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**Christmas
Party!**



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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: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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 20, 2018
PROGRAM: Christmas Party and Rocky Gift Exchange,
installation of new officers, mini silent auction
REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring Christmas treats!

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for winter 2018

December 20, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

January 3, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 17, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

February 1, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

February 21, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 20 - Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of officers, mini silent auction

January 17 - To be announced.

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.

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WILL MAILED.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/PUBLICATIONS CHAIR

The newsletter editor will be leaving the position at the end of the year and a new editor will be needed in 2019. Please consider volunteering for this position. The newsletter is our best method of communicating to the society as a whole for events, meetings, and other goings-on. Duties include writing the newsletter and coordinating submissions, and sending an electronic copy to the webmaster for distribution to the email list.

As of this December no one has volunteered to take over the newsletter, therefore it will be published for 2019 in January and possibly April and September. No paper copies will be sent out. **IT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE BY EMAIL.** If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please make arrangements with webmaster, Lyle Laylin, to have your email address added to his list, or with a society friend who can advise you of all email updates and notices. Announcements for meetings and the minutes will be send out by email.

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Liaison Officer.

To all recently new members: We are delighted that you are interested enough in the Club's activities and stated mission to wish to join the group. We wish you to truly JOIN by becoming involved in our activities and welcome your thoughts about Club activities. All are welcome to attend Board meetings and share your thoughts. We value your participation since 'many hands make light work.' - Roger Laylin.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Robert and Elizabeth McBride - Grand Ledge

Message from the Roster Secretary Dues are now being collected for 2019

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2019 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** 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. **DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

Dues may be paid at any membership meeting to the Treasurer or sent by mail to our address: CMLMS, P.O. Box 24202, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

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 517-351-6136.

Library: Our new librarian is Jessica Clark. She will help you check out books in the library boxes. Watch for new books being added in the very near future. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

Field Trips!

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan has an email list of all who want to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

UPCOMING SHOWS Holiday break!

CMLMS MINUTES

**Due to loss of minutes by Recording Secretary, membership minutes are recreated from notes by Sue Casler and Nate Krupp.

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 15, 2018

Call to Order: President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., Masonic Center, Okemos.

Welcome: Guests/visitors, Mr. Craig Whitford, our guest speaker for this evening.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: published in November 2018 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane - Sue asked that we defer treasurer's report due to time (report extensive due to October rock show expenditures and revenues - copies of report available from treasurer if anyone interested).

Announcements: [May not have been in this order]

1. Election of 2019 Officers - Approved slate of officers for 2019 presented for vote
President - Nate Krupp; Vice-President - Steve Smith; Recording Secretary - Dave Berquist; Corresponding Secretary - Theresa Hubbard; Treasurer - Elaine Beane; 1-Year Director - Chuck Taricska; 2-Year Director - Lyle Laylin; 3-Year Director - Jessica Clark. Motion made by Lee Laylin **to elect full slate**, seconded by Mary Gowans. Vote taken - Motion passed.

2. Reminder that dues are due for 2019.

3. Roger Laylin Show Report - see November newsletter and Roger sent email on report from show board meeting. Please note in newsletter report "Roger Laylin, Ex-chairman." **SHOW CHAIR NEEDED!!!** Roger will be able to mentor you through the process! Roger asked membership if the club wants to have a show in October 2019? Response through a show of hands was YES! But Sue mentioned again that we need a new **SHOW CHAIR!** It should be noted that Ernie Aughenbaugh is co-chair and handles dealers and demonstrators.

4. December Membership Meeting: Holiday Party, everyone brings a treat. If you want to participate in the Rocky Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped rock, mineral, fossil or a rock related gift. We will have a silent auction - more material from Brett collection and other donations. Installation of 2019 Officers.

Door Prizes: Dan Sine.

Program Tonight: Craig Whitford, presentation on Meteorites.

Motion to adjourn - motion by Mary Gowans, seconded by Roger Laylin, meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

CMLMS, December 6, 2018, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Dave Berquist, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Jessica Clark, Steve Smith, Roni Sionakides, Mary Gowans, Lyle Laylin.

Board Members Absent: Chuck Taricska, Gaylord Brooks and Dan Sine.

Members Present: None.

President: Sue Casler - 1. The passing of former member Joyce Kahres was noted. 2. Motion by Sue Casler to donate \$100 to the Okemos Public Library, Second by Roger Laylin. Motion passed. 3. A reminder was made to bring a treat and a wrapped gift to the Membership meeting in December. And there will be a silent auction and installation of 2019 Officers.

Vice-President: Nate Krupp - Future speakers were discussed.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane - The state of Michigan requires a street address for non-profits. There was a discussion on non-profit and a "charitable" non-profit status, apparently the time and effort to complete the forms for the latter would be somewhat extensive. A Certificate of Deposit matured and was reinvested. Bills are expected from the schools for buses, Ingham County Fairgrounds, and the Masonic Center.

Recording Secretary: Dave Berquist - The loss of the minutes of the membership meeting by the Recording Secretary was mentioned; minutes to be published were recreated from notes by Sue and Nate.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard - No correspondence. Theresa offered to contact persons with incomplete applications.

Directors: Director 1 - Lyle Laylin made identification name cards for workers at the Gem and Mineral Show. He intends to have them laminated. Director 2 - Gaylord Brooks and Director 3 - Chuck Taricska were absent, no report.

Roster Secretary: Elaine Beane (pro tem) - Reported progress on processing applications for membership received at the Gem and Mineral Show. The handling of a membership application was discussed, whereby money was received, but no application form. Motion by Theresa Hubbard to approve the McBride family for membership, seconded by Roger Laylin. Motion passed.

Liaison Officer: Vacant position.

Past President: Elaine Angstman was absent, no report.

Membership: Dave Berquist - Regretted not attending the Show to receive applications. Discussion ensued about new membership and Sue mentioned that we could all be responsible for taking membership applications from new persons to relieve persons in dual roles from sole responsibility; and that the membership application process is a completed form and payment of dues, which is then presented to the board for approval.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare has offered to step in to replace Dan Sine as field trip chairman.

Publications: Roni Sionakides - Will prepare the Newsletter for January, maybe April and September. Next year typed minutes are to be sent to Lyle Laylin. Postal mailings of the Newsletter will be discontinued.

Education: Theresa Hubbard, no report.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans - Bennett Woods Elementary School will have a science fair in February. Mary maintains an email list of club members interested in participating in the school science nights, so if interested please give Mary Gowans your email. Members are invited to have rock related displays.

Library: Jessica Clark will be working with Lee Laylin in managing the library.

Display: Vacant position.

Finance: Milt Gere - Milt presented the proposed 2019 Society Budget. Changes were discussed.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin - There was discussion of vendors for tables and chairs for future shows. Roger presented the proposed 2019 Show Budget, there was discussion and changes were made.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Roni Sionakides made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a

second by Mary Gowans and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Dave Berquist, Recording Secretary

53rd SHOW WRAP UP

November 12, 2018

Attendance: Sue Casler, Nate Krupp, Elaine Beane, Steve Smith, Roni Sionakides, Lee Laylin, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Dave Masarik, Jan Sjoquist, Doug Sjoquist and Sally Hedin.

The 13 members present resulted in a good deal of good discussions about show activities and other Club desires. Final tally of Club income from our efforts will only come after all bills are paid. Outstanding are the payments for subsistence to the demonstrators and for the School buses. Currently, by my calculations, we show an income of \$5,540.64. My summary is available if you desire.

It was determined that a new supplier of tables and chairs be obtained. Contact was made with American Rentals, and with Art Craft Display; their charge for the desired numbers were nearly the same. As one of our members is an employee I decided to use Art Craft Display for our order of 220 eight-foot, 2 six-foot tables and 170 chairs. Approximate cost \$2,000.00.

A lengthy discussion was held about Show flyers. Jet Speed in St. Johns can reproduce Elaine's art work and if Sally's contact at Jackson Career Center will make ones similar to last time we will order them as follows: Elaine Art - 3,000, Regular - 1,000 and Jackson - 500 1/2 sheets and 1,000 1/4 sheets. Orders will be placed in February or as soon as dealers are confirmed.

We were pleased at the response to the Children's Activity tables and the positive comments from the parents. Geode cracking had its best year, and more geodes will be necessary for next time. The Silent Auction repeated as a popular attraction. Some patrons attend the show for this activity alone.

The budget will be returned to the usual amount for this and the Spinning Wheel.

Ernie advised that he anticipates no difficulties in the signing of dealers and recruitment of demonstrators. I called Red Metal and was told they expect to come next year. It was noted that other shows provide water bottles to dealers. We could distribute a large bottle to each dealer and assistants for their refill at our water station. We provided 15 gallons of water at the show, probably more next time as it took a while for folks to learn it was available.

Among purchases for the next show is the need to consolidate the anticipated need of paper/plastic bags so someone doesn't have to run to the store mid-show. A new purchase of several (4) lighted magnifier lamps to use on display tables is desired as it was noted the use of the one that Theresa brought.

It was demanded that the trailer be available earlier in the year to facilitate the sorting and disposition of unsold chalcedony and its reloading with new material. Timing of this and the making of new mineral kits versus vacations may prove to be a puzzle.

Most of our active members were observed actively working at the show at some period. As I have noted years ago there are over 80 chances to work 2 hours at one work station. Don't think that working only one 2-hour stint is enough. Some of us are at the Show for all hours plus set up and take down. ESPECIALLY NEEDED are volunteer friends for Kids Morning on Friday morning. If Lee no longer supervises the mineral kit and jewelry tables her 12 to 15 friends may not be available. Recruit yourself! If you think of other areas to address please make it known.

Roger Laylin, Chairman By Default