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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, Feb 15, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
PROGRAM: MI Fossils and Paleontology Q/A, with Dr. Danita Brandt, MSU
REFRESHMENTS: Members please bring snacks! 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

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

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

March 7, 2024 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

March 21, 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

March 21 - Silent Auction

February Program:

Ask a Paleontologist Q&A

Our Feb. speaker will be Dr. Danita Brandt, *emerita Professor*, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, MSU. Dr. Brandt will answer all those Michigan Fossil and Paleo questions you have always wanted to know but were afraid to ask! Dr. Brandt invites members to submit any and all Paleontology/ Fossil/ Michigan history, Etc questions ahead of time and we can give her a list of interesting Q&A topics she can discuss with the group.

Members- Please email your Questions to Nate ahead of the meeting so we can assemble a nice list of questions for Dr. Brandt.

Send questions to nathan.krupp1@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS:

Darwin Discovery Day: Feb. 10, 2024 10am to 3pm, MSU Museum

Join us for a celebration of the world around us at the 20th annual Darwin Discovery Day, an opportunity for hands-on exploration and discovery. MSU Museum natural science curators, faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students from across MSU will be on hand to share their expertise and enthusiasm with inquiring minds of all ages.

Also, see **Natural Selection** a film about Charles Darwin's life and scientific contributions at Abrams Planetarium at 10:00 AM.

MSU Museum

409 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, Michigan, 48824

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.

Old Copper Culture: North America's Forgotten Metal Workers

YouTube video on old copper culture from the Keweenaw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpmMY_Rcbd8

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.

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.

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, January 4th, 2024 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Jessica Clark, Theresa Hubbard, Chuck Taricksa, Ruth Lehner, Mattie Newman, Fawn Dunbar, Brian Miller

Board Members absent: Carl Mennare

Members Present: Roger Laylin, Amy Miller, Sue Casler, Milt Gere

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

President's items:

- Mini auction and rock and mineral identification at this month's meeting.
- February trying to get a speaker on Michigan fossils.
- Nate will be here for the May board meeting, but not the membership banquet meeting.
- Does anyone want to help/volunteer at the Kalamazoo show in May?
- Nate is setting up a banquet speaker.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

- Our next membership meeting is Thursday, January 18th at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: This position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- 2023 filing fee and taxes are done.
- 2021 did not get done, Fawn is fixing it in January.
- She mailed off the insurance and our dues to the Midwest Federation.
- The deadline to get show receipt expense reports in to Fawn is January 31st, 2024.

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- She will email the board the edited minutes from our previous meetings.
- December membership meeting minutes are okay and approved. Fawn and Theresa moved, board approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- Sent some Christmas cards to long term members we have not seen in bit or who have helped in the club.

Director 1: Ruth Lehner

Director 2: Mattie Newman

Director 3: Brian Miller

Show: Robin Smith, Ruth Lehner gave her report

- All the dealer contracts are out for 2024.
- The show flyers need to be done by March for the Jackson show and Kalamazoo shows.
- The Gold Prospectors will be here this year.
- Dealers like their contracts early and contracts for the 2024 are sent.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman

- Voted in 17 new members. Mattie and Brian motioned.
- Have membership dues in by end of April to Mattie Newman.

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare, absent

- No report.

Past-President: Sue Casler

- The Schoolcraft College annual Rock Auction is March 2-3rd.
- Saturday 11:00 am-6:00 pm.
- Sunday 12:00 NOON-6:00 pm.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

- Bancroft, Ontario has opened their website for the gem show. Should be the first week in August.
- No new field trips soon.

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Please get everything to Chuck for the newsletter by next Wednesday, January 10th.

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

- No current community events planned.
- Bennett Woods school night is planned for Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Library: Jessica Clark

- We had people check out books last month.

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

Finance: Milt Gere

- Changing some of the budget item prices.
- Today we need to approve the budget, missing the show budget information (Milt will get it from Robin or Fawn).
- Theresa would like Fawn to order audio equipment recommended by Lyle. Theresa motion, and Brian seconded. Passed the board.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin, absent, excused

- Nothing to report.

Old business:

- No old business

New Business:

- No new business

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

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 1/18/2024

Call to Order: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:

MSU geology students-Libby, Andrew, Liam, Parker, Charles, Kate, Chase, Fletcher, Salem and Jack.

President's announcements:

Dr. Brant is talking next month on paleontology and Michigan fossils. She is a professor at MSU. The talk is February 15th at 7pm.

Reminder that there is no board meeting in February.

Treasurer's Report:

The board approved the purchase of a speaker system, 3 of the 4 items have come. She will bring them in February.

Accounts are in good standing. The MSU endowment is doing great.

Field Trips:

There are no field trips currently planned.

Education & Outreach:

Grand Ledge Garden Club

Bennett Woods Science Night on February 21, 2024.

Officer and Chair Announcements:

Membership dues are due to Mattie Newman. Please get them in now.

Show:

Get your show expense reports/receipts to Fawn asap so the club can close out the 2023 show.

Door Prizes:

Prizes were given out by randomly selecting names. 32 people attended. Today's presentation is rock and fossil identification. We also have a silent mini auction.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Robin moved and Jess seconded to adjourn the meeting.