

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 20, 2012**  
**PROGRAM: Annual Christmas Party and Rocky Gift Exchange**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Everyone, please bring holiday goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS September Meeting will be held on December 20, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our usual meeting place.

**Calendar for Winter 2012** and later

December 20, 2012 - Holiday party; Rock Exchange; good treats to eat!

January 3, 2012 - Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

January 17, 2013 - Membership Meeting

February 7, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh**  
**Dues are now being collected for 2013!!!**

## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**  
**Carol Idalski**

### **NOMINATIONS AND OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS**

Nominations Committee: Milt Gere, 517-669-8116 or miltgere@aol.com, Sue Casler, 517-694-1233 or Elaine Angstman, 517-676-4172 or eangstman@hotmail.com.

NOTE: We will be nominating a slate of officer candidates, voting on those candidates, and installing officers at the December meeting. Please be sure to attend, make nominations, and cast your vote!!!

The slate of officers proposed by the Board is:

President: Elaine Angstman

Vice-President: Sue Casler

Treasurer: Kris Wood

Recording Secretary: Janet Sjoquist

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Directors: 1 year, Milt Gere, 2 year, Lyle Laylin. 3 year, Nate Krupp

**Committee positions that need to be filled**

**Display committee:** A new committee chair is needed. We also need a person or persons to take the beautiful new cub display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary and gem clubs in Michigan.

If you are going to a Michigan show, please consider taking the club's display with you. Call or email Jan Sjoquist to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

**Show committee:** Show Chair *Pro Tempore*, Roger Laylin, needs an apprentice to help with the 2013 show committee and who will be willing to take over the show chair position. Call or email Roger Laylin to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

**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.

### **Special Instructions for the Rocky Gift Exchange [Please Read This!]**

If you want to **get a gift**, you must **bring a gift**! Gifts should be rock-related. Gifts may be a) small rock specimens that need a new home, b) books, magazines, or articles about minerals and gems, c) small tools/materials related to rock collecting or faceting, d) toys, clothing, or anything else related to our mineral interests. Please wrap the gift you bring with you. This is NOT a "white elephant" exchange!

### **CLUB NEWS**

**Field Trips!** See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information.

□ January 19, 2013 and/or February 23, 2013, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - Field Trips to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.) 1200 Judd S.W., Grand Rapids, MI

Minimum age for above trip, again a quarry, is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

### **OTHER INTERESTS**

The Display Chair is requesting a calcite specimen for Betty Patterson's memorial. If anyone has a specimen, especially from the Pew Quarry, please contact Jan Sjoquist.

**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)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)**

**Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

## **MORE SHOW NEWS**

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM ELAINE ANGSTMAN**

We had a fantastic silent auction this year, our best ever, with over \$4400. One of the reasons was all the wonderful material we received from Lila Stevens. We had so many specimens from her that we will have more for next year. Thank you Lila. I also wanted to thank the many people who helped me, without them I could not run the auction. Thanks to Sherry Sparks who spent many days at my house helping me sort and label rocks, she helped everyday at the auction and all kids day at the spinning wheel. Also thanks Sue Casler, Sharon Patton, Chris Juroszek, Roni Sionakides, some nice young man and anyone else who jumped in to help take the money. I also wanted to thank Elliot Woods, his friends (male and female) and Gaylord Brooks for running the spinning wheel during the show. Without all of you and probably many more the auction and spinning wheel would not be the success that they are. Thanks again, Elaine Angstman

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 15, 2012**

**Call to Order:** The November membership meeting was called to order by past president Roni Sionakides at 7:40pm at the North Elementary School, Lansing.

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

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the October membership meeting and the November board meeting were printed in the November 2012 newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. In the absence of the recording secretary, Jan Sjoquist, the minutes were taken by Sue Casler.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood was absent, no report.

**Announcements:**

Elections and slate of officers will be deferred until December.

We still need a director and a newsletter editor.

*Roger Laylin:* Show board wrap up meeting was held on November 12, 2012. Richard Miller **moved to have a show in October of 2013**. Elaine Angstman made a second to the motion, and the motion was approved by the membership.

*Elaine Angstman* spoke about her Peru mission trip and asked for donations of small toiletries and/or money for the senior center where she works.

*Dan Sine* (field trips) reported on the Charlotte field trip on November 10. He also spoke of the field trips to the Grand Rapids gypsum mine to be held in January/February of 2013. An email was sent out to members about the necessary procedures for field trip participants.

*Kara and Jennifer* (education) will be doing Petoskey stone polishing on November 16, 2012, at a school in Morrice.

*George Heaton* has renewed CMLMS board meetings at the Okemos Library (Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7).

**Door prizes:** by Dan Sine

**Adjournment:** Grit Turner moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Roger Laylin. The meeting was adjourned.

**Program:** *Danville's Fossil Forest* (DVD)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Casler for Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, December 6, 2012**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Bob Mosher, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Roni Sionakides, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Ernie Augenbaugh, Theresa Hubbard.

**Board Members Absent:** Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Dan Sine, Elaine Angstman.

**Guests:** None

**President:** Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Elaine has received a certificate to honor CMLMS's fifty-five years of membership in the Midwest Federation. She passed the American Federation newspaper to board members.

**Vice President:** Sue Casler: December 20 meeting will be a holiday party. We will share treats and have a rock gift exchange (optional). Bring a rock or rock-related wrapped gift to exchange. Value should be limited.

Slate of officers will be presented at the December meeting.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist: December board meeting and November membership meeting minutes will be in the December newsletter. She will not be at the December membership meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard: has sent a card to Neil Snepp.

Theresa has received only one bussing bill from a school for show participation. She anticipates one more school request for money.

**Treasurer:** Kris Wood was absent but emailed the November treasurer's report that was read by President Elaine Beane.

**Directors:** Bob Mosher (1-yr.): This is his last year on the board. Lyle Laylin (2-yr.): Absent. Milt Gere (3-yr.): Absent.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh: In the absence of membership chair at this meeting, he has received an application for membership by Carol Idalski of Potterville, Michigan. Ernie presented Carol for membership, and the membership was approved. Welcome, Carol!

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill: No report. Received MWF certificate from President Beane.

**Past President:** Roni Sionakides: No report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman, absent.

**Education:** Kara Miller/Jennifer Martin, absent

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

**Field Trip Chair:** Absent, no report.

**Publications Chair:** Roni Sionakides has agreed to write the newsletters. Sue Casler will do the mailings, and Roger Laylin will do the directory.

**Finance Chair:** Gordon Lewis: No report

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin, absent

**Show Chair:** Roger Laylin: Reviewed figures from show, but not complete until all the expenses have been submitted. Discussion about increasing the time school children could spend to one hour.

**Display Chair:** Jan Sjoquist: Requests a calcite specimen for Betty Patterson's memorial. A survey will be included with the sympathy cards sent by our corresponding secretary to determine the preference of the family as to how the member is to memorialized (specimen, book, donation, etc). Theresa will write this letter. Theresa Hubbard has the "lost" memorial book, which will be reviewed to clarify records.

**Old Business:** Roger Laylin: made a "**motion to no longer meet at the North School 2013-2014, but to move meeting place to the Okemos Masonic Hall**". A second was made by Alan Hukill. The motion was carried with only one no vote. Roger Laylin will manage the transactions. Expenses will be

decreased to \$75.00 per meeting, rather than \$90.00 per meeting at the North School. Storage space will be available for our library.

**New Business:** Gordon Lewis: Discussion of 2013 budget, with an increase in budget for show expenses for such items as extra tables. Alan Hukill made a **“motion to increase the show budget to \$13, 975.”** Mary Gowans seconded the motion and the motion was carried. With this item included, the 2013 CMLMS’s budget was presented by Gordon Lewis. Mary Gowans made a **“motion to accept the 2013 budget as presented.”** Alan Hukill seconded the motion and the motion was carried, budget approved.

Sue Casler, nominating committee: will present slate of officers at December membership meeting:

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**Adjournment:** Alan Hukill made a motion, seconded by Gordon Lewis, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**