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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; 6:00 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. 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: Hand-Polishing Rocks with hand tools Presentation

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring a snack to share

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on Jan 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Winter 2025

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

Jan. 16 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 6- Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

Feb 20- Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 16 - Live Demonstration- Using home hand tools to polish rocks

February 20- Theresa Hubbard: Keweenaw Stamp Sands

March 20- Silent Auction

January 16 Meeting:

TOPIC: Hand-Polishing Presentation

DESCRIPTION: Join us on Thursday, January 16th at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos @ 7:00 PM for a presentation by local Rockhound, William Openshaw, where he will discuss and demonstrate various techniques for hand-polishing rocks. From sandpaper to power tools, you'll learn how to give your rocks a permanent shine, regardless of your skill level or your budget!

Make sure to bring a friend and stay until the end, because William will be giving away 4 starter kits containing everything you need to begin hand-polishing your treasures, as soon as you get home!

SCIENCE NIGHTS

February 6th--6-8 pm Okemos Public Montessori (Pre-school to 4th graders). We arrive between

5 and 5:30pm.

February 13th --6-8 pm Kinawa-Chippewa Middle School. We arrive between 5 and 5:30 pm.

February 26th --6-8 pm Bennett Woods Elementary. Arrive between 5 and 5:30 pm.

March 8--4-6 pm, DeWitt High School. K-5th grade. Arrive between 3 and 3:30 pm.

Volunteers needed to interact with the students and guide them in the activities at each of these Science night programs. February 6th we could also use a few pretty rocks for the students to look at.

January Children's Jewelry making day will be Saturday January 25th, starting at 10 AM.
Contact Theresa for more information.

Michigan's Billion-Year-Old Glowing Rocks | "Yooper" Stones

Here is a great video by Alexis Dahl on The geology of fluorescent Sodalite “yooperlights”. This video explains the geology and formation of these cool rocks. She has some great Michigan Geology Youtube videos.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SDVJU_B0sg

Michigan's Forgotten Coal Mining Past

Michigan had a half-century of active coal mining and around 100 coal mines. Visit two of Michigan's former coal mines, and learn why they closed, and why the rest of the coal mining industry won't follow them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTsk9Htqq6Q>

Membership Dues are due!! Please pay your yearly dues at the January Meeting

IN MEMORIAM:

Members we have lost this year:

We are sad to share the passing of a former member, Dayle Phyllis Agius on November 23, 2024. Dayle was a sweet, vibrant, people person, she always brought something home baked for treats and donated items for the show raffle. Dayle graduated in 1968 from Cass Tech High School in Detroit. She was a long time antiques dealer and loved collecting rocks and minerals, she enjoyed her beautiful flower gardens and spending time with her family. She is survived by her loving husband Joe and two daughters, family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

UPCOMING SHOWS

No upcoming shows in January/February.

CMLMS Minutes:

November 7th 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Chuck Taricksa, Brian Miller, Theresa Hubbard, Mattie Newman Helms, Sue Casler, Robin Smith, Ruth Lehner
Board Members absent: Jessica Clark, Carl and Fay Mennare

Members Present: William Openshaw

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- Richard Lassin talk on the 21st (Base metals in the UP and WI)
- He needs a laptop for the powerpoint presentation! Send Mattie and Fawn a reminder
- Vote in Officers
- Programs: December is Christmas social, do we need another activity?
- Mattie would like everyone's home phone numbers
- Feb-UP stamp sands-Theresa

Upcoming Membership Meetings: Thursday, November 21st at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: Vacant, this position is currently open

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Checks have been received and she wrote some tonight
- Has a deposit from one of the show stations, but is not sure which one
- Did show comparison of 2024 and 2023 sales received
- Fawn and Sue will be co-chairs on the raffle

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- Approval of the October 17th 2024 Board Meeting draft minutes
- Motion by Theresa seconded by Fawn.
- Corrections as noted
- Approval of September Membership Meeting Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- Sundial Classical Homestead hands on after school?
- The school contacted me before our show, told him too busy beforehand, hasn't gotten back
- Different ages?
- Suggest MSU Geology Club
- East Lansing science nights are coming up. No dates yet. Needs future help.
- Lee Laylin is in Bickford Home, Okemos Rd. Room 108!

Director 1: Ruth Lehner

Director 2: Mattie Newman Helms

Director 3: Brian Miller-Wants to be sure to have a food truck at the show next year

Show: Robin Smith or Ruth Lehner

- Future signs will way 3rd week in October in lieu of dates
- Longer cards next year, new International Minutemen is doing the design
- Ruth would like to be able to tell dealers about elementary kids before noon on Friday
- Talk of kids arriving at 9am Friday next year, make dealers set up Thursday night
- Theresa confiscated all galena
- Theresa wants to move to just plan next year's show and not ask the membership to do a show

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman Helms

- Dues are due in February, you can pay for multiple years
- 8 new members accepted into the club
- Mattie moved, Fawn seconded to accept

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare, absent

- No report

Past-President: Sue Casler

- Reserved the library room tonight as the board meeting nights with the Okemos Library staff

Field Trips: Carl Mennare, absent

- No report

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by Wednesday, November 13th

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

- Nothing further, see East Lansing Science Night

Library: Jessica Clark, absent

- No report

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers)

Finance: Milt Gere

- No report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- No report, needs to update website, discuss membership payment on website

Old business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjournment: Mattie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Sue and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m

December 5th 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Milt Gere, Brian and Amy Miller, Mattie Newman, Robin Smith, Fay and Carl Mennare, Lyle Laylin, Jess Clark

Board Members absent: Chuck Taricksa, Theresa Hubbard, Sue Casler, Ruth Lehner

Members Present: Shar Gere

President: Fawn Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- East Lansing would like a science night on Feb 6th.
- Lyle will update webpage

- Chuck will put new website in newsletter
- Get ready for Rocky gift exchange
- Please bring food and drink to share
- Rocky Bingo at Xmas party maybe

Upcoming Membership Meetings: Thursday, December 19 at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: Vacant, this position is currently open

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Paid donation to library
- Our account isn't making any money in the bank
- Federation dues are paid
- Presented treasurer report

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- Jess needs to fix minute edits
- Approved as corrected Fawn motioned Brian seconded

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- No report

Director 1: Mattie Newman, no report

Director 2: Brian Miller, no report

Director 3: Ruth Lehner, no report

Show: Robin Smith

- The show made money
- Show is wrapped up
- 2170 people attended
- Broke up her reports per area, for example geodes
- We have a veteran run food truck for the 2025 show, Ruth secured
- Would like to buy scarves/runners for tables, buy around 6 of them, mid grade price, club voted and motion passed
- Does the club want to have a store ?
- Worried about extra inventory if we have a club store

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman

- Welcome new members Amy and Tom Salisbury's family
- And Carla A. Pfeffer
- Board approved new members

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

- No report

Past-President: Sue Casler

- No report, absent

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

- None at this time

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by Wednesday, December 11th

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard, absent

- Science night in February in East Lansing

Library: Jessica Clark

- A new member would like to help me and I may ask if she wants to take it over
- We will work on extra inventory together in 2025

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers)

Finance: Milt Gere

- No report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- No report

Old business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Adjournment: Jess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Fawn and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.