

Rockhound News—September 2025

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Welcome Back from summer break!

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

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

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: Members Show and Tell Summer adventures; Work bee

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A-L Please bring
a snack to share**

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on Sept. 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Summer 2025

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

September 27 – Work Bee, Unloading Trailer and supplies for Show.

October 2 – Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library

October 9 – Early Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge ** Note Date Change **

October 17-19 - Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Welcome back CMLMS members and friends. It's September (already)! We hope everyone had an adventurous and enjoyable summer with opportunities for travel, exploring new places and of course rock collecting! We look forward to hearing everyone's stories from their summer adventures at our September club meeting. Bring any items you want to show off from this summer. We will also have a small work bee to work on some kids table activity items for the upcoming October show.

*Please note the Earlier meeting time for the October meeting: will be meeting one week earlier than normal (Oct. 9) so we can prepare for the Annual Rock and Mineral Show.

CLUB NEWS:

Saturday Work Bee: Saturday Sept. 27- 10am to 4 (or earlier if we get done)

It is get ready for Show time again. The trailer will be at the Barn on the weekend of the 27th. It is to be unloaded and restocked with kids table and other show material.

All members are invited to come, about 10ish, and help as many hands make light work. We break for lunch to get reacquainted and meet new members so bring your Lunch/snack and a beverage.

Where you ask?? at 1770 Sandhill Rd. about 1 mile south of the Okemos Rd I-96 interchange and then east to the last house on the north side before Dobie Rd

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Please take some time to consider volunteering to fill an officer or board position next year. We are a fun group! Haven't been ousted from the Okemos Library yet! If interested, please let one of the board members know. Remember, without a board and officers, our society will cease to exist.

The Following positions will be needed for 2026:

President - Be the public face of the CML&MS, responding to e-mail and phone calls, Chair the Board of Directors meetings and bring pertinent items before the Board. Obtain the annual Banquet speaker and help organize it.

Vice President- in charge of membership meeting programming, except the Banquet, and temporarily takes over the President's duties when needed.

Display Chair - Maintain the permanent display case, exhibiting on behalf of the Society at shows, notifying members of area shows and enlisting members to display at these functions, and the acquisition and care of display specimens belonging to the Society.

Outreach Committee: We are always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact Theresa Hubbard, thrshubbard@yahoo.com to lend a hand.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There will be sign-up sheets at the September and October meetings for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to be involved and sign up! **A reminder:** the Show Committee will be enforcing the rule that in order to have free admission to the show a member must put in at least 4 hours (two 2hr shifts) at some show duty, enter a display, or demonstrate a lapidary skill. Remember that the club hospitality-break area is intended for use by the dealers and actively working club.

Display Cases available: If you would like to setup a display case for display at the Show, please contact Nate for a case.

Message from Roger Laylin:

Being a 93 year old rock hound. I would like my property of 5 acres to be sold to a fellow member.

In addition to the 1600 square foot split level home there is the Barn 24x40 foot filled, as many of you know, with rocks and saws and other equipment.

The insurance agent indicated the replacement value of the home is in excess of \$500,000.

My sale price to an interested member is negotiable. If you are interested, my cell phone number is (517) 775-6264.

A few interesting Videos:

[1964 Quake: The Great Alaska Earthquake](#)

[Real vs FAKE Trilobite Fossils](#)

UPCOMING SHOWS

Sept. 27-28: The Flint Rock and Gem Club, 56th Annual Gem-Jewelry-Mineral Show, Crossroads Village, 6140 Bray Rd, Flint, MI 48505. 10am to 5pm Both days

Sept. 20-21: Livingston Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, 10am – 6pm
Hartland Education Support, 9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell, MI
Contact: Ed Oller, (810) 241-8801; www.livingstongems.com

Oct. 4-5: Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Super Swap, 10am – 5pm
Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI Contact: Bill Barr, (505) 803-4888;
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Oct. 17-18: Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, October 14, 10am – 6pm
Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN Contact: Bev Jenkins, (260) 639-0727; 3riversshow@gmail.com

CMLMS Minutes:

None to Publish