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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, Dec 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

**PROGRAM: Holiday Party and Rocky Gift Exchange,
installation of new officers**

**REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring holiday treats/goodies to
share**

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for winter 2022

December 1 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

December 15 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

January 5, 2023 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

January 19, 2023 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., (Speaker Richard Lassen)

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

February 16, 2023 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., (Mich Tech Keweenaw Geology video)

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 15 -Installation of officers, Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange. Milt will swear in the Club Officers. Please bring dish or holiday snack to share! We will also have a brief 2022 Show discussion/wrap up. If you were at the show this year, please let us know what you liked and what else we can add to the show.

Special Instructions for the Rocky Gift Exchange (Please Read This!!)

If you want to **get a gift**, you must **bring a gift!** Gifts should be rock/mineral/lapidary related. Gifts may be:

- a) A special rock, mineral specimen, or fossil,
- b) books, magazines, or gifts related to minerals, gems or lapidary,
- c) small tools/materials related to rock collecting or faceting,
- d) toys, clothing, or anything else related to our club interests.

****Please wrap** the gift you bring with you.

CLUB NEWS:

Interested in rock tumblers? Check out this cool video showing a homemade rock tumbler setup. Maybe some handy club members can make turn this idea into a fun winter project.

DIY large Rock Tumbler video: <https://youtu.be/6qIcK2ZohGM>

The Board has been discussing setting up a swap meet/ parking lot sale at either one of the local swaps or going to another club's parking lot sale (Indian Hills club has on annual parking lot sale). We have a lot of rock and mineral specimens at the barn that the club could sell, and members could set up and sell items as well. If you have any interest or ideas for places we could do a parking lot type sale- please let us know.

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.

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.

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you goes out to Roger Laylin for emailing out 500 reminders from the Raffle ticket buyers at the Show! Thanks Roger 😊

UPCOMING SHOWS

No shows are listed on Midwest Federation Calendar for December.

Incident at the Kalamazoo Gold Mine

By Steven Wade Veatch

During the cold day of December 27, 1901, Martin Gleason, a mining superintendent working in the goldfields of Cripple Creek, Colorado, was attacked in the shadows of the Kalamazoo mine. Gleason's assailant struck him on the head and then pushed him into a mine shaft, where he fell 500 feet to the bottom of the mine. The attack left behind two things: Martin Gleason's corpse and footprints suggesting a struggle. What brought Martin Gleason to this grim end?

Martin Gleason was born in Queenstown, Ireland, on December 25, 1848. When he was 18, he immigrated to America. Gleason worked for fifteen years in the Pennsylvania coal mines before coming west to Colorado in the early 1880s (Anonymous, 1900). He ended up working for the Consolidated Gold Mines Company in the Cripple Creek Mining District in 1898 (Poet, 1932). Two years later, the Woods Investment Company employed him as the superintendent of the Wild Horse (figure 1), Deadwood, and Battle Mountain mines.

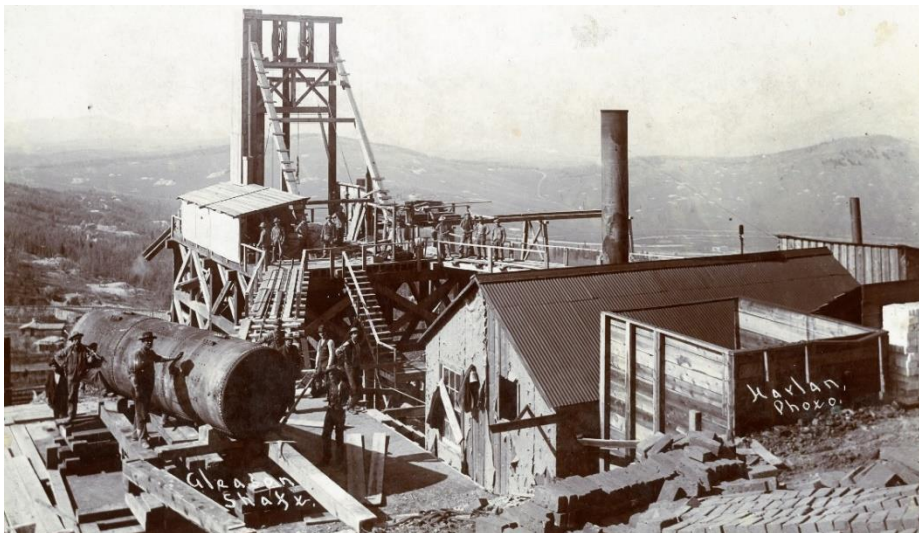


Figure 1. View of the Wild Horse mine. The writing on the left lower corner states "Gleason shaft." The Wild Horse mine was one of several mines under Martin Gleason's management when his troubles with the union deepened. Undated photo by A. J. Harlan. Photo courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum (CCDM 82 591).

Things were looking good for Gleason. His reputation as a hard-as-nails mining man brought him success in the mining district.

Prior to Gleason becoming a mine superintendent for the Woods Investment Company, the Cripple Creek Mining District experienced its first labor strike in 1894. The union called a strike to resist wage cuts and a longer workday. Specifically, the miners demanded a minimum daily wage of \$3.00 and an eight-hour workday.

During the strike, James C. Veatch, former Denver chief of police, arrived in Cripple Creek with a force of 125 heavily armed deputies, mainly former policemen and firemen, to confront the striking miners (Rastall, 1906). The pro-labor Populist governor Davis Waite used the state militia (figure 2) to stop this army of deputies from advancing on union miners.



Figure 2. Encampment of state militia on Bull Hill, Cripple Creek Mining District, June 12, 1894. Cripple Creek was the site of two labor conflicts: the first in 1894 and the second one in 1903-1904. Photo by A. James Harlan. Courtesy of the Cripple Creek District Museum.

The strike was resolved in favor of the miners, and the power of the union was firmly established in the mining district.

After the miners won the strike, the union's power continued to expand, and by 1902, unions organized most of the workers in the district, including bartenders, clerks, cooks, waitresses, laundrymen, and newsboys (Jameson, 1998). However, power soon began to shift from the unions to the mine owners and capitalists. Trouble brewed as organized labor worked to maintain its authority while intimidating miners to either join the union or leave the district. Violence escalated. Union thugs threatened miners in their homes and assaulted them as they went to and from their work. Sometimes the beatings resulted in death (Montgomery, 1904).

About this time, Martin Gleason, the superintendent of several local mines, aroused the enmity of the union as he supported nonunion labor. According to an article in the *Victor and Cripple Creek Daily Press* (December 28, 1901) Gleason "had the reputation of not discriminating in the employment of men" (Jameson, 1998).

Gleason further antagonized union bosses and miners when he hired a black miner at the Wild Horse mine. There were few black miners in the Cripple Creek Mining District, and when the Wild Horse mine employed another black miner, most of the white miners opposed the hiring. Gleason reminded the angry miners that President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation 35 years earlier and that they should show some "brotherly love" (Jameson, 1998). Gleason's remarks held no sway, and the white miners refused to go work with the black miner.

The circumstances turned lethal. Two days after Christmas, 1901, Martin Gleason, 50 years of age, was found dead, with his head crushed in, at the bottom of the Kalamazoo shaft—Miners brought his mangled body up 500 feet to the surface. The Woods Investment Company, Gleason's employer, offered a \$5,000 reward for the capture of his killer (Anonymous, 1902).

Several men were charged with this crime but were later released. According to S. E. Poet (1932), the principal of the Victor High School, “the murderer was never brought to justice.” We may never know who murdered Martin Gleason.

Although Martin Gleason worked for mine owners as a superintendent, he was sympathetic with the plight of the miners. As he tried to bridge the two worlds of labor and capital, Gleason became a grim statistic in the violence leading up to the second (1903-1904) of two Cripple Creek labor strikes.

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CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, October 6th 2022, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Milt Gere, Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Fawn Dunbar, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Sally Hedin, Ruth Lehner

Board Members absent: Excused: Jessica Clark, Chuck Taricksa, Lyle Laylin

Members Present: Roger Laylin, Mattie Newman

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items: The MWF officer slate is up. Are we doing a donation to the Dyer Kiln? This is part of the Eaton County Parks millage. In November the club will talk to the Looking Glass Garden Club (Nate and Theresa will talk/present). Dave has paper maps. Roni S. says there is a rock and lapidary auction at the Barry County Fairgrounds on October 20th at 9:30 am in Hastings. So far only Roni S. told me she will have a display/needs a case. Three universities are providing show displays. Decided to have the membership meeting at 6pm on Oct 20th at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Vice-President: Steve Smith

Steve Veatch is speaking for our November programing.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

Presented the Treasurer's report. Carl moved the Treasurer's report, and seconded by Nate. A club debit card was discussed but thought not necessary.

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark-absent

Approval of the September 1st, 2022, Board Meeting draft minutes. Motion to accept by Theresa, seconded by Fay. Corrections: None, Passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Alice Turner passed away 20/21 of September. She is having a hard time getting details. Theresa will send a card to the house.

Director 1: Lyle Laylin-absent, no report

Director 2: Sally Hedin, no report

Director 3: Ruth Lehner-only show stuff

Show: Robin Smith

10 am or 11 am set up on Thursday for the show. Perhaps have member meeting on 2nd Thursday of October next year.

Ruth made a motion to order yellow t-shirts, so our volunteers are more visible. Club wants to order 60 shirts. Sally seconded; motion passed. The website has a volunteer sign-up area. All dealer positions are filled. Taqueria (a Mexican) food truck is scheduled. The floor plan is finalized. There have been many shares on Facebook and other website listings.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Robin Smith

New member, Mattie Newman and husband Patrick Helms have moved here from Texas. They have many interests. Approved as a new member.

Liaison Officer: Vacant position (we are looking for volunteers).

Past-President: Sue Casler-no report

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

6 people showed up for the Thornton Quarry. Hopefully the club will go back next year.

Publications: Chuck Taricska-absent

The next deadline for the newsletter is Tuesday.

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

The show coupons have been sent to teachers. She sent notice to teachers that the club is available for Science Nights again.

Library: Jessica Clark-no report, absent

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

Finance: Milt Gere-no report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin-no report, absent

Many sites have our show, it's confusing. There is a bad information on a Facebook site; at least two.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CMLMS, November 3rd 2022, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Milt Gere, Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Fawn Dunbar, Jessica Clark, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Chuck Taricksa, Lyle Laylin, Sally Hedin

Board Members absent: Ruth Lehner, excused

Members Present: Roger Laylin

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

A non-member sent an e-mail looking for Facetron parts. See Ernie or Ruth Ann.

The Looking Glass Garden Club would like us to give a talk on November 7th. Some members of the club plan to attend. We need future speakers for our meetings. Maybe a YouTube video called the Geology of the Keweenaw by Husky Bites for the December meeting.

What are we doing for the December Christmas membership meeting? White elephant? Gift exchange? Please bring food.

Vice-President: Steve Smith

He may have a program set for January. He is checking into it. Steve Veatch will be talking about the Ghosts of Gilman, Colorado at the November membership meeting.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

She has made all the deposits for the show. All our accounts look good. Show expense receipts are still arriving.

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

Still working on the October board meeting minutes, she missed. The October membership minutes are approved with no changes.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

Received a thank you letter from Alice Turner's daughter. She also received a tray of earrings and rings she needs to decide what to do with. She may like to price them for the silent auction, for a scholarship in Alice's honor.

Director 1: Lyle Laylin-would like to redo the club trailer in the spring, they may use Steve's barn, he will need some money from the club for the repairs.

Director 2: Sally Hedin, no report

Director 3: Ruth Lehner-absent (excused), no report

Show: Robin Smith

The 2022 show was a success. Attendance (>2000) and advertising was discussed, entry payment with a credit card, request for more jewelry vendors.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Robin Smith

The club has approved the following new members: Alan Cunnington, Sal Palombo, Tom Kenney, Jerry Michalowicz, Carrie Anthony, Lesa Stoddard.

Liaison Officer: Vacant position (we are looking for volunteers).

Past-President: Sue Casler

She has confirmed that we have been okayed to continue to use the Okemos Library for the next 6 months to hold our meetings.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

The club is looking for club members to volunteer to hold or demonstrate their rocky crafts. Some ideas that were thrown out are learning lapidary at someone's house and/or a trip to Archy's Rock Shop in Mason where he may show us how to cab stones. There was also a mention of going to a rock shop in Hartland, Michigan.

Publications: Chuck Taricska

The next deadline for the newsletter is Wednesday, November 9th.

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard-no report

Library: Jessica Clark-no report

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

Finance: Milt Gere-no report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin-no report

Old business: None

New Business:

Would the club ever like to do a float in the Mason parade?

Fay-

Maybe the club and club members can sell rocks to the public out of a local parking lot similar to what Indian Mound's rock club does.

We might want to consider another work bee at the membership meeting to engage people that might be waiting to feel part of the club.

We need to think of some kid friendly ideas.

Adjournment: Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Fawn and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

- Season's Greetings to All!!!
- Have a Happy New Year!