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## **Rockhound News—January 2023**

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# Rockhound 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, 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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**Please check out the website and Newsletter of our Affiliated club:**

Midwest Federation of

Mineralogical and Geological Societies, <http://www.mwfed.org/>

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
**PROGRAM: “Life as an exploration geologist”**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for winter 2022**

January 5, 2023 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 19, 2023 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m, (Speaker Richard Lassen)

February 2, 2023 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

February 16, 2023 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m, (Mich Tech Keweenaw Geology video)

[Editor’s note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Wed, 8 p.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**January 19** -Club member Richard Lassin will give a talk on “life as an Exploration Geologist”

February 16, 2023 – “Huskey Bites” video presentation: Michigan Tech Geology of the Keeweenaw

March 16, 2023 - Silent Auction

April 20, 2023 – Wire wrapping demonstration

## **Life as an Exploration Geologist**

by Richard Lassin

Richard received his M.Sc in geology from Northern Illinois University in 1975 and spent the following 40+ years in mineral exploration throughout the US. Most of that time was dedicated to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin. Mr. Lassin and his partner, Erik Kleiman, found the Back Forty Project some 23 years ago. Construction on the 20+ million tonne gold + zinc deposit is expected to start this year. Since then, Richard has been looking at

other properties in the UP for base and precious metals. Last year, Richard taught an economic geology class at his alma mater and brought students to a quarry in the UP for a field trip.

**“Thursday's talk will be a bit different. I will bring in a variety of samples from the quarry mentioned above and have our guests examine the rocks. It's going to be a hands-on talk, at least in part. Essentially, I will walk them go through the steps involved that are associated with a newly discovered mineral prospect.”**

## **CLUB NEWS:**

***Welcome 2023 Club officers and board members! Thank you for volunteering this year.***

## **Message from the Membership Chair Robin Smith: Dues are now being collected for 2023**

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 2023 were due by 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. **Renewal forms are available on the web site <https://www.michrocks.org/club-info/join-us> and a copy is attached to the end of the newsletter.**

**DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!!!.**

**The MSU Museum** will be holding a lecture on Tuesday January 17 from 7-8 pm

### **Sharks of the Artic & other Fossil Surprises**

This program will explore the fossil record from two intervals of globally warm conditions that occurred millions of years ago, and how these records may predict the impacts of global climate change in Earth's near-term future. Participants will get a rare look at the 50-million-year-old shark specimens and other examples of the fossils being studied, which are not otherwise on display to the public. Presented by Dr. Mike Gottfried, MSU Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Curator of Paleontology at the MSU Museum.

The lecture is free, but registration is required: Please visit website listed below.

<https://113145.blackbaudhosting.com/113145/Lecture-Sharks-in-the-Arctic-and-Other-Fossil-Surprises>

**Demonstrators Wanted!** If you have a Lapidary or other skill you would like to share with the club, the group would love for you to do a short demonstration during a club meeting. We have gotten a few requests for a “hands on” activity for a club meeting. This does not have to be some huge program. It can be as simple as someone bringing in samples of something, showing how they do something, talking about a specific mineral that they know about, or a program on their rock hounding experiences/ trips, a step by step/ how to, etc. Email Nate Krupp ([nathan.krupp1@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.krupp1@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

**Science Night:** February 16, 2023- Bennett Woods Elementary School Science Night. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Setup at 5:30 p.m. Contact Teresa Hubbard if interested in volunteering to help out.

**Field Trips:**

If you have been on any trips and would like to pass along field trip ideas or good locations, please email Carl so he can put together a list of future field trip spots.

Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

**THANK YOU!!**

Newsletter editor forgot to include a few additional notes from last month:

Thank you to Robin Smith who has the knowledge and expertise to put the show together this year. Lots of changes! It worked! **Thank you Robin!!**

Thank you Lyle Laylin for everything you for the show each year. The appreciation goes very deep in our hearts. We’d be lost without you!

**UPCOMING SHOWS**

**No shows are listed on Midwest Federation Calendar for January.**

## CMLMS MINUTES

### CMLMS, December 1st 2022, Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Milt Gere, Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Fawn Dunbar, Jessica Clark, Sue Casler, Lyle Laylin, Sally Hedin, Ruth Lehner, Chuck Taricksa

**Board Members absent:** Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Theresa Hubbard, Fay Mennare

**Members Present:** Roger Laylin

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items: Nate's phone number in the newsletter needs to change. He has canceled his landline. Nate will be in Washington, DC for the rocky gift exchange and December's membership meeting. Please bring food. He received an email from Tom Stark from Lear Company, he wants a stone polished for a gift for his wife. Nate will get his contact information to Roger. Richard, talking about the Back 40 Mine will be our speaker in January. Theresa and Nate talked to the Looking Glass Garden Club. It went well.

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith-absent, no report

**Treasurer:** Fawn Dunbar-

The show did make money. Admissions and then silent auction were our money maker this year. New Ingham County Fairgrounds fees were discussed. The fairground wants \$1 for entry into the shows.

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Clark-

Please check the minutes for edits and I will edit them this week.

The board approved the 2022 Meeting draft minutes. Motion to accept by Carl and seconded by Fawn.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard-absent, no report

**Director 1:** Lyle Laylin-has a check for the geology scholarship fund.

**Director 2:** Sally Hedin-no report

**Director 3:** Ruth Lehner-the dealers were happy this year.

**Show:** Robin Smith-absent, no report

Wrap up show discussion at the December membership meeting.

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Robin Smith-absent, no report

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant position.

**Past-President:** Sue Casler

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare

Can we do a field trip to a club members home to learn a demonstration or skill? Does the club have any ideas on demonstration topics they might want to see?

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska

The next deadline for the newsletter is Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The December membership meeting has a rocky gift exchange (bring a gift to pick a gift).

The gift needs to be wrapped.

Please bring treats for the membership meeting.

**Education and Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard-no report

**Library:** Jessica Clark-mentioned that we have some outstanding books.

**Display:** Vacant position (looking for volunteers). The club needs to fix some of the displays and change out some of the lights in the display boxes in the spring.

**Finance:** Milt Gere-Found a list of duties of officers. Distributed the duties to the club. Has completed the show budget. He has an idea of next year's show budget. He has passed out paperwork.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin-website is more expensive now. We need to raise the budget for the site.

**Old business:** We need to think about selling rough rock.

**New Business:**

Let's do a show wrap up meeting at the December membership meeting.

February's meeting will have a Husky Bites video about the Keweenaw.

We plan to have a silent auction in March 2023.

It is time to renew your membership with the club. Get your payment in now. Membership dues are due in December.

Roger-We need to consider a trunk sale (Mega Mall or maybe go to Indian Mounds).

**Adjournment:** Jessica motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Lyle and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

## **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 12/15/2022**

**Call to Order:** Jessica Clark called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:**

Tom Kenney is our guest.

**President's announcements:**

None, Nate out of town for work (excused).

**Treasurer's Report:**

Our 2022 show made money.

**Field Trips:**

Please think of ideas and locations for the club.

**Education & Outreach:**

Waiting for schools to reach out after their winter break.

**Officer and Chair Announcements:**

Annual membership dues are now late to Robin Smith.

Lyle Laylin has greenstone for the club. Please take some home.

**Show Wrap-Up:**

**What went well?**

1. More media presence thanks to flyers and Facebook posts.
2. The show and auction were easy to walk around.
3. Not having the Jack-o'-lantern music was nice.
4. The times of the show were good.
5. The silent auction had good seating with the extra picnic tables.

6. The food truck was a nice added touch.

**Where we can improve?**

1. We are still getting asked about using debit/credit cards at the door for entrance into the show.
2. The fairground wants to charge us \$1 a person next year for the show per their new contract.
3. Consider having more table space for displays.
4. We need another high-quality jeweler to replace the Georgia gentleman.
5. Overall felt the club had a lower quality of rocks, gems, and specimens than normal at the silent auction  
-we might consider auctioning off what some of our members make
6. Some members would like to see the demonstrators back in their 2021 location.

**Door Prizes:**

9 prizes were given out by randomly selecting names.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Sue moved to adjourn the meeting and Fawn seconded.

**Program:** Installation of Officers and Holiday gift exchange.

Thank you to Milt Gere for swearing in the Officers.

**Note:** We have a speaker for January 2023. Please come to the membership meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.

Date of Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Ch #/Cash Dues Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Renewal Membership

  
  

**Individual Member \$10.00**

**Family Membership \$15.00**

Adults in same household, Children under 18

**Student \$ 2.00**

### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Additional Household & Email Address: Please include age of children**

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**SIGN ME UP! CLUB FUNCTIONS** Would you be interested in helping with:

\_\_\_\_ Field Trips    \_\_\_\_ Contributing to Newsletter    \_\_\_\_ Presenter    \_\_\_\_ Board Position    \_\_\_\_ School Liaison  
\_\_\_\_ Silent Auctions    \_\_\_\_ Annual Club Rock Show    \_\_\_\_ Hospitality    \_\_\_\_ Annual Banquet    \_\_\_\_ Handy Person  
\_\_\_\_ IT/Web Design

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

Please return completed application with payment to the Membership Chair

**OR**

**Mail completed Application with payment to: CMLMS, PO Box 24202, Lansing, MI 48909**

**Checks payable to: CMLMS**

**Annual Dues for the Calendar Year are due in January.**

### **RECEIPT OF DUES RENEWAL - CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY**

**Dues for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

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