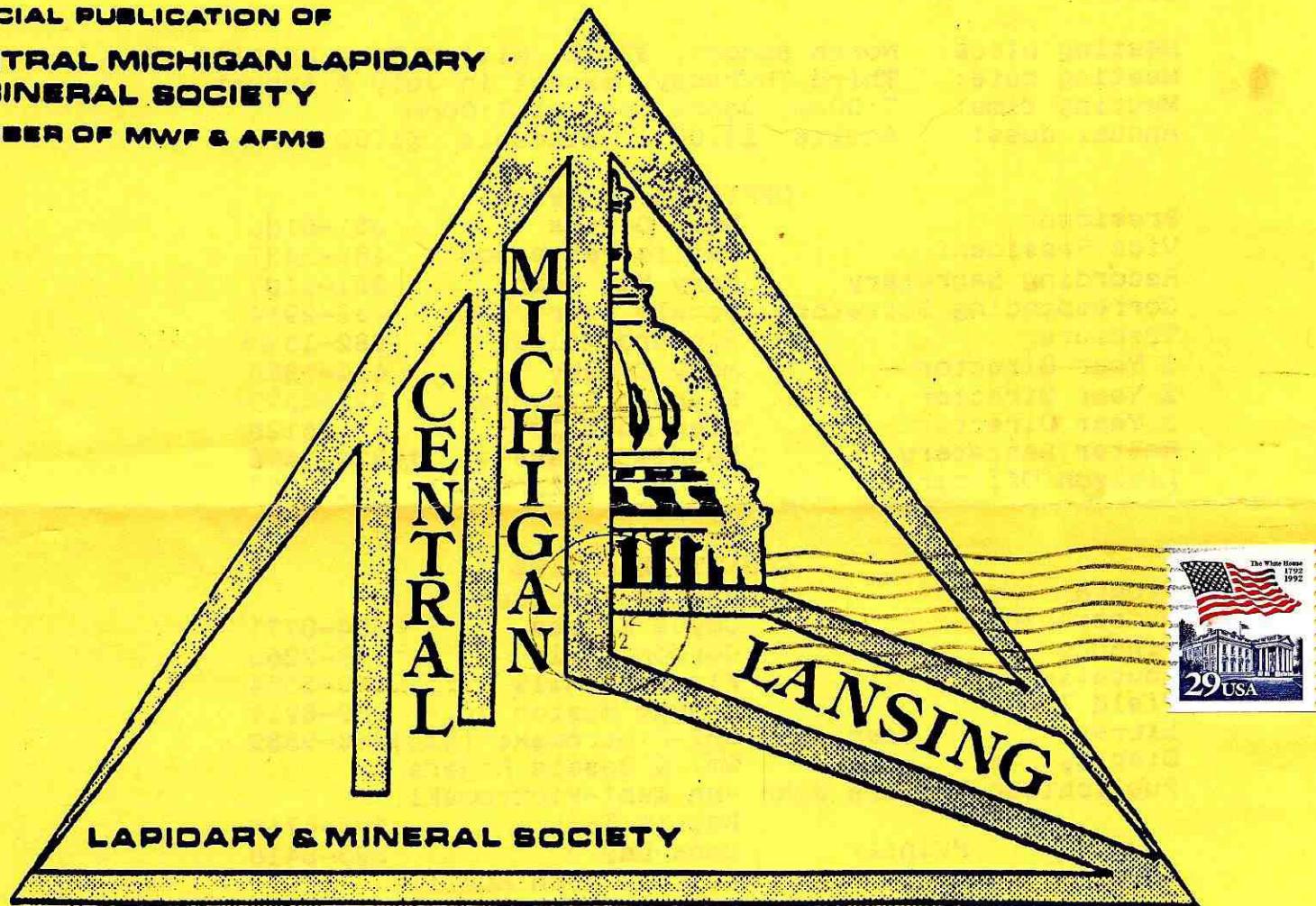


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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd., Lansing MI  
Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July & August  
Meeting time: 7:30pm, doors open at 7:00pm  
Annual dues: Adults \$3.00 Students \$1.00

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## Memo from MARY

It is fall and that time of year again. The nominating committee will be calling members to serve on the Board of Directors. New members can quickly learn about the club by being on the Board. When someone calls you, please think carefully - and say, "Yes". This is not the time to say, "NO".

Being active on the Board needs some time committment. But anything that is fun (and it is fun) and worthwhile (and it is worthwhile) needs committment.

SHOW is getting closer. Be sure to come to the October meeting on the 15th.

Corresponding Secretary -- Mary Kay Bean

Please allow me to correct an egregious error made in last month's "RockHound News". It was stated that we sent our sincere sympathy to David Slayton at the time of the loss of his father. Please accept my apology, and heartfelt wishes to David during this difficult time after the passing of his MOTHER who had many close contacts with Society members. Her absence is being felt by many.

Congratulations to Charles Basso for having received the American Mineralogist Under-graduate Award given by the Mineralogy Society of America. This prestigious award represents honorary membership in the Society and is granted to only ten students in the country each year. On behalf of the members of the CML&MS, we extend to you, Charles, our expressions of pride for the outstanding work you are doing in the field.

Again, I would be grateful if members would contact me upon learning of some misfortune among us...or, indeed, if someone has an event to celebrate! My telephone number is (517) 351-1107. If I'm not available for your call, please don't hesitate to leave a message on the answering machine and I shall attempt to continue Don Loher's fine reporting.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Bean

EDUCATION -- Florence Hill

At the October 15th meeting, David Piotrowski will add to our understanding of basic rocks with his remarks and specimens to examine.

We are receiving requests from teachers for people to come to their classrooms to talk about rocks and minerals. Three members volunteered their services at the September meeting. We need more people available. It is a rewarding experience. You don't have to know everything - just something about our fascinating hobby to pass on to youngsters. If you are interested, see Florence, David or Lila and find out about it.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE -- Florence Hill

In September, Bettie Patterson presented a MWF slide program, "Gemstones of the Bible", to the Voyagers' group of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lansing. About 40 members were present and enjoyed the program.

We missed this May event. Neil and Connie Snepp gave a program on rocks, minerals and fossils to a third grade class of 28 children at Bloomfield Hills Elementary School. What took them so far afield? Their grand daughter (remember that avid little rockhound with them last year?) is now in that school. They showed specimens, talked with the class and gave each child a specimen..

## CHILDREN'S Table

Lots and lots of help is needed at the Show especially Friday morning when those 1400 children come trooping in. The first class is due at 9:00 AM so be there by 8:30 or so. WE NEED YOU!

The Children's Table has to be completely rearranged between 1:00 and 6:00 PM Friday. George will appreciate your help then too.

## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP -- George Heaton

For September a field trip was scheduled for fossil collecting at Hungry Hollow for Saturday, September 26th. I was unable to attend this trip because I had to go on a work trip to southern Illinois and Indiana and did not get home until Saturday afternoon. At the last meeting I was unable to get anyone to take my place as field trip leader and when I asked if anyone was planning to go to Arkona, only one person raised their hand. I do not know how many people, if any, took this trip, or if they did, what kind of luck they had. (There may be more on that later in the Newsletter)

## OCTOBER FIELD TRIP -- George Heaton

The field trip for October will be our Gem and Mineral Show at the Marshall Street Armory October 23-25th. I hope all of our members will be willing to participate in this event by working at one or more of the many jobs that must be done to put on a good show. The Children's Table will need lots of help, especially during the School Tours on Friday morning.

## SECOND CALL FOR DISPLAYS -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowsky

There's still time to plan a display for our show. Fill out the application attached to your September Newsletter, or simply give Jean Ann a call at (616) 948-9589 if you will be able to bring a display. The response thus far from our club members has been very encouraging. Thank you!

Again, if you have a case available for someone else to use, let me know.

## NEW MEMBERS

Inge Dunn, 520 S. Holmes Rd., Lansing 48912 Tele: 482-3875  
Gale Hopkins, 229 Julian, Lansing 48917 Tele: 323-3332  
Peter Larsen, 628 Wayland, East Lansing Tele: 351-0594

NOTE: Be sure to notice that the Alice Turner video program on wire wrapping will be shown at the October 15th meeting. You won't want to miss it!

Another NOTE: Do save your Meijer's cash register receipts for this month and send them to Talking Books, Communication Dept., MSU Campus. They will get financial support for their program.

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Bessie Rogers, Roster chairman, will be taking  
DUES for 1992-93 beginning NOW

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## CLUB CALENDAR

|               |                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 15    | Regular meeting at 7:30 at North School<br>Program: Alice Turner will show her<br>"famous" video on wire wrapping<br>Time for SHOW SET-UP will be announced |
| October 22    | Display set-up 7-10 PM                                                                                                                                      |
| October 23    | Children's Tours 9AM - 1:PM                                                                                                                                 |
| October 23-25 | Friday 6-9PM Saturday 10-8PM Sunday 10-5                                                                                                                    |
| November 4    | Board Meeting at Meridian Service Center on<br>Smith Dr. off N. Okemos Road                                                                                 |

## FIELD TRIP to ARKONA in September

Joyce Kahres, Mary Ann Smith, her daughter and a friend hunted for fossils as scheduled. Joyce and Ann Marie each found parts of trilobites. Mary Ann collected horn corals for the Children's table.

## YOU'RE INVITED to COME &amp; VISIT

Dave and Jean Ann Piotrowski would like to invite the membership to come for a visit and to see their new home on Saturday, October 31st. We'll have a lunch and homemade pumpkin pie, so come around noon!

To get there, follow your Michigan road map and M43 toward Hastings. As you enter Calhoun township (Barry county), watch for Charlton Park Rd., Uborn Rd. and then Barber Road.

Barber Rd. is also labeled "Middle Lake Public Access" with a brown DNR sign. Continue south for 3 miles. cont.

## PIOTROWSKI'S INVITATION cont.

You will pass "Day by Day" Country Store on your right, then watch for Gaskill Rd. Soon after the road will curve, in the middle of which is Coats Grove Rd. Turn right on to Coats Grove. Our house is the first on the corner. We'll post a few signs to guide you along.

## WANT TO HELP?

The club needs someone to volunteer to print, collate, staple, stamp and mail our 200 Newsletters each of the 10 months of publication. We plan to use the newly printed stamps which depict minerals from now on. Dona Lay and her family have done these many jobs for at least 9 years and certainly deserve a rest.

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Make Bessie happy by paying your dues at the meeting!

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