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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: 7:30 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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 17, 2015
PROGRAM: Holiday Party and Rocky Gift Exchange
REFRESHMENTS: Everyone Please Bring Holiday Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Winter 2016 and later

December 17, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

January - late in the month - Show Board meeting

January 5, 2016 - board meeting, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

January 21, 2016 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, mineral garnet

February 2, 2016 - board meeting, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

February 18, 2016 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, mineral quartz, variety amethyst

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is now the Sunday after the board meeting]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

December 17, 2015 - Annual Christmas party with the Rocky Gift Exchange.

January 21, 2016 - To be announced; mineral garnet.

February 18, 2016 - To be announced; mineral quartz, var. amethyst.

March 17, 2016 - Annual Silent Auction; mineral beryl, var. aquamarine.

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) rock or mineral specimen, fossil, b) books, magazines, or articles about rocks, minerals or 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.

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh **Dues are now being collected for 2016**

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. Also, if you receive your newsletter or any other notifications by electronic means, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL

ADDRESS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY AND VARIOUS CHAIRS

We need members willing to set up hospitality on membership meeting nights. Please consider taking a few minutes to help out.

Show chair is open. Currently the board will pick up the duties but a permanent chairperson is needed.

Library chair is open. Please let the board know if you are interested in either position.

Show board Meeting

Roger Laylin will schedule the meeting in late January to discuss the budget for the 2016 show. The Fair Board Office advised that the new Arena Building will have 50,000 square feet. The current building has about 35,000. He would like to discuss room for additional dealers. Your input would be greatly appreciated as this new building becomes available. Completion anticipated about 14 months after start of construction. Possibly for 2017.

Mineral of the Month

The board has decided to offer a **Mineral of the Month** feature at membership meetings to encourage society participation. Members can bring in samples of their specimens with a chance to speak briefly about them. This year will feature birthstones, starting in January with garnet. Samples can include not only the mineral but beads, jewelry, etc. Everyone go through your stash and bring in samples of garnets. *Minerals.net/gemstone/garnet* has a good description of the various types and names of garnets.

CLUB NEWS

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. gowans@msu.edu or 517-351-6135.

The next Science Night will be on February 17, 2016 at Donley Elementary School in East Lansing.

Please mark your calendars and email me at: gowans@msu.edu and let me know which events you can attend.

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

Field Trips!

Field Trip to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.), 1200 Judd S.W., Grand Rapids, MI, Winter, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Check with Dan for more information.

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips.

Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

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
or our website www.michrocks.org**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—www.foundmichigan.org
Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

March 4-6: RICHMOND, IN - Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond. Contact: Judy Burton, (937) 339-1966; jleeburton@woh.rr.com; eiggs.weebly.com.

March 5-6: LIVONIA, MI - The Roamin Club Annual Show. Sat 11 - 6; Sun 12 - 6 Schoolcraft Community College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia. Contact: Todd Gass (248) 348-5093.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 19, 2015

Call to Order: President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

Welcome & Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Leejean and Richard Sobotta! They attended our show and won a nice piece of copper in the raffle.

Minutes: of the October Membership Meeting and the November Board Meeting were printed in the November Newsletter, submitted by Jan Sjoquist, recording secretary. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane gave an interim report, pending final bills from the show.

Announcements: *Sue Casler* outlined the schedule of future Membership Meetings: November, Doug Sjoquist; December, holiday rock exchange (optional) and treats; January and February are in the planning stages; March, Silent Auction; April, Sally Labadie will present about mastodons; May will be the banquet.

Roger Laylin, show chair asked membership if we want another show in 2016. A vote was taken and it was agreed that the show should go on! The dates of the 2016 show will be October 21-22-23, 2016.

John Crockett informed the membership of an incident where someone purchased \$20,000 of gemstones online. The specimens were stones as stated, but the quality was poor and basically worthless. John also donated a large piece of native copper to the club. Thank you, John.

A science night will be held at Donnelly Elementary School on February 17, 2016. Volunteers are needed. Contact Mary Gowans for more details.

Ernie Augenbaugh is collecting dues.

Door Prizes: arranged by Dan Sine.

Adjournment: Diane Baclawski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was supported by Lyle Laylin, and the meeting was adjourned.

Program: Doug Sjoquist: *Mineral Names, a Historical Perspective*.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, December 1, 2015

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lee Laylin, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Ernie Augenbaugh, Gaylord Brooks, Alan Hukill, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, Dave Berquist.

Members Present: Bob Mosher

President: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm at the Okemos Library. A show flier updated design is being considered. Tom and Wendy Rosier researched predicted costs and made several suggestions. Sue will contact Alan Hukill for his input. Historically, the fliers have been printed in February.

Jan Sjoquist requested the use of nametags at membership meetings and Sue will purchase the tags.

Vice-President: Sue Casler reviewed the programs for future meetings. The January and February meeting programs are still under consideration. The next Board Meeting will be on January 5, 2016.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane submitted a comprehensive 2015 Show Report and added the expenditure for the printing of the show fliers that was done in February 2015. There was one bad check and Roger will follow up on it.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist has submitted the November Membership Meeting minutes for publication in the newsletter. She expects to have the December Board Meeting minutes submitted by the newsletter deadline on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Jan will be out of state in February and March 2016 and Roni has agreed to keep the minutes with the help of Mary Gowans if needed.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard will send a thank you note to John Crockett for his donation of a nice piece of copper. This will probably be used in our special show auction in 2016 to help support the scholarship fund.

Directors: Gaylord Brooks (3yr), absent; Lyle Laylin (2yr), no report; Nate Krupp (1yr), has not had a reply from an Ann Arbor Scout Troop.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh, absent, no report.

Liasion Officer: Alan Hukill, absent.

Past President: Elaine Beane, no report.

Membership: Dave Berquist, absent.

Field Trip: Dan Sine, absent.

Publications: Roni Sionakides requested to have newsletter items submitted by Sunday, December 6, 2015.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent.

Community Outreach: More science fairs are coming. Donnelly Elementary in East Lansing will have their fair on February 17, 2016. Volunteers are needed. The Marble Elementary School fair on November 5 yielded 200 plus contacts. The Glencairn fair on November was also

successful and member Bill McCracken joined in and brought specimens.

Library: Lee Laylin has purchased new books.

Display: Jan Sjoquist has the copper specimen donated by John Crockett.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, absent, no report.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin and other board members have received a notice by LCS, Inc. about an image used on website. This claim is unfounded and very suspect. Lyle will follow up.

Show: Roger Laylin: Wrap up report has been submitted.

Old Business:

1. Dave Berquist has submitted a revised membership application form. It will be reviewed in detail at a future meeting.

2. The *Mineral of the Month* feature will be re-instated at membership meetings. This will include an announcement in the newsletter with a request for members to bring their specimens of stated mineral. Hopefully, a rotation can be established for members to speak very briefly about the mineral. Theresa Hubbard has agreed to work on an outline to be used for this meeting feature. To start this program, it is proposed to do the birthstones of each month, starting in January with Garnet.

New Business: Deferred.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. The motion received a second by Elaine Beane and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!**