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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/>

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: John Jaszczak Director and Curator of the A. E. Seaman
Mineral Museum of Michigan Technological University

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

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on June 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Summer 2025

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

June 19 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

July/August- Summer Break no Meetings-

August 9 and 16- Summer work days at the Lehner's ** See note below**

September 18 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 19- John Jaszczak Director and Curator of the A. E. Seaman
Mineral Museum of Michigan Technological University

June 19 Meeting:

**John Jaszczak, Director and Curator of the A. E. Seaman
Mineral Museum of Michigan Technological University**

Dr. John Jaszczak will Join us via a Zoom meeting and give us an overview of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum of Michigan Technological University. Dr. Jaszczak will discuss the history of the A.E Seaman Museum and discuss the different mineral collections. Please bring any questions you have about the Museum or any other Rock and Mineral questions you might have. Dr John loves to share his love of minerals with others.

John Jaszczak is the Director and John and Phyllis Seaman Endowed Curator of the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum of Michigan Technological University. He is also a professor of physics at Michigan Tech, where he has taught and conducted research since 1991.

His childhood love of minerals inspired him to become a scientist- first in chemistry and then in physics, but always with minerals in mind. John grew up in the Cleveland, Ohio area, and earned his B.S. degree in Physics from Case Western Reserve University, and while there he joined the Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Moving to Columbus, Ohio, he earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from Ohio State University. During his graduate studies, he was a member of the Columbus Rock and Mineral Club. After doing research at Argonne National Laboratory for two years as a postdoctoral appointee, he and his family moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to join Michigan Tech. John's mineralogical interests currently focus on unusual crystal shapes, graphite, diamonds, hemimorphic minerals, and the minerals from the famous Merelani gem mines in northern Tanzania from which he helped describe the two new minerals merelaniite and richardsite. Jaszczakite was named in his honor by Bindi and Paar in 2016. In his role at the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum his goal is to inspire others to a love of minerals for their beauty, history, science and importance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Patrick and Jennifer Quinn

CLUB NEWS:

NAME BADGES:

Club members that would like a name badge that identifies you as a Member of the Club please fill out the form that is attached to the newsletter.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME LEGIBLITY. If I cannot read the name you will not receive a badge. The badges will be ready for the October show or earlier. Please have all information in by August 31. Please have your CHECK ready and made out to CML&MS for \$12.00.

Send to Ruth Ann Lehner or have ready at the June Meeting.

1100 West Chadwick Rd
Dewitt, Mi. 48820
517-643-4406

Stones Needed for Childrens Table!

Please bring 10 (any sized and kind) washed large to med sized stones to next membership meeting for the Kids table at the Oct Show.

Summer Work Bee: August 9 and August 16

We will be having a summer work bee for the show at the Lehner household on Aug. 9 and 16:

We will be puff painting the boards. Black outlining only. Making jewelry ..necklaces.. bracelets..rings...etc. Everything will be furnished.

Theresa will be instructing if you don't know how to make jewelry,

Bring your own water or soft drink. Thank You: Ruthann

Location: 1100 West Chadwick Rd

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Long Time Member lost:

It is sad to pass on the news that long time member Ernie Aughenbaugh passed away Sunday, June 8. I know I will miss Ernie's smile and he always had a great story to share. More info to follow.

UPCOMING SHOWS

June 7-8: Mansfield, OH, Mid-Ohio Mineral and Fossil Club, Fairhaven Hall, County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road, Mansfield, OH, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5 Tom Kottyian, themineralhouse75@gmail.com

July 12-13: FLINT, MI: Flint Rock & Gem Club Rock Swap, Northern Tier Center-Clio, 4082 W Vienna Rd, Clio, MI 48420, Sat and Sun 8am-3pm Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; flintrockandgem.org

Aug. 3-10, Houghton, MI: Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Kewwenaw Week, 203 W. Jacker Ave., Houghton, MI. ANNUAL SHOW Fri noon-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-2, George Schriver www.ccrmc.info

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

See you in September (or at one of the summer work bee's)

CMLMS Minutes:

CMLMS, April 3rd 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Milt Gere, Brian Miller, Robin Smith, Jess Clark, Ruth Lehner, Chuck Taricksa, Theresa Hubbard, Carl Mennare, Mattie Newman, Chuck Taricska, Lyle Laylin

Board Members absent: Sue Casler, Fay Mennare, William Openshaw, Lyle Laylin

Members Present: Dan Sine

President: Nate called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- Question about opal seller
- Working on a speaker for the banquet
- Might have a talk from a University of Michigan professor talking about the geography of native plants

Upcoming Membership Meetings: Thursday, April 17th at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: Vacant, this position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Gave Treasurer Report

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- No edits on the minutes, approved, no corrections
- Nate motioned to approve, Fawn seconded

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- Sent a card to Ernie
- Got a letter from Dewitt Science Night as a thank you, invited back next year

Director 1: Mattie Newman, no report

Director 2: Brian Miller, no report

Director 3: Faye Mennare, absent no report

Show: Robin Smith

- Pass out postcards when you can
- 27 vendors so far
- Have been advertising for the show
- Shopping for things for the adult and youth door prizes and silent auction
- Looking for donations from members for the show (raffle and door prizes)
- New Club Boutique, jewelry for sale for adults and children, need donations of jewelry for the show

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman

- One new member to approve, approved, Emily Francisco
- 47 paid members

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

- We need two names for the MSU Endowment

Past-President: Sue Casler

- No report, absent

Field Trips: William Openshaw, absent

- None at this time

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by Wednesday, April 9th
- Anything else to add to newsletter please let Chuck know

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

Library: Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers)

Finance: Milt Gere

- No report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- No report

Old business:

- Bring fluorescent minerals for April's board meeting
- Still looking for a storage unit and a good location/city for rock storage
- Who can haul the trailer for us this year. Jeff?

New Business:

- If you have any Petoskey stones to donate for the show, mid size, please check your collections to help at that table
- Club activity to make Petoskey stone polishing kits
- Buy your tickets for the banquet now from Dan Sine

Adjournment: Ruth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Robin and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 3/20/2025

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

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:

Patty from East Lansing

Kathy

Jim, returning member

Jolena from Battle Creek

President's announcements: Nate Krupp

Our banquet is next month.

Get tickets from Dan Sine, tickets are \$15 each (chicken, pot roast or spaghetti)

We have a geologist speaking about limestone quarries of Bellevue

5:30-6:30pm is social hour, then dinner is at 6:30 pm, speaker to follow

At show donate Petoskey stones to Richard Miller, small stones, we need 75 more

Need adult hourly door prizes, nice ones-give to Ruth Lehner

Boutique-could use rock jewelry-give it to Ruth Lehner

May 2-4th is the Kalamazoo show

Education and Outreach:

No announcements.

Officer and Chair Announcements:

Treasurer Report. The accounts are in good standing.

No scheduled field trips right now.

Please pay your dues if you have not.

The MSU scholarship will be awarded on April 25th at their banquet.

Show:Robin Smith

We have postcards now for the show, please help pass them out.

We now have a 3 day weekend pass and Free Friday for Veterans, which are both new.

Food Truck is Snappy's Food Truck this year.

Door Prizes:

14 door prizes were given out. We had roughly 45 members present.

Today's event: Phosphorescent and Fluorescent Minerals

Check out specimens members brought, Theresa gave a short talk

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Jess moved and Nate seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, May 1st 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Brian Miller, Robin Smith, Jess Clark, Chuck Taricksa, Carl Mennare, Chuck Taricska, Sue Casler, Fay Mannare, Lyle Laylin, William Openshaw

Board Members absent: Mattie Newman, Ruth Lehner, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard

Members Present: Dan Sine, Amy Crowe

President: Nate called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- Need more Petoskey Stones for the show to polish
- Programs-Jess and Chuck will take care of it
- Cut off for banquet tickets is Friday is May 9th at 5:00 pm, tickets can be bought at the door
- Small appetizer table and punch for social hour, bring snacks if you would like

5:30-6:30pm

- 6:30-7:30pm is dinner
- 8:00pm is our speaker

Upcoming Membership Meetings: Thursday, May 15th at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos. This is our annual banquet.

Vice-President: Vacant, this position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Gave Treasurer Report 5/1/25
- Still looking for a better return on our savings account
- Looking at a money market or a cd

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- Date edit on the minutes
- Nate motioned to approve, Carl seconded

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- Absent

Director 1: Mattie Newman, absent no report

Director 2: Brian Miller, no report

Director 3: Fay Mennare, no report

Show: Robin Smith

- Tomorrow is the Kalamazoo Show, Ruth Lehner, Robin Smith and Mennare's are attending
- We are looking for kitchen helpers for the show

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman

- Absent, excused

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

- MSU Endowment has been awarded
- Needs to have a group of people for the endowment

Past-President: Sue Casler

- Programs can go on the library wall only 3 months early, before the event

Field Trips: William Openshaw

- Getting permission to hunt in a field in Lake Odessa
- In the next 4-5 weeks
- Gain interest, pick one rock type

- Rockport geologist lead, mostly fossils
- Also looking at a gravel pit in Battle Creek
- Maybe go to Alpena Limestone festival per Nate
- Getting a list together and descriptions out to members soon

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by Wednesday, May 7th
- Anything else to add to newsletter please let Chuck know, for example articles

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

- Absent, excused, no report

Library: Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers)

Finance: Milt Gere

- Absent, no report, excused

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- Our website domain renewal is coming up, Lyle will talk to Fawn for payment

Old business:

- none

New Business:

- If you have any Petoskey stones to donate for the show, medium size, please check your collections to help at that polishing table
- Buy your tickets for the banquet (May 15th) now from Dan Sine

Adjournment: Fawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Robin and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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