and Alice were demonstrators at the annual show for many years. Many of us have woven copper chains that Grit gave to us while teaching us how to make them. Grit was on the Board of Directors and served as Club President in 1991. He was a World War II Air Force veteran and married Alice in 1950. They had three children, Ruth, Jack and Ralph. If anyone has a picture of Grit, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send it to the corresponding secretary Theresa at [thrshubbard@yahoo.com](mailto:thrshubbard@yahoo.com) for the club memorial book.

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