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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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Midwest Federation of

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

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
PROGRAM: Rock and Mineral ID & mini Silent Auction
REFRESHMENTS: Member's Please Bring Goodies! BYOB

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 2024

January 4, 2024 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 18, 2024- Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

February 1, 2024 - **Board meeting Cancelled- Library Closed**

February 15, 2024 Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 18 -Rock and Mineral ID night, and Mini Silent auction

February 15 – Fossils- TBA

March 21 -- Silent Auction

Rock and Mineral ID

Our January Meeting will be a rock and mineral ID night. Do you have some specimens that you have not been able to ID? Bring them to the next meeting and club members will try to identify them for you! Also bring in any cool specimens you want to show off or try to “Stump the Geologist”. We will also have a mini silent auction to start off the new year- so also bring small bills and change to make purchases.

CLUB NEWS:

Welcome 2024 Club officers and board members! Thank you for volunteering this year.

Welcome new members! Please let us know what meeting topics interest you!

CMLMS Rockhound of the Year- 2023

Our club selected Lyle Laylin as our outstanding club member of 2023! Lyle's parents joined our club with a family membership in the 1980's and they have been active ever since.

Lyle is our club Webmaster and keeps our member email list up to date for distribution of the newsletter and important announcements. He has built and repaired our last two fluorescent booths for the annual show and routinely repairs the club display cases. He custom built carts and shelving for the club's storage trailer. He tumbles large quantities of petrified wood and coprolite, along with bringing many pounds of geodes and other rocks back from Arizona for the Kid's table sales. He also has built a hands-on magnified digital video exhibit for display at the show. Working part-time during the winter rockhounding out West, he donates his earnings to our MSU academic scholarships. Even better, he secured a matching donation to enable our club to create an endowed college scholarship. Lyle is always there to step up and does what needs doing!

Show Receipts are Due:

If you have expenses from the Annual Show in October, this is your last change to turn in your forms for reimbursement. Fawn needs your receipts by Jan 31 in order to process reimbursements.

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) if you are interested.

Science Night: February 21, 2024- 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.

UPCOMING SHOWS

March 2&3 - The Roamin Club- 51st annual Rock Auction, Saturday 11-6, Sun Noon-6; Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, MI.
<https://roaminrockclub.weebly.com/>

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, December 7th, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Jessica Clark, Fawn Dunbar, Lyle Laylin, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Robin Smith, Theresa Hubbard

Board Members absent: Chuck Taricksa, Ruth Lehner, Mattie Newman

Members Present: Roger Laylin, Fay Mennare, Amy Miller, Brian Miller

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- Bring a rock themed gift for the December 21st membership meeting if you want to participate.
- He picked up a couple boxes from the Thompson family, Sue will sort through it.
- The Midwest Federation is doing a yearbook newsletter if we want to enter.
- January, do we want to do Michigan fossils presentation or a rock identification day? Invite geology students. We think we want to do identification day in January and a potential mini auction.
- Maybe fossils in February.
- We have our Big Silent Auction in March.
- Nate will not be here for the May membership meeting; he will be on vacation.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

- Our next membership meeting is Thursday, December 21st at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: This position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Presented the Treasurer's report.
- Most of the expenses have been paid for the show.
- She has been working on our taxes for the club.
- Fawn will put the membership dues in after she talks to Mattie.
- Get the rest of your expense receipts into Fawn now!!!!!!!!!!!!
- She will get money to Elaine Angstrom for the 2024 auction.

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report.
- Nate moved for approved edits; Fawn seconded.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- MSU sent a thank you to the club for the endowment.
- Another garden club geology talk is scheduled to the Grand Ledge club in April.
- After the show she sent Marge Collin's card out.

Director 1: Steve Smith, absent, no report, excused.

Director 2: Ruth Lehner, no report, excused.

Director 3: Mattie Newman sent edited updates to the MSU endowment fund, absent, excused.**Show:**

Robin Smith

- Still working on the show wrap.
- Would like to contact the MSU Geology Club and thank them.
- Would like to invite the MSU Geology Club to our membership meetings.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman, absent, excused.

- She sent updates to endowment fund. Nothing new for roster and secretary.

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

- He will send corrections to Corey with the MSU endowment.
- Members can still donate to the MSU Endowment Fund.

Past-President: Sue Casler

- Let's talk about the MSU endowment at the meeting.
- We won't have a board meeting on Feb 1st, the Okemos Library is under construction.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

- Bancroft, Ontario has opened their website for the gem show. Should be the first week in August.

Publications: Chuck Taricska, absent, excused

- Please get everything to Chuck for the newsletter by next Wednesday, December 13th.

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

- No current events planned.

Library: Jessica Clark

- We had no one check out books or return books last month.

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

Finance: Milt Gere

- Changing some of the budget item prices.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- Nothing to report.

Old business:

- Talk about the MSU endowment at the December meeting.

New Business:

- No new business

Adjournment: Milt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Lyle and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 12/21/2023

Call to Order: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the MasonicCenter in Okemos.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:

Tom and Vickie Jacobs are back in the club.

Leszek Gawarecki and Edyta Brustman-Gawarecka

President’s announcements:

We voted in the Slate of Officers tonight.

There will be a Rock and Mineral ID and silent auction next month.

The 2024 rockhound member of the year is Lyle Laylin. Congratulations.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin

Show: Robin Smith

Dealers and Demonstrators: Ruth Lehner

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Treasurer’s Report:

We have money in our account even after our MSU endowment went out.

Please turn in your 2023 show reports to Fawn asap.

Field Trips:

There are no field trips coming up soon.

Carl spoke about our MSU endowment. We just need a few more signatures and it is completed.

Education & Outreach:

Grand Ledge Garden Club again

Bennett Woods in February

Officer and Chair Announcements:

Dues are due to Mattie Newman at the end of April. Please get them in early if you can.

Show:

Nothing new to report. Get your show expense reports to Fawn asap.

Door Prizes:

Prizes were given out by randomly selecting names. 26 people attended.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Fay moved and Fawn seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Today we did our rocky Christmas gift exchange.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.



"You know, I used to like this hobby. ... But shoot! Seems like everybody's got a rock collection."

