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## **Rockhound News—March 2024**

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**Silent  
Auction Night**



# 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; 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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

Midwest Federation of

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
**PROGRAM:** **Silent Auction**  
**REFRESHMENTS:** **Members please bring snacks! BYOB**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for Spring 2024**

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

March 21, 2024 -- Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

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

April 18 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 16 – Annual Spring banquet

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

March 21 - Silent Auction

## **MARCH Program:**

**Big Silent Auction!! Bring Lots to Sell!**

Silent Auction information: Now is the time to start thinking any items you have been collecting, or that you have been or tripping over- round them up and contribute them our annual March silent auction. Mineral specimens, fossils, rock slabs, jewelry, rock related equipment, books/magazines or any geology related items all may be sold at the silent auction. There are auction sheets attached to the end of the newsletter, please print enough for any items you plan to sell, and have your auction sheets filled out when you arrive so we can get to selling! The Club has some nice items we will be auctioning off!!

**Please bring change and small bills for cashing out your winning bids!!!**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Donald Robertson

Suzette Holloway

Jessica Timbehrski

Jacki Balzer

Jeremy Timbehrski

Christine Griffin

Kiera Timbehrski

Donna Larner

Dahlia Timbehrski

Cliff Fordham

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Jennifer Solomon

Amber Gay

Edyta Brustman-Gawarecki

Roman Gay

Leszek Gawarecki

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Libby Ashby

Kate Reasoner

William Openshaw

Josh Reasoner

Karah Keller

Jamie Bloom

**Thank you all for joining!!**

## **CLUB NEWS:**

### **ANNUAL BANQUET:**

Please mark your calendars for our annual banquet on May 16, 2024, tickets will be available at the March and April club meetings. Members are encouraged to bring guests. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 children. The Banquet will take the place of our May meeting.

Dinner includes: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, dinner roll and drinks, along with fruit pie for dessert.

Speaker to be announced shortly.

**Please plan on joining us for this delightful chicken dinner and help keep the banquet tradition going.**

Tickets can be purchased at the upcoming meetings or Email Dan Sine at [dantheman225500@gmail.com](mailto:dantheman225500@gmail.com) to reserve tickets.

## **THANK YOU:**

A big Thanks to Dr. Danita Brandt for her talk last month on Michigan Fossils and Paleontology. All those in attendance really enjoyed the presentation. Dr. Brandt also shared that she will be giving a similar talk in April for the MSU Science Festival.

### ***Fire, Water, and Ice: Michigan's Geological Story***

Dr. Brandt will lead us on a tour through Michigan's geologic history, from its fiery beginnings marked by volcanoes in the Upper Peninsula, through eons of inundation by a shallow, tropical sea, to the shaping of our modern landscape by glaciers during the last ice age. Learn what a Petoskey stone tells us about Michigan's ancient environment, the easiest way to tell a mammoth from a mastodon, and why you are unlikely to find a dinosaur in Michigan.

Saturday, April 13, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM at **STEM Teaching and Learning Facility Room 1130** (that's the renovated powerplant next to the Stadium)

#### **Here's a link**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/View/59>

## **MSU Science Festival:**

A free festival for lifelong learners of all ages!

April 1-30, 2024

The MSU Science Festival is a free annual celebration of science, fueled by some of the basic elements essential to scientific inquiry: curiosity, wonder, and discovery.

With events for the whole family to enjoy, the MSU Science Festival explores topics ranging from the ordinary to the extraordinary. From astronomy to music, and chemistry to microbiology; scientists and educators across the state are eager to share the wonder of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

### **Behind the scenes tours of MSU labs/facilities:**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/Tagged/4>

### **Night at the Museums:**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/Tagged/3>

### **Field Trips:**

We are planning a trip to Sturgeon Point Lighthouse for beach hounding. This will probably be on a Saturday in April if we get some nice weather. We would also like to plan a trip to Pilgrim Beach in South Haven for some Septarian Collecting.

Rock Hunting the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roKD6QxpaW4>

Please contact Carl if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**April 4-6: WYOMING, MI** Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show. Thurs./Fri 9:30-9; Sat 9:30-7. Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St. SW, Wyoming. Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616) 243-5851

**May 3-5: KALAMAZOO, MI** Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact: Wrifton Graham, (269) 615-7073; <https://www.kalamazoorockclub.org/event-information>

**May 4-5: SHARONSVILLE, OH** Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville. Contact: Terry Huizing, (513) 574-714 <http://geofair.com/>

**May 18-19: NORTH OLMSTED, OH** Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. 11-5 each day. Soccer Sports Plex, 3515 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. [parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com); <http://www.parmalapidary.com/big1.asp>

### **CMLMS MINUTES**

#### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 2/15/2024**

**Call to Order:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the MasonicCenter in Okemos.

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

New MSU undergrad geology students-Jack, Ella, Michael  
Don Robertson

#### **President's announcements:**

Next month is our big silent auction. Bring small bills.  
The rock auction at Schoolcraft College is in March.

Get your membership dues to Fawn today.

**Treasurer's Report:**

We have money in the account. Taxes are taken care of.

**Field Trips:**

There are no local field trips currently planned.

Bancroft, Ontario is the first week of August.

**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. Fawn will take payment today.

**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. 33 people attended.

**Speaker:**

The program was Dr. Danita Brandt, MSU Dept. of Earth & Environmental Sciences, emerita, speaking on "Ask the Paleontologist." She discussed the evolution of Michigan geology, plate tectonics and the formation of our common fossils, integrating questions and answers provided earlier by CML&MS members,

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Fawn moved and Jessica seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.

