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## **Rockhound News—December, 2013**



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**2014 DUES ARE  
DUE!!**

**NOTE: NEW MEETING  
PLACE  
Masonic Center  
Okemos, Michigan**

# Rockhound<sup>2</sup> News

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, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**  
**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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, December 19, 2013**

**PROGRAM: Holiday Gathering**

**REFRESHMENTS: Everyone please bring a Christmas treat**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

**Calendar for Winter 2013/14 and later**

December 19, 2013 - Membership meeting, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 2, 2014 - Board meeting -6:30 - 8, Delta Library THURSDAY

January 16, 2014 - Membership meeting, Dean Anderson, speaker

February 2014 - Board meeting - time and place to be announced

February 20, 2014 - Membership meeting

## **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 rocks, minerals or gems, c) small tools/materials related to rock collection 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!

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

December 19, meeting – Holiday party, optional rock gift exchange, and stories by members. Bring a treat to share.

January, 2014: Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist is speaker.

February, 2014: DVD, to be determined.

March, 2014: Silent auction. Bring items you wish to sell-use sales slips that are on website. Members keep the money.

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh  
Dues are now being collected for 2014!!!**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Robert Rolland**

**Bruce Bright**

**Dayle Agius**

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

OR  
IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER

### **A Note From The President**

At the last meeting it was so wonderful to see so many new member faces and past members whom we have not seen much of. So I want to welcome all of you to the club and hope that we can interest you in our field trips, meetings, banquet and the October show. Our show takes a lot of help from everyone and we hope that as new members you will be willing to jump in with all the activities. I feel we have a great club with a lot of active members but we can always use more help. If you have any questions about how you can participate, feel free to ask anyone. Again, welcome to all new members and all re-participating past members, great to see you.

### **SOCIETY HAPPENINGS**

**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.

#### **UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIRS/EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS**

February 26, 2014, Wednesday; Bennett Woods Family Science Fair. CMLMS is invited to participate again and we can set up at 5:30pm. Start time is 6:30pm. All members are invited to attend to help with this by answering questions and/or showing specimens.

### **CLUB NEWS**

**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)

January 18, 2014 - Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact person is Kreigh Tomaszewski ([Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net](mailto:Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net)). Expect to find selenite, alabaster gypsum, epsomite hairs, and fossils. There is a \$3 fee for entering the mine to cover the cost of electricity and elevators. There are specific directions and those are available from Dan Sine.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club ([jwphilipps@gmail.com](mailto:jwphilipps@gmail.com)) has invited CMLMS members to participate in their summer trip and the information was distributed: June 20-28, 2014, Wyoming. Collecting will be at many sites for specimens such as agate, moss agate, various petrified woods, jasper, fossils, opalized wood, fish fossils. Contact Jim Philipps if you are able to join them; be sure you mention your membership in CMLMS.

Cincinnati Dry Dredgers([drydredgers.org](http://drydredgers.org)). They are having a GeoFair on May 3-4 and have scheduled field trips in 2014.

Minimum age for 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.

**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.**

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

**CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 21, 2013**

**Call to Order:** The November membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Angstman at 7:40pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** In attendance this evening: Tom and Wendy Roiser, Dayle Agius, Bruce Bright and Dave Berquist. Welcome and please come back! Long-time member Charlie Holcomb's schedule opened and he was able to join us. Welcome back, Charlie.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the October membership meeting and of the November board meeting were printed in the November newsletter. There were no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Announcements:** There are publications available at the officer's table for members to examine or take home. The newsletter of the MWF contains a nice article about deceased member Neil Snapp. President Elaine Angstman has two items for membership to consider: 1. Election of officers. 2. Voting to continue show.

There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the slate of officers. Elaine Beane made a motion **to extend the officer positions to two years**. The motion received a second by Dan Sine and the motion was approved by a vote of the membership. A motion was made by Lyle Laylin to **accept the slate of officers as presented**. Grit Turner supported the motion. A vote was taken and the officer positions were filled as follows:

President: Elaine Angstman

Vice-president: Sue Casler

Treasurer: Kris Wood

Recording secretary: Jan Sjoquist

Corresponding secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Directors: Milt Gere (1 yr.), Lyle Laylin (2 yr.), Nate Krupp (3 yr.)

Roger Laylin presented a summary of the 2013 show and re-stated the need for more involvement by the membership to work at the future show should we decide to have one. Any amount of time a member-or a friend can help is needed. We need workers to put on the show. A vote was taken to have a show in 2014 or not to have the show. The majority of members voted to have a show next year. The show will go on!

Roger Laylin discussed the budget for the 2014 show. It will include cleaning most of the table covers, getting new electrical cords for the demonstrators and rebuilding the fluorescent booth.

Roni Sionakides: The December meeting will be a rock gift exchange (optional), treats (everyone bring something to share) and member stories. For the rock exchange, bring a

wrapped item to swap. This can be rock, mineral, books, equipment, etc. - anything rock related.

**Dan Sine:** Another trip is available for members to explore the **Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 18, 2014.** Contact person is Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). Expect to find selenite, alabaster gypsum, epsomite hairs, and fossils. There is a \$3 fee for entering the mine to cover the cost of electricity and elevators. There are specific directions and those are available from Dan Sine or in the flier at the head table.

**Door Prizes:** Dan Sine provided nine items for door prizes! Thanks, Dan.

**Adjournment:** Grit Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roni Sionakides supported the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

**Program:** *Iron Spirits; Life on the Michigan Iron Range.* DVD  
Respectfully submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, December 4, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Dan Sine, Roger Laylin, Lee Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Nate Krupp, Elaine Beane, Gordon Lewis, Theresa Hubbard, Kris Wood.

**Board Members Absent:** Roni Sionakides, Milt Gere, Alan Hukill, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Mary Gowans.

**Member Present:** Bob Mosher

**President:** Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 6:38pm at the Delta Township District Library. She shared these communications:

Patty Robbins, Harris Nature Foundation, sent a letter to thank the CMLMS for their contributions of fossils for their new display. There will be a plaque siting the donations at the nature center when the display is finished.

Bennett Woods Family Science Fair: Wednesday, February 26, 2014. CMLMS is invited to participate again and we can set up at 5:30pm. Start time is 6:30pm. All members are invited to attend to help with this by answering question or showing specimens. This has historically been a very successful event with much interest being shown by the students and their families. It is fun to see their amazement and curiosity. Bring items to display, give away or just come to help.

Next board meeting time and location has not been confirmed as yet. This is due to the holiday.

**Vice President:** Sue Casler re-stated the membership meeting programs:

December, 2013: Holiday party, optional rock gift exchange, and stories by members. Bring a treat to share.

January, 2014: Dean Anderson, State Archaeologist is speaker.

February, 2014: DVD

March, 2014: Silent auction. Bring items you wish to sell-use sales slips that are on website. Members keep the money.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist states the November membership meeting minutes have been submitted for printing and the December board meeting minutes will also be submitted by Monday.

**Treasurer:** Kris Wood handed out the treasurer's report and disbursed checks for submitted bills. She is working on getting the MWF membership dues and insurance information to submit payment by January 15, 2014.

**Directors:** Milt Gere(1yr) absent, no report. Lyle Laylin (2yr) has ordered glass for the

fluorescent booth remodel project. Nate Krupp (3yr), no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, no report.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill, absent, no report.

**Past President:** Elaine Beane, no report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman has three member applications: Robert Rolland, Bruce Bright, and Dayle Agius. Sue Casler made a **motion to accept the three applicants into membership**. The motion received support by Dan Sine. A vote was taken and passed and we would like to welcome Robert, Bruce and Dayle into CMLMS!

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine is reminding members about the January 18 trip to Grand Rapids that was described in earlier newsletter. The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club (jwphilipps@gmail.com) has invited CMLMS members to participate in their summer trip and the information was distributed: June 20-28, 2014, Wyoming. Collecting will be at many sites for specimens such as agate, moss agate, various petrified woods, jasper, fossils, opalized wood, fish fossils. Contact Jim Philipps if you are able to join them; be sure you mention your membership in CMLMS.

Dan passed out information to share about the Cincinnati Dry Dredgers(drydredgers.org). They are having a GeoFair on May 3-4 and have scheduled field trips in 2014.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides, absent. Newsletter deadline is the Monday after the board meeting.

**Education:** Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report.

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

**Library:** Lee Laylin will be sorting library books to include in the March silent auction.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist, no report.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis presented the 2014 budget which was amended to reflect the increase in MWF dues and insurance costs for members. Elaine Beane made a **motion to increase the budgeted amount to \$800** and Dan Sine supported the motion which was approved. Roger Laylin made a **motion to accept the 2014 budget as amended** with Elaine Beane supporting the motion. A vote was taken and the amended budget was approved.

**Show:** Roger Laylin presented improvement plans for loading, unloading, and packing the show trailer and the fluorescent booth. Wooden shelves will be added to the trailer and two dollies will be purchased to aid in packing and unpacking the trailer and moving boxes to the kids' tables. The trailer needs to be packed more efficiently in regards to weight distribution. Roger wants suggestions as to what we should put in the 600-700 exit gifts needed for next year's show and what to put into the mineral kits. He requested input from Theresa as to what would best support educational goals.

**Old Business:** Gordon Lewis discussed the delay in MSU Scholarship processing.

**New Business:** None.

Adjournment: Elaine Angstman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Theresa Hubbard supported the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**AND**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**