

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 21, 2010

PROGRAM: Slide Show from MWF – *Agates Above All!*

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A-L, Please Bring Goodies

Location & Time: The CMLMS January Meeting will be held on January 21 at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables. Help us welcome in the New Year and enjoy a beautiful slide show about everyone's favorite – AGATES!

Notice to Board Members: The January Board meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, 1-17-2010, 3:00 pm at the Moshers' house. Directions will be emailed.

Calendar for February 2010

February 4, 2010 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

February 18, 2010 Membership Meeting at North School

Club News:

- **2010 Officers are:** President – Roni Sionakides; Vice-President – Richard Lassin; Recording Secretary – Sue Casler; Corresponding Secretary – Mary Anne Smith; Treasurer – Kris Wood; 3 Year Director – David Westjohn; 2 Year Director, Mary Gowan; and 1 Year Director, Bob Mosher. Thanks to Mary Anne Smith for getting the CMLMS officers & programs into V. Dozier's column in the Jan 12 LSJ.
- The CMLMS Club Display Chair is **David Westjohn**, who is looking for volunteers to serve on the Display Committee, which will transport and oversee the CMLMS Display at the shows of other clubs.

Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2010!!! Please pay your dues or you won't be in the club directory and you won't be able to vote.

A Message about Okemos Science is Fun Day:

- **Milt Gere and Dan Sine** are seeking volunteers and displays for the Okemos *Science is Fun Day*, which will be held on February 20, 2010, from 11 AM to 3 PM at Chippewa Middle School. Please contact Milt by email or phone if you are interested in helping with exhibits, displays and rock gifts.
 - Also on February 20 from 9 - 4 and on Feb 21 from 9 - 1, the **Okemos Library Book Sale** is being held at the Chippewa Meridian Senior Center, just east of Chippewa Middle School on Kinawa Drive.
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A Message about the CMLMS Website:

Check out the CMLMS website www.michrocks.org for all the new features and materials (information about collecting sites, for example) that have been added. Lyle is entering the website in the national federation's website contest, and we think he has a very good chance of winning. If you don't have a computer, just go to your local library and learn to use the library's free computers!

Book-Lovers' Notice:

During these cold winter months, a good place to find reading materials is the Book Burrow at Capitol Area District Library downtown. The Book Burrow is open Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm and has a large selection of books, sorted by interest and reasonably priced. Books about geology and mineralogy show up now and then – so go treasure hunting! If you are reading to grandchildren, there is a large assortment of children's books.

We'll catch up on meeting minutes in 2010.

Check www.amfed.org/mwf for some useful articles.

Places to Go and Things to Do

January-February: Roseville, MI. Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society's Annual Rock & Mineral Workshop; Classes to assist students in grades 3-6 in Science Olympiad Competition; Contact Sandra Chownyk, 44314 Macomb Industrial Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48038. 586-468-2939, yourhobby@yahoo.com.

February 12. Park Forest, IL. South Suburban Earth Science Club's Silent Auction, Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood Blvd, Sun 1-4. Contact Helen Funk, PO Box 235, Park Forest, IL 60466. ssescus@yahoo.com.

February 27-28. Roseville, MNH. Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club's Pre-Spring Show. Har Mar Mall, Snelling at Co. Rd. B, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5. Contact Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, 651-459-0343, rockbiz8@cs.com.

March 13-14. Macomb IL. Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc. 30th Annual Show. Western Illinois Univ. Student Union, Murray St, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Contact Dennis Bomke, 6240 Whimsy Hill Ln., Springfield, IL 62707, 217-546-4096, dbomke@comcast.net.

March 5-7. Richmond, IN. Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society's Annual Show. Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd., Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4. Contact John LaMont, 14158 State Rt. 1, Brookville, IN 47012, 765-647-4894, midwestchar@peoplepc.com.

March 20-21. Cedar Rapids, IA. Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society's Annual Show. Teamsters Union Hall, 500 J St. SW, Sat 8:30-6, Sun 9:30-5. Contact Marv Houg, 1820 30th St. Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403, 319-364-2868, m_houg@yahoo.com.

Interesting Earth Science DVDs

From the January 2010 MWF News, by Judith Washburn, Geology Committee Chair:
"Do you know about the History Channel's series *How the Earth Was Made*? This amazing series is in its second season of broadcasts that air on Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm CST (9 pm EST). If you're familiar with the series, you know it is spectacular in scope with amazing images. What you might not know is that Season One is now available for purchase on DVDs. The History Channel website, www.shophistory.com, is offering the set of thirteen programs for an amazing \$20.99. The series includes the following topics: The San Andreas Fault, The Deepest Place on Earth, Krakatoa, Loch Ness, New York, The Driest Place on Earth, The Great Lakes, Yellowstone, Tsunami, Asteroids, Iceland, Hawaii, and The Alps. I've seen them all, and they are spectacular. Order them for yourself, order them for your club. Think about the potential programs you can present at club meetings. Find out how physical processes have shaped some of the most well know locations and geological phenomena in the world. With rocks as their clues and volcanoes, ice sheets, and colliding continents as their suspects, scientists launch a forensic investigation that will help viewers visualize how the earth has evolved and formed over billions of years. Check it out!"

From the American Geological Institute: "*Faces of Earth* is a four-hour high-definition television series about the ever-changing planet on which we live. The only thing constant on Earth is change and *Faces of Earth* examines this phenomenon through the eyes of those that know it best – geoscientists. Explore how through time the forces of nature have continuously remade Earth – giving it many distinct faces through history, and many new ones into the future. *Faces of Earth* is shot in high-

definition with extensive aerals, cutting edge animations, and engaging interviews. The series premiered on The Science Channel in July, 2007. You may visit the Faces of Earth website (www.facesofearth.tv) to view clips and get details on the four episodes. All four episodes are included on the two-DVD set for \$24.95 + S&H."

Editor's Note: I have this set, and will order the History Channel set for future CMLMS programs!

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Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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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