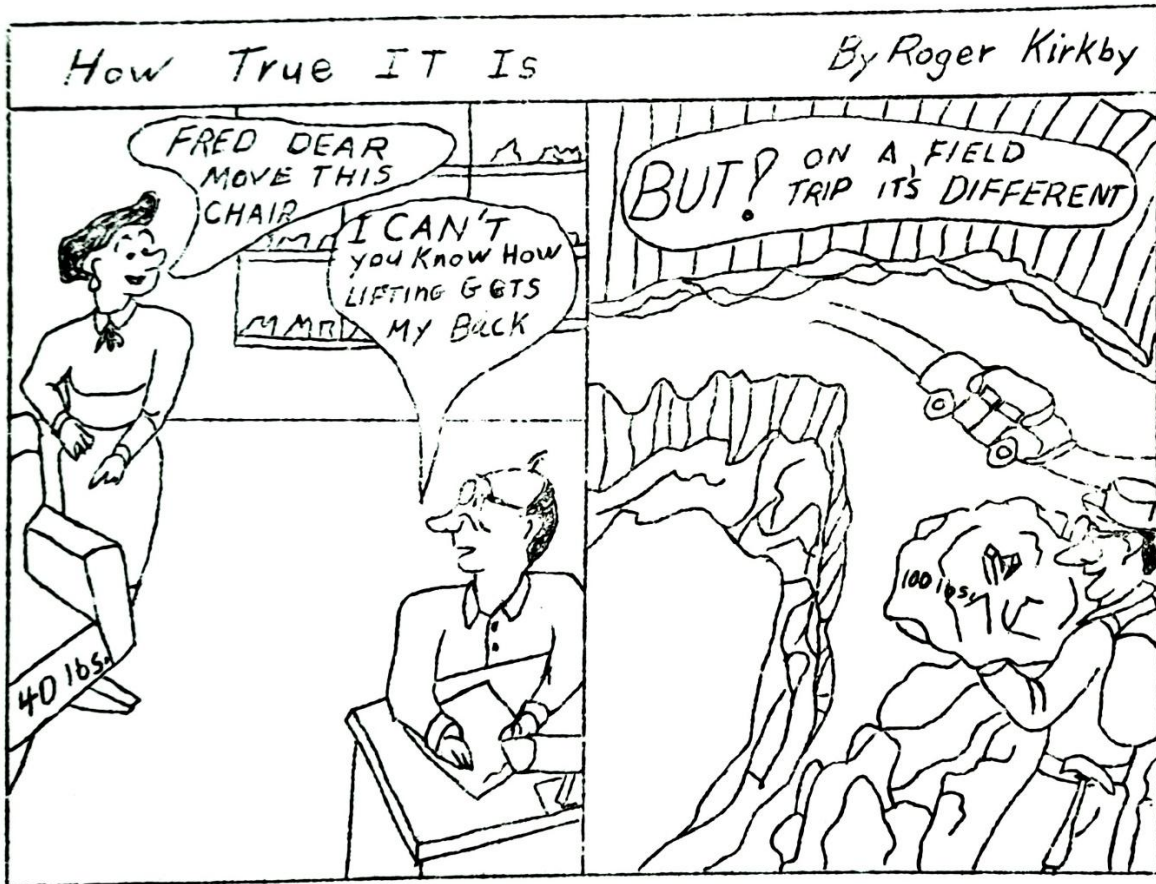


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated 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/>

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

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

**PROGRAM: Holiday Social: Rocky gift exchange and 2026 officer installation**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members please bring holiday snacks/treats to share. BYBO**

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

## **Calendar for Winter 2025**

December 4 – Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library

December 18 – Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

January 6 - Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library \*\*\*date change due to Holiday\*\*\*

January 15 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Dec. 20 Meeting will be the swearing in of 2026 Officer's, Holiday Social, and Rocky Gift Exchange. We also have some Rock Themed holiday Carrols we can sing to really get into the holiday season. Milt will swear in the Club Officers.

*Please bring a dish or holiday snack to share!*

## **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:**

### **2026 Officer List:**

President	Nate Krupp
Vice President	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Jessica Clark
Corresponding Secretary	Theresa Hubbard
Treasurer	Fawn Dunbar
1 Year Director	Brian Miller
2 Year Director	Fay Mennare
3 Year Director	
Roster Secretary	Mattie Newman

### **Field Trips:**

We are looking into planning another Rock hounding field trip to Fisherman's Island State Park in Charlevoix, MI during a weekend in May 2026. We need to wait and see how the weather unfolds this winter. Last time we camped at the State Park and met up Saturday for Rockhounding the beach area. Let's go Picking!

Please contact Carl for more info or if interested in this trip.  
Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary Dues are now being collected for 2026**

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 2026 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. **DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

You can pay dues at November meeting- Cash or check please!  
Dues are \$10 single person, \$15 Family membership

Link to membership forms:

<https://michrocks.org/club-info/join-us>

**Cyber Week deal on Rock and Gem Magazine:** Act fast I just came across this sale on Rock and Gem magazine for \$24 a year, and thought some club members might be interested- there is also a digital version available:

[Rock and Gem Magazine sale](#)

### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

No shows due to holidays

### **CMLMS Minutes:**

**CMLMS, November 4th 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Brian Miller, Robin Smith, Jess Clark, Ruth Lehner, Milt Gere, Sue Casler, Chuck Taricksa, Lyle Laylin, Fay Mennare, Carl Mannare

**Board Members absent:** Mattie Newman, Theresa Hubbard **Members Present:** Suzette, Melvin Lehner

**President:** Nate called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library **President's items:**

- Gift exchange at the membership meeting this month. 7pm December 18th at the Masonic Temple in Okemos. Bring a treat to pass. Rocky Christmas songs may be sung. Come visit and have social time.
- Theresa may give a talk about identifying rocks
- Swear in the officers at the December Meeting
- March silent auction

**Upcoming Membership Meetings:** Thursday, December 18th at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

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

**Treasurer:** Fawn Dunbar

- Gave us the show budget
- The money has all been deposited
- We are up from last year, the show made more money than 2024
- Donation to the library will be paid today

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Clark

- I will send last months membership minutes asap

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard

- Absent, excused, no report

**Director 1:** Mattie Newman, absent, no report

**Director 2:** Brian Miller, no report

**Director 3:** Fay Mennare

**Show:** Robin Smith

- Robin emailed out the final budget so we can move forward for next year
- The books can be closed for 2025
- Vendors are already signing up for 2026

- The new Shipping Container will be by the camping, we could paint the shipping container with an advertisement, lets think on it

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Mattie Newman

- Has updated the membership forms

**Liaison Officer:** Carl Mennare

- Wants to go to Fishermans Island in May of 2026

**Past-President:** Sue Casler

- Jan 6th, 2026, Tuesday will be our January 2026 board meeting at the library at 6pm
- Start thinking about a banquet speaker

**Field Trips:** Position is currently open

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by next Wednesday, December 10th for the newsletter

**Education and Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard

- Absent, no report; however she would like to ask that we begin having a segment at our general meetings "What Is This? Having people bring in things they want identified and/or bringing in an interesting specimen to talk about how to identify.

**Library:** Jessica Clark

- Jess will price books to be in the club silent auction next year (March of 2026)

**Display:** Vacant position

- The club is looking for volunteers

**Finance:** Milt Gere

- Gave finance report, our club budget
- Changed show budget and buying the container and shelving
- We will change meeting place rent
- Budget passes as amended, Chuck and Fawn move

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin

- Wow now have issue number 1 and 2 of our newsletter, given to Lyle at our show
- Some issues from the 70s and 80s

- Will expand the newsletters online

**Old business:**

- No old business

**New Business:**

- Alan Hukill, a long time member, has passed away
- The shipping container which will store items from the Barn will be dropped off at the fairgrounds by the end of December
- Brian will pick up the blocks to go under the edges of the shipping container to keep from sinking into the ground (10 blocks)
- There is a rock group starting in Charlotte that could use the clubs help/advise

**Adjournment:** Fawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Lyle and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Happy Holidays and Have a  
wonderful New Year.*