

FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-I: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!

DOES ANYONE KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF OUR CLUB SCREEN & PROJECTOR STAND????? IF SO, PLEASE LET ROGER LAYLIN (349-3249) OR ROYAL OLSON (339-2059) KNOW.

OBLIGATORY NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT-- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Here I sit again, pounding out the newsletter at the last minute. I think maybe I should go see one of our speech therapists about my problems with the "N" & "O" sounds! **To save time I have put A LOT of information in the Board Meeting 11-14-96 briefs. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY!** Heck, please read them.

Thank you to the 27 or so folks who traveled out to our house for the harvest extravaganza. We missed some of our regulars, but still enjoyed the opportunity to set around, visit, eat & relax. Roger Laylin brought his microscope for everyone to play with, precipitating the decision at our board meeting to purchase one for club use. Dave & I really do enjoy cooking for the crew, and are glad that appreciative mouths continue to arrive!

ANNUAL ELECTION THIS MONTH-- jawp

We will be holding our annual election of officers at the November regular meeting as scheduled in the club constitution. **The proposed slate is as follows: President, Royal Olson; Vice-President, Lila Stevens; Recording Secretary, Mary Gowans; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Kay Bean; Treasurer, Alan Hukill; Three Year Director, Larry Bourland.**

Other nominations are welcome the night of the election, however, you must have the permission of the person you are nominating.

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS 11-7-96-- jawp

Program, Royal Olson: This month's program will be a slide show rated as "exceptional" in the Midwest Federation catalog. Royal will take us on an imaginary field trip to the Lizzadro Museum in Elmhurst IL. The Lizzadro features works of art made with rocks, gems & minerals.

Corresponding Secretary, Chuck Smith for Mary Kay Bean: Mary Kay overdid things at the show & is currently confined to bed rest. We also would like to extend our sympathy to Larry Parks who lost his mom the week of our show.

Show Report, Roger Laylin: Total attendance was 1533 (1378 Adults & 155 Teens), down by 89 from last year. During the Friday morning school tours, a case was broken into & a faceted stone stolen. Thanks to Chuck Smith's observational skills, the stone was recovered & crime solved. A follow up call to the school let us know that the police were called to deal with the boys & they were punished appropriately. **The incident should serve to remind everyone of the importance of having a QUALITY LOCK on your display case.** The type recessed into the wood is best; if your design requires a padlock, make sure it is a good one!

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS 11-7-96, cont.

Old Business: Remember that as the WINTER WEATHER approaches, there is also the possibility of meetings being canceled due to poor driving conditions. Florence Hill is working on a **phone tree** that can be used to transmit emergency information regarding club meetings & activities. If you are a regular at meetings and you work away from home, please give your daytime phone to Florence (349-3554).

New Business: The board voted to purchase a **binocular microscope** to have on hand for the viewing of specimens at club meetings. It is a used microscope that was refurbished by Roger Laylin's son, so the price was very reasonable. Please see Roger if you are interested in obtaining one for your personal use.

The **Audit Committee** was also appointed to check over the past year's financial records. Gordon Lewis & Roger Laylin volunteered.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP REPORT-- George Heaton

Our field trip for October was our 31st annual Gem & Mineral Show on October 25-27. It appears to have been another very successful show with lots of nice things to see in the exhibits and on the dealer tables. Attendance was good and lots of rocks were sold on both the children's table and silent auction. George Heaton did quite well on the swap table.

I want to thank all those people who helped with the children's table. They gave me lots of time to go eat food, go to pot, look at the dealer tables and exhibits, and just goof off. Special thanks to those who hauled the stuff to and from storage and helped set up and break down the children's table. Thanks again everyone.

There will be no field trips for November, December or January. The next field trip Chairman may have a field trip in February to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids. That has been almost traditionally our first real field trip of the year, but that will be up to whoever is the next field trip chairman.

THANK YOU: Joyce Kahres & Mary Crosby wish to thank Connie Snepp, Gail Hopkins, Margaret Green, Bettie Patterson and anyone else who helped cover tables with plastic at the 96 show. Thanks to everyone.

DISPLAY CASES FOR SALE: Mary McMahon would like to sell the following display cases: 1 "pony case", \$125.00; the big case which held Mac's mobile, \$50.00; a larger case made in standard club style, \$50.00; a smaller case made in standard club style, \$25.00. Please give Mary a call if you are interested: 321-3869.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Nov. 21 Regular meeting, 7:30, North School, A-I please bring refreshments.
Election of Officers. Program: Lizzadro Museum slide show.
Dec. 5 Joint board meeting of 96 & 97 officers. 7:30, Meridian Twp.
Service Center.

SHOW CALENDAR (yes the dates are arriving already)

March 14-16 Jackson Show at Eagles Hall in Michigan Center.
March 22 Metro Rock Swap at Democratic Club of Taylor.
April 11-13 Mt. Clemens Show
May 3-4 Cinnicinnati Show
May 16-18 Dearborn Show

