

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 21ST

PROGRAM: Installation of Officers & Christmas Fun

REFRESHMENTS. Everyone bring a treat to share.

CLUB CALENDAR

December 7th	Board meeting at Okemos Library 7:00 p.m.
December 21 st	Regular club meeting at North School 7:30 p.m.
December 26 th	Lunch with an Octogenarian 1 p.m.-3 p.m.(see invitation)
January 4 th	Board Meeting at Okemos Library 7:00 p.m.
January 18 th	Regular club meeting at North School 7:30
January 21 st	January Field Trip (Pot Luck at Alaiedon Township Hall)

December Program

The December program will be part business and part celebration. First we will elect officers for 2007 and then swear them into office. Then we will have several things going on at once: good holiday food (everyone bring something to share), a rocky gift exchange (if you want to get a wrapped gift, bring a wrapped gift -- a good rock, a publication, or something made out of a rock, such as jewelry or belt buckles), and rocky carols (with guitar accompaniment if our guitar player can attend). If you have something nice and glittery to display -- pyrite crystals, faceted anything, or quartz crystals -- please bring it in a display case. Come and join us for some fun!

Slate of officers to be voted on and installed.

President	Elaine Beane	517-272-9661	NOMINEE
Vice-President	Kristin Wood	517-769-6578	NOMINEE
Recording Secretary	Sue Casler	517-694-1233	
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Ann Smith	517-484-7804	NOMINEE
Secretary	Ernie Aughenbaugh	989-224-7619	Roster
Treasurer	Alan Hukill		517-641-6125
1 Year Director	Milt Gere		517-669-8116
2 Year Director	Arie Koelewyn		517-332-6988
Heaton	517-339-8914	NOMINEE	3Year Director George

Show Wrap-up and Thanks

From Sue Casler, Ticket Chairperson

The 2007 Show Attendance was 957 Adults and 62 Teens; a Total of 1,019 (one person less than last year). We had 34 "Free Adult Admission w/Child Coupons" (distributed at the Friday morning Children's Tour) used this year which was an increase of 9 from last year.

I want to thank the following folks (despite not having a sign up sheet) who helped out throughout the show to sit at the Ticket table: Nate Krupp, Elliot Wood, Mary Gowans, Elaine Beane, Karen Kanine, Lee Laylin and Charles Hughes (thank you Charles for the extra time you put in). We just need to figure out for next year how to get more folks in the door!!

Show Reflections

Another Show is history. I don't know any of the final numbers, as I'm writing from sunny Fla. I think it was a good show. I want to thank all of our members who brought displays. Special KUDOS to those who did so for the first time even tho they thought "my stuff is not good enough" or "I cant do this" you all did well. Now you have 11 months to get your case ready for the 2007 Show! I also want to give special thanks to members of other clubs who brought displays. Our display numbers were down to 51 this year, short of our goal of 60, but there were several reasons beyond our control. I believe displays are essential to a successful show. I would encourage all members to plan an exhibit for 2007. I will be happy to assist you if necessary- after I return from here.

CHEERS! Neil

LUNCH WITH AN OCTOGENARIAN

NEIL SNEPP

URNS 80 THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 26, 2006. YOU ARE INVITED TO BE OUR GUEST AT LUNCH ON THAT DAY AT 1:00 p.m. AT THE *FIRE MOUNTAIN RESTURANT*, 720 ELMWOOD RD., EAST SIDE OF THE LANSING MALL OFF FROM W. SAGINAW, DELTA TOWNSHIP.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH THE SNEPP PARTY AND PROCEED TO THE BANQUET ROOM. WE HAVE THE ROOM UNTIL 3:00 DURING WHICH TIME NEIL WILL BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. PLEASE RSVP TO JERI JOHNSON (NEIL'S DAUGHTER) AT 381-1874 *Your presence is your gift.*

Equipment For Sale

Life member Roland Robbins is offering for sale his lapidary equipment which together with miscellaneous other supplies and some jewelry include: 10" Lortone Saw decent blade

Arbor 2 - 8" silicon carbide wheels

Call Roland at 646-0476 for details or appointment.

A Interesting aside, paging through old exchange newsletters from 1989 I found a article on Sideling Hill on now interstate 68 in western Maryland. Now a exhibit rest area at a road cut(near Exit 77) that exposed a large syncline. If your travels take you east a stop at this rest area just west of Hancock would be interesting.

It and an article on Calvert Cliffs can be found at [www. msg.md.gov/esic/brochures.com](http://www.msg.md.gov/esic/brochures.com). ED.

Welcome to new member Sharon Patton and her grandchildren: Otis Bowers & Cheyenne Mireles

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Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting - **November 16, 2006**

a. Call to Order. The November membership meeting was called to order by President Dan Sine at 7:45 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Sharon Patton and grandson Otis

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. The October membership meeting minutes were published in the November newsletter. [Thank you to Mary Gowans for taking minutes in my absence.]

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill (Absent)

e. Announcements.

*Roger Laylin - Mentioned that there was a Show Board Meeting was held last evening. Asked at tonight's meeting for a show of hands "if club should sponsor a Show in 2007"? Of the folks present this evening, almost all hands were raised in favor of the club having a show in 2007.

*Elaine Angstman - reminded folks that the A&W in Mason was having a spaghetti dinner as a benefit for her Peruvian grandparents program. Date is Monday, Nov. 20 from 11am to 9pm. Every one is invited to come.

*It was announced that two members recently passed away, John Takis and Percy Gibbs.

*Door Prizes were won by George Heaton, Richard Miller, Sharon Patton, Ruth Ann Lehner, Elaine Beane, Gary Smith, Bob Mosher and Roger Laylin.

*Tonight's program - Presentation by Bob Mosher "One Gold Hunting Adventure in Nevada"

f. Adjournment. Martin Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Elaine Beane. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretar

REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE

New books!!!!!! At the show the librarian went shopping and has added some great new book to our collection. They will be available to check out at the December meeting. *Petrified Wood* by Frank J. Daniels, *Ancient Forests* by Frank J. Daniels, *Talking Rocks* by Morton & Gawboy, *Lake Michigan Rock*

Picker's Guide by Mueller & Gauthier, *Understanding and Finding Agates* by Karen Brzys and an updated and revised edition of

Mineralogy of Michigan by E.W. Heinrick. Also added two books that would make great Christmas gifts available from Schuler Books at a give away price of \$5.99; *The Complete Guide to Rocks & Minerals* by John Farndon and *The Complete Book of Dinosaurs* by Dougal Dixon.

At the show Bessie Rogers reminded the editor about a poem that she had given the editor to be put in the news letter, as there is room this month, the poem by Lester Matson, 80 year old member of Chariton River Pebble Pickers Club of Russell, Iowa via Midwest Federation Safety Program via The Hammer follows. Editor wants to be sure to give credit where credit is due so the poem also says from Art Perlberg Safety Director.

Safety

My friends, I feel the time has come

At which I must prevail
Upon my fellow citizens
Both feminine and male
To walk the path of Safety
And avoid the mortuary
And perhaps for many days,
Delay your obituary.
So henceforth, kindly friends of mine,
Walk the Safety way.
But also don't do the things I do.
Just do the things I say.
So now I'll do the best I can
To make a set of rules
For which I'll try to cover things
Including tricky tools.
When you are riding in a boat
Remember, do not rock it.
When changing light bulbs
Never stick your finger in the socket.

Keep your hands behind you
When you cut the grass.
Never walk bare-footed
On a piece of broken glass.
When going swimming by yourself
Be like the farmer's daughter
Hang your clothes on a hickory limb,
But don't go in the water
Swiftly turning wheels
Are common things about the farm
As they eagerly await
To grab your leg or arm.
Power saws can soon remove
Three fingers in a row
That takes a fellow many,
Many patient years to grow.
Don't pile too many objects
On an overhanging shelf.
Always whittle from you
And you'll never cut yourself.
Then there's that good old family car,
How be it old or new,
Though it may take you fast and far-
Sees only what you do.
Never play post office
With a cobra or an adder-
I think I'd feel much safer

Walking underneath a ladder.
Though ladies with electric stoves
Have moved way up in class
One old rule that I still admire
Is—Don't blow out the gas.
Some folks believe that accidents
Will always come in pairs.
So don't leave Johnnie's roller skates
Set upon the basement stairs
Don't leave nails sticking up
In boards and things kept lying around.
Be sure electric wiring
Always has the proper ground.
When underneath your car
Give it a block upon which to rest
So if the jack should slip
The car won't come down upon your chest.
So friends, of all these safety rules
You must be getting tired
And wish that many moons ago
This poet had expired.
So learn a little every day
And don't become as fools,
And whether you be at work or play
Observe the Safety Rules.

How many of these rules have you ignored , much to your sorrow. The editor can think of several that she learned the hard way. Its really hard to get a glass sliver out of your foot.