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## **Rockhound News—November 2023**

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**Central Michigan Lapidary and  
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due!**



# 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; 7:00 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/>

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023**

**PROGRAM: Michigan Rocks & Geology**

**REFRESHMENTS: Please bring snacks to share**

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

## **Calendar for Fall 2023**

November 2, 2023 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

November 16, 2023- Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

December 7, 2023 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

December 21, 2023 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Wed, 6pm.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **November 16 Meeting:**

For the November meeting we will be Voting in 2024 Club officers and Board members.

Club members Theresa Hubbard and Nate Krup will also give a presentation on Michigan rocks and geology. They recently presented this talk at a local garden club conference and it was very well received.

### **December 21 Meeting:**

Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of 2024 officers

## **CLUB NEWS:**

# **Another Successful Show!!!**

Thank you to everyone that helped to make the 2023 Central Michigan Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary and Jewelry Show a Great SUCCESS!

Many hands make light work and we have wonderful member volunteers and several non-members that joined us for the weekend. Help is always needed from Thursday afternoon

moving in, working the show to Sunday night tear down. Without this commitment over the 4 days our event would not have come together so smoothly.

Thank you: Terry Kirk, Dan Sine, Michael Wolfe, Marc Gaurilides, Baily Kasifger, Marie Clark, Sally Hedin, Cindy Devereaux, Kate Leigh, Cindy Krupp, Kelsey Krupp, Kathy Reid, Sam Barnett, Cam & Roman, Nate Krupp, Roni Sionakides, Chuck Taricska, Sue Casler and Scott Voigt.

Special Thanks go to:

Elaine Angstman, for organizing and running the ever successful silent auction.

Richard Miller, Petosky Stone Polishing

Jessica Clark, handling Ticket Sales all weekend

Mattie Newman, Membership

Gaylor Brooks, Spinning Wheel fun

Lyle Laylin, Geod Cracking, Vendor Signs, Trailer Repair and much more!

Jean Ann Piotrawski, our Kitchen Chef that kept volunteers and vendors fed for the weekend and

Roger Laylin her ever helpful assistant.

Fay Mennare, taking care of the Childrens Rock Shop for the weekend.

Carl Mennare, taking care of the Treasure Hunt prizes, Door Prize winners, Kids Rings and Necklace Sales and answering Membership questions and sign ups.

Fawn Dunbar, Club Treasurer and Raffle Coordinator. All tickets were sold, so this is great news for the MSU Scholarship Fund.

Theresa Hubbard, she fearlessly takes care of the organizing and running of the Childrens Craft area. This year the Rock Treasure Hunt was added and was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you Theresa for putting this together for the club!

Ruth Lehner is the amazing powerhouse that handled all the vendors from getting them arranged for the show to taking care of them with snacks and water. She also coordinated with the wonderful demonstrators we had for the weekend.

Thank you to our Demonstrators that showed their skills and talked with attendees over the weekend:

John Hoskin, Soap Stone Carving

Wanda Gurski, Jewelry

Ernie Augenbaugh, Faceting

Melvin Lehner, Faceting  
Chris Persall, Sand Casting  
Milt Gere, Silver Smithing  
Amy Miller, Wire Wrapping  
Brian Miller, Stone Slab Art

We had 23 total vendors: Archy's Rock Shop, Aria, Beauties of Creation, Creations Rainbow, Crystals in the Rough, Dave's Rock & Carvings, Dublin Rocks and Minerals, Earth Art Rocks, Gary Espie, J and D Custom Sandblasting, Kristin's Krystals, M & W Minerals, Main Street Rocks, MSU Geology Club, Nayab Gems, Peacock Rocks, Russell's Trees, Seven Continents, Stone House Rock, Sweet Tree Collectibles, The Mineral House, Tourmaline Kings and Wrap N Rock Gems.

As the 2023 show get wrapped up there is only a short reprieve before planning for the 2024 event gets underway. So mark your calendar for October 18, 19, 20, 2024!!

**--Robin Smith, Show Chair**

**Additional Show Notes:**

If you have show expenses and you need reimbursement, please get you receipts submitted ASAP so we can finalize the show accounts. Please have your expense paperwork ready at the November meeting.

**Lansing City Pulse Article Annual Show!**

Please look at this nice article the Lansing City Pulse published about our Show:

<https://www.lansingcitypulse.com/stories/central-michigan-gem-show-brings-rock-lovers-to-ingham-co-fairgrounds,77271?>

**Club Field Trips:**

- ROCKHOUND GEMBOREE, Bancroft Ontario Aug. 1-5, 2024
- SAVE THE DATE: We are planning on making a field trip to this show!

CANADA'S MOST CELEBRATED GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Celebrate the wonders in Bancroft, Canada's Mineral Capital! The event brings together over 100 dealers of fine mineral specimens, gemstone jewellery, and lapidary supplies.

<http://www.bancroftrockhoundgemboree.ca/>

If you have any field trip ideas, please contact Carl at Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

**Welcome New Members:**  
Cameron, Amber and Roman Gay  
Haslett, MI

**Dues are now being collected for 2024**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2024 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips.

**Renewal forms are available on the web site <https://www.michrocks.org/club-info/join-us> and at meetings.**

**DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!!!.**

**UPCOMING SHOWS**

**Nov. 13: Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction, 7pm – 9pm**  
Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
Contact: Brad Zylman, (612) 600-9484; brad.zylman@mrm.com; [www.michmin.org](http://www.michmin.org)

**Nov.18: Northwest Ohio Rockhounds Fall Open House, 9am-5pm, St James Lutheran Church, 4727 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43623, Contact: Suzanne Shimatzki; (419) 376-2650; [sshimatzki@gmail.com](mailto:sshimatzki@gmail.com)**

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, October 5th, Board Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Sue Casler, Fawn Dunbar, Ruth Lehner, Robin Smith, Chuck Taricksa, Theresa Hubbard

**Board Members absent:** Mattie Newman, Lyle Laylin

**Members Present:** Roger Laylin, Fay Mennare

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

**President's items:**

- Theresa gave the Garden talk and it went well
- People have reached out to Nate that have specimens to sell, they need to use the form online
- Prep for the show is next week, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at our membership meeting.

**Upcoming Membership Meetings:**

- Our next meeting is Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

**Vice-President:** This position is currently open.

**Treasurer:** Fawn Dunbar to the membership board.

- Has checks to deposit from the vendors.
- Passed around our checking and savings balances.
- She has received the raffle license.
- And the raffle tickets will be printed soon.

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard

- \$50 in memory of Chuck Collins has been made to the Scholarship Fund.
- George Heaton-the club is adding money to Scholarship Fund, if we don't hear from the family.

**Director 1:** Steve Smith, absent, no report

**Director 2:** Ruth Lehner, no report

**Director 3:** Mattie Newman, absent, no report

**Show:** Robin Smith

- Everything is on schedule to go
- She has the contract here
- Admission tickets are on the trailer.
- We are doing the raffles a little different, this year. Too many folks behind the ticket counter.
- Having a kids scavenger hunt now
- Lyle is doing vendor badges again.
- Show insurance? Do we contact someone at Midwest? She will take care of it.
- Lyle has new tall signs, Robin we catch up with him.
- Art craft will drop the tables on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Exhibitors can come in after noon on the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to set up.
- Volunteers need to sign in when they arrive for their shift.
- Fawn will have more a secure area for treasury.
- We will have an ATM this year.

- If you volunteered last year, please wear your t-shirt.
- Michigan Tech and MSU will have display space at the show.
- The children's area will have more tables.

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Mattie Newman

- Absent (excused)

**Liaison Officer:** Carl Mennare

- Should hear from MSU this week about the endowment.

**Past-President:** Sue Casler

- Had some fixes on the minutes. Jess will correct it.

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare

- No field trips scheduled right now.

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska

- Please get everything to Chuck for the newsletter by next Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- We will have pizza delivered to the Masonic Center. Fawn will pick the pizza up.
- Bring your own drink, no alcohol.
- Volunteers that work 4 hours, will receive free admission into that show, the day of your shift.

**Education and Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard

- Theresa gave a Garden Club talk, and the garden group wants Theresa to talk at the Grand Ledge Garden Club.
- No science nights scheduled yet.
- She has been delivering show cards to the schools.

**Library:** Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report.

**Display:** Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

- Contact Nate if you need to use a case for the show.

**Finance:** Milt Gere

- No report
- Has not heard back from State Geological Survey at Western Michigan Geology about being at the show, he will reach out to them again.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin

- Absent (excused)

**Old business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- The club is looking for a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Director.
- Mattie redid the membership forms.
- Need to get the slate of officers in writing sent to Chuck from Nate.

**Adjournment:** Milt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Robin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 12, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

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

No new visitors.

**President's announcements:**

If you want to buy a t-shirt see Chuck Taricska for the Midwest t-shirts.

**Our Slate of Officers**

Web Master: Lyle Laylin  
Show: Robin Smith  
Dealers and Demonstrators: Ruth Lehner  
Finance: Milt Gere  
Library: Jessica Clark  
Education and Outreach: Theresa Hubbard  
Display: Vacant  
Publications: Chuck Taricska  
Field Trips: Carl Mennare  
Membership: Mattie Newman

Past President: Sue Casler  
Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare  
3 Year Director: Empty  
2 Year Director: Mattie Newman  
1 Year Director: Ruth Lehner  
Treasurer: Mattie Newman  
Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard  
Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark  
Vice-President: Vacant  
President: Nate Krupp

**Treasurer's Report:**

We are in good shape. She is up to date on reimbursing people.

**Field Trips:**

Nothing scheduled yet.

The club can throw out ideas for locations they would like to visit and pick.

**Education & Outreach:**

No events currently scheduled.

**Officer and Chair Announcements:**

Mattie says dues are due at the end of April. Will also take dues at the show.

**Show:**

We open at 1 o'clock on Friday for the show.

Volunteers are needed for all three days.

New-A kid's treasure hunt hosted by Theresa Hubbard.

Volunteers work 4 hours to get in free, the day you work. We will have a sign in sheet.

We will have a Chuck Collins memorial.

We have a food truck and an ATM.

Members can bring food for the membership and vendor food area.

Thursday at noon we are doing the show set up, please come and help if you are available.

**Door Prizes:**

25 people attended the meeting. 11 prizes were given out by randomly selecting names.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Fay and Alicia David adjourn the meeting.